

St. Paul United
Methodist Church



Newsletter Date
July 2024

MESSENGER

Greetings, beloved St. Paul UMC family, friends, and all who support our church's mission.

Time flies! It's July 2024! I want to celebrate with you as we enter this year's second half. As of July 1, Rev. Myungha Baek is appointed to the St. Paul UMC for one more year (July 2024-June 2025) by the Bishop of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. The UMC clergy are appointed to the local churches as of July 1, most of the time. And there are no guaranteed terms when clergies are appointed in the UMC. They are appointed each year. In this appointment process, each year, the SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) and the pastor evaluate each other and consider whether the pastor and the congregation could do their ministry together next year. Then, the cabinet and Bishop receive this report from the local churches every year. If there is a possibility of change, a local UMC may have a new pastor in the following year. Each denomination or independent church has its own policy. This is how the UMC works, and that's how I came to St. Paul UMC four years ago, on July 1, 2020, in the middle of the pandemic. Yes, I said four years. As of July 1, 2024, my 5th year of ministry with the St. Paul UMC starts.

People say time flies when people are with their favorite people and do favorite and fun things. People feel that time goes faster when they're doing something fun and slower when they're doing something boring, and a French team of researchers published a scientific explanation in 'Science' for why: there is some overlap between the parts of the brain that measure time and the parts of the brain that command movement. The researchers found that the front part of the cerebral cortex is more active when judging time. When performing other tasks, the activity in this part of the brain decreases while the activity in different parts of the brain increases. It is because the brain has a limited information processing capacity, so when the activity in one part of the brain increases, the activity in other parts decreases. Therefore, when a person does something fun for them, the action itself uses most of the brain's capacity, and the activity in the brain that judges time decreases, reducing the perception of time and making it feel like time is passing faster.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 4th—Independence Day
- July 20th—Newsletter Articles Due
- July 28th—Special Worship Service

**HAVE AN AMAZING
SUMMER!**

ST. PAUL UMC VISION STATEMENT

“St. Paul United Methodist Church is a Christ-Centered family that offers H.O.P.E., by responding to God’s love and grace as Christian disciples”



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I don't know about you (smile), but my time over the last four years FLEW! It went so fast. In the previous four years at the St. Paul UMC, I have had the privilege of working with such wonderful people. I have experienced God's providence, sovereignty, grace, love, and truth through the St. Paul UMC congregation. I have seen your love, willingness, great efforts, and dedication to God and God's ministry in the community and world. Thank you for being the people like that. Thank you for walking and working with me as we look to God together. Thank you for struggling with me. Thank you for praying with me.

As I celebrate another year's ministry with you at the St. Paul UMC, I encourage you to continue to work and walk with me. Maybe my joke on Sunday wouldn't work all the time, but let's work together because we don't work for ourselves but for God's glory. We hope and pray that God, who loves us unconditionally, is glorified. We hope and pray that the young and old, men and women, and all the people in the community and beyond can hear and experience God's amazing love through our lives.

God, bind us with your Spirit and love and lead us in Your way!

For your information, I have my second part of renewal leave in July and August. I'll be back at St. Paul UMC on August 16th. Until we meet again, serve and love each other.

Have a great and healthy summer, and see you in August.

Stay Cool with Jesus!

In Christ,
Rev. Myungha Baek



ST. PAUL UMC MISSION STATEMENT

- **WORSHIP:**
We live lives of profound, joyful, thankful, hopeful adoration of God and celebrate God's Word, revealed in Jesus Christ and in Holy Scripture.
- **OUTREACH:**
We practice open and generous service to God and others through ministries that care for the needs of our community and the world.
- **RADIANT DISCIPLESHIP:**
With Jesus as our source, we assist individuals of all ages in learning how to live according to the Holy Gospel and enabling, believers to grow into vibrant faith and spiritual maturity.
- **STEWARDSHIP:**
All gifts are from God. We honor God by giving back, sharing our time, talent, and treasure.
- **HOSPITALITY:**
We invite people from all backgrounds to be united in the Christian faith.
- **INVOLVEMENT:**
We are involved in our community and in the lives of individuals so that all will see and hear the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **PRAYER:**
We listen for God's direction and speak our hearts to God individually and together as worshipping body.



FINANCE
KAREN HILL, CHAIR

2024 Finance Summary by month will be available upon request.

An audit of the 2022 and 2023 financials is currently underway with a schedule to complete by June 30.

