

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

September 2022



- Community -

I am the vine, and You are the branches.

An "I am Second" movement was popular a few years ago among Christians in the US. This movement inspires people to live for God and others. It has cumulated stories of people of all kinds –actors, athletes, musicians, business leaders, drug addicts, or your next-door neighbor who deals with struggles of everyday living. They share the story of how they've tried to go it alone and have failed. It was not until they put Jesus in the first place and themselves in the second that they found hope, peace, and fulfillment.

It is a great discovery, but I want to go further. One day, a husband asks his wife, "What do I mean to you?" She responds, "You are the first." Will this response please the husband? Maybe, but if you ponder her implication, she may mean by "you are the first.... And...Ms. Angelia is the second, Ms. Kim is the third."

Sometimes we tend to treat our relationship with God similarly. Jesus said, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit because apart from me, you can do nothing. (John 15:4-5)

Have you ever wondered why our life or ministry is fruitless when you put God first? Isn't it maybe because you place God in one piece of our lives – even though God takes the most significant portion – and you try to deal with the other living areas on your own?

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God is everything and wants undivided attention because we are the branches that cannot sustain without attaching to the vine. When we are fully connected to the vine, and when God is everything in our life, we come to experience that from the vine, all blessings flow.

The new season of the Fall is here. Kids are back to school. We are refreshing our minds to prepare for the year's second half. New energy is brought forth in the church. The season of harvest is coming. Do we want another fruitful life? The Lord invites us to reflect on where our attention goes. Is it fruits only or the importance of attaching ourselves to the vine from whose blessings flow? How are you clinging yourselves to the vine if the latter is your answer?

Of course, it starts inside us, loving hearts to God. And it leads us to spend time with God, such as reading the Scripture, meditating on it regularly, and praying for God's guidance for others and yourself.

And please don't forget your faith community because it is your family God has called you to. Please participate in Sunday Worship service regularly, Sunday school, Bible study, and mission projects we have. Community life will strengthen, encourage and help us to go out and love God and God's people more and more in the world.

Praise God, from which all blessings flow...through our lives to the people in the world so they can experience God's love and truth. Let it be so. Amen.

From Rev. Myungha Baek



Sunday School is looking for teachers for our upcoming class for 3-5 year olds. A number of families have asked for such a class to begin. We have a great curriculum and are excited about teaching these younger family members about Jesus and God's Word. Please pray about this ministry and if you would like to join what God is doing at St. Paul, contact the church office or Beth Rogers at 443 624-0037 (text or voice)



July of 2022 saw St. Paul Uprising! Uth & our advisors working...hard and joyfully! We just came off supporting VBS as guides for the children who were present during the week.

Our Youth Ministries Silent Auction took place on July 23. Our prayer was...and we believe God granted...that our Silent Auction was a success in God's sight. Our team and church family logged nearly 450 person-hours in preparation not counting the prep that was done before COVID hit and cancelled what was to be our previous Silent Auction/ Spaghetti Dinner two years prior. We give praises to God and Huge Thanks to everyone who helped, members of our St. Paul family who go waaaaaay beyond those directly involved with Youth Ministries! The community seemed thrilled with the evening...we even had several Young Adults and their families say how much fun they had! Our profit was very good and needed, especially as we had not been able to fund-raise for several years and as we look to changing how we serve during our mission trips in some ways, considering the rising costs associated with such ministry activities.

Our Yard Sale fund-raiser took place the following Saturday, July 30 as we welcomed many community folks/customers from our past sales. We had also invited anyone in St. Paul family who would like to join in the Yard Sale with their items for their profit to come on out and join in.

On Saturday August 13, we took our annual "near-end-of-summer" trip to Kings Dominion. It was a near-perfect day and we had a great time in our fun and striving to share the joy Jesus has given us with others in the park.

At our Uprising! gathering on August 28, our back-2-school theme was "Making Time and Room 4 God/Shutting Out the Noise." We began our 2022/2023 school year in Calvert County on Tuesday, August 30 while those of us in St. Mary's County had begun the previous week.

RAISING THE STANDARD
Presents
HEALTH FAIR
COMMUNITY WELLNESS



SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 2022
11:00AM - 3:00PM
BROOKS CHURCH
5550 Mackall Road, Saint Leonard, MD 20685

Free health screens
COVID19 vaccines/boosters
Food & Vendors
Games and More....
For information call: 410-586-3972
www.brooksumc.org



CALVERT COUNTY
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT



Call the Prayer Chain when you need a 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.

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| John & Sessaly Boyd | 410-326-4390 |
| Cal & Carolyn Colvin | 301-862-3273 |
| Ben & Vonnie Dansberger | 410-326-2994 |
| 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 |



SPUMPS Openings

SPUMPS has an opening in their 5-Day PM class.

Please call for more information.

410-326-3615

A Message From Ken Allor, SPUMPS Board Chair

Saint Paul Family,

The SPUMPS Board is a group of concerned members/parents/educators who's job it is to oversee the management of our preschool. We are looking for some new members and ask you to consider how you help us. I hope you are all aware of the excellent reputation our preschool holds in our community. Our children receive an excellent educational start which is recognized by downstream schools they attend, in a faith based environment that is fun for them.

