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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 24, 2022



REMEMBER IN PRAYERS



Remember in Prayer: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Della Armbrister, Jadrian Atkins, Roy Batchelor, Geneva Berry, Maya Britt, J.T. Brooks, Hack & Pat Broyles, John Burgon, Sr., Diana Burton, William Byrd, Lindsey Cardwell, Stan Carpenter, Brittany Carter, Ingrid Catron, Sherry Corvin, Reed Counts, Granger Davis, Keith Dossett, George & Clara Farthing, Kathryn Gregory, Alfred Grace, Murphy Grubb, Irene Hager, Anisa Hall, John Hammer, Nathaniel, Kayla, & Victoria Hammer, Jennifer Hart, John Hinkle, Tom & Jenn Hodges, Charlie Hubert, Dwight Jones, Janet Jones, Al Kanner, Karen Karnei, Bill Marshall, Danny McDaniel, Meredith McDaniel Melchiori, Michael Melton, Mary Midkiff, John Moody, C.D. Moore, Dave Moore, Wythe Morris, Lynne Perry, Peg Phillips, George "Bud" Porter, William Reagan, Wes Robinson, Juanita Seagle, Candra Seaton, Amelia Sharitz, Sandy Shockley, Lilly Spondike, David Starke, Cathy Stewart, Luke Taylor, Mary E. Turpin, Liz Udell, Patsye Underwood, Betty Wolford, Mary Jane Wysor.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Recently, while preparing for a devotion for our Friday morning men's breakfast meeting, I read an excerpt from one of my favorite books about Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Sometimes my mind just likes to wander and as I was googling her name one of the links was directed me to quotations attributed to her. I was hooked. I spent the next twenty minutes or so drinking from the spiritual well of this simple Carmelite nun whose spirituality is legendary. When you think about it, she never held political office, never owned a car or home, had very little money and yet, her grasp of the Divine has seldom, if ever, been equaled. She literally changed the world

Any of the offerings I read that morning would make a wonderful basis for an article for this paper. Of course, her simplicity would have said more than I could ever express with a thousand paragraphs. But the one that caught my eye, especially during Lent was this:



*"Don't wash the plate because it is dirty,
nor because you have been told to do so,
but because
you love the next person who will use it."*

Lent is a season when the disciple of Christ endeavors, through the spiritual disciplines, to become more like his/her Lord. This involves not only what we do, but why we do it. Have you ever considered why you do what you do? One motivation is because, like the dirty plate, what we do just needs to be done. It might be something as spiritual as going to church or placing an offering in the plate on Sunday morning. Something in us motivates us to act because “it’s just the thing to do” or “we’ve always done it.” It may also be not so spiritual, going to the store or sweeping the floor – It just needs to be done

Of course, sometimes we do things because we have been told to do so. It becomes a matter of law with us. At work, sometimes we don’t always agree with the boss, but as the old adage goes, the boss may not always be right, but s/he is always the boss! In the same way, we may do things in our spiritual life because we think God, like in our plate example, has told us (law) to do so. We do them, mistakenly, to get God’s approval or blessing (as God’s child, you already have that).

But is that the purest motivation for living as God tells us to live? I don’t think so. As Teresa points out, when love becomes our motivation, we are well on the way to growing into the disciple Jesus wants us to be. When asked what was the greatest commandment, he replied that it was love of God with the entire self (Heart, Mind, Soul and Strength) and neighbor as one’s self. John Wesley paraphrased Jesus saying Christian “completeness” is doing everything motivated by love of God and others.

This Lenten season, may we all consider Jesus’ new commandment – to love one another- and make it the motivation for our life going forward. Something as mundane as washing a dish or as spiritual as giving or serving can become a ministry when done out of love for God and those we serve.

In Christ’s Service, Lon


2022

Attendance for Sunday February & March
9:00 Son Light Worship 60, 90, 46, 79
10:55 Worship 53, 69, 63, 61
Sunday School 28, 22, 22, 32

Were You There? Did you Share? Budget Giving Received Worship Service and Sunday School						
Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Budget
Feb 27	Mar 6	Mar 13	Mar 20		YTD	2022
\$4,332	\$12,450	\$9,115	\$5,653		\$85,328	\$395,807

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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

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and Christian love go to Danny & Karen Bird and family in the death of Danny’s sister Judith Bird Wolcott on Saturday, February 16, 2022.

