

ST. PAUL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
MESSENGER

July ~ August 2022



- Community-

From July, 2022, I start my third year of ministry at the St. Paul UMC. I've been blessed by God because of you. I can testify how God has worked with us all. I believe that St. Paul UMC is a wonderful and great faith community.

As I enter the third year of ministry with you, I pray that our faith as a community will grow deeper. So, I'd like to share about 'community/church' with you.

I often find people who treat their faith as private and say that "I have faith in God but don't need a church or help from people", or "God knows everything, I don't have to tell you what I need or prayer request" Yes that's true. God knows everything and the scripture says, "For your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:8) But if you believe in that statement only, you should know and learn this truth also: One of the highest calling for us from God is that building a healthy community. In other words, having a relationship with others.

I want to share this illustration with you first.

A terrible storm came into a town and local officials sent out an emergency warning that the riverbanks would soon overflow and flood the nearby homes. They ordered everyone in the town to evacuate immediately.

A faithful Christian man heard the warning and decided to stay, saying to himself, "I will trust God and if I am in danger, then God will send a divine miracle to save me."

The neighbors came by his house and said to him, "We're leaving and there is room for you in our car, please come with us!" But the man declined. "I have faith that God will save me."

As the man stood on his porch watching the water rise up the steps, a man in a canoe paddled by and called to him, "Hurry and come into my canoe, the waters are rising quickly!" But the man again said, "No thanks, God will save me."

The floodwaters rose higher pouring water into his living room and the man had to retreat to the second floor. A police motorboat came by and saw him at the window. "We will come up and rescue you!" they shouted. But the man refused, waving them off saying, "Use your time to save someone else! I have faith that God will save me!"

The flood waters rose higher and higher and the man had to climb up to his rooftop. A helicopter spotted him

and dropped a rope ladder. A rescue officer came down the ladder and pleaded with the man, "Grab my hand and I will pull you up!" But the man STILL refused, folding his arms tightly to his body. "No thank you! God will save me!"

Shortly after, the house broke up and the floodwaters swept the man away and he drowned. When in Heaven, the man stood before God and asked, "I put all of my faith in You. Why didn't You come and save me?" And God said, "Son, I sent you a warning. I sent you a car. I sent you a canoe. I sent you a motorboat. I sent you a helicopter. What more were you looking for?"

What do you see in this illustration? I see the purpose of the community. I see how God answers our prayers through people. I know all of you believe in God and have been praying for something or someone important in your life. Of course, God can make miraculous things for you directly to answer your prayer. God is almighty. God can do anything. God will show you divine miracles. Right? But as we expect God's divine supernatural power, we also need to expect God's divine power that comes through people's hearts and lives around us.

Let me tell you how it happens. God binds us as a community with God's love. Do you know why? Because God made us in that way. Let me give you the first and most important reason. We believe in the triune God; Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, distinct but inseparable, eternally one in essence and power, One God who is three persons. The Bible doesn't have the term, 'Trinity' but we can think of Trinitarian God from the Bible. In the creation story in the book of Genesis, we can find the triune God. God's spirit was hovering over the water (Genesis 1:1). When God created man, God said, 'Let us make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness (Genesis 1:26).' The Bible uses plural words, 'us' and 'our'.

So, we can easily think that there were more being besides God. So the glimpse of our understanding of the triune God tells us that our God is relational and communal. And this relational and communal God made us follow God's way. Therefore, making a good community, church, or having a good relationship with others is one of our highest callings and our natural tendency.

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The Trinitarian understanding of God tells us that it is very difficult to know our God fully without being in a community and sharing life with other believers. The Trinitarian understanding of God shows us how to treat one another. This understanding of God denies any kinds of abusive human relationships but promotes respect for human dignity. Thus, the more I love the Triune God, the more I can love others.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, "Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up. Again, if two lie together, they are warm; but how can one be warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken." The Apostle Paul said, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12). We are different but we are connected as one body. This is the church and body of Jesus Christ.