The SPUMPS Board meets every other month. We are responsible to stay current on educational, regulatory and business environment to ensure the continued success of the preschool. What we need are individuals with an interest in children. If you can help, please advise the church office or stop by and discuss with Susan Quisenberry during school hours.

It has been a busy year for your SPPRC.

This is my first year as Chairperson and I am honored to have been chosen for this position. It is important to understand that I do not work alone. Our Committee is a working Committee and EVERYONE works together. I must say that I have never been a part of a group who have worked together sharing their ideas and making decisions like this one. Thank you to all on the SPPRC.

Your SPPRC made it their goal to assess SPUMC's personnel needs. We recognized that just prior to COVID our staff had been reduced due to financial restraints.

A new job description for our one person office was drafted over and over considering how one person could cover all the needs. The final Administrative Assistant job description called for a 40 hour on site work week. Regretfully, Teri chose not to increase her hours or work at SPUMC's office vs working from her home. Sadly, she left our employment. We wish Teri well.

Suddenly we were on the hunt for someone who could meet SPUMC's needs. The position is designed to include volunteers assisting with some regular tasks. We were told that we would never find someone with such a variety of experience. "No one would take a job doing all these things."

After two weeks of minimal advertising and a lot of positive prayers, **Kathleen Matthews** walked through our door. Her experience most definitely suited the job. Her infectious smile and "can do" attitude let me know that God had sent her to SPUMC. Please welcome her.

The SPPRC has plans to review the remaining staff positions as time allows For now our focus must be on annual tasks, such as preparing our portion of the 2023 budget, evaluating our pastors' as well as preparing other information for our Church Conference.

If you ever have any questions concerning our pastors and staff, please ask an SPPRC member. They are: Becky Grover, Chair; Donna House, Barbara Miller, Allison Pouncey, Kyle Kackley, Sandy Artz, Rick Muldoon, Dawn Benton, along with Lay Leader--Everett Baker, Lay members to Annual Conference—Jackie Mulvey and Jeri Mead.

In God's Grace,

Becky Grover

SPPRC Chairperson

* WELCOME *
* KATHY MATTHEWS *
* SPUMC'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT *
* EMAIL: KMATTHEWS@STPAULUMC-LUSBY.ORG *
* PHONE: 410-326-4475 x11 *
* THERE IS NO MISTAKING. KATHY WAS SENT *
* TO US FROM GOD. *

CALVERT CRISIS RESPONSE

Beth Rogers,

Calvert County Behavioral Health's Calvert Crisis Response is available 24/7 to provide behavioral health services and immediate opioid treatment at no cost. Our Mobile Crisis Team (MCT), a component of Calvert Crisis Response, consists of a medical provider, a counselor, and a peer recovery specialist who are dedicated to providing you with the resources and help you need. Our extensive coordination with local partners and agencies in Calvert County allows us to help streamline access to the best comprehensive care to begin the journey of recovery.

If you or someone you know is in need of urgent substance use or mental health treatment, contact Calvert County Behavioral Health's Calvert Crisis Response team. Our Mobile Crisis Team has the ability to respond to locations within Calvert County. Call us 24/7 at 1-877-467-5628.

SERIOUS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED

More than 7,200 legal migrants have been bussed to Union Station in Washington, D.C.

They arrive with only one plastic bag for their belongings.

Capitol Hill UMC is one of six faith communities within walking distance to Union Station.

Just \$25 will provide a night in a shelter, a shower and meal for one person.

Donate Now →

Text MIGRANT to (410) 220-2402

Give online at bwcumc.org/migrantcrisisdonations

Mail a check made payable to "BWC Treasurer" with "migrant" in the memo field to the BWC Mission Center, ATTN: Dr. Emma Escobar.



ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Missy Lauber, Evangelism

Our Annual Trunk or Treat is October 29th 3-5 p.m. Rain or Shine!

If it rains, we'll set up in the Activity Center.

Sign-ups for those willing to donate candy and/or decorate a trunk will go up September 18th.

Please consider helping pass on God's love to our community by helping with this event. Questions, please contact

Missy Lauber

mmlauber13@gmail.com or

240-216-9014

Office Contacts & Information

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OFFICE PHONE: 410.326.4475

"SMILE" Food Pantry Donations

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



Finance Update

St. Paul UMC Finances as of 30 June 2022

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 158,287.33	\$206,751.40	\$410,241.85	38.6%
Expenses	\$180,642.47	\$204,116.92	\$410,241.85	44.0%

The St. Paul UMC congregations has graciously made an additional \$20,659.17 in benevolent (restricted giving) to benefit the ministries, missions and those in need in 2022.

Current Month (June)	Actual	Budget	Variance (better / worse)	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 23,472.72	\$ 34,298.40	(\$10,825.68)	-31.6%
Expenses	\$31,717.84	\$ 38,979.54	\$7,261.70	18.6%

Reminder for Committee Chairs: 2023 Budget requests are due by October 1st.