An Audit of the Cemetery Fund will be planned for later in 2024.

The Finance Committee is still working toward offering a Financial Training small group study to start in later 2024. Everett Baker and Jackie Mulvey will be leading the study.

A new finance policy has been established for the creation of new Ministry Groups. No new ministry will be initiated without approval of both the Finance Committee and the Church Council.

“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.” – Psalm 67:1-2

ST. PAUL UMC FINANCES AS OF 31 MAY 2024

2024 BUDGET = \$348,825

As a non-profit, the budget assumes unrestricted income and expenses are equal for a net income of \$0 .

Expenses continue to be higher than income each month.

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$129,331.72	\$147,510.00	\$348,825.00	37.1%
Expenses	\$149,312.26	\$140,185.40	\$348,825.00	42.8%

The St. Paul UMC congregations has graciously made an additional \$7,960 in benevolent (restricted giving) to benefit the ministries, missions and those in need in 2024.

Current Month (May)	Actual	Budget	Variance (better / (worse))	Annual %
Contributions	\$20,449.99	\$29,502.00	(\$9,052.01)	-30.7%
Expenses	\$ 31,318.98	\$ 28,903.58	(\$2,415.40)	-8.4%

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
BARB MILLER, CHAIR

The Worship Committee discussed a plan for holding combined 10:00am services during the summer. This plan was presented at the Church Council meeting.

We are in need of someone to volunteer to change out the alter colors according to the liturgical calendar.

The Worship Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 18 will not be held. The next meeting of the committee will be Thursday, September 19 at 6:30pm in the Library.

June 30-August 11: Guest/Lay preachers to serve on Sundays during Pastor Baek's sabbatical

August 25: Blessing of the Backpacks

Service Attendance:

May 5	9am	41 + 5 online	11am	15 + 4 online
May 12	9am	42 + 4 online	11am	17 + 3 online
May 19	9am	49 + 6 online	11am	17 + 1 or more online (taken from video)
May 26	9am	34 + 8 online	11am	13 or more + 5 online (taken from video)
June 2	9am	43 + 6 online	11am	8 or more + 1 or more online (BOTH taken from video)
June 9	9am	47 + 4 online	11am	14 + 1 or more online (taken from video)

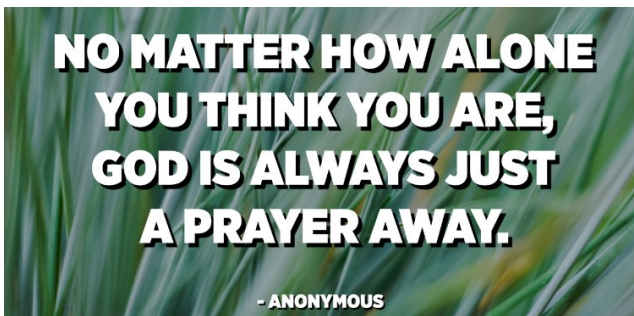
**The next Worship Committee Meeting will be held on
Thursday, September 19th in the Library.**

PRAYER COMMITTEE
BARB MACK, CHAIR

The Prayer Committee discussed a plan for an outdoor project to bless our congregation. This plan will be presented to the Trustees once all the details have been worked out during our next meeting.

In hopes of bringing our St. Paul family together in prayer, the Prayer Committee has created a weekly prayer topic schedule. Each Sunday, a new prayer focus will be shared on our church Facebook page so that we may all spend the week lifting our hearts in focused prayers.

