

ST. PAUL
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



Newsletter Date:
May
2025

MESSENGER

Spring is such a beautiful reminder of God's faithfulness. All around us, creation is waking up — the trees are budding, the flowers are blooming, and the days are growing longer and brighter. It's as if the world itself is celebrating new life, new beginnings, and the hope that comes with change.

In this season of renewal, we are invited to walk in faith more boldly. Just as the earth trusts the warmth of the sun to bring it back to life, we are called to trust in God's promises, even when the path ahead is not fully clear. Spring teaches us that growth often starts unseen — small, quiet movements beneath the surface — but when we walk by faith, we can trust that God is at work within us and around us.

At St. Paul UMC, we are entering a season of movement: reaching out in new ways, serving with open hearts, and deepening our walk with Christ. Whether you are just beginning your faith journey or have walked many miles with the Lord, this spring is a fresh opportunity to take the next step. Let's be encouraged by the words of 2 Corinthians 5:7: *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."*

As you step into May, may you find joy in the journey, hope in the growing light, and strength in the faithfulness of our God who makes all things new.

Let's walk together in faith this season — trusting, growing, and blooming in Christ's love.

Blessings,
St. Paul UMC

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 1st—National Day of Prayer
- May 3rd—St. Paul UMC Rummage/Yard Sale
- May 11th – Mother's Day
- May 17th—Mother's Appreciation Tea Party
- May 26th—Memorial Day
- May 29th—Ascension Day

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"





SPPRC
Staff Pastor Parish
Relations Committee

DONNA HOUSE, CHAIR

SPPRC Update:
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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 is encouraged to share any joys or concerns with the committee.

LAY LEADER
DONNA HOUSE

**“Wind in Our Sails”
Meeting Priorities**

Continue with
ONE service

Church Growth

Financial Security

TRUSTEES
JIM HOUSE, CHAIR



The St. Paul UMC Trustees meet on the first **Saturday** of each month for their business meeting and work time around the church campus. Items discussed include church projects, church maintenance and finances. Additional work sessions are scheduled as needed to maintain the facilities and complete projects. Any volunteer help is welcomed!

Completed projects in the month of January include:

- 1) Scrubbed, washed and waxed CLC kitchen floor
- 2) Buffed CLC hallway floors
- 3) Repaired batting cage in CLC and cleaned up that area
- 4) Replaced broken light fixtures in CLC Activity Room
- 5) Replaced door stops in CLC
- 6) Repaired fixture in men’s bathroom
- 7) Replaced batteries in smoke detectors

Upcoming projects include:

- 1) Repair 2 HVAC Units that were damaged during power surge in fall.
 - a. Note: The \$10,000 repair cost was submitted to our insurance company and they are covering all costs minus \$2500 deductible.
- 2) Repair parking lot damage next to cemetery
- 3) On hold: SPUMC Home Mission Project - The Trustees are planning to rehab the current Fellowship Hall adjacent to the sanctuary. James Ritter is spearheading the project. Dates to follow to lend a hand with cleaning out the closets, drywall, insulation, flooring, ceiling tiles, etc.... This is a facelift that is LONG overdue!
- 4) Paint the church office
- 5) Replace broken rope on flag pole next to sanctuary – need fire company support
- 6) Create signage to include direction signs to sanctuary, CLC, and fellowship hall
- 7) Rekey locks for doors into the CLC

Many thanks to the very dedicated team of Trustees who put in countless hours to maintain our beautiful campus.

The trustees maintain a detailed list of projects across our campus and are working to complete them. Volunteers are always welcome! 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.

It is our joy to share with you today that Bishop LaTrelle Easterling has appointed Rev. Dr. Angela Kittrell as our new pastor of our congregation. Dr. Kittrell will begin her responsibilities on July 1st of this year.

As a United Methodist Church, we are part of an appointment system. Our congregational Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has met with the District Superintendent to identify our congregational needs and the needed skills in a pastor. We have also met with Dr. Kittrell to get to know her and to ask questions.

Please get to know Rev. Dr. Angela Kittrell below:

Dr. Angela Shadd Kittrell is an educator, community organizer, and powerful preacher who brings the Word of God alive in weekly worship, bible study, and daily lives! She currently serves in the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church as the pastor of The Bowie Wilson Charge, comprised of Bowie United Methodist Church (UMC) and Wilson Memorial UMC. Pastor Angela is a native of Washington, DC.

