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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.

July 25, 2025



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Remember in Prayer: Della Armbrister, Jadrian Atkins, Noah Atwood, Shannon Ball, Roy Batchelor, Nancy Bean, Geneva Berry, Wilson Bethard, Danny Bird, Maya Britt, J.T. Brooks, Pat Broyles, John Burgon, Sr., Diana Burton, William Byrd, Jackie Campbell, Lindsey Cardwell, Stan Carpenter, Brittany Carter, Sherry Corvin, Granger Davis, Bob Dalton, Keith Dossett, George & Clara Farthing, Alfred Grace, Anisa Hall, Jennifer Hart, Buster Hounshell, Dwight Jones, Janet Jones, Al Kanner, Karen Karnei, Carol Cox Lynch, Danny McDaniel, Carolyn & Michael Melton, Mary Midkiff, John Moody, C.D. Moore, Dave Moore, Belle Neighbors, Lynne Perry, Peg Phillips, George “Bud” Porter, Carol Ray, William Reagan, Candra Seaton, Sandy Shockley, Lilly Spondike, Sharon Sowers, Fred Stanley, Kathy Stanley, David Starke, Cathy Stewart, Luke Taylor, Mary E. Turpin, Liz Udell, Patsye Underwood, Betty Wolford, Mary Jane Wysor, Steve Young..

PASTOR’S PEN



Happy August to you St Paul!!

I want to bring you exciting news. As part of the onboarding process for new pastors, Holston Conference offers a visioning process for churches. This helps us focus on what is most important for our church in its mission to the community. Together, we develop our vision and mission statements along with our core values as a church. From these statements and values, we create a stronger structure for organizing our committees and teams to better serve Wytheville. This further helps us in shaping our ministries so that we do the most good.

Rev. Dr. Susan Arnold will be with us to guide us through the process that takes around six months and should start this fall. There will be forums that bring the entire church together to share concerns and callings that have been on our hearts so that we can focus on our mission. St Paul has gone through a similar process before and created a wonderful mission statement. We want to build on the work already done as we move into the future

to which God is calling us. I cannot wait to see how the Holy Spirit moves us and what God has in store for St Paul on a mission!

Blessings, Pastor Misti

	JULY NEWSLETTER										
WERE YOU THERE? DID YOU SHARE?								JULY			NEEDED
								through	YTD as of	2025 ANNUAL	THROUGH
	22-Jun	29-Jun	JuneYTD*	06-Jul	13-Jul	20-Jul		20-Jul	20-Jul	PLAN	EOY
Attendance											
Sunday School	21	24		30	22	11					
SonLight Worship	82	122		105	98	86					
Traditional Worship	69	62		68	60	89					
Total Worship Attendance	151	184		173	158	175					
Ministry Plan Offering Received	\$ 2,967	\$ 6,931		\$ 10,235	\$ 7,192	\$ 4,664					
			\$ 182,749					\$ 22,091	\$ 204,840.00	\$ 373,831	\$ 168,991.00



1. GIVE BY MAIL (Cash, Check)
330 Church Street, Wytheville, VA 24382
2. GIVE ONLINE (Debit, Credit, Draft)
<https://stpaulumc.church>
Donation button/link is on homepage – Giving tab
3. GIVE BY MONTHLY BANK DRAFT
Request form from church office 276-228-5539

4. PARTNER WITH US IN MINISTRY

Available in app store 

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Brenda Watt:
Operating Budget: Jo Carole Atkins

In Memory of Fred Starling:
Undesigned Funds: Tabor Methodist Church, The Cogdell Family
Sonlight Service: Chris & Norma Brown

UWF FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

The United Women in Faith had a very successful yard sale, we raised \$6,716 and also sent to Grace Point the items that were left over. The jewelry that was donated by Jeff and Kathy Sturgill accounted for a lot of the money that was raised. Also, we were able to use the Franklin house to showcase the jewelry. Now our mission continues to use this money to help others and to spread the love of God in all we do.

UWF PICNIC



Gail and GW Catron have graciously invited the United Women of Faith to their home for a picnic on Monday August 4th at 5:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish and feel free to invite a friend or two to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. I know it's early but we wanted to give everyone a heads-up so you can go ahead and add it to your calendars. We'll be getting a headcount as the date gets closer. Hope everyone can come.

Looking ahead we hope to have several guest speakers at our meetings so that we can learn more about the needs in the community. We will resume our meetings starting October the 6th.

Linda Fiorini, UWF President

END-OF-SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

A colorful poster for an end-of-summer ice cream social. The background is light blue with a pink wavy border at the top and bottom. There are four ice cream cones: one with pink ice cream and a cherry on top in the top right, one with pink ice cream and chocolate sauce in the middle left, one with vanilla ice cream in the bottom left, and one with pink ice cream and a cherry on top in the bottom right. There are also some small yellow and green plus signs scattered around.

**Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Fellowship
Bring a lawn chair or blanket.**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH AT 5 PM
Church Grounds**

**We will be looking for
New Faces. Old Faces.
New Friends. Old Friends**

We will be looking for YOU!

JUSTICE & MERCY – AUGUST PROJECT

Wythe County Schools will be back in session on August 12. According to Gretchen Robinson, WCPS Health Coordinator, over 40% of Wythe County students have a chronic health condition, not including obesity. School nurses stay extremely busy helping students manage asthma, type I diabetes, food allergies, seizure disorders, and more. System wide, nurses handle several thousands of visits each school year, and they need supplies to assist students effectively.

For the month of August, the Justice and Mercy Committee at St. Paul UMC is collecting items from the school nurse wish list. Please drop off your donations in the tote located under our Justice and Mercy bulletin board near the back entrance of the church. We appreciate your help!

Nurse Wish List

Snacks for diabetics, including:

Crackers
Gummies
Juice
Beef sticks

Alcohol wipes
Band-Aids
Liquid Motrin
Liquid Tylenol
Liquid Benadryl
Wound wash or hydrogen peroxide
Sandwich bags for ice packs

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ

Everyone Eats Wythe Us

Chef Prepared ● Served With Love

Give ● Eat

Hours 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Located in Wytheville, Virginia, Open Door Café is Southwest Virginia's First Donation-Based Community Café.

Operated by Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence (HOPE), Inc.
with support from The Wythe-Bland Foundation.

Our café provides chef prepared, wholesome lunches five days a week regardless of patrons' ability to pay. With your support there will be a day when we celebrate the end of hunger in our community.

Remember the Café when planning your next catering event.



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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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