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St. Paul United Methodist Church
is a fellowship of believers
UNITED by god's love,
GUIDED by god's word,
EMPOWERED by god's grace, and
COMMITTED to sharing our faith in
Jesus Christ with everyone.

April 24, 2024



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Remember in Prayer: Della Armbrister, Jadrian Atkins, Roy Batchelor, Geneva Berry, Danny Bird, Maya Britt, Claude Brooks, J.T. Brooks, Pat Broyles, John Burgon, Sr., Pat Burns, Diana Burton, Clayta Bryant, William Byrd, Jackie Campbell, Lindsey Cardwell, Stan Carpenter, Brittany Carter, Ingrid Catron, Sherry Corvin, Granger Davis, Keith Dossett, George & Clara Farthing, Alfred Grace, Irene Hager, Anisa Hall, John Hammer, Nathaniel, Kayla, & Victoria Hammer, Jennifer Hart, Tom & Jenn Hodges, Buster Hounshell, Charlie Hubert, Debbie Flinchum Jackson, Keith & Debbie Johnson, Dwight Jones, Janet Jones, Al Kanner, Karen Karnei, Carol Cox Lynch, Danny McDaniel, Michael Melton, Mary Midkiff, John & Debbie Moody, C.D. Moore, Dave Moore, Mary Nichols, Larry & Darlene Ousley, Lynne Perry, Peg Phillips, George "Bud" Porter, Carol Ray, William Reagan, Wes Robinson, Candra Seaton, Sandy Shockley, Lilly Spondike, Kathy Stanley, Pres Stanley, David Starke, Alfred & Dianna Stephens, Cathy Stewart, Luke Taylor, Mary E. Turpin, Liz Udell, Patsye Underwood, Betty Wolford, Mary Jane Wysor.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and Christian love go to Susan Loomis Smith, David Elijah & Ally McKensy Smith in the death of Jane G. Loomis on Sunday, March 31, 2024.

Our sympathy and Christian love go to Betty Fox; Jerry & Leslie Fox Mabe, Fred & Jennifer Fox and family in the death of Jack Earl Fox.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dr. Robert "Bob" Karnei, Jr.:

Music Fund: Mark & Zella Dillon, St Paul Sanctuary Choir

Preschool: Anna Bush, Charlotte Orr

Sanctuary Audio/Visual: Jack & Clayta Bryant

In Memory of Jack Fox.:

Music Fund: St Paul Sanctuary Choir, Betty Billingsley, G.W. & Gail Catron, Mark & Zella Dillon, Jim & Brenda Watt, Bob & Alice Moore

Sanctuary Audio/Visual: Don & Sharon Alexander

In Memory of Jane Loomis.:

Maintenance Fund: G.W. & Gail Catron



PASTOR'S PEN – FEELING LOVED

Dear Beloved Community,

We are deeply touched by the love and warmth we feel from each one of you. It's a connection that transcends words, and we hold it dear to our hearts. We hope our actions and words have reflected this love, as we hold each of you dear as well.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the recent celebration. It was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication and talent of many individuals, particularly Sharon Alexander, whose organizational skills were pivotal in making everything come together seamlessly. I echo Sharon's sentiments expressed in this newsletter in acknowledging all those who played a part in making the celebration truly meaningful.

The Sunday morning all-music services were exceptional, thanks to the efforts of primary leaders like Rohna, Lynne, Leslie, Zella, and all who devoted their time and talents. Your contributions not only made these events outstanding but also reflected the essence of Saint Paul.

During our time as your Interim Pastor, we have grown not only fond of each of you but have also developed a deep love for the entire church community. The blessings we receive through our interactions are a testament to the strength and beauty of our unity.

Looking forward, we are hopeful to remain part of Saint Paul UMC as members beyond our interim role. We are excited about the arrival of Rev. Misti McCreary and her family, believing that she will lead us into a wonderful new chapter. Let's embrace this transition with anticipation for the blessings that lie ahead under her guidance.

With love and gratitude,
Larry, Interim Pastor

2024

Attendance for Sunday
March & April
9:00 Son Light Worship 98, 125, 67, 76, 96
10:55 Worship 69, 126, 64, 62, 78
Sunday School 39, -, 16, 39, 7

Were You There? Did you Share? Budget Giving Received Worship Service and Sunday School						
Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Budget
Mar 24	Mar 31	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	YTD	2024
\$5,966	\$11,343	\$7,065	\$1,927	\$9,666	\$119,271	\$344,611

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<https://stpaulumc.church>
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CLICK HERE *DONATIONS AND GIVING
- GIVE BY MONTHLY BANK DRAFT
Request form from church office 276-228-5539
- GIVE VIA CHURCH CENTER APP 
Available in app store

GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED IN MAY 26, 2024

2024 High School and College Graduates will be honored on May 26, 2024. Please email Cheryl Grubb, cheryl.grubb@stpaulumc.church with name of graduates, photo, name of high school or college, degree and plans for future, by May 15, 2024.



LARRY & DARLENE OUSLEY CELEBRATION – APRIL 21ST

Friends have said my mind never stops thinking up ideas. Some of those ideas, even some I was really excited about, end up in the idea graveyard. And some ideas become reality. Having an idea is not an accomplishment; making a good idea happen is.

