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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.

May 19, 2021



REMEMBER IN PRAYERS



Remember in Prayer: Jim Albin, Fran Angstadt, Jadrian Atkins, Roy Batchelor, Kelsey Morrison Baugher, Rusty Beamer, Geneva Berry, Maya Britt, J.T. Brooks, Hack & Pat Broyles, John Burgon, Sr., Diana Burton, John Burton, William Byrd, Lindsey Cardwell, Stan Carpenter, Brittany Carter, Ingrid Catron, Sherry Corvin, Reed Counts, Granger Davis, Jennifer Hunter Davis, Keith Dossett, Tom Ely, George & Clara Farthing, Will Ferguson, Mary Frazer, Kathryn Gregory, Alfred Grace, Bill Haga, Irene and Robert Hager, Anisa Hall, John Hammer, Nathaniel, Kayla, & Victoria Hammer, Jeremy Harrell & Family, Jennifer Hart, Tom & Jenn Hodges, Charlie Hubert, Dwight Jones, Janet Jones, Al Kanner, Rob Litton, Danny McDaniel, Michael Melton, John Moody, C.D. Moore, Dave Moore, Lynne Perry, Linda Phillips, Peg Phillips, George "Bud" Porter, Monae Rankin, William Reagan, Wes Robinson, Juanita Seagle, Candra Seaton, Lilly Spondike, David Starke, Cathy Stewart, Luke Taylor, Mary E. Turpin, Liz Udell, Patsye Underwood, Norman Wilhott, Bill Whitaker, Betty Wolford.

THE HINGE WITH HARRELL



"Where do you find your worth?"

What a simple question! Where do you find your worth? All of us deal with this question whether we think so or not. We look for our worth in what we do, such as a job or hobby. I grew up collecting basketball cards. I really enjoyed it, but stopped collecting cards two years ago! Today it's difficult to find any basketball cards because of the pandemic. Collectors wait outside Walmart and Target all night just to have a chance to get a few boxes of cards. That's wild! Sometimes they wait all night and get nothing... nothing. Recently, Target stopped selling trading cards entirely because of an incident at a Wisconsin store. A man was attacked by four other men over the cards he had bought. The fight only stopped after he pulled the gun that he was concealed carrying. The men were arrested on battery and strangulation charges. They almost strangled someone over cards. That's how much worth they put in pieces of laminated paper! They put their worth in a hobby, when their true worth could be found elsewhere.

Often, we look for our worth in other people. Romans 3:23 states that "*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*" Throughout the 2010s there was a famous pastor from Hillsong Church. He would go around the world and speak at the largest Christian events. He was loved by millions for his hip new age approach to the Gospel. I saw him in person in 2015. He preached a great sermon that no doubt helped many people! Last year he was relieved of his pastoral position after failing to stay faithful to his wife. It was headline news. Most Christian circles were talking about it. The people it hurt the most were those that were under his preaching. They had put so much worth in how strong this man's faith was, only to be let down. Many of them stepped away from the faith because of the unfaithfulness of one man. They put their worth in other people, when their true worth could be found elsewhere.

Dear friends, as followers of Jesus Christ we should find all our worth in Him. As thousands of angels say in Revelation 5, “*Worthy is the lamb that was slain.*” We are not worthy. Jesus Christ is worthy. He took on our sin, died on the cross, and rose from the dead. He is worthy, we are not. He is the potter; we are only clay. Normally this point is expanded on by going to Matthew 27-28, Mark 15-16, Luke 23-24, John 19-20, one of the 13 or 14 epistles of Paul, or sometimes Malachi. I recommend each of those passages, but I’m going to use Isaiah 52:13 to 53:9 to make this point. In these twelve verses we see the illustration of the suffering servant, Isaiah’s allusion to Christ. Isaiah 53:5 says, “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace; and with his wounds we are healed.” (ESV) All our sins were killed along with Jesus, and because of his wounds we are washed clean and healed. Amen! Hallelujah! Because he was worthy, we now have worth. It’s important we recognize that our worth is from Christ and not from this world. Do not be deceived, “Worthy is the lamb!” Where do you find your worth?

