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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.

November 20, 2025



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Remember in Prayer: Jadrian Atkins, Noah Atwood, Shannon Ball, Roy Batchelor, Nancy Bean, Geneva Berry, Gail & Wilson Bethard, Danny Bird, Maya Britt, J.T. Brooks, Lil Bryant, William Byrd, Jackie Campbell, Lindsey Cardwell, Stan Carpenter, Brittany Carter, Sherry Corvin, Granger Davis, Bob Dalton, Keith Dossett, Kenny & Sandy Ervin, George & Clara Farthing, Alfred Grace, Anisa Hall, Jennifer Hart, Buster Hounshell, Dwight Jones, Janet Jones, Al Kanner, Karen Karnei, Carol Cox Lynch, Carolyn & Michael Melton, Mary Midkiff, C.D. Moore, Dave Moore, Belle Neighbors, Lynne Perry, George “Bud” Porter, Carol Ray, William Reagan, Sandy Shockley, Merrily Simms, Lilly Spondike, Sharon Sowers, Lib Stanley, Cathy Stanley, David Starke, Cathy Stewart, Luke Taylor, Mary E. Turpin, Liz Udell, Patsye Underwood, Shirley Waller, Betty Wolford, Mary Jane Wysor, Steve Young.

PASTOR’S PEN



Happy Advent Season to you all!

We are finally here! It is time to embrace the joy of Christmas. If it were up to me, we would have Christmas all year long.

Growing up, Christmas meant warm sweaters and warmer hugs from a huge extended family. We would come together to shop for gifts and come together to wrap gifts and come together to make candy and come together for big meals. When Christmas Eve arrived, we would all bundle up and make the trip to my grandparents' house. They would have a giant real pine tree in the den where the woodstove was so that we could be warm while snuggling up to the tree. We would sing carols to the poorly tuned piano and play silly games. My family understood the joy of Christmas is a magical and sacred gift. It wasn't built on big flashy gifts, but on knowing that we were loved with such extravagance that we can't help but overflow with that love.

What are your favorite Christmas memories? What about those who haven't had magical or joyful Christmas experiences? Maybe this year, we need to take the time to look around and create some of that joy for others.

When Jesus came for us all those centuries ago, it was to show us what was always meant to be. Christmas means love and togetherness, but it wasn't always that. It started out with being far from home and experiencing the cold. From that place of loneliness, Jesus created a family built to invite others in. How can we show that welcome and love in the lives of those in our community who need to see the magical joy that Christmas brings?

Blessings Pastor Misti

			NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER						
WERE YOU THERE? DID YOU SHARE?						Nov			NEEDED
						through	YTD as of	2025 ANNUAL	THROUGH
	26-Oct	OCTYTD*	02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	16-Nov	16-Nov	PLAN	EOY
Attendance									
Sunday School	17		27	21	22				
					83				
SonLight Worship	104		101	104	80				
Traditional Worship	62		63	70	69				
Total Worship Attendance	166		164	174	149				
Ministry Plan Offering Received	\$ 3,419		\$ 12,077	\$ 8,258	\$ 3,551				
		\$ 296,905				\$ 23,886	\$ 320,791.00	\$ 373,831	\$ 53,040.00

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MEMORIALS

In Memory of Alice Jones:
Sonlight Music: Mark & Zella Dillon
Maintenance: G.W. & Gail Catron
Operating Budget: Virgina Whitaker

In Memory of Danny McDaniel:
Preschool: Bill & Sue Kidd, Scot & Denise Davis

In Memory of Donald Kidd:
Sanctuary Choir: Mark & Zella Dillon
Maintenance: Bob & Janet Litton, G.W. & Gail Catron
Operating Budget: Virginia Whitaker, Janice Galyen
Preschool: Tom & Betsy Ely

In Memory of Fred Stanley:
Maintenance: Bob & Janet Litton

In Memory of Della Armbrister:
Maintenance: Bob & Janet Litton
Sanctuary Choir: Mark & Zella Dillon

THANK YOU!

I want to thank members of St. Paul who remembered my family and me with your prayers, cards, and memorial gifts at the time of the death of my brother Don. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated.

Bill Kidd and Family

UWF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



United Women in Faith Luncheon

All ladies of the church are invited to a special luncheon on Monday, December 1st at 12:00 pm.

The luncheon will be catered by Open Door, and the cost is \$20, which covers your meal and includes a donation to support Open Door Ministry.

Please RSVP to Ernestine Dalton at 276-228-4046 by November 23rd, if you plan to attend.

Come join us for fun, fellowship, great food and don't forget to invite a guest—the more the merrier!



The Scriptures Sing of Christmas

Sunday, November 30th

10:30 a.m.

Combined Worship Service

Fellowship Lunch to follow Service

Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Bread, and Beverages provided.

Please bring a vegetable, salad, and/or dessert to share.



ANGEL TREE

Our Angel Tree represents 13 children of inmates at the New River Jail 2 children from Care Portal, as well as 15 children from Spiller Elementary. Each child will receive two gifts - one clothing item and one fun item - to be received from their parents with our help.

Sponsoring a child is as easy as 1 - 2- 3!!

1. Select an Angel from our tree outside of Wesley Hall.
2. Purchase a gift according to the guidelines and suggestions on the tag. Please keep within the suggested \$25-30 budget to be fair to all children sponsored.
3. Return the gifts to our tree NO LATER THAN NOON ON **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th** wrapped with the Angel tag attached.

Thank you for making Christmas special for those children who are separated from their parents or are in need. Blessings and Merry Christmas from the Justice & Mercy Team

The Angels should be ready to collect by December 1st or 2nd. Thanks for supporting this ministry!

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Christmas/Advent Offering – St Paul Care Portal

Please mark tithing envelope / planning center / check memo with Christmas / Care Portal Offering.

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS 2025

The Scriptures Sing of Christmas Advent – Christmas 2025 St. Paul United Methodist Church

November 30th: First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens

Combined Worship Service -- 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Lunch in Wesley Hall will follow

December 1st: United Women In Faith Christmas Luncheon – 12 Noon, Wesley Hall

December 2nd: WCC Concert Band – Holiday Performance – 7:00 pm GWHS Auditorium



December 6th: Wytheville Christmas Parade – 6 p.m.

Events downtown 2 to 8 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony at Withers Park 5:30 p.m.

December 7th: Second Sunday of Advent – Pajama Sunday

S.P.Y – Christmas Celebration 5 – 6:30 pm

December 9th: WCC Community Choir Holiday Concert 7 p.m. St. Paul UMC



December 14th: Third Sunday of Advent – Christmas Sweater Sunday

Christmas Cantata presented by Sanctuary Choir, 10:55 a.m.

December 16th: St. Paul Preschool Program in Sanctuary, 6:00 p.m.

December 21st: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service 6 p.m.

December 25th: Christmas Day

December 28th: Plaid or Flannel Sunday / Blue Bluegrass Christmas (SonLight)

January 4th, 2026: Epiphany Sunday observed in UMC

January 5th, 2026: Pack Up and Clean Up 9:30 a.m.

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

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THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS



“I will give thanks, O God, with all my heart. O God of love and life; your glory endures forever.” The choir’s anthem and the al-tar should fill our hearts with Thank-giving

We wish you and your family a Blessing Thanksgiving!