

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

September 2023



Greetings, St. Paul UMC friends and family!

I hope you are doing well.

This month, I want to share my message to the 'Wind in our sails' participants on 8/19, 2023.

Good morning! Welcome to you all! I read an article about a shipyard.

There's a famous shipyard in Barcelona, Spain, over a thousand years of history. It has a tradition. They make a model of a ship they build and exhibit in the shipyard. They have more than 100,000 model ships, each with an inscription of its history.

And on the model ship "Spanish Princess," the note reads. "During its 50 years at sea, this ship encountered glaciers 11 times, was robbed by pirates six times, collided with other ships nine times, and broke down and ran aground 21 times." And on the far wall of the exhibit is a brief history of the ships that have been built at the shipyard over the past 1,000 years. "Of the 100,000 ships that have left our yards, 6,000 have sunk, 9,000 have been so badly damaged that they never sailed again, and 60,000 have suffered more than 20 major disasters. There was not a single ship that went to sea unscathed."

We gather this morning for the sake of the St. Paul United Methodist Church. As we went through the Pandemic and disaffiliation agenda, we got scratched whether we liked it. Maybe some of you feel like we got shipwrecked.

First, I want to say, 'Good job, good and faithful servants of God's St. Paul United Methodist Church, as I quote Matthew 25:23. It was hard. It was like driving through a heavy storm. But let me tell you. You made it. You made it this far. However, we don't stop here. Our spiritual journey is not finished yet. We must go on because God is alive and still calls us to continue caring for the people in the world.

The Catholic church mentions that the church is that bark which, in the full sail of the Lord's cross, by the breath of the Holy Spirit, navigates safely in this world. I like the phrase, "navigates in the world by the breath of the Holy Spirit." So, what makes the church the church is the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam and Eve to make them living beings, the church becomes life when the Holy Spirit animates it. It means that the Holy Spirit gives us new dreams, helps us start new things, and propels us to continue doing it in a creative way.

The wind blows not the same way all the time. It changes its direction, speed, and sometimes it stops and waits. Jesus said that the wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit (Matthew 3:8). God's Spirit moves like the wind, not knowing which way it will go. Then, what do we need to do? Just sit there and don't care? Christians must be like weather forecasters who listen to and analyze the wind. Christians must be sensitive to which way God is moving and how to respond to that wind. Christians must listen to God's purpose and calling. It's not free or easy. We won't repeat what we have done. We don't cling to our traditions. We have a great history and tradition but don't always stick with it. We move on with the Holy Spirit.

We gather this morning to hear, listen and respond to God's Spirit, God's wind. Let us open our hearts, ears, and minds to God and each other. God will blow God's wind when we share, pray, and work together. Let's move on as we remember the wisdom of our ancestors. Proverbs 16:9 says, "The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps."

Let us pray: Oh loving God, we feel we are lost, scratched even shipwrecked many times. However, thank you for helping us to look to you and listen to your voice of the Spirit. It gives us faith, strength, and courage to move on. Thank you for telling us that it's time to let go of the trappings and go where the Holy Spirit leads. Lord, give us the courage and strength to do what you have commanded. Bless us who gather here, fill us with your Spirit, and lead us in your way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

May God bless you all!

From Rev. Myungha Baek



Rev. David S. Showalter

The summer has seen “The Uprising!” combining fun, service, witness and learning as is our typical pattern. We shared our witness publicly through helping the littles at VBS and through a youth evangelism/outreach activity called “Couch Me If U Can.” This particular event had us greeting people on Solomon’s Island boardwalk, introducing ourselves (as “St. Paul UMC Uprising! Uth group), inviting them to take a picture with us on one of our love seats we hauled there from The Zone, thanking them, and giving them a note of “Thanks” which read “Thank U for making our ‘Couch Me If U Can’ activity so much fun! We hope it was fun for you and reminded you of how much God loves U! We wish all God’s Very Best 2&4 U from St. Paul UMC “Uprising! Youth!”

We did some “outside the box” learning via our trip to Museum of the Bible where we interacted with “in character” actors in Nazareth, “walked through” the Old Testament story of God’s choosing, deliverance and faithfulness to His nation Israel, “flew” to the historic sites and places of government that cite Biblical guidance and instruction and also to sites in the Holy Land, and took part in interactive activities that showed us how science and the Bible are linked.