Jessee Harrell (St. Paul UMC Youth Director)

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| Attendance for Sunday |
| March - April |
| 5:00 Son Light Worship 31, 25 |
| 10:55 Worship 52, 52, 68, 61 |
| Sunday School |


| Were You There? Did you Share? Budget Giving Received Worship Service and Sunday School | | | | | | |
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| Received | Received | Received | Received | Received | Received | Budget |
| Apr 25 | May 2 | May 9 | May 16 | | YTD | 2021 |
| \$5,245 | \$14,170 | \$10,212 | \$3,571 | | \$146,422 | \$427,961 |



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

PASTOR LON’S MESSAGE & WORSHIP MUSIC ONLINE – LIVE CHAT INSTRUCTIONS

Hello St. Paul Family,
Our Sunday morning Virtual Worship Service at 10:00 am and can be reached via the following link:
<http://stpaulumc.church>
We have received some questions about participating in “live chat” during the Virtual Worship Service premiere at 10 am. Here are some tips that may be helpful: 1. You must have a Gmail account to be able to chat.
2. You must be signed into your Gmail/Google account.
3. Once signed in, you can click into where it says “say something” and begin typing. Then click the send icon. Give it a try - it is wonderful to “see” folks chatting on Sunday morning!

IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY’S SERVICE - 11 AM

Attendees are required to register with the church office by phone 228-5539 or email cheryl.grubb@stpaulumc.church prior to the Sunday they wish to attend, giving names of those attending and contact information (if we don’t have it on file). The list of those attending will be printed off and checked on Sunday morning to record attendance.
Please make your reservations by Thursday for the upcoming Sunday.

PASTOR LON’S PREACHING FORECAST FOR MAY & JUNE

May 23 – Graduate Recognition – Jessee preaching both in person and virtual

May 30
Scripture: Isaiah 6: 1-8 Sermon: “Don’t Read Any Further”
Virtual Scripture: Ephesians 1: 15-23 Sermon: “Left Behind But Not Abandoned”

June 6th
Scripture: Genesis 3: 8:15 Sermon: “The Blame Game”
Virtual **Scripture:** Isaiah 6: 1-8 Sermon: “Don’t Read Any Further”

June 13th
Scripture: Mark 4: 26-34 Sermon: “Garden Parables”
Virtual Scripture: Genesis 3: 8:15 Sermon: “The Blame Game”

June 20th

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 11-22 Sermon: "Miracle of a Common Denominator"

Virtual Scripture: Mark 4: 26-34 Sermon: "Garden Parables"

June 27th

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Sermon: "O Boy; Here Comes the Offering Plate!"

Virtual Scripture: Ephesians 2: 11-22 Sermon: "Miracle of a Common Denominator"

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Donna Sue Satterfield Martin:

Music / Choir: Jean Desmarais

In Memory of Wouter "Van" Vanderwal:

Maintenance: G.W. & Gail Catron, Kenny & Sandy Ervin

Justice & Mercy: Mark & Zella Dillon, Bill & Virginia Whitaker

In Memory of James "Jim" Deters:

Justice & Mercy: Mark & Zella Dillon

Maintenance: Kenny & Sandy Ervin

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Andrew & Heather Tolley Miller are excited to announce the arrival of their daughter on April 22, 2021

Everly Noelle weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. 20 inches long

Grandparents – Andrew & Dianne Tolley

Great – grandparent– Linda Butt

THANK YOU TO LYNNE STORMS JOB OPENING – SERVICE COORDINATOR POSITION

Lynne Storms has served as Service Coordinator for St. Paul UMC's SonLight Service for 7 years – first in a volunteer capacity which grew into a part-time paid position with the church.

Lynne, Keith and their three children have been faithful members of St. Paul for 24 years. They continue to call St. Paul their home, even though Andrew, Rebecah and Abby have reached young adulthood and school, professions and marriage have taken them away from Wytheville. While Lynne and Keith remain true to St. Paul, they desire greater flexibility to travel and visit their children in their new homes. As a result, Lynne has chosen to surrender her position as Service Coordinator, effective June 14, 2021.

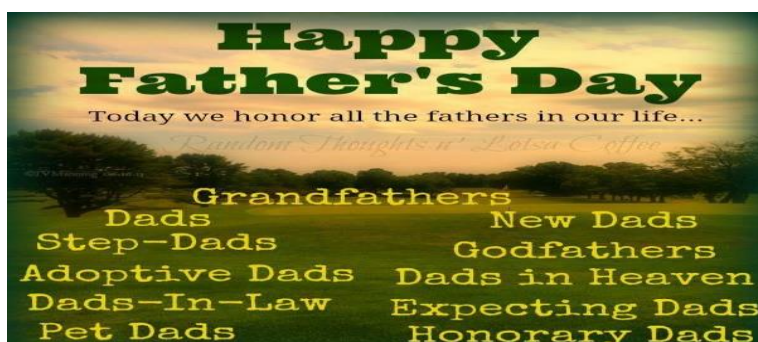
Lynne's organizational and technical contributions have been integral to the development of the SonLight Service. Please join in thanking Lynne for her valuable service as she moves from a staff role to that of a fellow congregant.

