

ST. PAUL
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



2025 Fall Quarterly Newsletter

MESSENGER

Beloved St. Paul UMC Family,
Greetings in the beautiful name of Jesus.

It is with immeasurable joy that I join you in service to God and to God's creation. As your servant-leader, I look forward to sharing in the work set before us by the vision and mission of our church.

Over the next days, weeks, and perhaps months, I will be acclimating to the people, culture, and valued practices of our church and the greater Calvert County community. It is in this endeavor that I will need and appreciate your assistance and care.

I look forward to the time ahead that we have to serve God in the spirit of excellence. We have a big job ahead. More than that, we have a big God to guide and help us.

In times when world situations are so volatile and weigh so heavily on our personal lives, we must resolve as a community of the faithful to meet chaos with peace, to confront hate with compassion, and to overcome obstacles with strategic insight and optimism.

Together we have an opportunity and responsibility to effectuate our community for Christ and to raise a standard of agape love. Toward this end, let's walk together. Let's worship together. Let's work together. Great times are before us.



With great expectations,
Rev. Dr. Angela M. Kittrell
(Pastor Angela)

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sept 1st—Labor Day
- Sept 13th—Wind in Our Sails
- Sept 21st —Back to Church Sunday
- Oct 5th—World Communion Sunday
- Oct 18th—ST. Paul UMC Trunk or Treat
- Oct 19th—Laity Sunday
- Nov 1st—St. Paul UMC Church Conference
- Nov 2nd—All Saint's Sunday
- Nov 11th—Veteran's Day
- Nov 27th—Thanksgiving

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

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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**

2024

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

1. Continue with One Service
2. Church Growth
3. Financial Security

2025

“Wind in Our Sails”

**Saturday, Sept 13th
9:00-11:30 pm**

**Come and be a part of
St. Paul’s annual
congregational
meeting.**

***TRUSTEES
JIM HOUSE, CHAIR***

Our new pastor, Dr. Kittrell, will not be using the parsonage and will reside in her home in St. Leonard, which has given us the opportunity to make some upgrades and much needed repairs to the 1979 built parsonage. The projected budget is \$10,000 with the funds coming from the sale of the second parsonage several years ago. We are planning to rent the 5-bedroom house with kitchen, living room, dining room, family room and office which will also help to raise much needed income for the church. We are aiming for a September 1 completion date and are ready to secure a renter.



The parsonage projects include:

- Paint all interior walls – IN PROCESS
- Replace living room and dining room carpet – COMPLETE
- Replace tubs, vanities, fixtures and toilets in all 3 bathrooms – IN PROCESS
- Wash windows – IN PROCESS
- Clean wood burning stove in family room –SCHEDULED
- Replace all electrical outlets
- Replace several outdoor and indoor light fixtures – IN PROCESS
- Clean carpet in bedrooms, hallway and family room
- Power wash exterior- COMPLETE
- Deep clean kitchen and appliances -COMPLETE
- Remove overgrown trees and brush from perimeter – COMPLETE
- Clean up flower beds and surrounding outdoor areas– COMPLETE
- Remove 1979 tubs, vanities, and toilets in all 3 bathrooms – COMPLETE
- Prepare walls for painting – COMPLETE
- Clean existing floors in bathrooms, kitchen, laundry room and hallway - COMPLETE
- Remove old playground - COMPLETE
- Sand and paint deck - COMPLETE

Many, many thanks to **James and Barbie Ritter** who are spearheading this project and organizing the majority of the work with volunteers. Many hands help to carry the burden. Please let them know how you can help.

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

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.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
BARB MILLER, CHAIR

Fall Service Schedule

August 31: 5th Sunday – Olivet will be joining us for a combined service and 5th Sunday Potluck Fellowship. We hope to see everyone there!

September 21: National Back to Church Sunday—Haven't attended church in a while? Know someone who is looking for a church? Schools are back in session, and the vacation season is winding down. Now is a great time! We would LOVE to see old friends at our services and make some new ones. Please invite family and friends to attend St. Paul UMC, this Sunday and every Sunday!

