



# SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**January 6, 2019**

**Epiphany Sunday**

**Renewing the Promise**

**Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks**

**The mission of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to be a faithful community of disciples who serve as the heart, hands and feet of Christ so that all people come to know the love of God.**

## 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please see our ushers for large print hymnals and bulletins.

We also have hearing loops that work with hearing aids that have t-coil technology.

**Prelude**

*Procession of the Three Kings*

F. Ritter

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

**Darkness has been banished!**

God's light of hope floods the earth

**God's light comes to us all.**

Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

**Prepare our hearts to receive this Light. AMEN.**

\* **Opening Hymn**

*We Three Kings*

UMH 254

\* **Creed of Epiphany**

**I believe in God, the creator of the universe,**

**who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light,**

**setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world**

**That shines in the darkness. The darkness cannot overcome it.**

**He embodied humanity in the image of God.**

**In kindness, truthfulness, humility and devotion,**

**He suffered for the greater good.**

**He was and is the Son of God.**

**He died on the cross for us,**

**God's saving grace!**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The guiding light of God in our world.**

**Through his spirit, God penetrates and reveals**

**The darkness of human sin, helps people grow and**

**Become the people they are meant to be.**

**I believe in the power of transformation,**

**Through God's spirit and light,**

**Here in this world and in the world to come.**

**Amen.**

### **Gloria Patri**

### **Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem (11:00)**

*Here I Am, Lord*

arr. J. Schrader

## Children's Chat

**Scripture**

2 Kings 23:1-3

Old Testament pg. 356

**Sermon**

**Renewing the Promise**

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### **A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition**

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside by thee.

Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Offering**

*I Wonder as I Wander*

Appalachian Carol/ J.J. Niles

\* **Doxology**

\* **Closing Hymn**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH 117

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Echo Carol*

Mansfield

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage between Nicole Lorelei Hawkins and Timothy Frank Giordano.

## Around Saint Paul's

**FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2019** - Altar flowers in honor or in memory of someone special are a lovely way to adorn our Sanctuary. After worship, the arrangement is divided into small bouquets, which are then taken to our home-bound or hospitalized members. The 2019 flower calendar is posted in the Narthex. Please note on it the date(s) you would like to place flowers on the altar.

**MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S** - All choirs and music groups resume their regular schedules this week.

**Youth Choir** meets at 4:30 this afternoon, and **Handbell Choir** at 6:00 p.m.

**SPARKS** - Our SPARKS afterschool K-5th grade Wednesday program is back in swing again after the holidays. Meet us in Generations Park this Wednesday, January 9, for our new season of SPARKS!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RUTH CIRCLE** - The Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, January 8, 11:00 a.m. in Room 200. All women of the church are welcome. For more information contact Peggy Harter, 878-1343.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** - Did you start saving last January for this year's Christmas spending? Are you certain you're going to spend less than you make this month because you're living off of a budget? Do you frequently not see eye-to-eye with your spouse about money matters? Julie and William Hatfield will lead this course starting in January. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class will help you take control of your money and your future. This nine-week class will meet at SPUMC on Wednesday nights starting on January 9, with free childcare if needed. (Time is 6:30 to 8:00, and we won't run late.) This class is great for singles and couples — but spouses must attend! The course costs \$129 but we can't emphasize enough how worth the price it is. If you have already taken the class and have your kit, come back for a refresher. If you need to order a kit, please call the church office and sign up to attend. For more information, contact Peggy Benton in the church office.

**HUMAN SEXUALITY AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019** - A Special Session of the General Conference will be held in February to examine and discuss paragraphs in the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and the United Methodist Church. If you would like to learn more about the Special Conference and the various plans being presented, please plan to attend a three week course on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m., January 9, 16 and 23. We will discuss the issue of human sexuality through the lens of empathy, context and mission. To register go online or call the church office. The recommended reading for this class is Bishop Carter's book, *Embracing the Wideness of God's Mercy*.

**CRAFTY CROP** - Join us for our January two-day event with lots fun crafty fellowship! Bring your own projects and a covered dish or snack to share! \$5 to reserve your table space and contribute to our MOPS Ministry for young moms. Come for one day or both and stay any length of time. We will be in Sanders Hall with plenty of space so be sure to bring your friends! Friday, January 11, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 12, 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/events/654478734948738/>

**HURRICANE MICHAEL TEAM ONE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
Saint Paul's will be sending multiple teams during 2019 into the areas devastated by Hurricane Michael. Our first week-long team is tentatively scheduled for March 3-9, 2019. The organizational meeting for this trip will be at 12:15 pm on January 13, 2019, in Room 300. All skill levels are welcome. No prior experience is necessary. Come find out details. Look, also, for Saturday trips beginning in January.

