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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.

June 25, 2024



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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



A Message from Your Interim Pastor

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your interim pastor since January 1. As my tenure concludes on June 30, we welcome the new pastor, Reverend Misti McCreary, along with her husband, Chris, and their daughter, Zoe. I, along with everyone who has had the pleasure of meeting Misti, am extremely excited about what God will continue to do in the next chapter in the life and ministry of St. Paul UMC.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has assisted and led during this time of transition. Your support has been invaluable. While you have been affirming of my contributions, our achievements have been a collective effort. Part of my role has been to hold a mirror up to you as individuals, teams, groups, and as a congregation. God has gifted you with faith, persistence, resources, and a depth of spirituality and intelligence, all of which enable this great Church to continue flourishing.

One of my favorite books is "The Art of Pastoring: Contemplative Reflections" by William C. Martin. In this collection of poems, Martin writes in "Thought 17 – Congregation":

...How do you feel about your congregation deep within your heart?
That is what they will become.

When the pastor's work is done,
the congregation will truthfully say,
"We did it ourselves."
And the pastor will rejoice.

Darlene and I are excited about continuing to be part of the congregation as members. Let us all remain open to God's guidance as we move forward.

God's blessings to each one of you!
Larry


2024

Attendance for Sunday
May & June
9:00 Son Light Worship 45, 83, 70
10:55 Worship 50, 61, 61
Sunday School 25, 41, 27

Were You There? Did you Share? Budget Giving Received Worship Service and Sunday School						
Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Budget
May 25	June 2	June 9			YTD	2024
\$3,905	\$7,517	\$4,636			\$158,992	\$344,611

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<https://stpaulumc.church>
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Request form from church office 276-228-5539
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Available in app store

REV. MISTI'S PREACHING FORECAST – SERIES EXPLORING EPHESIANS

July 7th Scripture: Eph 1:15-2:10 Series: Exploring Ephesians Sermon: Made Alive	July 14 th Scripture: Eph 2:11-3:21 Series: Exploring Ephesians Sermon: One Body
July 21st Scripture: Eph 4:1-5:2 Series: Exploring Ephesians Sermon: Life Together	July 28th Scripture: Eph 5:8-6:9 Series: Exploring Ephesians Sermon: Imitate God
August 4 th Scripture: Eph 6:10-20 Series: Exploring Ephesians Sermon: Full Armor	Next Series: WRAP

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and Christian love go to Fred & Elizabeth "Lib" Stanley and family in the death of Lib's sister, Eleanor "Elly" Blanche (nee Maynor) Ballard on Tuesday, June 4, 2024

MEMORIALS

In Memory of John Grubb:

Maintenance: G. W. & Gail Catron

Sanctuary Audio/Visual: Tom & Betsy Ely, Don & Sharon Alexand

WELCOME – REV. MISTI, CHRIS AND ZOE McCREARY



Rev. Misti, Chris and Zoe first Sunday will be July 7th. Please make plans to attend the 9:00 or 10:55 service.
Scripture: Eph 1:15-2:10
Sermon: Made Alive
Series: Exploring Ephesians
Theme: Indiana Jones

THANK YOU – JERRY & LESLIE

Dear St. Paul Family,

Jerry and I would like to thank everyone for your cards, visits, gifts, and donations to honor my father. He was a wonderful father to me, and treated Jerry as his own son. We continue to ask for your prayers for my family during this time of sorrow.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
Psalm 30:5

Blessings to you all,
Jerry & Leslie Mabe

THANK YOU – CAMP DICKENSON

Camp Dickenson reached out to St Paul with a BIG WISH! They needed to raise \$1,000 to purchase a used golf cart. This golf cart would be used to help campers with mobility issues and serve as the camp nurse's transportation for quick response to medical calls. On June 9th Camp Dickenson personnel attended the Sonlight service and Norma Brown spoke on behalf of Camp Dickenson at both services. A total of \$1,645.00 was received for the golf cart!

Thank you for your support of Camp Dickenson!

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.

LIONS CLUB CHARITY CARNIVAL MONDAY, JULY 15 – SATURDAY, JULY 20TH



Where: WCC – ball fields 1000 E Main Street

Time: Open at 6:00 each night, closes at 10:00 during the week, 11:00 on Friday and Saturday nights

Ride ticket sales begin nightly at 6:30.

Ride all night bands will be available for purchase and are ONLY FOR THE NIGHT PURCHASED. Look for more information on the Wytheville Lions Club Facebook page.

ANNUAL ROBERT SHEFFEY MEMORIAL CAMP MEETING JULY 5-10, 2024

Camp Meeting 2024! Rev. Ray Amos, Sr. will be speaking at 7 pm. Many local musicians will bless us with their gifts of music. We are looking forward to another Great Camp meeting.

July 5th – Hope Church Band – Youth Night – Eric Sheetz

July 6th – Spoken for & Angel's Wingmen – BBQ 5:30 Concert 7:00

July 7th – Howie Dowdy Family – Rev. Amos, Sr.

July 8th – Giles Community Choir – Rev. Amos, Sr.

July 9th – County Connection – Rev. Amos, Sr.

July 10th – Hansen Brown Connection – Rev. Amos, Sr.

Feel free to bring a lawn chair. GPS address: 315 Sheffey Memorial Road, Pearisburg, VA
<http://sheffeycampmeeting.com/>

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