# ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

# May 2022

The risen Lord is going ahead of you.

Time flies...doesn't it? It's May already. According to the Christian calendar, we are still in the Easter season. Do you still have the joy of Jesus' resurrection power we celebrated on Easter Sunday? Let's see the story after Easter.

The young man dressed in a white robe said to the women who came to Jesus' tomb, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' (Mark 16:6-7)

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

Where are you looking at? Where do you find the risen Jesus?

Don't fold your hands and turn your gaze toward heaven because the risen Lord didn't go to heaven. Jesus isn't interested only in what will happen when our lives are over. He went ahead of us into Galilee, where the story began- where we bring up our children, earn our livings, pay our taxes, cast our votes. It is our home, work, schools, and neighborhoods. This is where the risen Jesus has gone ahead of us. This is where God is raising the dead, starting a new life.

So, let's go to our own Galilee, particularly our family situation as we enter May. The vast majority of American adults consider their own family the most important and most satisfying element of their lives. Yet, we see a lot of brokenness in modern families. Jesus knows the brokenness in our family. Jesus, the risen Lord, has gone ahead and waited for us in our family situation.

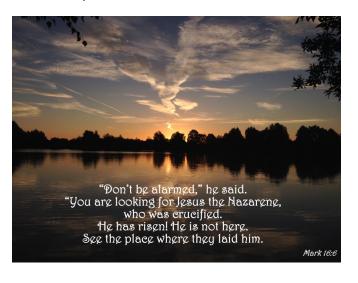
Have you found the living Jesus in your family situation?

Therefore, how do we practice resurrection in our relationship, parenting, and siblings? How do we find forgiveness and reconciliation when our beloved family members hurt us?

I know it's harder to take care of...much harder than other things when we experience those things between our family members; however, don't just sit there and cry like the women at Jesus' empty tomb. Please stand up and have the courage to go to your place and find 'Jesus, the Savior' in your family situations. Jesus promised, "I'll meet you there." If we can meet Him in our home and family, we will find what Jesus could do for our family situation because Jesus is the answer! Jesus knows what we need in our particular situation. Let's believe in Jesus!

May God bless all of you so that you can find Him in your home and family. Lord, thy kingdom come on our family as it is in heaven. Amen.

# ~~ Pastor Back





The first half of April was a "let's focus on the greatest occurrence in history...EASTER!" time for St. Paul Uprising! Uth. As we read and listened to the story in worship, we moved into the visual realm during our Uprising! gatherings. Another unique facet of our deep dive into Jesus's passion, death and resurrection was that we were able to see and consider what this reality-shifting event must have been like for both Jesus' followers and for those who either opposed Him or had a different belief system. On April 3, we watched the Max Lucado short film "Resurrection." Roman soldier Claudius, traumatized by his close friend's accidental death in a struggle, is assigned to "execution duty" and then to guard the tomb of a crucified Jesus. When something unbelievable, even to Claudius, happens, he tries to come to grips with what he thinks he saw. But Claudius discovers the religious leaders, the Roman government, and even his closest allies are seemingly trying to hide the truth. His pursuit of answers threatens both his reputation and life, especially when he discovers The Truth. Following the video we listed those things we cannot see yet believe to exist. We wrapped our discussion exploring how knowing The Truth (and The Way and The Life) both affects and possibly threatens us as followers of Jesus. Then our more recent Uprising! participants added their handprints to our locally-famous "hand wall!"

On Sunday, April 10, we took look at and into the psyche of another Roman soldier, this one being assigned both to "hurry the cruxifixion along," and then to "find the body" of Jesus post-resurrection now that it had "disappeared." Through the lens of the full-length movie "Risen," we were able to enter into the places of this soldier and the ones who had actually been guarding Jesus's tomb. The new reality established by Jesus's resurrection was more than one of the guards could handle. Not having actually been at the tomb, Clavius threw himself into finding Jesus's body via a torrid pursuit of the disciples. As a result, he gets to spend time with the risen Savior, much of it giving us a deep look into what it must have been like to "get your mind around" not only being with this Jesus who Clavius had helped to kill, but the Son of God who knew of it all. What…and Who…Clavius discovers made all the difference, as he truly finds his stated heart's desire; a day without death!