As Lynne prepares to depart her role as a part-time employee of St. Paul, the Staff Parish Relations Committee is seeking to fill the Service Coordinator position. This is a critical position in the preparation and execution of weekly worship and includes the potential to facilitate additional multi-media and virtual needs in order for the church to step into its mission to serve in-person congregations and virtual audiences of the future.

The Service Coordinator works in concert with the Senior Pastor, Music Directors and volunteers to provide "behind-the-scenes" support which is instrumental to well-orchestrated service delivery each week. Among other responsibilities, the position also requires soliciting volunteers to deliver Scripture readings, prayers, announcements, etc. and preparing the room for worship each week. Further, the Service Coordinator needs to be able to navigate the sound system, computer, and screen visual displays to support worship services & other multi-media events.

A successful Service Coordinator will be well-organized, collaborative and technically proficient with multi-media software such as ProPresenter and PowerPoint to create, load and display lyrics, slides and video presentations to complement each weekly service. The Service Coordinator must be able to successfully engage with staff, musicians, church members and guests of various age groups and perspectives inside and outside of the church.

If you are interested in learning more about this part-time position and being considered as a candidate, please contact: Cheryl Grubb, Administrative Assistant, as soon as possible so that the SPR committee can work with candidates and staff to facilitate a smooth transition in this important role.













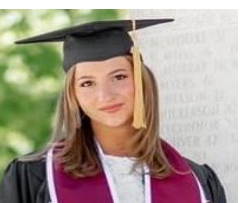





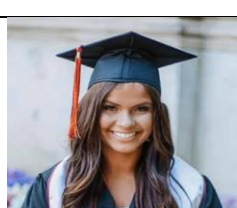



Father's Day June 20, 2021

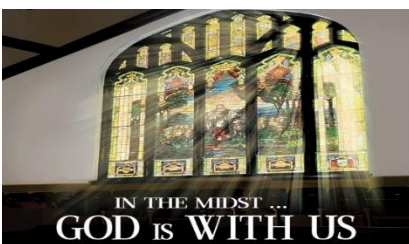
Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. – Ephesians 6:4 [ESV]

CLASS OF 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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|  | <p>Kade Minton George Wythe HS & SWVA Governor's School Future Plans: UVA</p>  |  | <p>Will Moses George Wythe HS & SWVA Governor's School Future plans: UVA</p>  |
|  | <p>Ty Catron George Wythe HS & SWVA Governor's School Future plans: Lenoir-Rhyne University</p>  |  | <p>Justin Felts George Wythe HS</p> |
|  | <p>Trevor Pugh George Wythe HS Future plans: WCC</p> |  | <p>Reigh Johnson George Wythe HS</p> |

CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE GRADUATES

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|  | <p>Jon Deters Masters of Theological Studies with honors at Wesley Theological Seminary.</p>  |  | <p>Madison Brown Nursing Degree Radford University</p>  |
|  | <p>Abby Storms Virginia Tech Industrial Design</p>  |  | <p>Gretchen Boenke Biochemistry with Spanish minor Emory & Henry</p>  |
|  | <p>Bridget Boenke Marshall School of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy</p>  |  | <p>Jillian Tolley Virginia Tech</p>  |
|  | <p>Ellis Hardin Robinson Washington & Lee BS in Business Adminstration from the William's School at W&L</p>  |  | <p>Max Dillon Virginia Tech</p>  |
|  | <p>Bailey Walters Virginia Tech</p>  |  | <p>Deacon Beamer Emory & Henry</p>  |



2021 Holston Annual Conference

JUNE 8 - VIRTUAL CLERGY SESSION
 JUNE 12 - VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 AUGUST 27 - MEMORIAL SERVICE
 AUGUST 27 - ORDINATION SERVICE
 AUGUST 28 - IN-PERSON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

Contact Information for Youth Dir. Jessee Harrell Cell: 540-250-8259 Email: jessee.harrell@stpaulumc.church
 Please contact the church office to schedule events, 276-228-5539 or cheryl.grubb@stpaulumc.church

Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31st.

Church Office will be open limited hours Tuesday, June 1th through Friday, June 4th.

If you need assistance, please contact Pastor Lon.