We are Jesus Christ's body. We are all connected to God's body. We are one. I pray that we can make more strong community by God's grace in the coming year. So that God's name will be glorified by our community/church.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

From Rev. Myungha Baek

Collin Scribner

*One thing I learned during the confirmation was what it means to have the right relationship with God, like the way I can put my trust in him and have grace.

*One thing I'm going to take with me is that I have learned that *General knowledge of the Methodist church such as the backstory of how the Methodist Church was founded.

*What is Confirmation? Confirmation is that being accepted into the church.

*What is Baptism? Baptism is that being accepted into the Lord's following.

Carter Scribner

*One thing I learned during the confirmation was the belief of the Methodist religion.

*One thing I'm going to take with me is what I learned about God and the church, and use it throughout my life.

*Confirmation means to be accepted as a member of the church.

*Baptism is a promise to make God the center of our lives.

Callie Nicholson

*Something I learned is that mercy is an act of kindness.

*Something I will take with me is that everyone has a definition for every word.

*Confirmation and baptism mean joining a larger family.



Layla Lankford

*One thing I have learned is how to forgive. I am accepting Jesus into a relationship with Him. I have also learned to find my place in the church and trust Jesus for my every next step.

*One thing I will take with me is how to keep my faith in God and the church. Also to build my trust in God.

*Confirmation means making my faith firm in Jesus, also becoming a part of Christ's church and accepting.

*Baptism means making God the center of my life.

Lilly Lankford

*One thing I learned that will stick with me is how to become closer to God and have a better relationship with Him.

*One thing I'll take with me is how to build my devotion to God and the church.

*Confirmation means claiming my trust in Jesus and making my faith firm.

*Baptism means accepting God as the center of my life.





We entered the month of June with great excitement as 3 of our St. Paul Uprising! Uth (Hartlyn Turner, Michael Mulvey, Alex Sams) graduated from Patuxent HS on June 1! Then on June 5 (Pentecost Sunday!), 5 of our group were baptized and confirmed into membership with our St. Paul family (Layla Langford, Lilly Langford, Callie Nicholson, Carter Scriber, Collin Scribner). We rejoiced as so many of our St. Paul family came to worship and celebrate Jesus the Christ and this big day in our lives and faith journeys!

Our summer holds many opportunities for us to worship and serve God and to fellowship with one another and all of you, our St. Paul family. Three of our "bigger" summer events are helping with Vacation Bible School, hosting our return to our Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser on Saturday, July 23...this will be our first in 3 years as the COVID pandemic hit just before we were to hold this event in 2020. We'll gather several times for "Uprising!" and are hoping to return to another "St. Paul Uth tradition" that is our annual summer trip to King's Dominion before our 2022/2023 school year begins in late August.

We would also like to acknowledge with some sadness that this and our Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction article will be the last ones that our dear friend Miss Teri (Herren) will enter into the Messenger for us. Miss Teri's assistance and support of our endeavors, helping us to get word out, scheduling, all of it have been innumerable and immeasurable...as is our love for her. Miss Teri...you'll be missed but never forgotten! We wish you all God's Continued, Absolute & Extravagant Best in whatever God has next for you! Thanks for everything!



July 23, 2022: St. Paul Youth Ministries Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Returns!!!



We invite you to join our St. Paul Uprising Youth, families and Youth Advisors as we host this event for the first time in 3 years! (You know why...we won't even mention it!) We hope you...and all those you can tell...will return to this St. Paul Youth Ministries tradition of great

food and entertainment for our St. Paul family and our community on Saturday, July 23, 5:00-7:30pm. Cost is a freewill donation.