October 5: World Communion Sunday—Join us on this day as Christians worldwide celebrate their unity in Christ through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Come to learn about how others are serving in places around the world.

October 19: Laity Sunday—A member(s) of our congregation will be sharing their testimony and the message with us on this day.

November 2: All Saints Sunday—Join us as we remember those who have passed during the last year. Please submit any names you would like shared during this service to the church office.

November 9: Veteran's Sunday—We honor all veterans in our congregation. Please submit names, and photos if you can, to the church office.

The Worship Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of odd months (January, March, May...). Meetings are open to all. If you have a suggestion or concerns, please contact Barb Miller (miller_ba@comcast.net)



Next Worship Committee Meeting:
Thursday, September 18, 2025 6:30pm CLC Library



Start spreading the news... the Good News of the Gospel that is.

I have heard it said: Preach the gospel and use words if needed. That is really what evangelism boils down to. This is what is happening or has happened in St. Paul UMC Evangelism during the summer of 2025.

We had our first ever (and certainly not last) **Dragon Boat Festival Outreach Event**. This year, on August 18th, nine volunteers came together to tell our community about our church and our events. Flyers about the church and church related events were passed out, as well as a lot of candy, giveaways for the kids, and smiles. We also had a drawing for an Italian gift basket door prize which included a gift card to Olive Garden. My thanks to those who volunteered and to Donna and Jim House for loaning us their tent and some coolers to keep us in the shade and as cool as possible.

The **Annual Trunk or Treat** event is coming on Saturday, October 18th from 1-3 pm. So everyone mark your calendars for a spooky good time. We will have live music from our Praise Team this year, as well as, candy and games. We will need people to decorate their trunks and hand out goodies as well as help inside with games etc.

Calling all artists we are having a **Church Logo Contest**. We are in the market for a new church logo to go on some St Paul T shirts and other swag. So please put on your thinking caps and get creative and turn in a design that screams St. Paul loud and clear! All entries will be due by October 6th to the church office. Then the designs will be voted on by the church council and the winner will get their design immortalized on T shirts and other St. Paul Swag.

Save the Date:

December 13th is the **Christmas Walk in Solomons** and we will be participating again this year. More information to come at a later date.

Contact the **Missy Lauber** to learn more!
mлаuber13@gmail.com





SPUMC CARD MINISTRY
CAROL HOWARD

Greetings, St. Paul family! During these past 6 months, your card ministry has been very busy. Because of your donations, we were able to expand from just sending birthday cards to our college students, school age youngsters, and staff to anyone in the congregation 75 years or older. Those cards were in addition to cards sent for **sympathy, medical** (good health test results/ sickness/ injuries/surgery/hospital stays/get well/cancer support), **praying for you, thank you's** (committees, church events, guest pastors), **celebrations** (HS graduations, grandchildren birth, retirement), **thinking of you** (members not seen in a while), **cards for servicemen** (birthday plus holidays), **recognitions** (inc. Administrative (Secretary's) Professional Day, Pastor Appreciation for Pastor Baek's leadership and service to our church, school/professional honors), **collegiate** (good luck during exams), and **visitor welcome**. IN TOTAL, **143 cards** were mailed to members of our congregation (excluding our holiday distributions) for the first half of 2025. **123 cards** were distributed in church for **Easter and Valentine's Day** (including different greetings for our youth) and we mailed an **additional 79**. Adding to our counts, we hand delivered **289 Valentine cards** for our Veterans at **Charlotte Hall** in February. A more detailed explanation of the number of cards per month and other information will be reported during the Wind in Our Sails event with written copies being made available at that time.

