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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.

December 17, 2025



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Remember in Prayer: Jadrian Atkins, Noah Atwood, Shannon Ball, Roy Batchelor, Geneva Berry, Wilson & Gail Bethard, Danny Bird, Maya Britt, J.T. Brooks, Lil Bryant, William Byrd, Jackie Campbell, Lindsey Cardwell, Stan Carpenter, Brittany Carter, Sherry Corvin, Granger Davis, Keith Dossett, Kenny & Sandy Ervin, George & Clara Farthing, Alfred Grace, Anisa Hall, Jennifer Hart, Buster Hounshell, Dwight Jones, Janet Jones, Bobbie Justice, 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 New Year
2026

Happy New Year, St Paul Family!!

I look forward to the possibilities and opportunities of 2026. I've compiled and recorded all of our responses to the six visioning questions. You have made it known who you see St Paul to be and what we are to do as a church family! You said we are a place of welcome and love, a place to come worship and grow with God, and a place that breathes God's grace into our community. You said you came here because you were invited and stayed because you felt like it was home. There is a deep history of caring for children, youth, shut-ins, and people experiencing poverty that we would like to expand. We want to keep those parts of St Paul UMC alive and thriving.

We will talk more about how we want to fuel these areas of our church in this new year. You will be invited to join in the conversations around how we do this now that we have some idea of the why, who, and what. The Holy Spirit is doing something incredible here. It is a very exciting time to be your pastor and I hope you feel it too!

Blessing Pastor Misti

				DECEMBER NEWSLETTER					
WERE YOU THERE? DID YOU SHARE?						Nov			NEEDED
						through	YTD as of	2025 ANNUAL	THROUGH
	23-Nov	30-Nov	NOV YTD*	07-Dec	14-Dec	14-Dec	14-Dec	PLAN	EOY
Attendance									
Sunday School	0	0		37	0				
					0				
SonLight Worship	102	0		91	0				
Traditional Worship	83	214		63	0				
Total Worship Attendance	185	214		154	0				
Ministry Plan Offering Received	\$ 5,382	\$ 5,084		\$ 40,105	\$ -				
			\$ 331,258			\$ 40,105	\$371,363.00	\$ 373,831	\$ 2,468.00

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

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Lynne Perry:
Angel Tree: G.W. & Gail Catron

In Memory of Judy Ward:
Maintenance: G.W. & Gail Catron

In Memory of Fred Stanley:
Operating Budget: Kenny & Sandy Ervin

In Memory of Della Armbrister:
Maintenance: Kenny & Sandy Ervin

In Memory of Donald Kidd:
Operating Budget: Janice Galyen, Kenny & Sandy Ervin

IN HONOR

In Honor of Randy Hales:
Sleep in Heavenly Peace: Betsy Trevillian

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and Christian love go to Jeff & Kathryn Harrah Alexander Sturgill, Kingston & Piper Alexander and family in the in the death of James Larry Harrah on Saturday, November 22, 2025.

Our sympathy and Christian love go to Jim Umberger and Gonzalo Vega in the death of Lynne Umberger Perry, on Sunday, November 30, 2025.

Our sympathy and Christian love go to Bill & Sue Kidd and family in the death of Bill’s brother Donald Eugene Kidd on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

KIDD FAMILY – 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

LIB STANLEY – THANK YOU!

Thank you, St Paul family, for celebrating my 100th Birthday in a such a spectacular way! Thanks to all who worked on making it a special day! We have been blessed to be a part of such a caring and loving Church.

Also, I don't attend Sunday service, but I am able to watch it on my I-pad each week.

I was also blessed to have all my family with me to celebrate. I'm enjoying the flowers – thank you to the Sunday School class.

I appreciate all the cards and warm wishes as I celebrate my 100th birthday.

With love and gratitude,
Lib

ANGEL TREE – THANK YOU!

A big Thank You for your support of this year's Angel Tree.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Justice & Mercy Team.

CHRISTMAS 2025 & JANUARY 2026 EVENTS

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary at 6 pm

December 25th – Christmas Day

January 4, 2026 – Epiphany Sunday observed in UMC

January 5, 2026 – Pack Up and Clean Up – 9:30 am

RESURRECTION 2026



REZ 2026
LeConte Center
Pigeon Forge, TN
January 23 -25, 2026

Worship – FRVR Free Family
Returning for a fourth year, FRVR FREE began in 2016 as an event-driven nonprofit company. Over time, God caused this team to grow and transform into a family. The FRVR FREE Family consists of 35-40 individuals who are committed to living by the same value system, and whose mission statement is this: “We’ve been set free to set others free”. When we create experiences, our hope is that people would begin to understand

how their Heavenly Father sees them, because when people have an accurate view of how God sees them, the possibilities are endless. This affords us the opportunity to see shame FALL and freedom RISE — and that's what it means to be FRVR FREE.

Speaker – Paul Taylor Smith

Paul Taylor Smith lives in Athens, Georgia with his wife Lauren and their three children: Gracelynn, Roman, and Canyon. Paul is the co-founder of FRVR FREE and The 501 Exchange - a multi-generational prayer and worship ministry seeking to love God deeply and encourage others to do the same. His goal in life is simple: to love God, receive His freedom, and give it away. Paul has an apostolic heart for the next generation and burns with the desire that they would know and love Jesus.

COME LEARN TO PLAY HANDBELLS!



We are looking for new members to join our handbell choir, the “Gentry Ringers”! If you can read music, that would be great, but if not, I am willing to teach you what you would need to know to play the bells assigned to you.

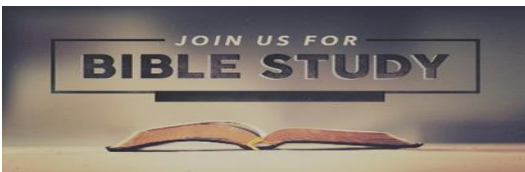
We meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm to rehearse in the fall-winter from the middle of September to early December and in the winter/spring from the middle of January to early May. Our plan is to play at least once a month for the 11:00 worship service.

Children are also invited to join if they are at least in the 5th grade. We would love to have them!

If you are interested in joining this dedicated but fun group of “ding-a-lings” please email me or give me a call by January 6, 2026!

Thanks & hope to hear from you,
Bev Hughes
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BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study will resume on Monday, February 2nd at 6:00 pm in Wesley Hall. We will be studying the Book of Ruth.
Blessing Pastor Misti

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 cheryl.grubb@stpaulumc.church

Please contact the church office to schedule events, 276-228-5539 or cheryl.grubb@stpaulumc.church

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Church Office will be closed on December 24, 2025 through January 1, 2026.

PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS

Preschool will be closed December 19, 2025 through January 4, 2026.

