

St. Paul United
Methodist Church



Newsletter Date
May 2024

MESSENGER

CELEBRATION FAMILY MONTH

It's May! The month of May puts a smile on my face because we celebrate so many things. I googled and learned that we have more than 70 special days to celebrate in May. (I don't know how people can celebrate all those days in a month.)

Typically, we have big days to celebrate and commemorate: 'Mother's Day' and 'Memorial Day' in America. Compared to those days in South Korea, they have 'Children's Day (5/5)', 'Parent's Day (5/8)', and 'Teacher's Day (5/15) in South Korea. As you see, we are not the only ones who celebrate the month of May as a family month. In addition, in May, we feel good with all the greens around us: new leaves, grass, and flowers. I think it is meaningful and proper to celebrate those days with our family in this verdant environment.

In this family month, I want first to bless you as your pastor. We are in different situations. Some have a good and intimate relationship with their family members, and some have opposite experiences. I want to bless you who have a close relationship with your family. Please keep up the good work and try to extend your love to others. I also will keep you all in my prayers for those who have a broken relationship with your family members. May God bless you and your relationship with them so that your relationship will be restored and filled with love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Today, I want to expand the meaning of family beyond our own flesh and blood. God made us God's family; "But to all who received him (Jesus), who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12-13, NRSV) It is the truth that we are family of God.

Let's celebrate this month of family with our flesh, blood, and spirit, God's family. There's a Christian song titled, 'Bind us together' by Bob Gillman. It starts like this;

Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, Bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King,

There is only one Body, that is why we sing.

Let's praise the almighty God for making us God's family!

May God bless all of you who are part of the family of God! Amen.

- From Pastor Baek

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 2 National Day of Prayer
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 18 Spaghetti/Silent Auction
- May 27 Memorial Day
- June 17-21 Vacation Bible School

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"





FINANCE KAREN HILL, CHAIR

2024 Finance Summary by month will be available upon request.

Finance Committee recommends Kathy Matthews be appointed to the St. Paul UMC Treasurer position. Cindy Shippert is the current Treasurer and has accepted the Finance Manager position supporting the office and business reporting.

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 is being 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

**2024 BUDGET =
\$348,825**

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

The St. Paul UMC congregations has graciously made an additional \$5,736 in benevolent (restricted giving) to benefit the ministries, missions and those in need in 2024.

ST. PAUL UMC FINANCES AS OF 31 MARCH 2024

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 81,707.87	\$88,506.00	\$348,825.00	23.4%
Expenses	\$ 89,661.29	\$84,978.24	\$348,825.00	25.7%

Current Month (March)	Actual	Budget	Variance (better / (worse))	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 32,686.49	\$ 29,502.00	\$3,184.49	10.8%
Expenses	\$ 31,222.06	\$ 32,121.08	\$899.02	2.8%

WORSHIP COMMITTEE BARB MILLER, CHAIR

The last Worship Committee meeting was held on March 21. We discussed the beautiful tulips to be picked-up to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. A huge thank you to those who are delivering the sermon on Sundays during Pastor Baek's Sabbatical: Rev. Trish Watson, Melvin Grover, and Everett Baker. Thank you to Jackie Mulvey for her work on the slides.

May 2: National Day of Prayer-The Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 7am-7pm. Speakers will be scheduled on-the-hour throughout the day. Pastor Baek will lead a closing service starting at 6:30pm.

May 12: Mother's Day- All of the ladies will receive a small token of recognition.

May 26: Memorial Day- We would like to remember service men and women who are no longer with us who have touched our lives. **We are in need of photos and memorabilia that can be used for a slide show and/or displayed on a table in the sanctuary.**

Service Attendance:

March 03	9am 48 + 7 online	11am 15 + 1 online
March 10	9am 43 + 5 online	11am 19 + ? online
March 17	9am 52 + 7 online	11am 19 + 2 online
March 24	9am 48 + 4 online	11am 15 + 5 online
Maundy Thursday	25 + 8 online	
Easter Sunday	10am 117 + 9 online	
April 07	9am 47 + 7 online	11am 12 (online - not available)

**The next Worship Committee Meeting will be held on
Thursday, May 16 in the Library.**



This Memorial Day weekend, the Worship Committee would like to remember those from our congregation who have given their lives while serving in the nation's armed forces. We are in need of photos and memorabilia for a possible slide show/display in the sanctuary.