Our Crafting Love Card Making Event was held on March 22nd from 9-2 in the Fellowship Hall that was well attended (23 attendees) with extremely positive feedback reported afterwards. A continental breakfast and snacks were available, many people brought lots of supplies and materials, and people were willing to share their knowledge and talents to instruct others. Several people noted that the opportunity to fellowship was the #1 highlight. People made a few cards for themselves but many cards were donated to the Card Ministry for its use. It was suggested to have another event perhaps in the fall, move to a larger space with additional tables and chairs for space to spread out, and have specific needs of the Card Ministry identified. One person also suggested that we have instruction sheets on different aspects of card-making (including stamping, stencils, and cutting) due to the various skill sets.

Looking ahead, we are planning a few more church-wide distributions as well as 2 additional distributions for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Listen or look for details on how you can help in the minipistle/bulletin or all church email. **Also**, stay tuned as we **may** have a holiday card-making event mid-November.

This success could **not** be possible without the support of the congregation donating unwanted cards, postage stamps, and card making supplies (such as labels, card stock, envelopes, and copy paper). See Carol or place them in the blue bin outside the church office. Should you have a card request for someone, see Carol or Elaine Perkovich. Thank you also to our volunteers who agree to write greetings inside cards, stuff envelopes, fold printed cards, or be "behind the scenes" committee members who help whenever we extend the call for those big projects! Your help has been immeasurable!

If you have any ideas, questions, or comments or wish to join our group, Contact the **Carol Howard 301-672-5129** Thank you for allowing us to be (a) **CARD: Compassionate, Attentive, Responsive, and Devoted to YOU.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School starts
Sunday, September 7th
following the worship service
in the Christian Life Center (CLC).

Sunday School Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a heart for sharing God's love and helping others grow in faith? We are looking for volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers for all ages. Whether you enjoy working with children, youth, or adults, there's a place for you to make a difference. No experience is required — just a willing spirit! If you feel called to help, please contact the church office to learn more.

A colorful graphic for SPUMPS (St. Paul United Methodist Preschool) featuring a blue sky, white clouds, and green grass. The text includes 'Register Now!', '3-5 Year Old', 'SPUMPS St. Paul United Methodist Preschool', 'We Have Openings', 'Part Time Monday-Friday 12:30pm-3:30pm \$350/Month', and contact information: 'Spumps07@yahoo.com | 410-326-3615' and '11000 Hg Trueman Rd Lusby, MD'.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

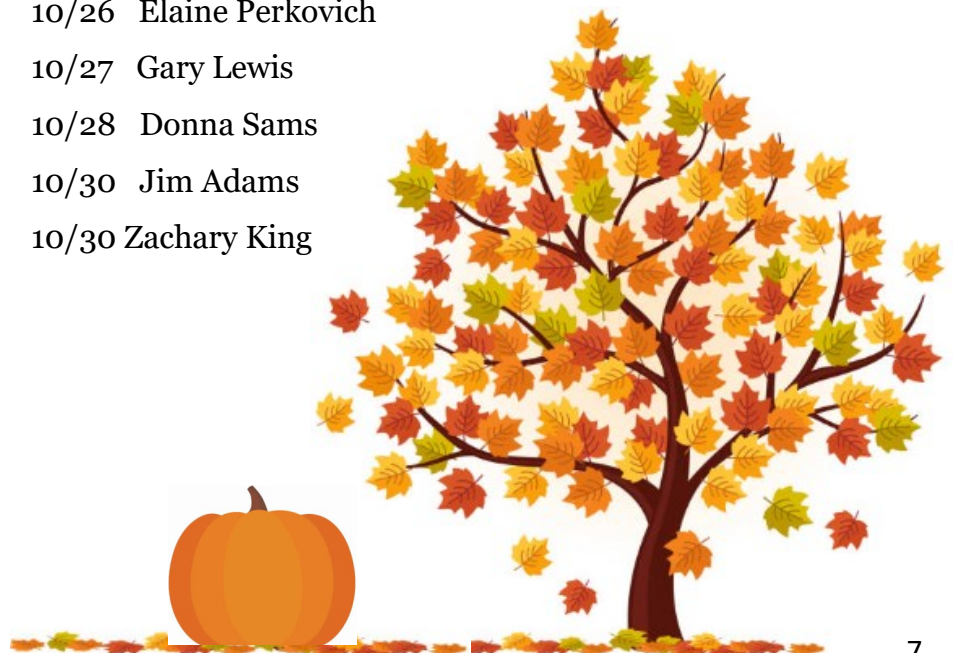
09/01 Zac Cummings
09/03 Jim House
09/03 Terry Cave
09/04 Valerie Kund
09/04 Barbie Ritter
09/08 Kay Robinson
09/14 Dennis Kund
09/14 Trish David
09/16 Janice Beers
09/16 Jeff Carroll
09/17 Tyler Nagers
09/18 Madison Harrell
09/19 Diane Schmidt
09/19 Oakley Ritter
09/20 Judith Sopic
09/20 Taylor Deale
09/21 Martha Jefferson
09/22 Dean Batchelor
09/22 Becky Grover
09/22 Shannon Morley
09/23 Ray Fewell
09/26 Susan Kennedy
09/27 Carol Howard
09/27 Tina Humphreys
09/28 Jerry Kackley
09/29 Cameron Benton
09/30 Dawn Langley