Of course, we melded witness, service and learning with fun, as we always do, in the previous activities. We took our witness to a fully fun setting in our next endeavor as we make our annual “pre-re-entry-into-a-new-school-year trip” to Kings Dominion in about a week. We may be able to squeeze one more fun activity in before we end summer with a “look-back-to-look-ahead” theme in further preparing us for “re-entry” into our new school year as children of and witnesses for God.

Pastor Baek and Youth Pastor Dave are continuing to work together in the turnover of St. Paul Youth Ministry stewardship to whomever God chooses to serve next in that leadership capacity.

We are progressing nicely and will have it complete by August’s end. St. Paul’s next youth

minister/leader will have several welcoming, well-designed youth spaces, many physical resources, and a decade-worth of lessons appropriate for edit and use from which to choose and utilize.

Pastor Dave and Miss Debby wish to thank all of St. Paul for all your love and support of our St. Paul Uprising! Youth and of our ministry to/for/with/through them over the past 35 years, to SPPRC and those who organized the celebration, and to everyone for the kindnesses extended around and during our celebration. We will miss you all and, as we leave the St. Paul family, we ask your prayers for God's will in finding the next place of worship and service for us as we "trust Jesus for our every next step." We love and will miss you all! Praises to God from Whom all blessings flow!

Youth Pastor Dave

Children and Youth Leader Report
Sherry Mervine, Leader

Hello St. Paul Family,

To those of you who may not know me, my name is Sherry Mervine and I have been chosen to be the Children and Youth Leader for St. Paul UMC. I have been attending St. Paul's UMC for over 18 years and am the current music minister/pianist and choir director for the 9AM worship service. I was a previous SPUMC VBS director for five years and will be celebrating my 29th year as a vocal teacher as we enter the new 2023-24 school year. In the past I served as a PTA officer for both Appeal Elementary (before it became PAC) and Southern Middle School in the roles of President/Vice President or Treasurer. I also served as the Calvert Countywide PTA Treasurer and President for a total of 5 years in addition to being an active scouting leader in Calvert County for over 12 years.

I have dedicated my life to serving the needs of children and young adults in my classroom and in my community. I strive to help them grow in moral character, build self-esteem and confidence, increase local/global society awareness and demonstrate courage as they explore their interests and talents to start on their path for life goals.

It is my pleasure to be able to refine and refocus my teaching skills to help the children and youth of St. Paul create a strong relationship with God. With the assistance of parents and members of the family of God, I look forward to establishing a team to strengthen our existing programs and inspire more community members to join with us on a renewed faith in action journey for our youngest disciples and their caregivers.

This ministry needs your help! There is a task for every talent and hand ready to assist. In keeping with our Roman lessons, “⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.” (Rom 12 6-8)

Please reach out to me at my new email address: cyleader@stpaulumc-lusby.org with ideas to share or a willingness to volunteer to grow this outreach.

May your Joy be full. Yours in Christ,
Ms. Sherry

Upcoming Events:

- 9/10 Uth Uprising Meeting (6-8PM)
- 9/17 Uth at Artsfest event (Time: TBD)
- 9/24 Children and Uth Kickoff Event-
Family Fiesta of Faith and Fellowship
(See Bulletin/Weekly announcements for more details)
- 10/1 Uth Uprising Meeting (6-8PM)
- 10/8 Uth Event TBD
- 10/15 Uth Uprising Meeting (6-8PM)
- 10/22 NO MEETING
- 10/28 Trunk or Treat EVENT for ALL



August 10, 2023, Church Council Committee Reports

Evangelism-Missy Lauber

Save the date for October 28th from 1-3 for our annual Trunk or Treat.

Finance Committee-Karen D Hill

July Update:

2023 Expense Budget is available upon request.

Operating Expenses in July included: VBS Expenses and routine Operating Expenses. Kathy and Cindy completed the Conference Fund reports and other annual filings.

The Finance Committee continues to discuss areas for cost savings in relation to the Operating Expenses. Year to date Expenses is higher than Unrestricted Income (see information below)

Reminder: Tax Exemption Certificate – available from Church Office for qualifying purchases. Encourage reporting of expenses and requests for reimbursement be made in a timely manner.

St. Paul UMC Finances as of 31 July 2023

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 180,265.36	\$233,170.37	\$399,519.35	45.1%
Expenses	\$ 221,875.15	\$235,084.10	\$399,519.35	55.5%

The St. Paul UMC congregations has graciously made an additional \$16,779 in benevolent (restricted giving) to benefit the ministries, missions and those in need in 2023.