AND

The Worship Committee would like to recognize St. Paul's 2024 high school and college graduates. Please submit name, school information, and a photo of the graduate, if possible.

**To submit Memorial Day or 2024 Graduation information, please contact
Barb Miller: miller_ba@comcast.net or 410-610-2318**

MISSIONS COLLEEN LANE, CHAIR

**It is a blessing to be able to
bless others.**

We had a wonderful time packing meals with rise against hunger again this year. We had 54 people help us pack 10,152 meals.

LAY LEADER DONNA HOUSE

Easter Sunday was a blessed celebration of our Risen Christ! We had about 120 worshippers at the combined 10:00 am service and over 80 joined us for a wonderful potluck brunch.

Many, many thanks to those who donated food, help set up and help clean up. It was so heart warming to have our congregation and their visitors with us.

Let's continue to fill our pews every Sunday! Invite a friend, neighbor or family member to join us in the upcoming weeks!

Thank you also to those who donate, help set up and clean up our weekly Fellowship Times every Sunday from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Pete Carroll faithfully sets up the chairs and tables every week and we thank him. Please join us after 9:00 am AND before 11:00 am service so we can all fellowship together.

NEW STAFF:

**Office Manager
Nerissa Curtin
(25 hours per week)**

Nerissa has been in Calvert County for about 7 years, following her husband around the world with his military career. She has been locally working at PNC Bank and is currently the Assistant Branch Manager in Lexington Park. Her husband has recently retired and Nerissa wanted to transition to a part-time position. She will begin at SPUMC on Monday, April 15th and her office hours will be 9:30 to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Her email address is: ncurtin@stpaulumc-lusby.org

**Finance Manager
Cindy Shippert
(10 - 15 hours per week)**

Cindy comes to us with a long background in accounting and most recently retired in 2023 after 9 years with Calvert County Government as Accounting Receivable Technician. Most recently, she has been volunteering as our Church Treasurer. She has begun transitioning into her new role at SPUMC. Cindy will also be covering the office the week of April 8th and will do some additional hours the week of April 15th to assist with Nerissa's transition. Her email address is: financemanager@stpaulumc-lusby.org

**Church Treasurer
Kathy Matthews
(volunteer position)**

Kathy has graciously agreed to the position of Church Treasurer and will work closely with Cindy on church finances.

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.

Spring clean-up of grounds and inside scheduled for April 13th at 9:00 am. Many thanks to Colleen Lane for coordinating on-site. Many hands make less work for all and saves the church landscaping fees.

Completed projects in the month of March include:

- Repairs started on the two doors into the CLC building.
- Exploring solar panel options for the CLC
- Inspection of the fire suppressant system for kitchen scheduled for July

Upcoming projects include:

- Acquiring more proposals for the refurbishment of fellowship hall to include:
 - new flooring, new ceiling, new outside entrance, insulation and painting
 - Rekeying of locks for doors into the CLC

NEW

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

Kathy Matthews, Administrative Assistant, has been a very important part of St. Paul UMC since July 2022. She announced a few weeks ago that she will be moving on from her position beginning April 8th and we wish her well as she transitions. We are so glad she will continue to be an active member of our congregation. We advertised, held job interviews and I am very pleased to announce our new staff. (SEE INFO ON LEFT)

We are so grateful God has sent us these three ladies to serve in such vital positions at St. Paul UMC. May God Bless them.

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. SPPRC's next meeting is May 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUSAN BAKER

The Sunday School classes continue to base their lessons on the lectionary. The class attendance remains consistent. The adult classes continue to meet through the month of April. The children's class is on hold for the month of April. It will resume for May and June. July and August the children's class will take a break. If a member has visitors that would like to come to class, please contact me.



