



SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 26, 2019

Fifth Sunday after Easter

Esther: The Unseen Hand of God in Holy Celebration

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 a.m. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please see our ushers for large print hymnals and bulletins.
We, also, have hearing loops for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

Gathering

Revelation Song
Worship Band

J.L. Riddle

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Come, children of God,
rejoice in your Maker!

**Sing songs and hymns, old and new;
celebrate with voices and instruments,
with praise and prayers!**

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

**For God is already here,
among us and within us,
bringing new life to all who believe
Let's praise God together!**

* Opening Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57, vs 1-4

A Psalm of Celebration

Though we have known hardship and pain,
though life has not always turned out as we had hoped,
we will stand here and say:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Though life becomes more complex,
the deepest questions remain unanswered,
and the mystery of faith deepens, we will say:

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And though the pain of the world
often seems more than we can bear or address,
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Call to Prayer

Make Us One

C. Cymbala

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Chat

Scripture

Esther 9:18-23, 27-28

Old Testament pg. 450

Sermon Esther: The Unseen Hand of God in Holy Celebration

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

Offering

Forever
Worship Band

C. Tomlin

* Doxology

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Come Share the Lord

B.J. Leech

* Closing Hymn

Victory In Jesus

UMH 370

* Benediction

Going Forth

11:00 a.m. ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Prelude *Prelude on Hyfrydol* J. Raney

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* **Opening Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

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* Gloria Patri

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Anthem *If You're Happy/Amen* A. Thomas

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Sermon **Esther: The Unseen Hand of God in Holy Celebration**
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Offering *Allegretto in C* G.B. Pescetti

* Doxology

* **Closing Hymn** *Victory in Jesus* UMH 370

* Benediction

* **Postlude** *Celebrate!* J. Mansfield

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Fotena Zirps to the glory of God and with great love for her mother, Barbara Zirps on her 84th birthday.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Preschool and Toddler Music Groups meet in Rooms 325/326 on Wednesday afternoons from 5:30-5:55. We invite children in PreK 3 and 4 year olds to join Mrs. Gaye in room 325 and under 3 year olds with a parent or care-giver to join Mrs. Stephany in room 326.

SPARKS Choir continues our extended season with preparing to assist in leading the 11:00 a.m. worship service on June 2. We'll be presenting two anthems and a percussion story that morning.

Youth Choir and Sacred Dance Ministry members are preparing to attend Music Camp the week of June 9-14.

Handbell Choir will not meet this afternoon.

OPEN HOUSE! Tour our new associate parsonage at 3117 Tipperary Drive in Killlearn Estates, Sunday, June 2, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - A new Women's Bible Study for the summer starts June 11. It will meet every Tuesday morning 9:30 - 11:00 through July 23, with the exception of July 16. Childcare is available with reservation. Contact Malena Allison or Kathleen Lipson for more information.

GATHERING TO PRAY - God is answering prayer as we gather in His name. We invite everyone to join us to pray together for the concerns you share with us on the PRAYER REQUESTS cards in the pew, (please place them in the offering plates), or via email, david@saintpaulsumc.org, Wednesdays, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. in the church office. God is with us!

SAINT PAUL'S IS CONSIDERING BECOMING A RECONCILING CHURCH. Don't know what that means? Check out <https://rmnetwork.org/> for information. If your Sunday School class or committee would like to learn more please let Ian Collins, Cassie Griesheimer, or Barbara Block know.

SOUL FOOD NEEDS - Our homeless neighbors at Lake Ella have requested disposable razors, small (hotel size) soaps and/or travel size shaving cream. Please place items in the Soul Food bin in room 308. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

WELCOME NOTES TO REV. BECKY - If you are planning to send a welcome note to Rev. Becky Rokitowski and her family, please use this address: 3117 Tipperary Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

Print copies of Pastor Kandace's letter on Human Sexuality and General Conference are available in the Narthex and copies were given to Sunday School classes as well. On Wednesday nights in late May and June (May 29; June 12, 19, 26) Pastor Kandace is going to lead a class on **Human Sexuality and the Bible**, which will respectfully and thoughtfully look at all perspectives and interpretations, both affirming and non-affirming. All are invited to join in this study and discussion. Class will begin at 6:15 p.m., and materials will be provided.

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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Dinner in Sanders Hall - 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Reservations due by midnight Monday by calling 385-5146 or online at saintpaulsumc.org. \$7 adults, \$3 ages 4 - 12.
May 29: International - Italian

SUMMER CAMP REGISTER NOW!

Extreme Explorers Week

FILLED, but there is a waiting list.

June 17-21 - 2nd-5th graders - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We will kick off our 15th year of Extreme Explorers June 17-21! Kids, those who have completed 2nd-5th grades, are invited to experience a week of adventures! During the week, we will load our church bus and head to some of our favorite locations for loads of fun. Cost is \$160. Payments are requested by June 1. For more information, contact Kambea Chan, kambea@saintpaulsumc.org or Jenni Cox, jnute@hotmail.com.

Warren Willis Camp

July 8-13 - **REGISTER ASAP!** 3rd-12th graders

An overnight camp for rising 4th through 12th graders. Saint Paul's will attend this ever-popular camp the week of June 18-23. The children are grouped according to grades. The Children's Camp is rising 4th and 5th graders. Junior High Camp is rising 6th to 8th graders. High School camp is rising 9th - 12th. This is a fantastic Christian experience for our kids and is highly recommended. Register early... fills up very quickly. Contact Raymond if you are interested in going to camp this year.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTER NOW ONLINE

CHRISTMAS IN JULY ~ Love Came Down

July 15 - 19 and July 21 is VBS Sunday.

Adult and youth volunteers are requested to sign up online too.

This Week at Saint Paul's

Monday, May 27

Office Closed

6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 146/P

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 115/Scouthouse

Tuesday, May 28

9:30 am Women's Bible Study/310

10:00am Creation Care T-Shirt Bags/302

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 67/SH

6:15 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR

7:30 pm Se'lah/CR

Wednesday, May 29

8:00 am Prayer Group/WR

4:15 pm SPARKS Choir/CR

5:15 pm Dinner/SH

5:30 pm Preschool Music/325/326

6:15 pm Reconciling Church/SH

6:30 pm Knitting & Crocheters/311

Friday, May 31

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/P

ROOM KEY: CR - Choir Room / CY - Courtyard / F - Foundation / GP - Generations Park / L - Library / N - Nursery / P - Parlor / S - Sanctuary / SH - Sanders Hall / SHK - Sanders Hall Kitchen / WR - Work Room



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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: \$342,071.00 Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00
Income to date: \$337,501.00

Actual	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Income:	\$21,173.00	\$8,538.00	\$20,320.00	

May 19 attendance: 8:30: 85 11:00: 222 Sunday School: 122

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 - to go 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

Jill Merryday, Director of Children's Ministries

Peggy Benton, Ministry Coordinator

Kambee Chan, Children's Ministry Assistant

Jenni Cox, Children's Ministry Assistant

Laurie Batten, Church Administrator

Linda Fletcher, Publishing Specialist

Stephanie Corry, Facilities Coordinator

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