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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.

March 21, 2024



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Remember in Prayer: Della Armbrister, Jadrian Atkins, Roy Batchelor, Geneva Berry, Danny Bird, Maya Britt, John & Gincy Brewster, Claude Brooks, J.T. Brooks, Pat Broyles, John Burgon, Sr., Pat Burns, Diana Burton, Clayta Bryant, William Byrd, Lindsey Cardwell, Stan Carpenter, Brittany Carter, Ingrid Catron, Sherry Corvin, Granger Davis, Keith Dossett, George & Clara Farthing, Alfred Grace, Rohna Harkless, 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, Debbie Moody, John 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.

PASTOR'S PEN



"Discover Your Spiritual Gifts: Answering God's Call to Serve"

As members of Saint Paul United Methodist Church, we are called to discern and utilize the spiritual gifts bestowed upon us by God. Reflecting on these gifts not only strengthens our connection to the divine but also empowers us to serve our community and the world at large.

As our church gears up to enhance existing ministries and introduce new opportunities for study, learning, and service, we invite each member to consider their unique calling. Perhaps you're being called to explore new avenues of service or to reaffirm your current commitments.

One invaluable resource to aid in this spiritual exploration is the Spiritual Gifts Inventory provided by the Discipleship Ministries of the UMC. This inventory assists in identifying and understanding the gifts God has entrusted to each of us, equipping us to fulfill our purpose in His kingdom.

By engaging in this reflective process, we not only deepen our spiritual connection but also enrich our commitment to serving both within our church and in the broader community. Whether it's through missions, outreach programs, or supporting existing ministries, each of us has a vital role to play in furthering God's work.

As we embark on this journey of self-discovery and discernment, let us open our hearts and minds to the calling of the Holy Spirit. Together, let us strengthen our commitment and investment in the ministries of St. Paul UMC, spreading God's love and light to all corners of the world.

Take the first step today in answering God's call to serve. Discover your spiritual gifts and let them guide you in making a meaningful difference in the lives of others and in the fulfillment of God's realm here on earth.

Blessings, Larry, Interim Pastor

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>



2024

Attendance for Sunday February and March
9:00 Son Light Worship 85, 84, 73, 78
10:55 Worship 63, 71, 66, 66
Sunday School 20, 34, 34, 34


Were You There? Did you Share? Budget Giving Received Worship Service and Sunday School						
Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Budget
Feb 25	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17		YTD	2024
\$6,950	\$7,601	\$7,160	\$4,840		\$83,304	\$344,611

PARTNER WITH US IN MINISTRY



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

CLICK HERE *DONATIONS AND GIVING

3. GIVE BY MONTHLY BANK DRAFT
Request form from church office 276-228-5539
4. GIVE VIA CHURCH CENTER APP 
Available in app store

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and Christian love go to Karen Karnei, Robert & Darcy Karnei, III, Craig & Kimberly Karnei Johnson, Christopher Lee Karnei. Marty & Susan Elizabeth Caporaletti, Michael & Kathleen Karnei Hammett and family in the death of Dr. Robert “Bob” Frederick Karnei, Jr. on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dr. Robert “Bob” Karnei, Jr.:

Preschool: Alfred & Marta Johnson, Jr., Al & Mary Copenhaver, Kenny & Sandy Ervin, Robert & Alice Moore, Gladys R Hudgens, Chris & Norma Brown, Virginia Whitaker, Curt & Jackie Campbell, Matt & Karen Farr, Patty Singleton
 Music Fund: Jim & Brenda Watt
 Sanctuary Audio/Visual: Don & Sharon Alexander
 Holston General Endowment Fund: Johnny & Sarah Beamer
 Maintenance Fund: G.W. & Gail Catron

CONNECT SURVEY 2024 RESULTS (63 RESPONDENTS)

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to the recent Connect Survey. Your valuable insights have provided our leadership teams with essential information as we plan for the future of our Church. We are pleased to share a summary of the survey results, highlighting what aspects of our journey together bring the most satisfaction, as well as areas where development is desired. Your feedback serves as a guiding light as we continue to nurture and enhance our ministries. Special thanks to Lynne Storms for creating this report.

We deeply appreciate the individual comments provided by members of our congregation. Though not included in the graphical report for brevity, rest assured that these comments are being carefully reviewed by our planning teams. Your perspectives and suggestions are invaluable as we chart the course for the future of St. Paul UMC.

We invite each member of our congregation to consider how they can contribute to the continued growth and effectiveness of our ministries. Whether through volunteering, participating in outreach initiatives, or offering your talents and ideas, there are countless ways to play a vital role in the life of our church. Together, let us embrace the opportunities before us and work collaboratively to nurture a thriving, inclusive, and impactful community at St. Paul UMC. Consider completing the Spiritual Gifts Inventory to explore how God may be calling you to serve in specific ways. (See article)

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GENERAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING

The Holston Conference Delegation and Invitation Team is currently working on pre-conference briefings for The United Methodist Church's General Conference. General Conference meets April 23 – May 3 in Charlotte, NC. The one for our district is Sunday, April 7th from 3 to 5 pm – Bluefield First UMC. Registration is encouraged to help the host Church plan.

<https://holston-reg.brtapp.com/GeneralConferencePreConferenceBr>



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The worship service and breakfast will be at Wytheville Baptist Church – John Langham, Speaker Wytheville Presbyterian Church
SonLight and Traditional Services will be held at normal times on Easter Sunday.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT



Relay for Life of Wythe County 2024
Saturday, May 4, 2024
Withers Park

Contact Misty Catron mistycatron@gmail.com

WELCOME – NEW MEMBERS JEFF & DR. MEGAN VINIARD



Jeff and Dr. Megan Viniard, joined Saint Paul on March 17, 2024, by transfer from the centenary UMC of Shelbyville Kentucky. They are already active in several ways. Jeff has a particular interest in helping to form a United Methodist Men's group.

Jeff and Megan moved to Wytheville in September 2022 by way of Hinton West Virginia, Gunnison Colorado, Shelbyville Kentucky, Elizabethtown Kentucky, Bedford Virginia, Watford City North Dakota, and Columbus Ohio. They fervently hope that's all the moving God has in store for them for a while.

Megan works as a veterinarian for several clinics in Southwest Virginia, and Jeff does data mapping and analysis for public utilities. They have a Great Dane (Rosemary), a donkey (John Prine) and a horse (Beamer) and are wrapping up renovations on their farmhouse. In their spare time they enjoy driving around on the tractor, occasionally getting things done with said tractor, offering hospitality to cyclists that come through Wytheville on the TransAmerica trail, and backpacking in the backcountry of the region. They're greatly looking forward to engaging with the ministries and members at St Paul UMC.

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!

ALTAR GUILD SIGN-UP FOR 2024

Several members have express 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

Please contact the church office to schedule events, 276-228-5539 or cheryl.grubb@stpaulumc.church