If you've never attended, ask someone who has and we're sure they'll encourage you to come by telling you what great food and fun we have. During the dinner you'll be able to browse and place bids on our SILENT AUCTION items. We'll have many of our terrific items such as gift certificates for local establishments, as well as incredible crafts, DVDs, jewelry and other fine items. Bid's close at 7pm with distribution immediately following, but you need not be present at distribution to win. This evening has been a real joy in the past and we hope you'll join us. Most of all, please pray this event up and let your family, friends and co-workers know.

What's a "Silent Auction?" you and/or your friends might ask. Great question! It's an auction without an auctioneer! During dinner, bidders look over the tables full of items around the room that are up for auction and if interested, "place a bid" on a bid sheet that is exhibited with the item. You may bid until the bidding closes and we announce "pencils down" at precisely 7:00pm. The person with the highest bid written down pays our bid collectors immediately after the bidding closes and you take your item home! You'll want to be sure to check on items in which you are interested often, as anyone in the house can bid on any item until bidding closes. You'll see also that each item will have a "minimum bid"...an amount at which bidding for that item begins. Items will also have a designated increment bid increase, all of which will be on the bid sheet to remind you if you decide to bid on an item. It's great fun and the best of "investments," as all proceeds go toward discipling our Awesome "Youth Nation" at St. Paul and assist them in helping others through our "Live 2 Give" youth ministry efforts!

We also hope to have the Silent Auction cake table where there will be some GREAT cakes for you to bid on. One way to help is to either bake a cake for our cake table and/or bring a non-refrigerated dessert to share. If you can help in that way, let Youth Pastor Dave know (dave4godsteens.stpaul@comcast.net), Facebook Messenger (Dave Showalter), or through St. Paul office (410-326-4475 Ext. 13). See you at the event, and of course, All God's Very Best 4 U!



St. Paul UMC Finances as of 31 May 2022

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 134,814.61	\$172,453.00	\$410,241.85	32.9%
Expenses	\$148,924.63	\$165,137.38	\$410,241.85	36.3%

The St. Paul UMC congregations has graciously made an additional \$18,329.17 in benevolent (restricted giving) to benefit the ministries, missions and those in need in 2022.

Current Month (May)	Actual	Budget	Variance (better / worse)	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 27,957.37	\$ 34,398.40	(\$6,441.03)	-18.7%
Expenses	\$30,687.52	\$ 32,757.88	\$2,070.36	6.3%



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There will be a meeting to discuss the
 Adult VBS Bible Study
 Sunday, June 26th
 in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m.

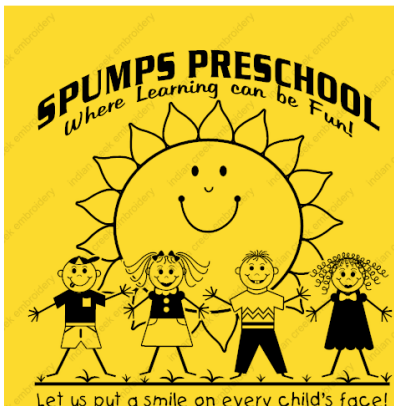
Please drop by and for coffee, homemade
 snacks and fellowship as well.



BOARDING TIME: 8:50AM—12:00PM
DEPARTURE DATE: June 27—July 1
STATION LOCATION: St. Paul United Methodist Church, Lusby
PLEASE REPLY: <http://vbspro.events/p/spumc>



We are nearly ready to begin a Sunday School class for children ages 2-5. We have a great curriculum and a room ready to be set up. All we need are some volunteers ready to teach these little ones about Jesus' love. Training is available. Please ask God if He is calling you to this wonderful, rewarding ministry. Contact the church office or Beth Rogers at 443-624-0037.



We are now accepting registration for the 2022-2023 School Year.

A \$75 non-refundable registration fee is required to hold your spot.