Inspiration for ideas is all around us. Such was the case in creating a special event to honor our beloved Pastor Larry and Darlene. Sunday, April 21st, was a day when both the SonLight and Traditional Services planned full music programs. Why not continue the music theme to honor those who put a song back in our hearts? The task now was to bring this good idea to life. Some incredibly talented and selfless members of our church family did just that!

Sue Kidd and Betsy Ely filled Wesley Hall with beautiful and fragrant arrangements. Colorful signs depicting the Ousley's lives and interests added a festive flair and seating suggestion. Don Alexander's woodworking skills solved the need for displaying records and albums.

Cheryl Pugh, Chief Chef, worked tirelessly turning chaos into organization. Baking rolls, keeping casseroles hot, and tending to beverages kept her in the kitchen for most of the evening. Her lifelong partner, Mike, proved once again he is indispensable. In addition to Master of Ceremony duties, he brought us hot and scrumptious chicken tenders!

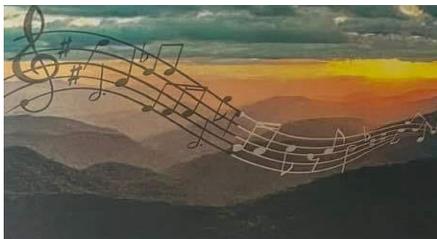
With Lynne Storms' assistance, Bill Kidd creatively engaged Larry and Darlene in a "This Is Your Life" presentation that encouraged them to respond to songs whose lyrics portrayed (perhaps loosely in some cases) some aspect of their lives. Bill's gift of words and connection to his audience made an unforgettable and humorous presentation.

Bev Hughes, Jeff Viniard, and Zella Dillon created and performed their version of "Darlene, Darlene." We laughed and loved it! Darlene and Larry, who were good sports throughout, loved it too!

The festivities began with David Dickens and his choir of younger SPYs setting the mood for a praise-worthy, joyful evening. They showed us that St. Paul's future is bright! Closing out the evening, David went to the mic to sing "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," a special song to Larry and meaningful to all of us. There were some tears.

Thank you to everyone who came and to all who helped in some way. Larry and Darlene experienced our love for them; we were all abundantly blessed.

Sharon Alexander



WCC CHOIR CONCERT

"Songs from the Blue Ridge" Cynthia Jackson, Director
Tina Wilcox & Brenda Wittwer, Pianists
Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm St Paul UMC

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT



Relay for Life of Wythe County 2024
Saturday, May 4, 2024
5 to 10 pm at Withers Park

Contact Misty Catron mistycatron@gmail.com

UMF MEETING



United
Women
in Faith

UMF meeting Monday, May 6, 2024 at 2 pm in Wesley Hall. Darlene Ousley will be doing the program, "Who Are Your People?" All women are invited.

CAMP DICKENSON SUMMER CAMP

All families who attend a New River District United Methodist Church are eligible for a \$100 discount.
New River District Code: SC2119423-RYFL

Camp Dickenson Children's Summer Camp discount through Saint Paul UMC is available again this year. We have "camperships" of \$50 discount for the first 6 campers registering for Camp Dickenson. Please contact church office for the code.

Open registration for summer camp 2024.

Visit www.campdickenson.com for more information and to register!

CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM



Rev. Darren Alexander
Retired Pastor Kevin Fiorini
Confirmation
Kingston Alexander
Piper Alexander
Parents Brian Alexander
Kathy Alexander



Pastor Larry Ousley, Retired Pastor Kevin Fiorini & Lay Leader Mike Pugh
Brayden McCroskey – Confirmation
Sophie McCroskey – Confirmation
Parents Scott McCroskey, Stephanie McCroskey
Claire Moses – Baptism & Confirmation
Parents Willie & Amy Moses

ALTAR GUILD SIGN-UP FOR 2024

Several members have expressed interest in placing the Altar flowers they purchased in both the SonLight and Traditional services. If you plan on doing this, please have your florist place the flowers in Wesley Hall and then you will be responsible for moving the flowers during Sunday School time from Wesley Hall to the main Sanctuary. Please note for both services on sign-up sheet.

Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside the church office to place flowers on the Altar for 2024. This is a great way for you to share in the beauty of our sanctuary on Sunday mornings and also an opportunity to remember or honor some special person in your life. Please check bulletin board for open dates.

SCHOOL SUNDAY INFORMATION

Sunday School: Classes meet at 10:00am on Sunday morning. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with others on a deeper level and to learn & grow in your faith. Feel free to drop by one of the following classes:

Lydia Class – This is a class for women of all ages who are interested in studying issues concerning today's women. (Room 203)

Discovery Class is a discussion-oriented class made up of singles and married couples with a diverse mix of ages, ranging from young adult to seniors. They are currently studying Phillip Yancey's book, "Vanishing Grace". (Room 202)

Friendship Class: This class is an adult bible study class that uses a variety of resources. They are getting ready to start their next study on Prayer. (Parlor, off the Narthex)

Children's Class: Children learn to know and walk in relationship with Jesus as well as learning the bible through stories & hands on activities. (Room 101)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please remember to update the church office with changes in mailing address, landline, email address and cell phone numbers by contacting Cheryl Grubb in the church office at 228-5539 or by email cheryl.grubb@stpaulumc.church

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