OCTOBER

10/02 Quinn Carver
10/04 Patrick Dunn
10/05 Erica Ward
10/05 Jackson Broadus
10/05 Stephanie Bean
10/09 Karen McCarthy
10/14 Ruth Humphreys
10/14 Elizabeth Taylor
10/14 Gene Benton
10/15 Everett Baker
10/16 Cindy Adams
10/19 Joe Mulvey
10/19 Bill Soffos
10/21 Karen Hill
10/21 Zindi King
10/26 Elaine Perkovich
10/27 Gary Lewis
10/28 Donna Sams
10/30 Jim Adams
10/30 Zachary King

NOVEMBER

11/02 Jimmy Pouncey
11/03 Sophia Nagers
11/04 Ella Ulrey
11/05 Hailie Munday
11/10 Gail Lewis
11/10 Daniel King
11/11 Shannon Roberts
11/12 Zsa Zsa King
11/14 Madison Roberts
11/14 Matt Weitzel
11/15 Savannah Garber
11/20 Sherry Mervine
11/24 Brooklynn Deale
11/26 Irene Cornett
11/28 Susan Quisenberry



August
2025

CLASSIFIEDS

Lusby, MD

ANSWER THE CALL TO COMMIT

HELP WANTED

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Men's

Ministry Leader

Organizes, leads, and mentors other men, fostering relationships with Jesus Christ and facilitating their growth as disciples.

Women's

Ministry Leader

Presides at meetings, works with the Executive Ministry, develops mission, and fosters spiritual growth, developing leaders, and improving the lives of women, children, and youth.

Young Adult

Representative

to Church Council

provides a youth perspective to the vision and operation of the church and fully participates in providing for, planning, and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church.

Monthly Meetings held
Thursdays

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS

Superintendent/ Coordinator

Holds a "big picture" or vision of what, ultimately, the church hopes to do and to create, such that all participants will be well-versed in the Bible and will know how to order their lives on biblical precepts.

Secretary

Conducts administrative duties such as coordinating Sunday School activities, monitoring attendance, making room/space assignments, preparing correspondence and announcements, and preparing materials for instruction when needed.

Church Treasurer

oversees internal controls in compliance with financial regulations, manages the church's financial resources, including disbursing funds, developing the annual budget, maintaining accurate records, and preparing financial reports.

LOOKING FOR: Service Worship Leader

Nursing Home & Homebound Service Coordinator

As a part of congregational care, conducts visits (which include prayer), keeps record of names of the congregation's nursing home residents and homebound members, and informs the pastoral team and lay leader of any needs/requests of the nursing home/homebound member or the member's family.

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INTERESTED

CONTACT THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

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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.

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

St Paul United Methodist Church

570 likes • 647 followers



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Finance Manager.....Cindy Shippert
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NEW Office Hours:

Mondays OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesdays thru Fridays 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursdays 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm