



The Spirit

Monthly Newsletter | St Paul United Methodist Church | January 2023

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"Making Plans"

by Emery Mason

We begin a new year. We have hopes and dreams. We plan and make resolutions. We hope for good new beginnings and in some instances, we look forward to wiping the slate clean and having a fresh start. This attitude touches on every area of life.

As a pastor I find myself thinking of the spiritual aspect of all of this. I lead by encouraging the church to consider the new year and how we might, as a church, be even more of what God intends for us to be. We plan new ministries, relaunch of old ones, and prayerfully ask how we can be faithful to God. How about you? Are you making plans for your spiritual journey? How will you turn towards the loving God who is already turned towards you?

A New Year's Plan by Mary Fairchild

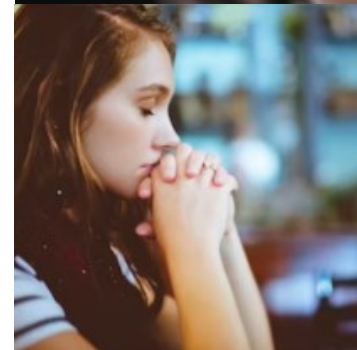
I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back, caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything—all that I am.



Meetings this month

Meetings

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| 10:00 a.m. Tues., Jan. 10 | Women in Faith Meeting |
| 5:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 12 | Trustees Meeting |
| 5:30 p.m. Tues., Jan. 17 | Finance Committee |
| 11:00 a.m. Wed., Jan. 18 | Learning Tree Board Mtg |
| 5:30 p.m. Mon., Jan 23 | Church Council Meeting |

Ministries

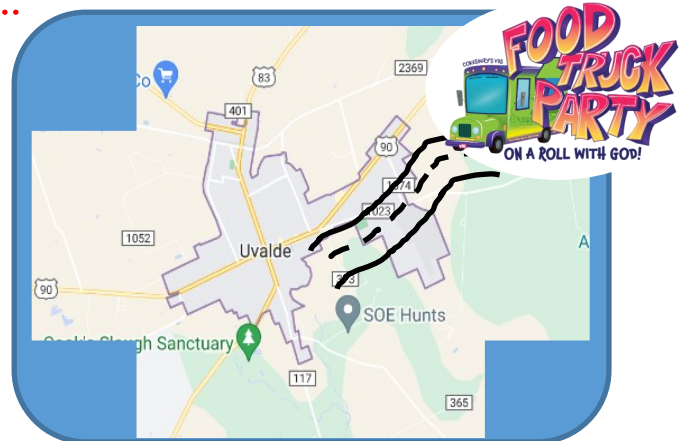
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| 5:30 p.m. Tues., Jan. 2 | Bridges Out of Poverty* |
| 10:00 a.m. Wed., Jan. 4 | Backpack Ministry |
| 6:00 p.m. Wed., Jan. 4 | Youth Group* |
| 7:00 p.m. Wed., Jan. 4 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal* |
| 10:00 a.m. Thurs., Jan. 5 | Ladies Handbell Choir* |
| 10:00 a.m. Wed., Jan. 18 | Backpack Ministry |

** Meetings are weekly.*

Missions

Mission Trip - Uvalde, TX January 12-16, 2023

Jim & Susan Thompson
Betsy Kennedy Kathy Eskridge
Jennifer Neely Aislyn Hensley



Pray for our friends that are a part of the mission team traveling to Uvalde, TX. They will be helping with VBS Food Truck Party for the community. Pray for their travel, health, safety, and that their efforts are blessed by God as they reach out to the community with His Love.

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Church Community



Confirmation Class for Youth begin in February.

Emery and Barbara will be co-teaching Confirmation classes, which are about basic Christian beliefs and the United Methodist Church. The classes are intended for students in 6th grade and up. Those who complete the classes will have the opportunity to become full members of the church if they wish. The classes will meet weekly at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays starting February 8. If you are interested in your child attending or would like more information please contact Barbara at 918-840-0104 by January 27.