**The Prayer Committee will meet again on Wednesday,
July 17th at noon in the Library.**



2024
SUMMER SERVICES

ST. PAUL UMC
WOULD LIKE TO
WELCOME
THIS SUMMER'S
GUEST SPEAKERS

JUNE 30TH
MELVIN GROVER

JULY 7TH
REV. MARIANNE BROWN

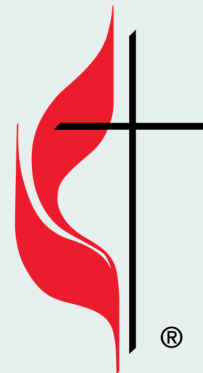
JULY 14TH
REV. MARIANNE BROWN

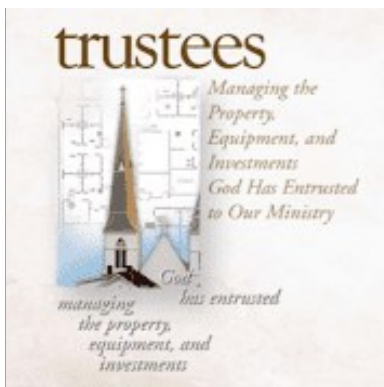
JULY 21ST
EVERETT BAKER

JULY 28TH
SPECIAL WORSHIP
SERVICE

AUGUST 4TH
REV. PATIRICIA WATSON

AUGUST 11TH
MELVIN GROVER





As a reminder, SPPRC meetings are closed as established by the Book of Discipline, and all information shared in the committee is confidential. The congregation may share any joys or concerns with the committee. The next SPPRC meeting is September 26th where we will begin the important task of Pastor's yearly evaluation.

TRUSTEES JIM HOUSE, CHAIR

The St. Paul UMC Trustees meet on the first Thursday of each month for their business meeting. Items discussed include church projects, church maintenance and finances. Work sessions are scheduled as needed to maintain the facilities and complete projects.

Completed projects in the month of May include:

1. Fire Marshall inspection in May yielded a few action items. Fire extinguishers were inspected and EXIT lighting repaired.
2. Our two AED (Automated External Defibrillators) housed in the sanctuary and the CLC were out of date and have been taken out of service until new pads and batteries come in. They have been ordered and should be back in service by mid-June.

Upcoming projects include:

1. SPUMC Home Mission Project - The Trustees have decided to make the Saturdays in November our mission project to rehab the current Fellowship Hall adjacent to the sanctuary. James Ritter is spearheading the project. Please mark your calendars to lend a hand with cleaning out the closets, drywall, insulation, flooring, ceiling tiles, etc... This is a facelift that is LONG overdue!
2. Rekeying of locks for doors into the CLC
3. Inspection of the fire suppressant system for kitchen scheduled for July
4. Scheduling the yearly inspection of Pastor Baek's parsonage and making any needed repairs.

The trustees maintain a detailed list of projects across our campus and are working to complete them. Please inform a trustee if you see any area that needs repair and/or if you have an idea for improvement. We want St. Paul UMC to be an inviting, safe space for all to worship and fellowship.

SPPRC DONNA HOUSE, CHAIR

The SPPRC committee has met three times and have updated the current Safe Sanctuary Policy that last received updates in 2020. The Policy was brought to Church Council on June 13th for approval and signature of the Council President and Pastor. The introductory paragraph states:

Covenant Statement

St. Paul United Methodist Church hereby pledges to conduct the ministry of Jesus Christ in ways that assure the physical and emotional safety and spiritual growth of all of our children and youth as well as all of our workers with children and youth. We will follow reasonable safety measures when selecting and recruiting workers; we will implement prudent operational procedures in all areas of programming and care; we will train our workers with children and youth on our procedures and policies; and we will have a clearly defined procedure for reporting a suspected incident of abuse that conforms to the requirements of Maryland law. All SPUMC volunteers and staff are considered mandated reporters.

This policy also applies to ALL volunteers and staff who use the SPUMC facility.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/01	Tommy Milling
7/02	Xander Bowen
7/02	Ashley Gardner
7/02	Pamela Soffos
7/03	Missy Garber
7/03	Jacob Keifline
7/05	Caitlin Munday
7/06	Kayden Chandler
7/06	Mason Chandler
7/06	Missy Lauber
7/07	Katie Pinkowski
7/08	Jordan Hudson
7/08	Amara Soffos
7/09	Carol Harvat
7/10	Paul Shippert
7/12	John Bowen
7/13	Wyatt Kund
7/13	Arianna Soffos
7/14	Joyce Smith
7/15	Rose Barrett

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LAY LEADER DONNA HOUSE

On August 19, 2023, we held a congregational meeting, “Wind in our Sails”. 50 members gathered on a Saturday morning to share hundreds of joys of our church and their hopes for the future and everyone had a voice. and everyone shared and gave input on how our church should move forward. As a result, we had 3 focus areas:

- a) a trial combined/blended service of our 9:00 traditional and our 11:00 contemporary 2 services,
- b) fellowship time on Sundays,
- c) and more church wide and community family ministry events.