Our sympathy and Christian love go Jamie Kincer and Matt Kincer in the death of Jamie’s mother, Doris Skidmore Kincer on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

IN MEMORY

In Memory of William ‘Bill’ Whitaker:

Music Fund: Betsy Trevillian
Bereavement: Danny & Ellen McDaniel

In Memory of Betty Robinson Nuckols:

General Endowment: Johnny & Sarah Beamer

In Memory of Doris Kincer:

Maintenance: G.W. & Gail Catron, Don & Sharon Alexander

Music Fund: Tom & Betsy Ely

General Endowment: Johnny & Sarah Beamer

In Memory of Norman Wilhoit:

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund: John Jones, Jr.

In Memory of Sandra Deters:

Music: Virginia Whitaker

Maintenance: Don & Sharon Alexander

LENT / EASTER SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP



Sunday Lenten Series: The Voices of Lent
Worship Times: 9am and 10:55am

- April 3, 2022 Voice of the Week: Roman Centurion at the Cross portrayed by Mike Pugh
- April 10, 2022 Voice of the Week: Mary, Mother of Jesus portrayed by Holly Montgomery
- April 15, 2022 – Good Friday, 2 pm -Tenebrae
- April 17, 2022 – Celebrations of the Resurrection, 9am and 10:55am
Sermon: One Last Act of Love Sermon Text: John 20: 1-18
Flowering the Cross

RELAY FOR LIFE – LUMINARIA SALE

The St Paul Relay for Life team will be selling luminaria, signifying the light of Hope in the fight against cancer, the first Sundays in April and May, Donations may be made in memory of a loved one lost or in honor of someone battling cancer or surviving the battle. White bags sell for \$10 and the gold bags sell for \$25. Thanks for your support!

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER



Hoppy Camper – Fundraiser Relay for Life Friendship Center at St Paul
Adults and children ages 10 and up may purchase tickets to attend this event.
Purchase tickets Rose Cottage School of Art \$35.00

EASTER EGG HUNT – CANDY DONATIONS

Easter Egg Hunt for children 5th grade and younger is planned for Saturday, **April 16th at 10 a.m.** Children should bring their own basket.

If you can provide individually wrapped pieces of candy or if you prefer to give a monetary donation to purchase candy, we will be grateful!
Please bring candy or donations to the church office by Sunday, April 10th.

Thanks for your support of the Children’s Ministry.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS – EASTER MORNING APRIL 17, 2022

A time-honored tradition at St Paul is the flowering of a cross placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning. Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers to adorn it as they arrive at church. Those attending early service can do so before or after they worship. Those attending the later service, please do so before the service. The cross will be relocated outside as a witness to our community and a celebration of the resurrection.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!



FAMILY MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The bright future of St. Paul is in our hands. We are looking for a Family Ministry Coordinator to join us and carry out ministry with all ages including worship, study, fellowship and missions in our church and in our community.

For details and interest call 276-228-5539 or email cheryl.grubb@stpaulumc.church



CAMP DICKENSON

New River District \$100 Discount

All families who attend a New River District United Methodist Church are eligible for a \$100 discount. Please contact the Church office to receive code BEFORE making the final payment on your registration.

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 4 campers registering for Camp Dickenson. Please contact our church office for information on how to receive this discount for registration.

Open registration for summer camp 2022.

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

YOUTH / CHILDREN'S MEETINGS



Children and youth of St. Paul will be gathering regularly on Sunday nights. Please join us Sunday evenings at 6 pm in the Friendship Center for dinner, fellowship, and Bible study. Bring a friend! We are looking for all members of the St. Paul community to participate in this ministry. If you are interested in leading a meeting or providing dinner, or have questions, please contact Mike Pugh.

UMW MEETING

UMW meeting Monday, April 4, 2022 at 2 pm in Wesley Hall.



WYTHEVILLE CONCERT SERIES



Sonatas by Dvorak and Beethoven's "Kreutzer" Judy Clark, piano ~ Kevin Matheson, violin, Saturday, April 30th at 7:00 pm St John's Episcopal Church

ALTAR GUILD SIGN-UP FOR 2022

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 2022. 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Information for Pastor Lon Tobin Cell Phone: 276-620-4125 Email: lon.tobin@stpaulumc.church

Please remember to update the church office with changes in mailing address, landline 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