All events/meetings are to be scheduled through the church office 918-687-7571

**Kathryn Lathim
College Scholarship**



Church members who are college students may apply for the Kathryn Lathim Scholarship. Applications are in the church office, and are due back by Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

**Looking for an exciting Sunday School class?
Come visit New Life SS at 10:00 a.m. upstairs.**

Roger Hilfiger started his series on The Story of the Bible. He gave an overview and will begin January 8, with the first lesson.

Emery Mason will teach for 4 weeks in February on Church Growth.

Then, Ron and/or Robbie will teach our class for a few months. YEA!

It's a GREAT time to be in Sunday School!!

Shedding of the Greens

This Sunday, January 8, everyone is invited to help take down the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary, Rowsey Chapel, and the Atrium. The process will begin after the 11:00 a.m. service. No one will go hungry because we will order pizza and have it available in the parlor. Everything should be down within two hours. It will be a great time of fellowship and strengthening our congregational bond.



Learning Tree Preschool

2 to 4 years old

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mon / Wed / Fri

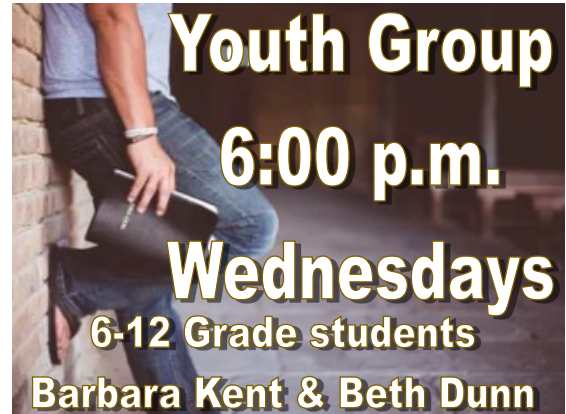
**Applications in the Atrium
or on the church website**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

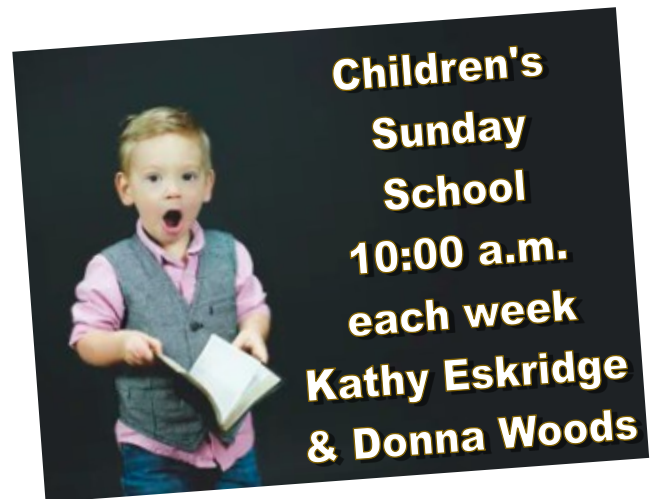
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| 1/01 Rick Clovis | 1/14 Jean Gile |
| 1/03 Joe Foster | 1/15 Chris Garrison |
| 1/03 Lillian VanHauen | 1/15 Earl VanHauen |
| 1/05 Ed Gage | 1/16 Mark Goodspeed |
| 1/05 Tracey Szabo | 1/16 P.J. Rogers |
| 1/06 Ann Davis | 1/16 Sue Vanderford |
| 1/06 Jean Shuman | 1/16 Steven Wallis |
| 1/06 Bonnie Dunkelberger | 1/17 Shannon Evans |
| 1/07 Mallie Dickman | 1/20 Jetton Hodge |
| 1/07 Bhavani Indu | 1/21 Lena Morris |
| 1/07 Julie Roberts | 1/23 Cheryl Jackson-Nelson |
| 1/08 Michele Seymour | 1/23 Ben Robinson |
| 1/09 Sheena Underwood | 1/23 Bill Southwick |
| 1/11 Johnny Broome | 1/28 Alex Wallace |
| 1/11 Toni Monroe | 1/29 Katey Sherrick |
| 1/12 Cleon McClain | 1/30 Jo Gibbs |

Happy Anniversary

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| 1/11 | Ed & Pam Johnson |
| 1/14 | Sam & Pennie Bennett |
| 1/27 | Martin & Ineta Bebb |
| 1/31 | David & Krinna Hix |



Church Offices
Closed on
Monday, Jan. 16



SP PRAYER LIST

(Please contact the church office to add or update a prayer request. Requests are on a 6-week rotation.)