Current Month (July)	Actual	Budget	Variance (better / worse)	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 23,531.90	\$ 31,490.59	(\$7,958.69)	-25.3%
Expenses	\$ 31,088.88	\$ 38,459.85	\$7,370.97	19.2%

Worship Committee Report- Susan Kennedy Chair

- July Attendance:
 - 9:00 – Average 49
 - 11:00 – Average 23
- Worship:
 - We had the Book of Romans in July.
 - Received New member on 7/9, 9 am.

3. August:
Will receive new member on 8/13, 9 am.
Will have backpack blessings on 8/27.

Upcoming

Next Meeting is Sunday, October 15.



Sunday School-Susan Baker

Positive points: Thankful for Dave Turner and Dave and Debby Showalter's faithful service to our Lord as Sunday School teachers for many years here at St. Paul. They will be greatly missed come September, we are thankful for Joan Sampson's willingness as our Adult Sunday School facilitator and those who attend. Another positive was having the Mack's grandsons visit Elementary Sunday School.

Sunday School has a big Praise God for the blessing of answered prayers. Most of the teacher/facilitator positions that were open have been filled. Thank you so much to those who answered the call and those who are faithful prayer warriors. I can't wait to see who will help with rotations in the adult class. God's work is exciting. Let's keep our eyes and ears open to see and hear what He will keep doing here in the Sunday School and elsewhere in St. Paul. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow". (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Class Reports: The adult class has an average attendance of 2-3 participants with 1 facilitator/teacher for the month of July. The discussions have continued on "Wesley's 22 Questions". The High School class had an average attendance of 3- 4 students with 3 adult teachers. Vacations did alter things a little but when in attendance numbers were about the same. The elementary class has 1 student attending regularly with 2 teachers. We continue to use the Dig In lessons 'Life of Jesus' by Group. Dave Turner will not be a teacher for the class after August 27.

Requests: Please continue to pray daily for our Sunday School Ministry as God guides you. Also continue to consider your participation in a class as a teacher / facilitator, student or helper. You can reach me by calling or texting 410 474 3896. I would be happy to work with you whatever time you can offer this ministry.

Thank you to all those who help make the Sunday School Ministry possible by praying, participating, and teaching. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Lay Leader-Donna House

August 6th was a wonderful celebration for the ministry of 35 years of Pastor Dave and Debby Showalter. Over 140 people came out for the combined service in the Christian Life Center. It was a homecoming and so wonderful to fellowship with members who had moved on

and to see the huge number of lives touched by the “Uth” ministry. “Thank You” is just not enough for Dave and Debby’s ministry to the youth and beyond of St. Paul UMC.

Many hands came together to make this a special day and special kudos to:

- Sherry Mervine for coordinating the music and the combined choir
- Kyle Kackley for leading the celebration and spreading the word to those to attend
- Stacie Kackley and Colleen Lane for coordinating the potluck luncheon
- Beckie Grover for beginning the celebration with the history of Pastor Dave and Debby’s 35 years and presenting them with a gift from the church
- Jackie Mulvey for the slideshow of hundreds of pictures from the last 35 years
- Barb Miller for the decorations and personal touches
- Pastor Baek and Kathy Matthews for all their behind the scenes coordination
- Boomerang’s for their generous donation of pulled pork sandwiches
- All who helped with the record-breaking transition after the combined service and the clean-up

Please keep the youth ministry in your prayers as we move into the next chapter at St. Paul UMC.

I am very excited for the upcoming “Wind in our Sails” church planning meeting on August 19th from 9:00 to 3:00 pm in the Christian Life Center. We will begin with a congregational time of fellowship, meditation and then celebrating the current ministries of St. Paul and ideas for the future. Everyone will have a voice. In the afternoon, we want you to help us “Set the Sails” of where God will be leading us in the future. Please be sure to RSVP so that we will have enough for the continental breakfast and lunch.

On July 22nd, Pastor Baek officiated the marriage of Scott and Jackie McClelland at St. Paul UMC. We wish them many years of happiness and love.

