



SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 1, 2019

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8 Essential Teachings of Jesus: Selfless Service

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.

8:30 & 11:00 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 *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* G.F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Becky Rokitowski

Call the Worship

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness.

AMEN.

* **Opening Hymn** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH 581

* **Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed
Ecumenical Version UMH 882

* **Gloria Patri**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Amazing Grace* J. Schrader

Special Music *A Prayer for Peace*
Sue Spencer, soloist S. Spencer

Children's Chat

Scripture Philippians 2:1-8 New Testament pg. 197

Sermon **8 Essential Teachings of Jesus: Selfless Service**
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Offering "Air" from Suite #3 J.S. Bach

* **Doxology**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

* **Closing Hymn** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 402

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (vs. 3)* UMH 89

* **Postlude** "Festal March" from Rinaldo G.F. Handel

Sermon Notes

“We will never really serve others unless we see that the needs of our neighbors are as real and important as our own. This may seem obvious. But the truth of the matter is that many of us look right through others and never see them, let alone care about what they need. When we are preoccupied with our own concerns, much of the world is simply invisible to us. Service is rooted in seeing—in seeing others as God does.”

- Adele Calhoun in *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*

“Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” - Jesus

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of Robert and Lynne Pennock's 35th wedding anniversary.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Toddler and Preschool Music Groups resume meeting this Wednesday, September 4. We invite little ones age 2 and under with their care-giver to join Mrs. Stephany for developmentally appropriate music activities in rooms 326 and those in PreK 3-4 to join Mrs. Gaye in room 325.

SPARKS Choir for grades K-5 resumes Wednesday, September 4. We meet in conjunction with our SPARKS program.

Youth Choir and **Handbell Choir** will not meet this afternoon.

Covenant Chancel Choir meets from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. This choir sings at the 11:00 worship service weekly and occasionally at the 8:30 worship service. We, also, perform Christmas and Easter cantatas. We would love for you to try us out. For more information email Cynthia Prescott at prescottc1360@gmail.com.

Se'lah If you want to sing but don't feel that you can commit to singing weekly in worship, Se'lah may work for you! We rehearse Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. This group sings once a month in the morning worship services and gives an annual concert. For more information, email Cynthia Prescott at prescottc1360@gmail.com

SPARKS with a BAM! Beginning September 4, all kindergarten through 5th graders are invited to join us for a year of Wednesday after-school fun! **Bible Chat, Art, and Music** includes friends and fun, too! Kids will enjoy musical fun with drums and boomwhackers, prepare for our Advent musical show, participate in art projects and cool science experiments, wacky games, and yummy snacks. All while keeping our focus on God's word in our Bible chats. Sign up online today!

WEDNESDAY STUDY - Join us Wednesday evenings, September 4 - 25, for **We Are the Church TOGETHER**. This four-week study is based on a book by Dr. Dana Robert and her inspiring presentation, *The Book of John, Friendship, and Mission Together*, at our recent Annual Conference. All members of the church are invited to this study and discussion as we continue to be the church TOGETHER. Use this link to sign up for the class: <https://saintpauls.umc.breezechms.com/form/98bcfc>

GRANDMOPS - We are in need of new friends to help us on the 2nd and/or 4th Thursday mornings. Give it a try and see if you might enjoy little ones to read to, color, etc. Please contact Jill Merryday if you are willing to give it a try and join the very fun GRANDMOPS TEAM!

PMO ~ SAINT PAUL'S PARENTS MORNING OUT - Parent's Morning Out is our weekday ministry to parents of little ones. The program includes free play, a weekly music class, crafts, playground time, and snacks. Our hours are 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and we follow the traditional school calendar. We are very excited about moving into our new space this month. We will begin to expand our ministry once that happens and are looking forward to new friends joining us. If you know someone with a one year old through four year old, we have spaces for them Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays. For more information, please go to Children's Ministries on our website.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RUTH CIRCLE - The Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Our speaker will be Rev. Becky Rokitowski, our new associate pastor. Come hear what she has to share with us.

Around Saint Paul's

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. September 4: Sloppy Joes

LAKE ELLA CLEAN-UP - September 14, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Bring your friends and family and help clean up Lake Ella on International Clean Our Shores Day. Free organic cotton t-shirts for everyone who participates! Wear water boots if you'd like to work the shoreline or close-toed shoes on land. We will provide gloves, nets, tongs, collection bags, and hand gel. Kids of all ages love this activity! Meet in the parlor at 9:00 a.m. to form teams and pick up supplies. For those who can't physically do the clean up, we will also have the Bag Angels in the Parlor. Contact Cara Fleischer at Cares4Creation@gmail.com with any questions.

ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held on September 15, immediately after the 11:00 service in the sanctuary. All 3rd graders and up are invited to serve in worship as an acolyte, crucifer or reading scripture. Contact Jill if you have any questions.

PACESETTERS LUNCHEON - Pacesetters 50+ Fellowship Luncheon is Thursday, September 19, at 11:30 in Sanders Hall. Our speaker will be Mica Renfro, Administrator for the Madison Youth Ranch. Chef Betsy will start our season with her famous meatloaf lunch. Call the office to RSVP by Monday, September 16. Lunch is \$7.00 at the door.

SAVE THE DATE - September 29 at 9:30 a.m., One Service Sunday and brunch.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY will be on September 29. Please send your child's name to Jill Merryday (jill@saintpaulsumc.org) including how you want it spelled in their Bible, so that we may obtain enough Bibles for all the 3rd graders.

ANNUAL CAMPING TRIP - October 11-13 - Plan now to join our camping fellowship at East Bank Campground. The sites have been reserved. Come join in the fun. Go to Fun & Fellowship Ministries on our website for all the details and to sign up now. Spots will fill quickly. For more information, contact Mayra Joiner, 850-363-6425, or Jill Merryday, 385-5146.

This Week at Saint Paul's

Sunday, September 1
No Evening Events

Monday, September 2
Office Closed
11:00 am Burleigh Law Party/SH

Tuesday, September 3
10:00am Creation Care T-shirt Bags/309
5:00 pm SPRC/Finance/310
6:15 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR
7:30 pm Se'lah Choir/CR

Wednesday, September 4
8:00 am Prayer Group/WR
10:00am UMW Board Meeting/L

Wednesday, September 4 cont.
3:00 pm SPARKS/210/211/Parlor
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/SH
5:30 pm Preschool Music/325/326
6:30 pm Knitters & Crocheters/311
6:30 pm We Are the Church
TOGETHER/SH

Friday, September 6
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/P/CH
9:00 am Caring & Sharing/SHK
6:00 pm Midtown Classical/210-211

ROOM KEY: CR - Choir Room / CH - Chapel / CY - Courtyard / F - Foundation / 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 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: \$580,329.00 Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00
 Income to date: \$549,462.00

Actual Income:	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
	\$17,929.00	\$10,431.00	\$21,463.00	\$14,329.00

August 25 attendance: 8:30: 86 11:00: 187 Sunday School: 152

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
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