Dr. Kittrell is a retired educator with many years of service to ministry since 1998 and served in various leadership roles in the AME and Baptist Churches. For several years, she served as the Minister of Christian Education and Minister to Women at the historic Little Zion Baptist Church in Colonial Beach, Virginia. She served the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church as pastor of Bethel UMC in Dawn, VA. She relocated to the DMV area, where she currently serves as pastor of the Bowie Wilson UMC charge.

In 2022, she returned to public education and serves as a high school Advanced Placement and Honors English teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools. She has recently served as the Chair of the Bowie (Maryland) Community Development Corporation board member to the Old Bowie Arts Festival in Bowie, Maryland, The Mercy-Justice Network of Maryland, and the CARES Justice Institute, a street gang violence interrupter in Jacksonville, Florida.



She is a frequent missionary to Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Zambia. She has conducted eight professional development missions for educators in the southern region of Africa. She most recently travelled with United Methodist Volunteers in Mission to deliver professional development and teaching materials to teachers and administrators at the Hanwa Mission Schools (UMC).

Dr. Kittrell is a strong proponent of education and being a life-long learner. Dr. Kittrell began her college education at Virginia State University. She has earned a B.A. degree in English and Journalism from the University of Maryland. She has completed all coursework to earn a Doctorate in Education, Administration and leadership (ABD) from Virginia Commonwealth. Rev. Dr. Kittrell has also earned a Doctor of Ministry (DMIN) from United Theological Seminary.

She and her husband, Pastor James Kittrell, are the parents of three children, Phyllis, Larry, and Brittany, and they are grandparents of five. Dr. Kittrell is a firm believer in living by faith. Her favorite Scripture is Habakkuk 3:17-19.

St. Paul UMC Finances as of 31 March 2025

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions—General Fund	\$ 84,972.37	\$ 86,981.00	\$ 347,069.00	24.5 %
Contributions—Restricted	\$ 7,974.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Total Contributions	\$ 92,947.13	\$ 86,981.00	\$347,069.00	
General Expenses	\$ 88,890.48	\$ 86,981.00	\$ 347,069.00	25.6 %
Restricted Expenses	\$ 6,536.53	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 95,427.01	\$ 86,981.00	\$ 347,069.00	

2025 Operating Budget by month will be available upon request.

Current Month (March)	Actual	Budget	Variance (better / worse)	Annual %
Contributions—General Fund	\$ 44,958.45	\$ 31,933.00	\$ 13,025.45	40.8 %
Contributions—Restricted	\$ 5,285.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,285.00	
General Expenses	\$ 26,246.49	\$ 31,933.00	\$ 5,686.51	17.8 %
Restricted Expenses	\$ 2,232.22	\$ 0.00	(\$ 2,232.22)	

2025 BUDGET = \$347,066

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

Challenges continue for operating expenses to be higher than general unrestricted income.

Goal: Monitor financial status of St Paul United Methodist Church to support the continue upkeep of the facilities and support for the Mission and Evangelical activities of the church.

Stewardship: 2025 begins a new year of financial responsibility and reporting. The annual operating expense budget was approved by the Church Council at the December 2024 meeting. Continued monitoring and awareness is required to ensure the business of St Paul UMC will continue to support the church mission to serve the community and others.

Giving is treated as **GENERAL** or **RESTRICTED**.

GENERAL giving is used for normal business and operating expenses at St Paul UMC.

RESTRICTED giving identifies specific approved Restricted Funds for St Paul UMC and these dollars cannot be used for any other purposes unless specific actions are taken by Finance team personnel. Below is a list of approved Restricted Funds at St Paul:

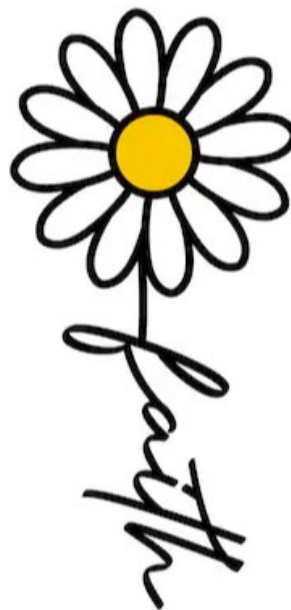
Altar Flowers	Angel Tree	Building Fund
Compassion Children	Heartfelt (Oper Backpack)	Kitchen Ministry
Library Fund	Media Team	Missions
Passion Plan	Safe Nights	Op Christmas Child (shoebox)
Vacation Bible School	WorshipUMYF (Youth Fund)	SMILE
Worship	Pastor Discretionary Fund	Cemetery Fund