Staff Pastor/Parish Relations Committee-Becky Grover

Thank you to everyone who made the retirement celebration for Pastor Dave a success. Special thanks to those who served on the organizational committee for the event. Pastor Dave’s final day will be August 31, 2023. At that time, he will be following United Methodist policy leaving St. Paul UMC. He clearly stated the policy at the Celebration, and you will see this in print in the near future. This is a difficult thing to wrap our arms around, but I ask Council members to stand behind the UMC policy in your conversations. Debby is not bound by the policy but has chosen to follow along.

As the time for Church Conference nears, the SPRC will be working on the pastor compensation package.

We celebrate Kathy Matthews’ completion of one year serving as staff Administrative Assistant, here at SPUMC.

SPUMPS Susan Quisenberry, Director

Full time & Part-time slots available for SPUMPS 2023/2024 school year.

Contact SPUMPS at 410-326-3615 or spumps07@yahoo.com

Please share with others who may be interested.

Thank you.

Save the Date!

Trunk-or-Treat

Date: 10/28/23

Time: 1-3pm



Come and show God's love to our community by decorating your trunk and passing candy and the peace of Christ to our children!

Contact Missy Lauber at mlauber13@gmail.com

or the church office to sign up.

WANTED- Children's Message Volunteers

This is YOUR invitation to help share God's love with our youngsters during our worship services. There are 3 options for this ministry:

Provide a recording for both 9 and 11 o'clock services

Deliver the message in person for both services

Record for one service and deliver the message in person for the other service

Currently we are rotating about once a month, but we'll be happy to work around your schedule. Please consider the possibilities this ministry will provide for you as well as the benefits to our children. RSVP to Carol for information at 301-672-5129.

Scripture Readers

Do you love to read God's word? How about sharing your love with the St. Paul congregation! If you are interested, please email Susan Kennedy at sqkennedy@aol.com to sign up. You can read in person or send in a recorded version to Pastor. Your obligation would be once or twice in a two-month period.

Susan Kennedy
Worship Committee Chair

Hi SMILE Volunteers,

Thank you to all who volunteer with us. We are always in need of good, reliable volunteers. We especially need strong volunteers who can help move boxes and larger donated items. If you know of others who would be interested in sharing their time and talents with our ministry, please pass on our information below.

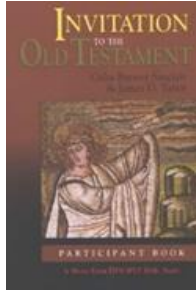
Contact Barb Pudio at 443-684-9031 or
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"SMILE" FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

Welcome Sherry Mervine to the staff of SPUMC. Sherry has accepted the new position of Children and Youth Leader. Please pray for this ministry and give her your support.

The hot Summer days will soon be ending. School vacation has ended for our children. It's time for adults to enter back into a time of learning. The Tuesday evening Bible Study will begin again on September 12. Each new study lesson brings a different group of people. In order to have enough books for everyone, please let us know if you will be joining us for the Old Testament study. You can contact Melvin (410-474-8867) or Becky Grover (410-474-8866) or just leave a note at the church office.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

WEEKLY on TUESDAY EVENINGS 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Library

This is a group of both **MEN and WOMEN** who gather to study **God's word**. During their study time they share and care for each other. There is no prerequisite of knowledge of the Bible. We all learn

Invitation to the Old Testament Study synopsis:

Explore the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many voices of the biblical text. Hear the magnificence of a Creation hymn, discover the law and wisdom teachings, listen to the warning of the prophets and explore the poetry of the Song of Solomon. Ideal experience for adults who are interested in the practice of prayer and worship and would like to connect prayer practice with Scripture. The study is accessible for adults with little prior Bible experience.

Participants gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament as an integral part of the Christian Bible and a renewed discovery of our identity in God and God's vision for all things.

Sessions:

1. The Making of the Hebrew Bible
2. The Creation Story of Israel
3. Out of Bondage
4. Promise and Problem in the Land
5. Israel Has a King
6. Division and the Rise of Prophecy
7. Exile and Response
8. Restoration and Renewal

