

A photograph of the steeple of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, featuring a white steeple with a cross on top, set against a blue sky with white clouds. The church building below has a white portico with four columns.

# SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**September 8, 2019**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8 Essential Teachings of Jesus: A Passion for Justice**

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 for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

**Prelude**                      *Variations on CWM Rondra*                      H. Hopson

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

**Choral Call to Worship (11:00)**                      arr. L. Larson  
*The Power of Your Love*  
Laura Alexander and Stephany Nystrand

### Call the Worship

We have gathered as God's people  
to delight in God's presence,  
to experience God's healing,  
to receive God's grace.

**Let us be reconciled and renewed  
as we worship our god  
through Christ in the Spirit.**

Arlene Mark

\* **Opening Hymn**                      *Fairest Lord Jesus*                      UMH 189

\* **Affirmation of Faith**                      The Apostles' Creed                      UMH 881

\* **Gloria Patri**

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Anthem**                      *We Sing the Mighty Power of God*                      arr. D. Grothenhuis

**Special Music (8:30)**                      *The Power of Your Love*                      arr. L. Larson  
Laura Alexander and Stephany Nystrand

### Children's Chat

**Scripture**                      Luke 4:16-21                      New Testament pg. 61

**Sermon**                      **8 Essential Teachings of Jesus: A Passion for Justice**  
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**Offering**                      *La Grace*                      G. P. Telemann

\* **Doxology**

### Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30 service)

\* **Closing Hymn**                      *For the Healing of the Nations*                      UMH 428

\* **Benediction**

\* **Postlude**                      *Festival Postlude on Beach Spring*                      C. Phillips

### Advocating for Justice

The United Methodist Church has a long history of concern for social justice. Wesley and the early Methodists expressed their opposition to societal ills such as slavery, smuggling, inhumane prison conditions, alcohol abuse, and child labor.

Just as our own discipleship occurs both at a personal and communal level, our work in the world extends beyond helping individuals to transforming the conditions that create injustice and inequality: “it is our conviction that the good news of the Kingdom must judge, redeem, and reform the sinful social structures of our time” (Book of Discipline 2012, p. 53).

Our *Social Principles* are the church’s prayerful and thoughtful attempt to speak to contemporary issues through a biblical and theological lens, seeking “to apply the Christian vision of righteousness to social, economic, and political issues” (Book of Discipline 2012, p. 53).

As the agency tasked specifically to assist The United Methodist Church’s work of advocacy, The United Methodist Board of Church and Society works to provide “witness and action on issues of human well-being, justice, peace” through research, education and training.

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and to celebrate the 67th wedding anniversary of Jean & George Holzapfel.

# Around Saint Paul's

## MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

**Toddler and Preschool Music** have begun our new season. We'll meet in rooms 325 & 326 this week: 5:30-5:55 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

**Youth Choir** will meet today at 4:30 in the Choir Room. If you are in grades 6-12, please join us!

**Handbell Choir** meets today at 6:00 in the sanctuary. We will play for the morning worship services on September 22.

**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!** We had a great start to our first 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, 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 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!

**LUNCH AND LEARN** hosted by Pacesetters Thursday, September 19, at 11:30. Our speaker is the Ranch Administrator for the UM Madison Youth Ranch. \$7.00 at the door. Please RSVP to the office.

**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](http://saintpaulsumc.org). \$7 adults, \$3 ages 4 - 12. September 11: Chicken Enchilada Casserole

**YOUTH PARENT MEETING TONIGHT** - At 5:15 p.m. parents are invited to join the youth for dinner, then meet with Pastor Becky to talk through the calendar, costs, and key deadlines. Parents, we need your help, so find out how you can support our youth group throughout the year, and give us feedback for how we can support your families.

**LAKE ELLA CLEAN-UP** - Saturday, 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 have Bag Angels in the Parlor. Contact Cara Fleischer at [Cares4Creation@gmail.com](mailto:Cares4Creation@gmail.com) with any questions.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING** will be held Sunday, 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 scripture reader. Contact Jill if you have any questions.

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY** will be September 15. Please send your child's name to Jill Merryday ([jill@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:jill@saintpaulsumc.org)) including how you want it spelled in their Bible, so that we may obtain enough Bibles for all the 3rd graders.

**ONE SERVICE SUNDAY AND BRUNCH** - September 29 at 9:30 a.m. Plan to share a hot or cold dish. Drop off in the kitchen before service. Bible Study Sunday School Class and the Youth are setting up. The congregation is asked to help New Horizons clean up.

**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.

## This Week at Saint Paul's

### Sunday, September 8

4:30 pm Youth Choir/CR

5:15 pm Rooted Youth/SH/P

6:00 pm Handbells/S

### Monday, September 9

10:00 am Congregational Care/310

6:30 pm Governing Board/301

### Tuesday, September 10

10:00 am UMW Ruth Circle/P

10:30 am Creation Care Tshirt bags/309

6:15 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR

7:30 pm Se'lah Choir/CR

### Wednesday, September 11

8:00 am Prayer Group/WR

3:00 pm SPARKS/210/211/Parlor

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/SH

5:30 pm Preschool Music/325/326

### Wednesday, September 11 cont.

6:30 pm Knitters & Crocheters/311

6:30 pm We Are the Church  
TOGETHER/SH

### Thursday, September 12

9:15 am MOPS/SH/Nursery

### Friday, September 13

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/P/CH

6:00 pm Midtown Classical/210-211

### Saturday, September 14

8:00 am Creation Care/P

9:00 am Creation Care Lake Ella  
Clean Up



As a Spirit-formed **living expression of the kingdom of God**, the vision of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to **glorify God** wholeheartedly, **grow** the community of the faithful, **nurture** the faithfulness of that community, **alleviate suffering** wherever it is found and **advocate** for **social justice**.

### 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: \$595,797.00

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

Income to date: \$572,743.00

Actual	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
Income:	\$23,281.00				

September 1 attendance: 8:30 - 79 11:00 - 143 Sunday School: 141

**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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