Our final gathering in April will have us supporting our fellow Uprising! Uth who are part of the PHS Harlequin show "Mama Mia!" Along with a wish to "break a leg" to all involved, we of course also wish All God's Very Best in doing the show and all to all who are a part of it!

# 2022 Confirmation Service | Senior Sunday Service



We are planning for our 2022 Confirmation Class participants to take their vows to serve Jesus as Lord and Savior through St. Paul United Methodist Church on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 5</u>, <u>2022!</u> At present we expect 5 of our young people will be baptized and confirmed! We hope to also make this a time of celebration of God, our confirmands, and our graduating seniors. We hope for an outpouring of in-person worshippers on this Sunday. We are

teaching our 2022 confirmands about being a **community** of believers in the God of the Bible, in Jesus Christ as Savior of us all, and in God's Holy Spirit as our life-giving Guide and Advocate. That morning as they are baptized and pledge their vows of membership, we will reaffirm our membership vows of helping them to grow as disciples, as together we love and serve God in community. As God <u>adopts</u> us in baptism, we the St. Paul United Methodist Church family will <u>adopt</u> our confirmands into our family of faith and service. Please mark your calendars and plan to be part of this service and celebration as we witness and celebrate our newest members and recognize our 2022 graduates, showing them all that our support for them is strong and continuous.



# St. Paul UMC Finances as of 31 March 2022

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 80,972.66	\$103,156.20	\$410,241.85	19.7%
Expenses	\$89,737.20	\$99,040.62	\$410,241.85	21.9%

The St. Paul UMC congregations has graciously made an additional \$13,240.17 in benevolent (restricted giving) to benefit the ministries, missions and those in need in 2022.

Current Month (Mar)	Actual	Budget	Variance (better / (worse)	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 24,829.75	\$ 34,398.40	(\$9,568.65)	-27.8%
Expenses	\$29,596.60	\$ 33,947.88	\$4,351.28	12.8%



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### Your St. Paul UMC Finance Committee



# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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

St. Paul is asking all Veterans to please email stpaulumcinfo@gmail.com or call the office with your name, branch of service, and enlistment & discharge month and date. If you do not recall the month, just the year is fine. And, let us know if you are a WWII, Korean or Vietnam Veteran and whether you attend the 9am or 11am service. Thank you.

THESE DAYS SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AND OBSERVED in every generation by every

in every generation by every family, and in every province and in every city.







# **Baby Bottle Blitz**

Each year baby bottles are handed out in churches on Mother's Day for people to put in their loose change or other donation and to return the bottles on Father's Day.

This year, Care Net of Southern Maryland as offering the option to participate with traditional baby bottles, virtual participation or a hybrid approach in which you'll pass out baby bottles as well as participate virtually! Whatever works best for you.



Bottles will be available in St. Paul UMC on Mother's Day. By participating in the Baby Bottle Blitz you are helping change lives right here in Southern Maryland. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Cal Colvin or visit

# https://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/events







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 Polanskl - Alzheimer's Jovce 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 - lime disease



William Cave



Billy Bobb Bob Klink - lung 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



HUDSON, Jade	05/01
MELLEN, Derrick	05/04
STANTON, Marie	05/04
HOLMBERG, Ray	05/09
SCHLEUTERMAN, Walter	05/11
SNYDER, Gerry	05/14
TURNER, Dawn	05/14
ALLISON, Janet	05/19
JORDAN, Helen	05/19
KUND, lan	05/19
LANGLEY, Will	05/19
HUMPHREYS, Madeline	05/21
KETTLER, Avery	05/21
KRAMER, Romaine	05/22
PURCAREY, Justice	05/22
BUSEY, Jessica	05/23
BIGGANS, John	05/24
BOWEN, Thomas	05/24
CUMMINGS, Joshua	05/24
SAMPSON, Joan	05/25
ANDERSON, Matt	05/29
MULVEY, Dennis	05/29
DIGEORGE, Frank	05/31
SAMS, Alex	05/31



**Submissions for the June** newsletter deadline is May 18, 2022 Thank you.

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

At this time, there will physically be a person in the office as follows:

> Monday: 10am to 1pm Tuesday—Thursday 10am to 3pm Fridays 9am to 12pm

PLEASE ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO CALL TO SET-UP AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU HAVE A NEED **OUTSIDE OF THOSE HOURS.** 