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| David Jones | Jim Payne | Jamie Hibbs | Debbie Tucker | Bob Pruden |
| Don Reed | Bob Roberts | James Baker | Gary Garrison | Greg Freeman |
| Becky Hearon | Sidney Daniels | | | |

We lift up the family of **Diane Beach** at the passing of her father, Art Sanders. May God's peace be with you.

Nursing Home/Homebound: Susan Auten, Doreen Causon, Frank Werntz, April Felts, Kay Jones, Joan Murray-Hogan, Marilyn Synnestvedt, Mardi Mose, Bill Southwick

Armed Forces: Vann Beard, Trenton Cox, Matthew Hamilton, Tyler Hinds, Cale Hughes, Ashley Lampe, Jeffrey Laughlin, Steven Mashburn

JANUARY

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 COMMUNION SERVICE Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary 10:00 AM Sunday School | 2 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool | 3 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty | 4 10:00 a.m. Backpack Ministry - Weight Rm 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir | 5 10:00 a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir Reh. | 6 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool | 7 |
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Weekly at St. Paul:

Sunday:

AM 9:00 Worship—Sanctuary
10:00 Sunday School for everyone!
11:00 Worship—Sanctuary

Monday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
9:00 Learning Tree Preschool
10:15 Staff Meeting
PM 6:30 Donut Hole Group (AA)

Tuesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
PM 12:00 Al-Anon

Wednesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
9:00 Learning Tree Preschool
PM 6:00 Youth Group
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
10:00 Ladies Handbell Choir Rehearsal
PM 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only
6:30 Good Shepherd Clinic

Friday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
9:00 Learning Tree Preschool

Saturday:

AM 9:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
PM 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday-Thursday
Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



Church Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. Mon., Jan. 24 Meet in the Parlor



St. Paul has a great resource *FREE* to you!

This **FREE** resource is just an email away! Email Joanne at the church office and she will send you a link to access **rightnow MEDIA**. The App can be downloaded onto your phone or tablet.

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Full-Time Custodian Job Opening Applications in the Church Office

We're looking for a new team member to be a part of St. Paul. If you know of someone looking for a good job with great people, send them our way! Thank you.



Sunday Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Ushers

- Jan. 1:** Virgil Rose, Ben Robinson
Jan. 8: Marilyn Gilder, Jo Gibbs
Jan. 15: Omar Reed, Kermit Lyday
Jan. 22: Christina Booher, Judy Hoffman
Jan. 29: Bob & Bonnie Dunkelberger

- | Greeters: | 9:45 a.m. | 10:45 a.m. |
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| Jan. 1: | Ray Griffin | Ed/Pam Johnson |
| Jan. 8: | Ted Hine | Gary & Linda Garrison |
| Jan. 15: | Judy Hoffman | Billie Flinn |
| Jan. 23: | Clarence Mayberry | Kermit Lyday |
| Jan. 29: | Virgil Rose | |

11:00 a.m. Ushers

- Jan. 1:** Weldon Key, Ed Johnson, Robert Hall, Mike Pierceall, Ted Hine
Jan 8: Eric Elgin, Don Elgin, Roy Flinn, Michael Blakeslee
Jan 15: Johnny Broome, Bob Woods, Scott & Sam Hensley, Jim Neely
Jan. 22: Ron Wright, Todd Graybill, Bill Settle, John Griffin
Jan. 29: Tracey Szabo, Rachael Ritchie, Erin Goss, Jenee' Hensley

Sound Board:

Doug Hendricks, Don Anderson, Dennis & Jeanne Hendricks
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Altar Flowers:

To the Glory of God and in; honor/memory of. . .

- Jan. 1:** Weldon & Barbara Key, in memory of Barbara's parents, Arnel & Louise Walden.
Jan. 8: Charlene Pruden, in loving memory of Booker Pruden.
Jan. 15: Janey Boydston, in memory of Max Boydston
Jan. 22:
Jan. 29: Ray Griffin, in loving memory of Nancy Griffin on her birthday, February 4.

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