



October 27, 2019

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Words Matter: Listen More, Talk Less, Calm Down

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 (8:30) *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* arr. R. Thygerson
(11:00) *Hymn of Promise* arr. M.L. Thompson
Handbell Choir and Saint Paul's Dancers

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

Introit (11:00) David and Goliath: a percussion story
SPARKS Choir B. Henn/M. Burrows

Call to Worship

When the shouts of anger and hostility pound upon our ears...

Quiet our hearts, O God, to hear your voice.

When the arrogance of the world and the carelessness of people threaten to destroy your creation...

Help us be strong in our service of hope and peace.

And when we are tempted to think we have all the answers, and when we fail to listen to one another...

Cultivate humility and self-control in our spirit, so that we walk in the way that leads to life.

AMEN.

* **Opening Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

* **Affirmation of Faith** Affirmation from 1 Timothy UMH 889

* **Gloria Patri**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem (8:30) *Hymn of Promise* M.L. Thompson
Handbell Choir and Saint Paul's Dancers
(11:00) *Joy Down in My Heart* M. McDonald
Covenant Chancel Choir

Children's Chat

Scripture James 1:19-27 New Testament pg. 229

Sermon **Words Matter: Listen More, Talk Less, Calm Down**
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Offering (8:30) *Pastorale* R.J. Powell
(11:00) *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho* arr. C. Curry
SPARKS Choir

* **Doxology**

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Gluten-free bread is available. Please make your need known to those serving communion.

* **Closing Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH 557

* **Benediction**

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

Postlude *Postlude on 'St Denio'* H. DeCou



When Ryan and Kristin Kline returned to Saint Paul's, the church they grew up in, they made a decision to tithe.

"I remember being a little bit like, are you sure we can do that and still put food on the table?" Kristin recalls. "And he was like, yeah, we'll make it work."

And they always have. Almost immediately, they made arrangements for 10 percent of their earnings to be automatically withdrawn from their bank account. They love the convenience and ease of that feature, although sometimes they wonder if people notice a young couple who never contributes during offering time.

"It's awkward to pass a plate and not put anything in it," Ryan said, "but, at the end of the day, what other people think doesn't matter."

Kristin is a high school teacher and Ryan does graphic design and website creation, as well as coaching the FSU co-ed cheer team. They're not "rolling in riches," but they are proud to set an example of consistent giving to their children, 6-year-old Ryan and 2-year-old Coraline.

"At the end of the day we're pretty lucky," Kristin said. "We've got a nice house, there's food to eat — and a lot of people don't. We use it as an example to the kids to say, 'It's important to take care of others.'"

"I'm not one to hand somebody money on the side of the road. Giving money to the church feels like a safer way to give back," Kristin said. "Somehow, God provides. That should be the message."

Commitment Sunday is November 17, 2019



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Elizabeth Kearney to the glory of God and to celebrate the life of Dennis I. Kearney. He was a disciple of Christ, loving husband, father and grandfather. He is now playing golf in heaven. Amen.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Toddler and Preschool Music Groups meet Wednesdays from 5:30-5:55 in rooms 200/201.

SPARKS Choir is continuing to work on our multi-media Advent program, "The Christmas Scene Revisited," on Wednesday afternoons. This program will be presented Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We'll, also, participate in the annual Hanging of the Greens service on December 1.

Youth and Handbell Choirs will not meet this afternoon due to our Trunk or Treat event.

Covenant Chancel Choir meets Tuesdays from 6:00 - 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. Email Cynthia Prescott at prescottc1360@gmail.com to learn more.

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

TRUNK OR TREAT TONIGHT! Please come with your trunks and treats and camp chairs and help us welcome cute kids and their families for our 16th Annual Trunk or Treat! Set up your trunk at 4:00 p.m. Treating begins at 5:00 p.m. There will be 400 free hot dogs, free lemonade, and Kona Ice for purchase. You don't want to miss this SO MUCH FUN event!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL begins a new lesson series today with *UNAFRAID - Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. The study guide was written expressly for youth and there are accompanying videos we'll watch each week. And, as with every youth lesson series, we'll have group-building games, snacks, and more! Every Sunday at 9:45 in room 211.

