



SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

My Witnesses

Rev. Becky Rokitowski

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.

9:30 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.

Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Sky* arr. P. Dickens

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

Call the Worship

Clap your hands, all you people!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our sovereign Lord!
God is sovereign over all the earth!
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Let everything that has breath sing praises.
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

* **Opening Hymn** *Christ for the World We Sing* UMH 568

* **Affirmation of Faith** UMH883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

* Gloria Patri

Anthem *The Morning Trumpet* M.Hayes
Jim Morris -Trumpet

Children's Chat

Scripture Acts: 1: 6-11 New Testament pg. 118

Sermon **My Witnesses**
Rev. Becky Rokitowski

Offering *My Lord, What a Morning* arr. D. Phillips

* Doxology

* **Closing Hymn** *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

* Benediction

* **Postlude** *Postlude on "Italian Hymn"* J. Evanovich

All are invited to Sanders Hall for a reception to greet our new
Associate Pastor, Becky Rokitowski, and her family.



Vacation Bible School at Saint Paul's is an incredible outreach ministry which annually serves between 150-200 children. This year is no different. We are able to provide this ministry because of the generosity of our members offering their prayers, presence, gifts, and witness throughout the months-long preparation process as well as the week itself.

Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer— over eighty adults and youth! Please save the date for the free volunteer dinner in Sanders Hall **Wednesday, July 10th, at 6:00**. We will provide an overview of VBS week, provide training on our Child and Youth Protection Policy, and allow you to touch base with the others working alongside you in your assigned area. Please let Jenni Cox know if you are unable to attend the dinner.

NEEDS:

- ◆ Supply donations: detailed on the church website
- ◆ Volunteers for early drop-off at the playgrounds from 8:00-8:30 each morning.
- ◆ Donate food for volunteers during VBS week.
- ◆ Volunteer to remove back of pew materials on Sunday, July 14, after worship in anticipation of VBS children in the pews each morning.
- ◆ Volunteers to assist with assembly of the sanctuary stage design Sunday, July 14, around noon.
- ◆ Volunteers to disassemble the sanctuary VBS decorations after worship on July 21.
- ◆ Youth Volunteer Snack Organizer to maintain snack table for youth volunteers during VBS.
- ◆ Two Hospitality table leaders to set-up and serve coffee and muffins to parents during drop-off from 7:40-9:00.
- ◆ Volunteers to take down decorations in classrooms on Friday, July 19, after 12:00 pm.

Contact Jenni Cox, jnute@hotmail.com or 264-2993, OR
OR Peggy Benton at 363-2667

Thank you for supporting this ministry.
Everyone involved feels the love from the congregation!



Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Toddler and Preschool Music Groups will take a break for the month of July. We'll resume when school begins in August.

Handbell Choir will not meet today.

CHEERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS has begun a series called **ProFuture Faith**, an eight week study on religion and science and our impact on the earth's climate. The premise is that it is both immoral and evil to pursue one's own short-term personal or institutional gain in ways that diminish or destroy our long-term future. The series begins today. All are invited to attend.

SUPER SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - Join Super Summer Sunday School through August 11 as we dive deep in to the **Christmas story**. Our Bible verse is "... but the greatest of these is LOVE." (1 Corinthians 13:13). July lessons for K - 5 will be at 10:30 in room 210. Please share our faith with the kids by leading a Sunday School class. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/4VGm69>

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - Hey, youth, you're *never* too cool for Sunday School! Join us July 7 and 14 for a lesson about Spiritual Gifts (yours, mine and ours) and Fruits of the Spirit (no bananas involved). On July 21 we'll begin a series about women in the Bible. Every week we try to nourish your mind with a good lesson, nourish your belly with a yummy snack, and nourish your funny bone with a fun activity. We meet at 10:30 in room 210. Call the Guytons (Charlie at 559-9423 or Meg at 443-4175) for details.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - A new Women's Bible Study for the summer meets every Tuesday morning 9:30 - 11:00 through July 23, with the exception of July 16. Childcare is available with reservation. Contact Malena Allison, Malenakfrett@gmail.com or Kathleen Lipson, Kathleenlipson@yahoo.com for more information.