For 4 weeks, we asked the congregation to provide feedback through a survey of our combined service. Overwhelmingly, the congregation loved the traditional and Praise Band Music, loved meeting new folks and being together in one service. In the end, we decided to move forward with two services, both in the sanctuary, at 9:00 and 11:00, with a combined service on the months with a 5th Sunday. Our fellowship time continued each Sunday with a larger breakfast after the combined service.

We have had great success with our monthly family activities including: Taco Fiesta, Trunk or Treat, Chili Cookoff, Family Christmas Eve Service, Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, Easter Egg Hunt, Potluck Easter Brunch and more! We look forward to more great monthly events.

Our Sunday Fellowship Times have been a wonderful opportunity to connect or reconnect with each other as a church family. Many, many thanks to Pete Carroll who faithfully sets up the tables and chairs for each Sunday. Kudos to all of those who take turns setting up the yummy goodies and cleaning up each Sunday. And a huge thanks to ALL who have donated baked items or who have contributed funds to help continue this important ministry.

On August 17, 2024, we will hold our **2nd Annual Wind in Our Sails** congregational meeting from **9:00 – 11:30 am in the CLC Activity Center**. Once again, the congregation will be asked to share their joys of our church and hopes for the future. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending!

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!



SHERRY MERVINE,
LEADER

The goal of St. Paul Children and Youth Ministries is to enable young people ages 0-18 an understanding and recognition of who Jesus is and how to live with Christian character, morals, values, and behaviors for the glory of God.

Spaghetti Dinner update:

Thank you to all who supported the Spaghetti Dinner with your time, talents, gifts, and prayers. We raised over \$1000 with the event and provided an opportunity to open our doors to the community and socialize as a church family. Over 20 businesses donated items to the silent auction.

Special shout out to the kitchen crew and Sandy Artz for assistance for the success of this event.

Future events:

September 7th—Rummage Sale/Parking Lot Yard Sale
September 8th— Bring your Grandchildren to church day with Ice Cream Social
Community Cleanup: October?
Fall family event— TBD

VBS UPDATE:

We served 9-11 children the week of June 17-21 in Hero Hotline VBS. Children learned to follow God, Help others, Work together, Listen to God and Show Grace throughout the week while learning through assembly, bible adventures, crafts, recreation, science and snacks. We had a community celebration picnic at the end of the week. Thank you to those who gave of their time, talents, treasures, and prayers for a successful event.

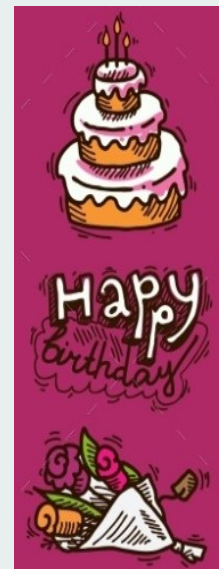
Summer Fellowship:

After the combined service at 10AM we will have fellowship time including light luncheon snacks and family friendly game/events for the whole family beginning July 7th. Please consider joining us weekly to relax with your church family.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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- 7/16 Kathleen Pinkowski
- 7/17 Austin Benton
- 7/17 Lisa Lewis
- 7/18 Ryan Bowen
- 7/18 Faith Mulvey
- 7/18 Hope Mulvey
- 7/18 Grace Mulvey
- 7/19 Marcus Richman
- 7/19 Sandy Derr
- 7/20 Ginger Pardoe
- 7/21 Lorraine Richman
- 7/24 Caroline Artz
- 7/24 Danijah Shackelford
- 7/25 Jack Greene
- 7/25 Colleen Lane
- 7/25 Urmi Muldoon
- 7/26 Sue Garner
- 7/29 Melvin Grover



SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUSAN BAKER

A Big "THANK YOU" to Barb and Steve Mack for labeling and providing a map for the Sunday School and VBS materials. Please return supplies so others can find them.

Positive Points: We have people willing to substitute when a teacher is out. We have room for more participants and facilitators/teachers so come join us.

Class Reports: The Adult class participation is between 1-3 with facilitator. The lessons are on the scripture for that Sunday. High School has no students at this time. Elementary has 1-3 participants with 2 teachers each Sunday. The lessons align with the scripture for that Sunday.

Needs: We will have Middle School and Elementary age participants in Sunday School for the 2024-2025 school year. Please let me know if you would like to join the Sunday School Ministry team. Susan Baker (410)474-3896. Text or call

July & August during fellowship time Sunday School will have an activity table available. They will target elementary age. If you will have young visitors please let us know so we have enough materials. Susan Baker (410)474-3896 Text or call.