***Contact the SPUMPS Director @ spumps07@yahoo.com or by calling 410-326-3615 for more information or to schedule a tour.**



- Anthony Bennett - breathing problems
- Ashlyn Barrett - heart issues
- Ava Brame - health issues
- Benjamin Kindsvater - Crohn's disease
- Bill Clothier - lung issues
- Charlie Rivers - heart disease
- Crystal Seibel - fighting MS
- Debi Jagodzinski - health issues
- Dorothy Gaylord - health issues
- Edith Thomas - heart attack
- Elizabeth Baltimore - stroke
- Ernie Amos
- Heather Dolan - lime & liver disease
- Jake Campbell
- Janet Cave
- Jeanne Harris
- Jeff White
- Jessica Pohlman
- Jim Bainham - health issues
- Jim Sypult - pulmonary fibrosis
- Joanna Polanski - Alzheimer's
- Joyce Matthew
- Judy Fewell
- Kirk Taylor - health issues
- Marie Barrett
- Martha Bliss
- Martha Jefferson & family
- Mary Ann Cranford
- Rick Matthews - breathing issues
- Roger Ward - health issues
- Rose Barrett
- Sam Williams
- Sue Mackey – fighting MS
- Teresa Gibson - health issues
- Tim Allor - Lyme disease
- William Cave

- Billy Bobb
- Bob Wilson
- Bruce Dickonson – throat
- Cheryl Belles - ovarian
- Denise Herrington - breast
- Darlene Fromhart
- Emily Shooks
- Flora Scarcia
- George Richards
- Henry Reiss
- James Newman
- Jenne Rothwell - breast
- Jerry Curtis - bone, lung, brain
- Joe Dodson
- Jovanni Licalzi – LCH
- Keith Kretchman – lymphoma
- Kelly Smith
- Luanne Barnas - breast
- Marjorie Hall - behind the eye
- Maxwel Guidoitz - liver
- Rebecca Cecil
- Rosalinda Smith – breast
- Sandy Webb
- Sara Strange - stage 4
- Suzanne – Multiple Myeloma



Call the Prayer Chain when you need prayer for yourself or others. Activate it by calling anyone on the list, anytime, day or night. When called, they will pray for your concern and pass the concern on to the other

prayer chain members. Do not hesitate to use the power our gracious Lord has given us. Call on Him for help and guidance.



- John & Sessaly Boyd 410 326-4390
- Cal & Carolyn Colvin 301 862-3273
- Ben & Vonnie Dansberger 410 326-2994
- Ruth Dixon 410 326-3821
- Ruth Humphreys 410 326-4687
- John & Robin Read 443 404-8559
- Andy & Beth Rogers 410 326-6346
- Dave & Debby Showalter 410 326-2150
- Susan Leins Baker 410 326-6234



