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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 20, 2022



### REMEMBER IN PRAYERS



Remember in Prayer: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Della Armbrister, Robbie Armbrister, Jadrian Atkins, Roy Batchelor, Geneva Berry, Danny Bird, Maya Britt, Becky Branson, 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, Michelle Fisher, Kathryn Gregory, Alfred Grace, Kayla Gravley, 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, 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



<sup>14</sup>*Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Romans 13:14*

While my wife would probably disagree, I do care about my wardrobe and how I look; well, at least, most of the time. When I get up in the morning, I try to match colors (sometimes unsuccessfully) and give consideration to the day that ahead and what outfit will accommodate the tasks ahead. The right outfit not only enables me to get my work done but, perhaps equally important, communicates how I want to be seen by others.

Paul is writing to the church reminding them that the Lord's return is near and that they should be careful about how they "dress" each morning. As well as making sure their clothing is appropriate and tasteful, they need to make sure when other see them, they should see Jesus. So, the question I have for us is this: How are we "putting on Christ Jesus" when we set out each day?

Some people "wear" Christ like a necklace or WWJD bracelet - a decorative accessory. Christ is there to remind themselves or others that, at some level, they are religious. Whether in the form of a beautifully adorned crucifix or jewel studded object of devotion, Christ must meet their expectations and agenda; what Paul calls the provision for the flesh – their self-indulgence.

Others "wear" Christ in their pocket or purse; like an amulet, key chain, or rabbit's foot. He's secretly hidden away, but readily available in unlikely case anything should arise that the wearer might not be able to "handle themselves."

For others, Christ is not a normal part of their wardrobe at all! He stays tucked safely away in their closet where He won't interfere with their day - "reserved" or imprisoned like a tuxedo or formal gown used only on special occasions. They feel no need to get overly "religious" except on Sunday perhaps, if they don't have other plans and certainly not with their friends who might think they are fanatic about "spiritual stuff."

But for the faithful, the best place to wear Christ, is in their heart. They are totally aware of their need for Him on a constant basis, and, like a credit card, they wouldn't think of "leaving home without him." They have nurtured a relationship with Him and have worn him daily over time. He gives them stability in an ever-changing world and is such a part of them, when others see them, they see Christ living in and through them. They realize a sermon seen in the life of a true disciple is a hundred times more convincing than the most theologically based and entertaining oration ever delivered.

Well, how about you? Is Christ dangled around your neck – merely an ostentatious accessory? Is He tucked away in your pocket, safely out of the way but available in case you think you need him? Or have you left Him at home because you're not planning on doing anything "church-y" today? May I give you a friendly word of warning? Don't be like to foolish lamp attendants in Jesus' story of the coming bridegroom who waited until his return to trim their lamps and hurried away to purchase the oil they should have gotten ahead of time. They rushed back only to the door had been closed and locked. Let's "put on Christ" today – in our hearts and in our lives.

*In Christ's Service, Lon*

2022

Attendance for Sunday
June & July
9:00 Son Light Worship 73, 64, 62, 79, 64
10:55 Worship 63, 66, 53, 57, 47
Sunday School 17, 12, 13, 24, 25


<b>Were You There? Did you Share? Budget Giving Received Worship Service and Sunday School</b>						
Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Received	Budget
June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17		YTD	2022
\$2,161	\$6,390	\$13,938	\$5,175		\$193,771	\$395,807

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**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy and Christian love go to Al & Mary Copenhaver and family in the death of their brother-in-law Daniel Douglas Shultz on Saturday, June 25, 2022.

**IN MEMORY**

**In Memory of Faye Porter:**

Maintenance: G.W. & Gail Catron  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Virginia Whitaker

**In Memory of Peggy James:**

Preschool: Curtis & Jackie Campbell  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Virginia Whitaker

**In Memory of Nancy Bondurant:**

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Virginia Whitaker

**In Memory of Charles Ray Duprey, Sr.:**

Operating Budget: Jo Atkins

**In Memory of Mildred “Mimi” Friedman:**

Preschool: Curtis & Jackie Campbell  
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund: Virginia Whitaker  
Operating Budget: Mark & Zella Dillon

**In Memory of Danny Shultz:**

Maintenance: G.W. & Gail Catron  
Operating Budget: Mark & Zella Dillon  
Children’s Ministry: Virginia Whitaker

**PASTOR LON’S PREACHING FORECAST FOR JULY & AUGUST**

July 24th  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 1 -11 Sermon: You Don’t Get to Choose

July 31st  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 14-27 Sermon: Accepting Your Part

August 7th – Holy Communion  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:29-13:13 Sermon: The Best Way to do Church

August 14th  
Scripture: Isaiah 5: 1-7 Sermon: Sour Grapes

August 21st  
Scripture: Luke 13:10-17 Sermon: Grace Overcomes the Law

August 28th  
Scripture: Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Sermon: A Good Reason to Not Dismiss the Old Testament

**UMW PICNIC**



The United Methodist Women invite all the women of St. Paul to a picnic. Gail Catron has invited us to her porch on **Monday, August 15, at 6 p.m.** You will be our special guests; this will be a time to get to know each other better.

**SUMMER YOUTH / CHILDREN’S MEETINGS**

August 7th – Back to School Picnic at Foster Falls

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Pugh - mpugh@wythehope.org



**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

July 30 <sup>th</sup> – Rural Retreat Heritage Day 12 pm to 10 pm Official Heritage Day Headliners: Emcee – Glen Shelton Music Begins at 12:15 The Richs, Jim Lloyd, Glen Shelton, Dave Finley from the Voice, Juke Box Rehab and Colin Raye	July 31 <sup>st</sup> - Vintage Base Ball Game Homestead Series - 3 pm. Homestead Living History Museum Site. Wytheville Statesmen take on the Abingdon Blues. FREE Admission
After Hours Summer Concert – August 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm Band The Entertainers at Withers Park tickets at Wytheville Rec Center, Wythe Bland Chamber of Commerce Advance \$5, Gate \$7	Back to School August 15 <sup>th</sup> – First Day graders 1-6 and 9th August 16 <sup>th</sup> – All Students grades 1 – 12th August 17 <sup>th</sup> – Staggered K start August 18 <sup>th</sup> – Staggered K start August 19 <sup>th</sup> – All K reports
August 25 – 27 Bland County Fair	August 27 Summer Marketplace – Willowbrook Jackson / Umberger Homestead Museum Site

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone that volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School. Your dedication and willingness to service is much appreciated. Loved seeing the children play, sing and dance, create and learn about God!

Thanks Stephanie James



## 2022 RELAY FOR LIFE

In appreciation of your participation and hard work for the American Cancer Society mission to save lives, celebrate lives and lead the fight for a world without cancer.

1st Place Team Fundraiser 2022

St Paul United Methodist Church \$6,360.50

Thanks to St Paul congregation for your support



## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

A Prayer for Students and Teachers

Gracious God, thank you for teaching us. You give us wisdom now to help us in the future.

We are grateful for this new year in which we may grow in faith, friendship, and the love of Jesus.

We pray for all students in our community. Thank you for their curiosity, hope, and kindness.

Help our students to listen for your voice, as they explore Scripture and seek to live what they believe.

We pray for all teachers. Thank you for giving them dedication, experience, and insight.

Sustain them by your Spirit with creativity, patience, peace, and joy.

Continually guide and bless all parents, families, and the whole congregation throughout this year.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who asked and answered many questions. Amen.

## 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

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