THE COVENANT CHANCEL CHOIR has begun rehearsing the Christmas Cantata *The Song Heard 'Round the World'* and you're invited to join in. We rehearse Tuesday evenings 6:45 - 7:15 and practice CDs are available. For more information, contact Cynthia Prescott at cynpres@comcast.net or 556-0168.

SAINT PAUL'S CHARGE CONFERENCE - Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST BY RICHARD ROHR - Our Wednesday night class is a discussion of Richard Rohr's book *The Universal Christ*. Wednesdays through November 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Please feel free to join us for any or all of these discussions. We utilize a mixture of discussion and contemplative practices related to the book material and suggested by Richard Rohr.

GRIEFSHARE - Saint Paul's GriefShare class meets Wednesdays through December 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in room 302. Cost is \$15.00. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching focused on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a loved one or friend. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. The class is led by Andra Cornelius. To register call the church office, 385-5146.

STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM – This is an important season in the life of the United Methodist Church, and especially Saint Paul's UMC. We are gathering a Strategic Planning Team to consider our future together and to make plans for the next several years. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Pastor Kandace at (kandace@saintpaulsumc.org).

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. October 30: International - German

I SAID THIS YOU HEARD THAT BIBLE STUDY - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. through November 20. *How Your Wiring Colors Your Communication* by Kathleen Edelman and led by Mike and Malena Allison. If you've ever said the wrong thing (or said the right thing the wrong way) you know how quickly your mouth can make a big mess. But it doesn't have to be that way. This 6-session video study explores how your wiring affects what you say, how you listen, and how others hear you.

CUBA TRIP - Terry Denham will be leading a small team from Tallahassee to visit Cuba to deepen our relationships with our sister churches. You are invited to come. February 6-13, 2020, we will travel as a group and then go to our own sister churches. This is a relationship-building week rather than a construction mission. Total cost is estimated to be \$1,750. Contact person: David Gill, davidmurraygill@gmail.com, 352-223-2759. We must commit by November 1.

FORGET-ME-NOT WALK - Join us Sunday, November 3 at Cascades Park at 1:00 p.m. for the Forget-Me-Not Walk to support The Alzheimer's Project. This home grown ministry supports caregivers throughout the Big Bend with dementia education, support groups and respite care. Join the Saint Paul's team of walkers or support with a donation at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/team/850878/> Call or text Greg Perry (850) 228-8869 with questions.

EASY-PEASY SHOPPING for those you love will be found at our Sunday, November 17, Alternative Christmas Market in Sanders Hall. You can purchase ladybugs, a headboard, fruit cups, underwear, and much more to support Saint Paul's mission ministries *and* to honor a special family member or friend. Make plans to attend and to bring others with you!

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. For more information, please go to Children's Ministries on our website. **SPOTS AVAILABLE NOW.**

This Week at Saint Paul's

Sunday, October 27

5:00 pm Trunk or Treat/GP Parking Lot

Monday, October 28

8:00 am Classical Conversations/All Rms

5:00 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor/SH

6:30 pm Governing Board/301

6:30 pm Trustees/310

Tuesday, October 29

6:00 am Creation Care Breakfast/SH

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

6:00 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR

6:30 pm Charge Conference/Trinity UMC

6:30 pm Cub Scout 115 Awards/SH

7:30 pm Se'lah Choir/CR

Wednesday, October 30

8:00 am Prayer Group/C

3:00 pm SPARKS/301/310/CR

Wednesday, October 30 cont.

3:15 pm Midtown Classical/210/211

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/SH

5:30 pm Preschool Music/200 Level

6:15 pm The Universal Christ/C

6:30 pm Bible Study/300

6:30 pm GriefShare/302

Thursday, October 31

9:15 am MOPS Leadership/P/200 Level

Friday, November 1

Church Office Closed

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

9:00 am Caring & Sharing/SHK

6:00 pm Midtown Classical/210-211

Saturday, November 2

11:00am Crafty Crop/P



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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: \$687,068.00 Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00
 Income to date: \$662,495.00

Actual Income:	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
	\$14,106.00	\$19,727.00	N/A	

Oct. 20 attendance: 8:30: 83 11:00: 197 Sunday School: 117

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

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