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
BARB MILLER, CHAIR

The Worship Committee last met on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Sunday Service Attendance:

Jan. 5	67 + 8 on-line
Jan. 12	58 + 9 on-line
Jan. 19	50 + 11 on-line
Jan. 26	53 + 9 on-line
Feb. 2	54 + 9 on-line
Feb. 9	52 + 12 on-line
Feb. 16	68 + 8 on-line Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 23	61 + 6 on-line
Mar. 2	60 + 8 on-line
Mar. 5	17 + __ on-line Ash Wednesday
Mar. 9	64 + 9 on-line
Mar. 16	61 + 9 on-line
Mar. 23	63 + 7 on-line
Mar. 30	51 + 9 on-line
Apr. 6	49 + 8 on-line



Recent Services:

- Lenten Sunday Services including “diminishing candles” at the beginning of each service
- March 30: UMCOR Sunday
- April 13: Palm Sunday
- April 17: Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00pm
- April 18: Good Friday Service 7:00pm
- April 20: Easter Sunday Service 9:15am

Upcoming Services:

- May 11: Mother’s Day
- May 25: Memorial Day Sunday - **We would like to honor and mourn any U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Please submit names, branch of service, and photos of family or former members of our congregation, along with birth and death dates. Due to the office by Wednesday, May 21st.**
- June 8: Recognition of high school and college graduates. **Any names and photos of high school and college graduates to be celebrated are due to the office by Wednesday, June 4th.**
- June 8: Pentecost
- June 15: Father’s Day—Pastor Baek’s Last Sunday
- June 29: 5th Sunday Breakfast
- July 6: New Pastor’s 1 Sunday

Next Worship Committee Meeting:
Thursday, May 15, 2025 6:30pm in CLC Library



EVANGELISM COMMITTEE
MISSY LAUBER, CHAIR

Thank You, Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers!

We want to extend our deepest thanks to each and every one of you who helped make this year's Easter Egg Hunt at St. Paul UMC such a joyful and successful event!

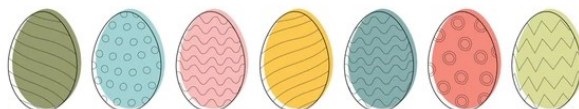
From stuffing and hiding eggs to welcoming families, organizing activities, and sharing the love of Christ with our community—your time, energy, and enthusiasm made a huge difference.

Because of you, children laughed, families felt welcome, and the true joy of Easter was shared with all who came. We are so grateful for your generous hearts and servant spirits.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!



Thank you very much



OFFICE MANAGER
NERISSA CURTIN



SESSION TOPICS

A Rhythm of Life: Cultivating Personal and Spiritual Growth

by Rev. Jo Ann Cooper

[Session 1 Recording](#)

What Ya Thinking?

by Dr. Kelley Pears

[Session 2 Recording](#)

Stress Management with Biblical Principles and Mental Health Strategies

by Dr. Denise Lott

[Session 3 Recording](#)

Communications

by Rev. Todd Rossnagel

[Session 4 Recording](#)



Walking the Labyrinth with Faith

by Dr. Frances Hooten

[Session 5 Recording](#)