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Zachary Cummings	9/01	Benjamin Mead	9/20
Terry Cave	9/03	Judith Sapic	9/20
Jim House	9/03	Martha Jefferson	9/21
Valerie Kund	9/04	Dean Batchelor	9/22
Barbie Ritter	9/04	David Campaigne	9/22
Grace Scott	9/04	Becky Grover	9/22
Jeff Radcliffe-Nelson	9/05	Shannon Morley	9/22
Chris Rogers	9/06	Rae Anne Turlington	9/22
Blaze Bowen	9/10	Susan Kennedy	9/26
Ryan Evans	9/10	Carol Howard	9/27
Alexis Smith	9/10	Tina Humphreys	9/27
Kathleen Mead	9/11	Theresa Smith	9/27
Jenna (Shippert) Martinez	9/13	Jerry Kackley	9/28
Jaxon Ebert	9/15	Ryan Niemi	9/28
Janice Beers	9/16	Cameron Benton	9/29
Nicholas Cave	9/19	Dawn Langley	9/30
Diane Schmidt	9/19	Mara Turner	9/30

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LOST AND FOUND

SPUMC has a “Lost and Found” basket stationed in the lobby of the Christian Life Center.

Contact Kathy at the church office if you have any questions.

Submissions for the October Messenger are due September 14.

Thank you



GIFT CARDS

Every Sunday, food cards for Giant and Weis are available to purchase in the CLC. This assists in our operating budget.



Children's Choir Starts
Sunday, September 24 at 10:05 a.m.
Children's Music Room in the
Christian Life Center

- Wednesday, September 6th Traditional Choir Rehearsals begin for the fall
@ 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary
- Praise Band Rehearsals for contemporary service remain Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m. Activity Center/CLC
Contact Rick Muldoon for more information: rick.muldoon@gmail.com
- Cantata "The Alpha and the Omega" Rehearsals begin: September 24th @ 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary
- Children's Sunday School Singing starts 9/24 @ 10:05-10:15 Children's music room



Wind in Our Sails / Setting Our Sails

St. Paul UMC held a congregational meeting “Wind in our Sails” on Saturday, August 19. Fifty people participated and provided input for our future ministries. Joys and hopes for our church were shared. We “Set Our Sails” for a trial of the following starting September 10th:

- Combined worship service at 9 a.m. with our congregation, choir, and praise band
- Fellowship coffee hour following worship in the CLC
- Monthly family fellowship activities (See our Family Fiesta of Faith & Fellowship flyer)
Sherry Mervine, Children & Youth Leader planned monthly events for the remainder of the year based on input received from our meeting.

Below are the Joys and Hopes shared by participants:

Joys

Worship Service

Pastor Baek- x 3

I enjoy the tradition and memories associated with the sanctuary and congregation members of not just today, but of the past as well.

The message every week

Sharing of our joys and concerns

Prayer and Praise

Pastor’s jokes

Enjoy Children’s message and scripture reading

Relaxed atmosphere of the Praise Band and the contemporary service – in the past has made the unchurched feel more comfortable.

Sharing the “PEACE” – x 2 – do more often 😊

Lectionary support is EXCELLENT

Joyful praise!

“Amen Corner”

I love our beautiful sanctuary where we got married.

Our heritage

I love how many people are involved in our services each week.

Music

Singing traditional songs

Traditional choir with challenging music and the cantata

The music – x 2

I love the 11:00 service. Please keep the music and the band.

The music program is a real joy, even through the ebb and flow of the past 30 years.

Praise band is awesome – x 3

Joys continued

The Praise band is a huge blessing in my life.

Congregation

Members are welcoming and loving to new attendees. All of you have been a blessing to me.

Warmth and kindness that fills the church welcomes all at every service and program.

I love how welcoming St. Paul Church is

Friendly

The love the members have for each other.

Working with the passionate Praise Team Members

Attending service , 9 am, and before worship starts everyone chats and says hello – very welcoming

Welcoming environment – x 3

Family

The people

Caring

Friendly and Caring

Evangelism

Zoom Capabilities

Our whole family has benefited from being members at SPUMC. This has allowed each of us to grow and learn in Christ.

Streaming Worship Services

Trunk or Treat

Feels like home and I am supported

Family Support

St. Paul Members DO step up and Show Up.

This church has become my family.

Welcoming and Supportive - x 2

Sunday School volunteers

St. Paul is very welcoming. I was welcomed and encouraged from my first service.

Many friendships – x 3

Fellowship - x 2

Safe

Caring for those who need support, help and encouragement

Missions

SMILE

All of our missions

Backpack ministry

Joys continued

Volunteering

Missions such as Rice and shoeboxes – gives me joy during participation

Baby bottles for Carenet

Allowed us to serve God through our service

HeartFELT provides food to students who need food over the weekend.

Small Groups

Bible Study is very important

Tuesday night Bible Study- x 3

Monday night Women's Bible Study

Youth Ministries

Youth ministries for all

Youth group brought my family here.