## Around Saint Paul's

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Dinner in Sanders Hall - 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Reservations due by midnight Monday by calling 385-5146 or online at [saintpaulsumc.org](http://saintpaulsumc.org). \$7 adults, \$3 ages 4 - 12. January 9: Spaghetti and meat sauce.

**HURRICANE CLEAN-UP** - We had a successful day cleaning up hurricane debris in Marianna on Saturday, December 22. We came back with the clear and certain knowledge that there is great need in Marianna and in other areas of the Panhandle. Without question, the work of cleaning up after Hurricane Michael continues. In that regard, **Jim McConaughay and Don Griesheimer will lead another team to Marianna, Saturday, January 12**, to once again assist with debris removal that is so desperately needed. Team members should bring work gloves and any debris removal equipment they might have - chain saws, shovels, saws, pitch forks, rakes, wheel barrows, etc. in order to facilitate debris clean up. As before, Meg Guyton has volunteered to provide lunch. Bring what you want to drink. Those who wish to participate on January 12 contact Don Griesheimer ([dgriesheimer@comcast.net](mailto:dgriesheimer@comcast.net)). Please include your email address and cell phone number in your email.

**CHILI COOK-OFF** - Sunday, January 27, 12:00 p.m. Bring something warm, because Sanders Hall is going to get chili! This is your annual opportunity to show off your favorite recipe with the whole church. Sign up in the Tharpe Street narthex or Sanders Hall. Cost for tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. As always, all proceeds go toward providing financial assistance for the youth mission trip.

**WHAT IS YOUR MISSION?** - All adult Sunday School classes are invited to a five-week Sunday School series in Sanders Hall February 10 through March 10, 2019. This series is being offered by your Missions Lay Team and will be facilitated by Charlie Guyton and other team members. We will explore our call to missions, our church's existing mission efforts, how to become involved in existing mission efforts, and what new mission efforts we, individually and as a church, are being called to address. All adult Sunday School classes are invited, as are all adults who are not currently attending classes. Come explore *your* call to missions.

## This Week at Saint Paul's

### Monday, January 7

7:30 am MoLab/300/301  
10:00am Congregational Care/310

### Tuesday, January 8

10:00am Creation Care T-shirt Bags/302  
10:00am UMW Ruth Circle/200  
6:15 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR  
7:00 pm Young Adults/Red Eye Café  
7:30 pm Se'lah Choir/CR

### Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am Prayer Group/WR  
3:00 pm SPARKS/200 Level  
5:15 pm Dinner/SH  
5:30 pm Preschool Music/200/202

### Wednesday, January 9 cont.

6:30 pm Financial Peace/300  
6:30 pm Knitting & Crocheters/311

### Thursday, January 10

9:30 am MOPS/SH/N

### Friday, January 11

#### Church Office Closed

9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/200/202/204  
12:30pm Midtown Classical/300/302/304  
5:00 pm Crafty Crops/SH

### Saturday, January 12

8:00 am Hurricane Clean-up Trip  
10:00am Crafty Crops/SH



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### WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Nurseries for ages infant to five years are located in the lower level of the sanctuary building. One of our friendly ushers can give directions to restrooms.

### AIDS FOR THE VISUALLY AND HEARING IMPAIRED

Are available from our ushers. Kindly return the large-print hymnal at the end of worship. We, also, have hearing loops for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

### NAME TAGS

Name tags help us get to know one another better. They are located in the narthexes. If you need a name tag, please indicate on the attendance pad so we can make one for you. Please wear your name tag each week during worship.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

A wide variety of adult Sunday School classes and age-appropriate classes for children and youth are offered at 9:45. For details, visit the information table in Sanders Hall or call our office.

### INTERESTED IN JOINING SAINT PAUL'S?

If you are interested in becoming a member of Saint Paul's, please indicate so on the attendance pad. We will set a date for you to be received with joy!

### Financial Snapshot

Expenses to date: \$824,174.00

Average weekly expenses (2017): \$18,269.00

Income to date: \$837,720.00

Actual	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
Income:	\$24,785.00	\$10,223.00	\$15,940.00	\$9,900.00	TBA

December 30 attendance: 9:30: 189 No Sunday School

**We encourage you to give on-line** - No wallet required! It's fast, safe, and secure. Use your phone's camera and hover over the image - most will take you directly to the webpage for online giving.



### Saint Paul's Staff

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks, Senior Pastor

Rev. David Gill, Pastor of Congregational Care

Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs

Gaye Herndon, Music Performance Associate

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