People Like Me - Finding Common Threads in Difficult Times

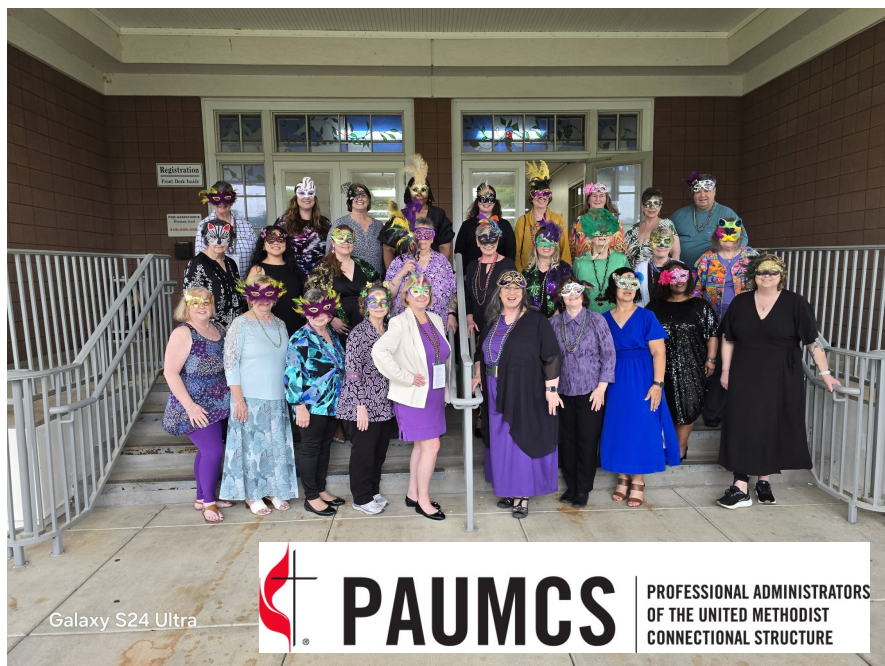
by Rev. Katrena Porter King

[Session 6 Recording](#)

Closing Worship

w/ Deaconess Gail Douglas-Boykin
and Nerissa Curtin, Class of 2024

[Closing Worship Recording](#)



CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES
SHERRY MERVINE, LEADER



VBS "Road Trip"

Vacation Bible School is coming!

Join us for a fun-filled week July 7th – 11th from 9:00am to 12:00pm with this year's theme: **Road Trip!** Scan the QR code or reach out to the front office if you'd like to be part of this year's VBS—whether as a child participant, teen helper, or adult volunteer. All the details are now available!



Community Yard Sale/Rummage Sale update:

May 3rd

Scan to REGISTER:



June 7th

Scan to REGISTER:



Mother's Appreciation Tea Party

A celebration of mothers and female role models . ALL are welcome!
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN

Saturday, May 17th 1-3 PM



*Mother's
Tea Party*

Tickets Available:

\$15 Adults

\$10 Seniors

\$5 Children (4-18 yrs)

SPECIAL PRICE:

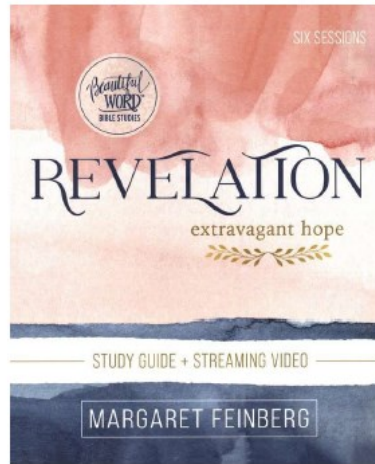
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MONDAY'S WOMEN

St. Paul UMC

6:45 pm – 7:15 pm
7:15 pm – 8:30 pm

ALL women are
WELCOME!
Bring a friend!



April 28 – June 9

Library

Sharing & Prayer
Revelation Study

CONTACT
Becky Grover
410-474-8866



SPUMPS Summer Program

June 16-August 8, 2025

(Closed July 4th)

Ages 3-5



Monday - Friday 8am-4pm \$250 weekly

Monday - Friday 8am-12pm \$125 weekly

Campers will enjoy water play, arts and crafts, science experiments, games and in-house field trips.

St. Paul United Methodist Preschool Center
11000 HG Trueman Road, Lusby, MD 20657