# "SMILE" Food Pantry Donations

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

May 2022 Special Days Some of the special days celebrated in May are:

- National Day of Prayer May 5, 2022
- Mother's Day May 8, 2022
- Ascension of the Lord May 26, 2022
- Memorial Day May 30, 2022





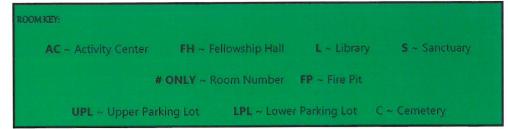


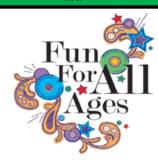


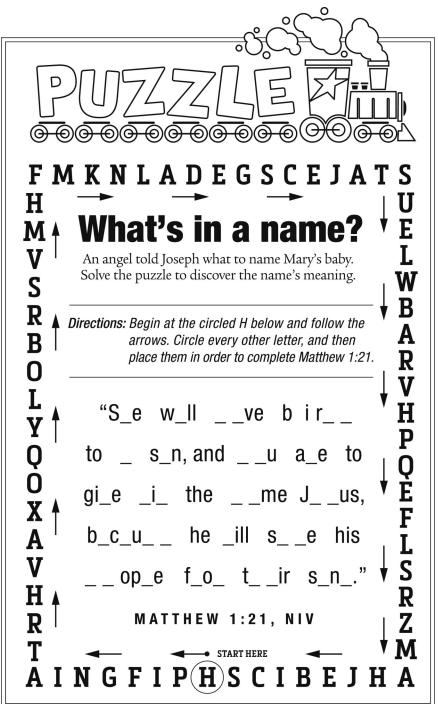
#### **MONTH AT A GLANCE**

#### KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SUNDAY, May 1			MONDAY, May 16		
UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	Bible Study	6:30pm-8:30pm	L/11
MONDAY, May 2			Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	TUESDAY, May 17		
TUESDAY, May 3			Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH	WEDNESDAY, May 18		
WEDNESDAY, May 4			NEW	SLETTER ARTICLES DUE	
Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC	Praise Band Practice	6:15pm - 7;45pm	S
Choir Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S	Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH
THURSDAY, May 5			THURSDAY, May 19		
Trustees Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm	L	Cub Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:0pm	FH/6/8/10/11/13/16
FRIDAY, May 6			FRIDAY, May 20		
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
SUNDAY, May 8 - HAPPY MOTH	ER'S DAY		SUNDAY, May 22		
UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE
MONDAY, May 9			MONDAY, May 23		1000
Bible Study	6:30pm-8:30pm	L/11	Bible Study	6:30pm-8:30pm	L/11
Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
TUESDAY, May 10			TUESDAY, May 24		
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:30am - 10:30am	FH	Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH
Bible Study	10:30am - 11:30am	L	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH/10	WEDNESDAY, May 25	<b>[7] 15</b> [4] [4] [4]	
WEDNESDAY, May 11			Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC
Lay Pastor Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L	Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S
Choir Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH
Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC	FRIDAY, May 27		
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
THURSDAY, May 12			SUNDAY, May 28		
Cub Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:0pm	FH/6/8/10/11/13/16	UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE
FRIDAY, May 13			MONDAY, May 30		
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	Bible Study	6:30pm-8:30pm	L/11
SUNDAY, May 15			Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	TUESDAY, May 31		Han Alberta
			Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH
			Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH







Answer: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21, MIV

# Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

CAIN CAIN ABEL SETH NOAH HAM SHEM JAPHEM SHEM SHEM AARON NADAB HUR CALEB ABRAHA ISHMACE ISAMACE ISAMACE ESAU JACOB

ASHER JUDAH LEVI GAD NAPHTALI SIMEON ISSACHAR ZEBULUN JOSEPH MANASSEE EPHRAIM SAUL JONATHAN DAVID SOLOMON

Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb\_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.



When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron

Answer: D





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EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00am "LIVESTREAM"

INDOOR/DRIVE-IN Worship

Service in the Sanctuary/Sanctuary Parking Lot

**EVERY SUNDAY:** 11:00am - "LIVESTREAM" **INDOOR** Worship Service in the Sanctuary