FOLTZ, Lucas	07/01	BOWEN, Ryan	07/18	LEINS, Samuel	08/08	GLOVER, TrayVonte	08/22
MILLING, Tommy	07/01	MARSHALL Jr, John	07/18	UNDERWOOD, Frances	08/08	PRICE, Logan	08/22
STONE, Amelia	07/01	MULVEY, Faith	07/18	BARRETT, Sean	08/09	WILLIAMS, Samantha	08/22
BOWEN, Xander	07/02	MULVEY, Grace	07/18	GRUVER, Ronald	08/09	HUMPHREYS, Arnold	08/23
GARDNER, Ashley	07/02	MULVEY, Hope	07/18	PARKER, Megan	08/09	LIBBY, Kaylee	08/24
ROGERS, Andy	07/02	VITALE, Karen	07/18	WATSON, Cortney	08/09	MANGUM, Amber	08/24
SOFFOS, Pam	07/02	DERR, Sandy	07/19	ROGERS, Amy	08/10	ZINN, Bonnie	08/24
GARBER, Melissa	07/03	READ, Savannah	07/19	ADRIANI, Cameron	08/11	CANNON, Nathan	08/25
KEIFLINE, Jacob	07/03	RICHMAN, Marcus	07/19	DIXON, Ruth	08/11	ROGERS, Ezekiel	08/25
REYNOLDS, Desiree	07/04	PARDOE, Ginger	07/20	DUFF, Susan	08/11	BOBKOSKIE, Kaitlyn	08/26
MUNDEY, Caitlin	07/05	RICHMAN, Lorraine	07/21	HUTCHINSON, Kathleen	08/11	BOBKOSKIE, Reagan	08/26
CHANDLER, Kayden	07/06	DERR, Keith	07/23	BUCKLER, Shelby	08/12	HAYDEN, Hunter	08/26
CHANDLER, Mason	07/06	ARTZ, Caroline	07/24	CLEARY, Jay	08/12	RICHMAN, Ali	08/26
LAUBER, Melissa	07/06	SHACKELFORD, Danijah	07/24	DIXON, Dale	08/12	FORSYTH, Sarah	08/27
NIEMI, Winnie	07/06	GREENE, Robert	07/25	HOUSE, Brandon	08/12	MILLING, Dusty	08/27
PATTERSON, Victoria	07/06	GUTIERREZ, Melissa	07/25	MITCHELL, Shannon	08/12	NIEMI, Alyssa	08/27
WOLCHICK, Edward	07/06	LANE, Colleen	07/25	STONE, Jason	08/12	ROBERTS, Austin	08/27
HILL Jr., Chris	07/07	MULDOON, Urmi	07/25	NIEMI, Joe	08/13	KINDSVATER Jr., William	08/28
PINKOWSKI, Katherine "Katie"	07/07	BLISS, Martha	07/27	OSTENSO, Jeanne	08/13	BARRETT, Carl	08/29
HUDSON, Jordan	07/08	GRAY, Emmett	07/27	SMITH, Mark	08/14	MEAD, Beth	08/29
SOFFOS, Amara	07/08	DANSBERGER, Jenn	07/28	BUSEY, Charlotte	08/15	O'MEALY, Collin	08/29
THOMPSON, Ryan	07/08	GROVER, Katie	07/28	MERRICKS, Ken	08/15	COLVIN, Cal	08/30
CAMPAIGNE, Kristin	07/09	GROVER, Ryan	07/28	WATHEN, Christian	08/15	MASON, John	08/30
HARVAT, Carol	07/09	BEAN Sr, James	07/29	WHITNEY, James	08/15	BATES, Lorene	08/31
COLVIN, Mike	07/10	GROVER, Melvin	07/29	YOUNG, Steve	08/15	GAYLORD, Dorothy	08/31
SHIPPERT, Paul	07/10	LEONARD III, Sammy	07/29	ARTZ, Jonathan	08/16	GROVER, Tyler	08/31
BEAN, Hailey	07/12	LOHR, Hunter	07/29	CORNETT, Mollie	08/16		
BOWEN, John	07/12	PECK, Jeff	07/29	KINDSVATER, Abby	08/16		
CARLSEN, Naomi	07/13	SERRA, Ethan	07/31	HALSTEAD, Kristin	08/17		
FELSHER, Elliot	07/13	BEAN Jr, James	08/01	MILLER, Barbara	08/17		
HYDE, Rachael	07/13	SALZMAN, Ashley	08/02	ULREY, II, Richard	08/17		
KUND, Wyatt	07/13	BAKER, Susan	08/03	BOBKOSKIE, Brianna	08/18		
RIDDLE, Michelle	07/13	POWELL, Keith	08/03	BUSHELL, Winnie	08/18		
SOFFOS, Arianna	07/13	MASON, Catherine	08/05	SMITH, Thomas	08/19		
SPINDLER, Sue	07/13	NUNLEY, Damian	08/05	BELL, Tony	08/20		
LOEFFLER, Janet	07/14	WIARD, Katrina	08/05	POWELL, Randy	08/20		
SMITH, Joyce	07/14	HUFFMAN, Camren	08/06	THOMPSON, Christie Faye	08/20		
SMITH, Caitlin	07/15	SHOWALTER, Debby	08/06	GRAY, Paul	08/21		
PINKOWSKI, Kathleen	07/16	TRIGGER, Waylon	08/06	LLOYD, Rick	08/21		
BENTON, Austin	07/17	COLVIN, Carolyn	08/08	MEYER, Joe	08/21		
LEWIS, Lisa	07/17	HOUSE, Donna	08/08	DIGEORGE, Angelina	08/22		



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"SMILE" Food Pantry Donations

Non-Perishable grocery items are collected the 1st Sunday of each month in St. Paul's parking lot!



Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram puzzle, using the clues R=I and M=T, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

MYL CLOQ ZC MYL
 PZQN RV MYL
 H L D R F F R F D Z C G R V N Z U ;
 O P P G Y Z C Z P P Z G
 Y R V B Q L T L B M V
 Y O K L D Z Z N
 J F N L Q V M O F N R F D
 M Z Y R U H L P Z F D V
 L M L Q F O P B Q O R V L

PSALM 111:10, NIV

Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV

Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

S T R O N G H O L D T S
 O L O B K I E Y E J S A
 R E F U G E I Y N T V L
 R O G H A R L Q R A Y V
 S X C T T I M T K K M A
 H O R N C E Y R A E D T
 I G F V L O L K E N S I
 E N F O R T R E S S G O
 L T U R G Q A C K J Q N
 D C D E L I V E R E R E
 K Y U X O C N O O Y Q S
 X H X A R K L R C N H Y
 G O D T D K A D K U D X

GOD ROCKS!

Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt combine for this healthy take on a sweet treat.



What you need:

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

What you do:

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half lengthwise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.

MONTH AT A GLANCE - JULY

KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY, July 1			TUESDAY, July 19		
Ault VBS Class	8:45am - 12:00pm	FH	VBS Silent Auction/Dinner Setup	ALL DAY	CLC
VBS	8:45am - 12:00pm	CLC	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	WEDNESDAY, July 20		
MONDAY, July 4			VBS Silent Auction/Dinner Setup	ALL DAY	CLC
OFFICES CLOSED			Praise Band Practice	6:15pm - 7:45pm	S
TUESDAY, July 6			Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH/10	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH
WEDNESDAY, July 7			THURSDAY, July 21		
Praise Band Practice	6:15pm - 7:45pm	AC	VBS Silent Auction/Dinner Setup	ALL DAY	CLC
Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S	FRIDAY, July 22		
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	VBS Silent Auction/Dinner Setup	ALL DAY	CLC
THURSDAY, July 8			AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
Trustee Meeting	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L	SATURDAY, July 23		
FRIDAY, July 8			Silent Auction & Spaghetti Dinner		
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	SUNDAY, July 24		
SUNDAY, July 10			Worship Committee Meeting	6:00pm - 7:00pm	11
UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	MONDAY, July 25		
MONDAY, July 11			Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
Bible Study	6:30pm - 8:30pm	L/11	TUESDAY, July 26		
TUESDAY, July 12			Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
Women's Bible Study	10:00am - 12:00pm	L/11	WEDNESDAY, July 27		
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH	Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC
WEDNESDAY, July 13			Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S
Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH
Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S	FRIDAY, July 29		
Lay Pastor Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	SUNDAY, July 28		
THURSDAY, July 14			UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE
Church Council	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S	MONDAY, July 30		
FRIDAY, July 15			Bible Study	6:30pm-8:30pm	L/11
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
MONDAY, July 18					
VBS Silent Auction/Dinner Setup	ALL DAY	CLC			
Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S			

ROOM KEY:

AC ~ Activity Center **FH** ~ Fellowship Hall **L** ~ Library **S** ~ Sanctuary

ONLY ~ Room Number **FP** ~ Fire Pit

UPL ~ Upper Parking Lot **LPL** ~ Lower Parking Lot **C** ~ Cemetery

The power of kindness

No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.