Requests: Please continue to pray for the Sunday School ministry at St. Paul UMC as God guides you. Thanking God and all those who help make the Sunday School Ministry possible by praying, participating, and facilitating/teaching. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



*"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."
- Mark 16:15*



IT'S SUMMERTIME

And that means **CHANGES** for our
BIBLE STUDIES

SUMMER BREAK

The Faith Circle will be taking a Summer
Break.

See You in September!



TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

(Includes both Men and Women)

**WILL
BE TAKING A PARTIAL
SUMMER BREAK**
Watch for information
pertaining to meeting dates

Melvin Grover
Group Leader
Mogroverretired
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It's **LONLEY** without **YOU!**
So, we will meet sparingly this
Summer

WOMEN ONLY
Every
MONDAY
EVENING

Come drop in
on any session

We meet in the
Library at 6:45

Our summer format will be
varied. Each week will be
independent often using the
Upper Room as our guide.

We begin with a time of sharing
and prayer. Our lesson discussion
usually begins at 7:30.

ALL women are welcome.
See Becky Grover 410-474-8866
(or any of the women currently
attending) for more information.

ZOOM access welcome.

Coming Monday's, Sept. 9

*The Girl's Still Got It: Take a
Walk with Ruth and the God
Who Rocked Her World*



**Bring your "Grands" to church day!
Sunday, September 8th**

Bring your Grandchildren, Grandparents,
and Grandfriends to church

Ice cream social following the 11AM service in the
Christian Life Center

DentMed Inc.

BINGO

**JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN
NIGHT OF BINGO**

(IN SUPPORT OF THE FREE POP-UP HEALTH CLINIC)

JUNE 22, 2024 - 6PM TO 9PM
JULY 27, 2024 - 2P TO 5P
JULY 27, 2024 - 6PM TO 9PM

Southern Community Center
 20 Appeal Lane
 Lusby, MD 20657

\$10.00 Bingo sheet = 9 games
 plus FREE popcorn!
 Pizza, Water, Soda, Candy and Chips for sale.
 (CASH ONLY)

Calvert Peace Project

PEACEFUL LEADERS

SUMMER OF SERVICE

July 15-19, 2024,
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Join us for our no-cost (FREE) week-long program of leadership development and service learning activities!


 To find out more and to register, scan here




**Church Rummage/Yard Sale
Saturday, September 7th
9AM-2PM**

Rent a table inside of your own to sell your items **(\$20)**
OR
Bring your own table and tent for the parking lot **(\$10)**

Church Rummage Room will be open @ \$5 stuff a bag

Food trucks will be available.

Proceeds benefit the general fund.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 6:45pm - Women's Bible Worship (9 am & 11 am) 10am - SS classes 10:10am - Fellowship	1 6:45pm - Women's Bible	2 7pm - BS Troop/FH @	3 6:15pm - Praise 7:30pm - AAU/FH @ 7:30pm - Scout Leaders	4 4th of July/Office Closed 6pm - Trustees/ FH	5 8pm - AAU/FH @	6 10am - A.Barrett
7 6:45pm - Women's Bible 10am - SS classes 10:10am - Fellowship	8 6:45pm - Women's Bible	9 7pm - BS Troop/FH @	10 6:15pm - Praise 7:30pm - AAU/FH @	11 5:30pm - Finance / 6:30pm - Council/Library	12 8pm - AAU/FH @	13
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GIFT CARDS

Every Sunday, food cards for Giant and Weis are available to purchase in the CLC. This assists in our operating budget.



LOST and FOUND

SPUMC has a "Lost and Found" basket stationed in the lobby of the Christian Life Center.

Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Food Drop Lusby is the 3rd Friday of every month at Middleham Parking lot by SMILE, starting at 9 AM. The Maryland Food Bank provides fresh food for packing and distribution. If you can grocery shop you can enjoy a morning making a difference. Distribution Drivers are also needed.

DONATIONS FOR "SMILE" FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable grocery items are collected each month from our Christian Life Center (CLC).

Please place your donations in the box labeled for SMILE.

Project Echo and CareNet also have donation boxes to support the needs of those they serve.

More information is available in the Christian Life Center

Thank you for supporting our community missions.

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**Submissions for the August Messenger
are due July 20th.
Thank you.**

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:30 am to 3:00 pm