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

EVANGELISM MISSY LAUBER, CHAIR

On Holy Saturday March 30th we hosted our annual Egg Hunt and Easter Activities. We served around 10-12 children and their families. There was corn hole, story time, crafts, the bunny hop dance which featured our own Pastor Baek's dancing skills and an Easter science experiment with floating eggs. Then came the egg hunt in which there were three prize baskets up for grabs. A great time was had by all. My thanks to Optimist Club for hosting the egg hunt portion of things and an even bigger thanks to my Co-Lead Bunny Sherry Mervine for coordinating the rest of the fun and games. Thanks to other bunnies: Becky Grover, Kathy Matthews, Madison Roberts and Barb Mack and her family for all of their help during the event.

Co-Lead Bunny Missy Lauber



Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Many of us know and recognize the above famous verse for the numerous times we have heard it used in wedding ceremonies, but I encourage you to look at this verse with a new “motherly” lens. Your reflection could include your own experiences as a mother or someone who blessed your life as a mother or female figure to guide your path.

As a parent it may have been difficult to “rejoice in children’s wrongdoings” (I mean, who really wants to celebrate if you receive a call from the principal’s office..). We may find it challenging not to “insist on our own way or be irritable” (especially if you have an adolescent or teen in the home). It is hard to believe, hope and endure as we envision the positive results of young adults we are molding into becoming a spiritual, independent, and responsible leader of tomorrow. But... that is LOVE!

As mother’s day approaches, think of the times you may have been “that child” in your own mother’s life and remember with fondness the love and enduring support you hopefully found in your own mother as you stretched your boundaries.

We take a moment in this month’s newsletter to thank the many gifts bestowed by the women and mothers in our congregation who continue to show God’s mercy, kindness, compassion, and care for our church family. God loves you and so do we!



“Before I tell you what happened, Mom, remember...The Lord will never give you more than you can handle.”





CARD MINISTRY CAROL HOWARD

The greeting card committee continues to assess the needs of our congregation and refine our purpose in serving God as we grow our ministry. This month we will be sending good luck wishes out to our college students as final exam time nears and the school year comes to a close. We also are looking for names of any graduating high school seniors who are a part of St. Paul to send them off to their next phase in life with a card!

We hope that you felt God's love and experienced the wonderful gift given by Jesus Christ to you at Easter with the distribution of Easter cards by our committee. It was important to us to give back to the congregation because of your wonderful support of our ministry already this year! We are looking at other projects in the future and, as things are finalized, we will keep you informed. We actively seek names and/or addresses of people who are not on our radar so that they are remembered when we distribute cards to the congregation. Should you have a need that can be addressed through a greeting card, see a member of the committee (Barb and Steven Mack, Wende Flagler, or Carol Howard at the 9:00 service and Elaine Perkowich at the 11:00 service) or text Carol at 301-672-5129.

Carol continues to collect unwanted cards of all kinds in person or from a box that is located conveniently outside the office. We appreciate any donations you may have or receive in the mail to support our ministry as well as white card stock, invitation (or A6) envelopes, and postage for upcoming projects. Finally, contact Carol should you have any ideas or other ways to support our ministry. Thanks!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/01 Jade Hudson
- 5/04 Marie Stanton
- 5/05 Wende Flagler
- 5/08 Alex Wiltse
- 5/08 Cassie Wiltse
- 5/14 Gerry Snyder
- 5/19 Janet Allison
- 5/19 William Clothier
- 5/19 Helen Jordan
- 5/19 Ian Kund
- 5/19 Will Langley
- 5/19 Robert Parrott
- 5/21 Avery Kettler
- 5/22 Romaine Kramer
- 5/23 Emert Amos
- 5/23 Jessica Busey
- 5/24 Thomas Bowen
- 5/24 Joshua Cummings
- 5/25 Joan Sampson
- 5/25 Trent Thompson
- 5/29 Dennis Mulvey
- 5/31 Alex Sams



THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

PRAYER COMMITTEE BARB MACK

The National Day of Prayer is on May 02, 2024. This is the 72nd annual National Day of Prayer focused on bringing us all closer as a country and a community. The theme for this year is Faithfulness.

St. Paul UMC will be open to the community as well as our congregation from 7 AM to 7 PM to celebrate The National Day of Prayer. Each hour will feature a speaker to kick-off the hour' intention/focus for 10 to 15 minutes. The schedule will include praying for: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church, Family, Child/Youth, Community and Nature. The remainder of the hour will be for prayer and reflection.

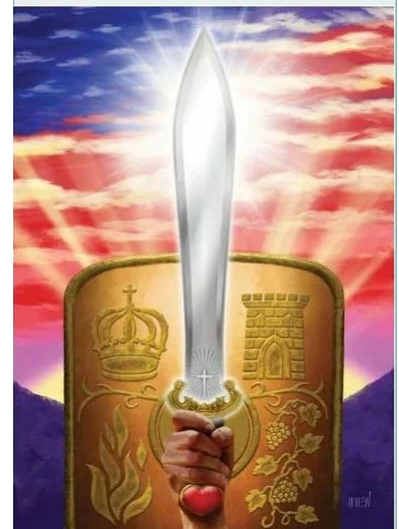
The National Day of Prayer Closing Service will start at 6:20 PM. The service will begin with Presentation of Colors.

The Prayer Committee plans to always have at least two members in the sanctuary during the day. Please contact Barb Mack at 240-925-0357 or email mack2805170404@gmail.com, if you are able to assist.

Should you belong to any group or organization please share this information with them, as well as family and friends. Thank you.

Thank you for your prayers and support for this project.

From the book of Isaiah 25:1 "Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for the perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago."



LIFT UP THE WORD – LIGHT UP THE WORLD

"Indeed, you are my lamp, O Lord, the Lord lightens my darkness. By you I can crush a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God— his way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in him."

- 2 Samuel 22:29-31

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Spaghetti Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH 5-7PM
SPAGHETTI, SALAD, BREAD, DRINKS, DESSERT AND FAMILY FUN

15 PER ADULT; 8 PER CHILD; 30 FAMILY (UP TO 4)
FREEWILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED
SILENT AUCTION BIDS CLOSE AT 7PM

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AUCTION

PRE-PURCHASE
TICKETS IN CHURCH OFFICE
CASH OR CHECKS

EMAIL:
CYLEADER@STPAULUMC-LUSBY.ORG



SPAGHETTI/SILENT AUCTION

May 18th

5:00pm — 7:00pm

This family fun event combines a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser with a Silent Auction of donated materials or themed baskets. Claim a theme or donate an item or two to put in a theme basket by 5/5/24.

For more information, please contact: Sherry Mervine @ 443-624-4484

Possible themes include:

- * Sports Team Basket
(Commanders, Blue Crabs)
- * Summer Fun
- * Spa Basket
- * Art Lovers Basket
- * Maryland Theme
- * Pet-lovers
- * Americana
- * Farmer's Market
- * Suggest a theme
- * Golf Basket
- * Travel/Getaway
- * Movie Themed
- * Anime Basket for Teens
- * Basket to entice foodies
- * Comic Book Theme
- * Car Detailing Items
- * Craft Lover's Basket

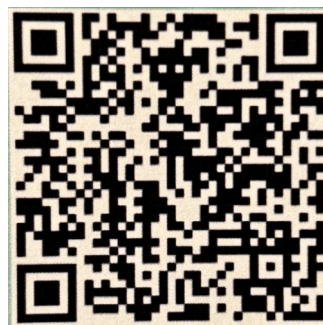
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—HERO HOTLINE



June 17—21

9:00am—Noon Daily

Register Here:



Early Bird Registration (due on or before 5/12)

\$15/Child (\$25 family max) + \$10/shirt (optional)

Regular Registration (5/13—6/15)

\$20/Child (\$30 family max) + \$10/shirt (optional)

Late registrations (after 6/15)

\$25/Child

ALL shirt orders due by 6/1

For more information, please contact:

Sherry Mervine @ 443-624-4484



THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields

Welcome to opening night of the Cornley University Drama Society's newest production, *The Murder at Haversham Manor*, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences!

May 31, June 1, June 7-8 @ 7PM



Thursday, June 6 @ 7PM

Sunday, June 2 @ 2PM



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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 June Messenger are due May 15th.
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