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Volunteer with Care Net SoMD and make a difference!

TRAINING DATES (TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS):
OCTOBER 4 THROUGH OCTOBER 27

Morning Sessions:
9 am - 12:30 pm
• Prince Frederick Center

Evening Sessions:
5:30 pm - 9 pm
• Lexington Park Center

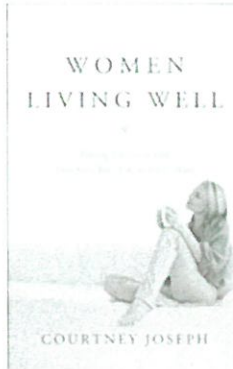
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301.737.4604 or 410.326.6866

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Your word
is a
lamp
to my feet
and a
light for my
path.
Psalm 119 vs. 105

WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENING
Bible Study & Discipleship
Upcoming Studies



Beginning Mid-September
Diane Schmidt will lead the study:

Ecclesiastes
"Wisdom for Living Well"
By, Courtney Joseph



ADVENT STUDY
Beginning Early Nov.

Lead by Carol Howard

The HEART
"THAT GREW THREE SIZES"
By Matt Rawle

FINDING FAITH IN THE STORY OF THE GRINCH

Our group has been meeting for a long time. Women have come and gone. Some have moved away, others come as the study topic interests them and some have other obligations on Monday. Whatever the reason; they as well as others are welcome to join our small group.

We meet in the church library Monday evenings at 6:45 and adjourn at 8:30.

For more information contact Debby Showalter, Becky Grover or Diane Schmidt

WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO WIN?

Any resident of Calvert County who pumps or upgrades their septic tank between the dates of Jan. 1, 2022 and Dec. 31, 2022.

WHEN'S THE DRAWING?

The drawing will be held at the January 2023 Environmental Commission meeting. Winners will be notified by letter.

WHAT CAN I WIN?

The most valuable prize for everyone... a cleaner Chesapeake Bay! By pumping or upgrading your septic tank, you also qualify to win:

\$500 FIRST PLACE PRIZE

Reimbursement of up to \$500 for the tank pump out or upgrade.

OTHER PRIZES

Gift certificates from local establishments and free passes to county recreational facilities.



2022 EVENT SPONSORS

- Calvert County Board of County Commissioners
- Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning
- Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation
- Calvert County Natural Resources Division
- Calvert County Environmental Commission
- Lusby Hardware
- Dream Weaver Cafe
- Calvert Marine Museum



To find out more about the Calvert County Environmental Commission visit www.calvertcountymd.gov/Environmental




WHY "PUMP FOR THE BAY?"

Too much of the nutrient nitrogen is polluting the Chesapeake Bay, Patuxent River and Solomons Harbor. This nitrogen increases the growth of algae. Algae clouds the water and prevents sunlight from reaching the rooted aquatic plants necessary for a healthy bay. When algae die, the decomposition process uses up oxygen that fish, crabs and other marine life need to live. Together, these factors create poor water quality and low oxygen "dead zones."

We all use the water in Calvert County - we swim, sail, fish, catch crabs, use motorboats and more. It's important to keep our water clean because a healthy bay means a healthy Calvert County!



WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH MY SEPTIC TANK?

Septic systems contribute up to 25% of the excess nitrogen in Solomons Harbor. Even when operating properly, conventional septic tanks remove only about 10% of the nitrogen in the effluent that flows from the tank into the drain field. The rest can get into the groundwater and eventually enter the bay. You can help reduce this nitrogen pollution by pumping your septic tank every two to three years or upgrading to a more efficient system that converts 50-75% of the nitrogen in the effluent to a gas and then vents it harmlessly to the atmosphere.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME TO PUMP OR UPGRADE?

- You will help clean up Calvert County waterways.
- There will be better habitat for fish and crabs.
- You could win money to offset the cost of pumping/upgrading your septic tank.
- You could win prizes and gift certificates donated by local businesses that care about the bay.
- By pumping your septic tank more frequently, you can avoid the high cost of repairing a failed septic system.

HOW DO I ENTER?

Upgrade to a nitrogen-removing tank with a Bay Restoration Fund Grant (call 410-535-3922 for more information) or hire a company to pump out your septic tank.

Send a copy of your paid bill/receipt along with the entry form below to:

"Pump for the Bay" Contest
Department of Planning & Zoning
205 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Entries must be received by the Department of Planning & Zoning no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about this program?

By initialing below I consent to the release of my name should I win. *Please initial below.*

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6pm Trustees	2 8pm AA	3
4 9 am Traditional Service 10 am Adult SS 10 am Children SS 11 am Contemporary Service	5 Labor Day Office Closed 6:45 pm Bible Study	6 9 am HeartFELT 7 pm BS Troop #451	7 6:15 pm Praise Band 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 AA	8 5:30 pm Finance 6:30 pm Council	9 Office Closes at Noon 8 pm AA	10
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