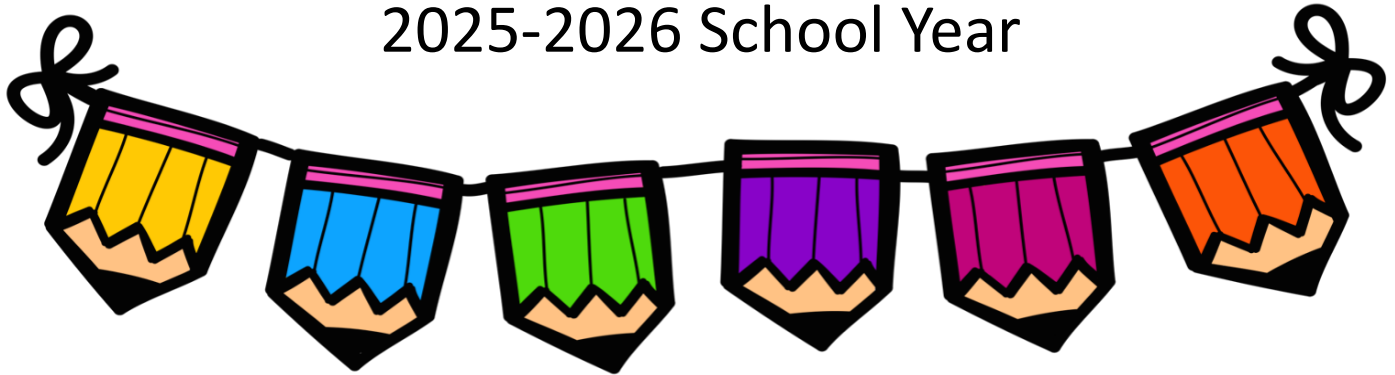
- 5/02 **Rev. Myungha Baek**
- 5/04 Marie Stanton
- 5/05 Wende Flagler
- 5/08 Nick Harrell
- 5/14 Gerry Snyder
- 5/19 Janet Allison
- 5/19 Ian Kund
- 5/19 Helen Jordan
- 5/21 Madeline Humphreys
- 5/23 Jessica Busey
- 5/24 John Biggans
- 5/24 Joshua Cummings
- 5/24 Chrishana Mallory
- 5/25 Joan Sampson
- 5/29 Dennis Mulvey

S. P. U. M. P. S.

St. Paul United Methodist Preschool

Open Enrollment has Begun!

2025-2026 School Year



Part Time Preschool

3/4 Year Old – 5 Day AM – Monday-Friday – 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM

3-5 Year Old – 5 Day PM – Monday-Friday – 12:30 PM until 3:30 PM

4/5 Year Old – 5 Day AM – Monday-Friday – 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM

Extended Day Program

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM

Contact **SPUMPS** (410) 326-3615

or email spumps07@yahoo.com

for more information and secure your spot today—
spaces fill quickly!



SPUMPS



St. Paul United Methodist Church

Yard Sale

Vendors Welcome!

11000 HG Trueman Road, Lusby MD
410-326-4475
stpaulumcinfo@gmail.com

Saturday, May 3rd
9 am - 2 pm



St. Paul invites you all to connect with us online!



Please take a moment to visit our website:

<https://stpaulumc-lusby.org/>

Or visit our Facebook page and give us a thumbs-up, share your thoughts in the comments, and spread the words by sharing our posts and events.

Your support helps us reach more people with our message of faith, love and unity within our community.

St Paul United Methodist Church

570 likes • 647 followers



Let's stay connected and continue to grow together as a church family online!



WORD AND SPIRIT
ANCHORED IN THE WORD, LED BY THE SPIRIT



WALK/RUN

"In Support of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home"

SAT. MAY 10, 2025 | STARTS PROMPTLY 9AM

\$40
PER PERSON



SCAN TO
REGISTER

CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME
29449 Charlotte Hall Rd | Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Register on Eventbrite to purchase your ticket by May 9. If you are unable to register online, or if you have questions, contact Pastor Kevin Brooks by email at wrdsnspirit@gmail.com. Proceeds will benefit the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

CONTACT: PASTOR KEVIN BROOKS BY EMAIL AT WRDNSPIRIT@GMAIL.COM



MOTHER'S APPRECIATION TEA PARTY

A CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS AND FEMALE ROLE MODELS
FOOD, FUN, AND GAMES

SATURDAY, MAY 17 1-3PM

**\$15 ADULTS,
\$10 SENIORS,
\$5 CHILDREN (4-18)
\$80 TABLE OF 8**



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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.

**Submissions for the June Messenger are due May 20th.
Thank you.**

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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OFFICE HOURS:

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9:15am - Worship (Service) 10:30am - Fellowship 10:45am - Sunday School	6:45pm - Women's Bible	6:15pm - Praise Team 6:30pm - Bible Study/Library 7pm - BS Troop/FH @ 7pm - CS Committee Mtg/Rm	9am - Heartfelt/FH @ 7pm - Choir 7:30pm - AA/FH @ 7:30pm - Scout Leaders	National Day of Prayer 7pm - Cub Scouts/Rms	8pm - AA/FH @ Fellowship	8am - Trustees/FH @ 9am - Community Indoor
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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