—Amelia Earhart

MONTH AT A GLANCE - AUGUST

KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONDAY, August 1	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	TUESDAY, August 16	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
TUESDAY, August 2	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH	WEDNESDAY, August 17	Praise Band Practice	6:15pm - 7:45pm	S
WEDNESDAY, August 3	Praise Band Practice	6:15pm - 7:45pm	AC	Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S	
	Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	
	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	FRIDAY, August 19	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
THURSDAY, August 4	Trustee Meeting	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L	MONDAY, August 22	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
FRIDAY, August 5	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	TUESDAY, August 23	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
MONDAY, August 8	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	WEDNESDAY, August 24	Praise Band	6:15pm - 7:45pm	AC
TUESDAY, August 9	Women's Bible Study	10:00am - 12:00pm	L/11	Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S	
	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	
WEDNESDAY, August 10	Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC	FRIDAY, August 26	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
	Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S	SUNDAY, August 28	UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE
	Lay Pastor Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L	MONDAY, August 29	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	TUESDAY, August 30	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
THURSDAY, August 11	Church Council	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S	WEDNESDAY, August 31	Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC
FRIDAY, August 12	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S	
SUNDAY, August 14	UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	
MONDAY, August 15	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S				

ROOM KEY:

AC ~ Activity Center **FH** ~ Fellowship Hall **L** ~ Library **S** ~ Sanctuary

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The power of love

Only in love can I find you, my God. In love the gates of my soul spring open, allowing me to breathe a new air of freedom and forget my own petty self. In love my whole being streams forth out of the rigid confines of narrowness and anxious self-assertion, which make me a prisoner of my own poverty emptiness. In love all the powers of my soul flow out toward you, wanting never more to return, but to lose themselves completely in you, since by your love you are the inmost center of my heart, closer to me than I am to myself.

— Karl Rahner, *Encounters With Silence*



Gardeners who've dealt with inhospitable conditions can relate especially well to Jesus' parable of the sower. Drought, invasive critters and thorny weeds often seem to conspire against growers' efforts. Yet when seeds fall on "good soil," the crop yield is abundant — up to a hundred times what was sown (Matthew 13:8).

That parable emphasizes the need for hearts to be receptive to God's Word. But it's also a reminder to plant Scripture persistently. Just as soil and weather conditions change, so may someone's attitude toward following Jesus. Pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas writes, "Whenever we serve as witnesses to the faith, we must do so with all earnestness, because one doesn't know the season in which the soul currently abides. That uninterested, distracted or unresponsive person may be nearer the Kingdom than we — or they — realize." Kalas adds, "We dare not give up on anyone at any time — including ourselves."

A prayer for strength...

God of inexhaustible strength and limitless energy, our refuge, strength and very present help in trouble: When even youth faint in weariness and the young fall exhausted, help us wait patiently for you to come to renew our strength, so that we will mount up with wings to soar like eagles, riding on the undercurrents of the wind of your Spirit.

You who need no slumber nor sleep, by your Holy Spirit's power keep us from all evil, safe in Jesus' nail-scarred hands. Help us never weary as we run after you and never faint as we walk in Christ's footsteps, now and forevermore. Amen.

New seat, new perspective...

In older sitcoms, family members, especially parents, each had their own chair in the living room. No one else sat there. If its "owner" wasn't present, the on-set chair remained empty. Church can be like that too, with people claiming the same seat week after week. Our view of the service and of fellow worshipers is familiar and comfortable.

Recently, our family was "bumped" back a bit, which felt surprisingly different at first. But we interacted just the same with the service. As a bonus, I talked with different people. And after church we stayed to visit a bit longer.

I'm glad church seats don't have nameplates. And I'm thankful that God nudges me out of my comfort zone from time to time, giving me a new perspective.

—Janna Firestone



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Service in the Sanctuary/Sanctuary Parking Lot

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INDOOR Worship Service in the Activity Center