NEW GARDEN GROUP FORMING - Do you love plants and are you willing to share your knowledge? Or maybe you'd like to spend a little time in the fresh air with others while learning more about gardening? Our Creation Care group is expanding our garden and this is a great opportunity to join the Green Team and help us create a beautiful and bountiful space. Email Cara at Cares4Creation@gmail.com to learn more.

ADOPT-A-WEEK IN THE MOSAIC GARDEN THIS SUMMER - The tomatoes are exploding with fruit and the Manna on Meridian participants love them! We need a few more groups to Adopt-A-Week to help with the busiest season in the garden, so we are calling on all families, Sunday School classes, and groups to check your schedule and see if one of the slots works for you. Contact Jessie Perry at perry386@msn.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Our ministry focus this year is outreach, hurricane relief, and discipleship. We could affect two of these missions with a few more volunteers for our worship service Hospitality team and our Sunday School Welcome team. Would you be willing to serve once a month? Please email peggy@saintpaulsumc.org.

Around Saint Paul's

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

No Wednesday Night Dinners in July. Dinners will resume August 14.

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), Wednesdays, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. in the church office. God is with us!

ANNUAL SUMMER POOL PARTY - Sunday, July 21, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Trousdell Pool. Please plan to join us for fun and fellowship.

DATE NIGHT - July 27 is our next Date Night. 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Leave the kids with us and enjoy an evening out. Cost is \$15 per child/\$20 for two/\$25 family max. Register by June 24. <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/ministries/children/date-night/>

SAVE THE DATE FOR OLYN! Operation Love Your Neighbor will be September 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The entire congregation is invited to participate in various indoor and outdoor mission projects aimed at community.

I CHILD + I MENTOR= 2 CHANGED LIVES

By investing no more than one hour each week, you can change the life of a struggling young student *and* your own life! Prayerfully consider becoming a mentor at our partner school, Kate Sullivan Elementary. To become a mentor, go to www.leonschools.net. On the home page, click on Community, then Volunteer Program Services. Scroll down to Sign-up Genius and register for a date to attend a mentor training session. Complete the Volunteer Application and click Submit. Questions? Contact Meg Guyton at 443-4175.



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Peggy Miller in memory of her parents.

Prayers are requested for the family of Rebecca Adams who passed away Tuesday, July 2. She is the mother of Tamara Verheyen and the grandmother of Taylor, Kylea and Makaylah.

This Week at Saint Paul's

Monday, July 8

9:00 am Parents Morning Out/N
11:00 am Ed Wynn Luncheon/SH

Tuesday, July 9

9:30 am Women's Bible Study/310
10:00 am Creation Care T-Shirt Bags/309
7:00 pm Se'lah/CR

Wednesday, July 10

8:00 am Prayer Group/WR
9:00 am Parents Morning Out/N
6:00 pm VBS Volunteer Dinner/SH

Thursday, July 11

All day Decorate for VBS

Friday, July 12

Church Office Closed
All day Decorate for VBS
9:00 am Parents Morning Out/N
9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/P
4:00 pm VBS t-shirt pick-up

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



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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 so 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 welcome 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: \$431,575.00

Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00

Income to date: \$417,912.00

Actual	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Income:	\$12,674.00	\$7,793.00	\$21,121.00	\$19,140.00	\$7280.00

June 30: attendance: 9:30 Worship: 231 Children's Home - \$841.96

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. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor

Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs

Gaye Herndon, Music Performance Associate

Jill Merryday, Director of Children's Ministries

Peggy Benton, Ministry Coordinator

Kambea Chan, Children's Ministry Assistant

Jenni Cox, Children's Ministry Assistant

Laurie Batten, Church Administrator

Linda Fletcher, Publishing Specialist

Stephanie Corry, Facilities Coordinator

Raymond Pandley, II, Youth Ministry Assistant

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