



**September 22, 2019**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Lavish Generosity**  
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.**



### WAYS TO BE GENEROUS TO THE CHURCH

**PRAYERS:** Be generous in your prayers - spend time everyday praying for the needs of those you know; and then drop them a note and let them know you are praying for them.

**PRESENCE:** Be generous in being fully present in worship (commit to one quarter of perfect worship attendance!). Make it a point to say hello to someone you don't know well. Invite someone you don't know well to lunch. Help a new family get connected.

**GIFTS:** Want to generously provide new furniture and materials for our amazing Children's Wing? Give an extra gift amounting to your age in years as a way of saying 'thanks' to those who nurtured your faith, or those who are working with our children.

**SERVICE:** Be generous by volunteering to serve. Already serving? Find a way to go the extra mile.

**WITNESS:** There are several ways you can be generous in sharing your faith. Think social media - post scripture, short prayers or encouraging quotes. Invite someone to dinner on Wednesday night, or to worship on Sunday.

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of all those from Saint Paul's who serve as mentors at Kate Sullivan Elementary School.

# Around Saint Paul's

## MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

**Toddler and Preschool Music Groups** continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons, 5:30-5:55. We encourage all of our aged 3-4 year olds to join Mrs. Gaye in room 325. Under-three year olds with their care-givers join Mrs. Stephany in room 326.

**Youth Choir** meets this afternoon from 4:30-5:15 in the choir room. We encourage all of our 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders to join us!

**Handbell Choir** meets this evening at 6:00 in the sanctuary. At 5:40 p.m. we'll have an advanced ringing technique lesson for those who are interested. This week's focus will be the weaving technique.

**Covenant Chancel Choir** meets Tuesdays 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 service. We, also, perform Christmas and Easter cantatas. We would love for you to try us out. For more details, email Cynthia Prescott at [prescottc1360@gmail.com](mailto:prescottc1360@gmail.com).

**Se'lah** If you want to sing but don't feel 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 details, email Cynthia Prescott at [prescottc1360@gmail.com](mailto:prescottc1360@gmail.com)

**SPARKS with a BAM!** Join us for SPARKS Wednesday! Our theme this year is HEROES of the Bible! Kindergartners through 5th graders will enjoy an afternoon together with friends ... Bible Chats, experiments, art and music. Bring your kids to join us! Wednesdays, drop off between 3-3:45 at Generations Park and pick up at 5:30pm. For more information, contact Jill Merryday, 385-5146.

**WEDNESDAY STUDY** - Join us Wednesday evenings, through September 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 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://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/98bcfc>

**SEPTEMBER CRAFTY CROP** - At 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, September 28 you have a special opportunity to support the Chelsea House mission, women in crisis ministry. With your \$25 donation to Chelsea House, you will get to stamp FIVE Christmas cards. TWO will be donated to the Chelsea house and used as part of their gift packages this holiday season and THREE will be yours to keep. Bethany Barnard will lead this workshop. Register online for this special event!

**ONE SERVICE SUNDAY AND BRUNCH** - We have a fifth Sunday September 29 and that means One Service Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Don't forget your change as the children will be collecting for the United Methodist Children's Home. Please join us after the service in Sanders Hall for our brunch. Your hot or cold dish to share is appreciated. Drop off in the kitchen before service. Bible Study Class and the Youth are setting up. We are asking the congregation to help New Horizons clean-up.

**RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS** - We will be receiving new members into the church on Sunday, September 29. Please indicate on the Registration of Attendance pad if you wish to join and provide us with complete contact information.

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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](http://saintpaulsumc.org). \$7 adults, \$3 ages 4 - 12. September 25: International - Greek

**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.

**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 details and to sign up now. Spots will fill quickly. For more information, contact Mayra Joiner, 850-363-6425, or Jill Merryday, 385-5146.

**FUN FACT:** If just one person from each Sunday School class or other group (such as UMW or choir) became a mentor at Kate Sullivan Elementary, more than twelve struggling students would see grades and social skills improve! Contact Meg Guyton at [KSESmentors@comcast.net](mailto:KSESmentors@comcast.net) or 443-4175 to learn more.

**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, [becky@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:becky@saintpaulsumc.org), Wednesdays, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel. God is with us!

## This Week at Saint Paul's

### Sunday, September 22

**4:30 pm** Youth Choir/CR

**5:15 pm** Rooted Youth/SH/P

**6:00 pm** Handbells/S

### Monday, September 23

**8:00 am** Classical Conversations/All Rms

**5:30 pm** Missions Meeting/310

### Tuesday, September 24

**10:30am** Creation Care T-shirt bags/309

**6:15 pm** Covenant Chancel Choir/CR

**7:30 pm** Se'lah Choir/CR

### Wednesday, September 25

**8:00 am** Prayer Group/WR

**10:30am** Soul Food Bagging/308

**3:00 pm** SPARKS/301/310/CR

**3:15 pm** Midtown Classical/210/211

### Wednesday, September 25 cont.

**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

### Thursday, September 26

**9:15 am** MOPS/SH/Nursery

**10:00am** Novel Chats/C

### Friday, September 27

#### Church Office Closed

**9:00 am** Alzheimer's Celebration/SH

**6:00 pm** Crafty Crop/SH

**6:00 pm** Midtown Classical/210-211

### Saturday, September 28

**9:30 am** Soul Food Distribution/Lake Ella

**11:00am** Crafty Crop/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 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: \$628,677.00      Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00  
 Income to date: \$598,132.00

Actual	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
Income:	\$23,281.00	\$13,604.00	\$11,785.00		

September 15 attendance: 8:30 - 96    11:00 - 169      Sunday School: 160

**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  
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