Throughout the past youth programs, St. Paul has been a safe, welcoming, non-judgmental place.

Hopes

Combined Service

- Combined services and music forms. -4
- Combine services. -1
- Combine service. -8
- Temporarily combine services Traditional/Contemporary. -3
- One service, we are wasting resources.
- More of an ensemble amongst both services for musical worship. Combine efforts between choir and praise band.
- Music depts could combine to form a united larger ensemble with more focus on working together. -1
- Multi-church music group with joint contemporary and special music events.
- Every 5th Sunday combined service potluck (youth do service)- 10

Evangelism/Activities

- Community Worship nights, community outreach, praise/activities/music nights to gain more young people. -1
- See our older youth mentor our younger ones (and their age too) in community projects.
- Regular group activity for young adults (20's and 30's) dinner, amusement parks, concerts. -1
- Summer sports camps.

Hopes continued

- Use music to help at events and perhaps raise money -2
- More special events-pot luck dinner/lunch Holiday related gatherings. -3
- Senior Luncheon- 2
- Quarterly meal/social events. -2
- Social community events: Taco Tuesdays, Spaghetti Dinners-2
- Bring monthly dinners back. – 2
- Activities: cards, board games, Trivial Pursuit
- Activities other than bible camps for kids
- Fellowship Hall is a viable place. -1
- Game night family/community. – 7
- More frequent fellowship to bring whole church together.
- Church picnic/carnival -1
- Super Bowl Party -1
- Offering social program electively on Saturday morning with possibly a breakfast or lunch for those interested in the local community. -1
- Regularly scheduled events for families and children—purposeful planning for Faith in Action.
- Mission Trips -1
- Seek out and support more United Methodist efforts. (Youth Events UMCOR, camping, etc.
- Better promotion/notification of church events to the community. -3
- Community impact targeted.
- Regain the service to youth which was a huge priority and success in years past. UMYF, Scouting, Confirmation, Sunday School... -3
- That God provides the resources required for St. Paul to meet the hopes we identify today!
- Church sponsored yard sale of contributions/gifts from church members. All funds go to St. Paul. -2
- Service to Community: Healthy diet and lifestyle events and support partners.
- Youth sports activities: continue providing more ?light? faith-based activities for youth outreach. (Skate nights, basketball...sports...etc. -2
- Open the Activity Center to Parks and Rec.
- I can arrange a supply of children’s books to be given out or taken by Sunday School (pre-school and elementary)
- Reach out to other churches (We used to have a relationship with Our Lady-Kids came to play basketball with our kids.)
- Use our facility for the community.
- Grow contemporary service attendance. -3

Hopes continued

- We need to continue to advertise 11:00 service. It would be wonderful to get those chairs filled up. -1
- Declare! (Lew carries God's request...) -3

Small Groups

- Hybrid classes: bible, bible history, archaeology, various church history, not just Methodist.
- Daytime small group, not necessarily Bible Study, "Faithful Friends Fellowship" -1

Congregation

- St. Paul to be welcoming to ALL persons, regardless of race, gender, identity, or sexual orientation -5
- Fill the current ministry holes. -1
- Sunday School
- We can reach out to new members and children for Sunday School-1
- Encourage more families with children. -2
- Growth-especially young families. -3
- Children!
- Increase a younger membership -1
- More singers -2

Technology

- Podcasts -2
- Leave services up on YouTube longer than 2 weeks. -3
- Offer in-ear monitors to those who would like them for a more personal message.
- More outreach to community to build our congregation via better communication methods-news communications, radio. -1

Worship

- Joys and concerns repeated.
- Healing service
- Communion at rail -1
- Putting a 2nd message of preaching on the 11am service not doing the same one in the morning 9am service. -1
- Incorporate traditional hymns and prayer instead of singing the Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed.

Other

- Church directory-2
- That we are able to take the warmth and kindness within our church out to the community to grow the church by example. Example: When using the Weis and Giant is a way to share about our church. Invite and share. -1
- Evangelism-help from an actually committee needed.

Hopes continued

- Church Resource Center/Library -2
- Someone to set altar at 11am service other than me.
- Better details in public calendar
- Increase financial stability -10
- Reduce fragrances
- Times for Sunday activities all back-to-back (2 services + SS)
- That God provides the resources required for St. Paul to meet the hopes we identify today



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