



February 2, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

New Places for New People: Facing our Fears

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 *Passacaglia on Psalm 118:1* D. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD acted;
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!
The one who enters in the LORD's name is blessed;
we bless all of you from the LORD's house.
The LORD is God! He has shined a light on us!
You are my God—I will give thanks to you!
You are my God—I will lift you up high!
Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,
because his faithful love lasts forever.

- * **Opening Hymn** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* UMH 133
- * **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed UMH 881
- * **Gloria Patri**

Commissioning of Rev. David Gill

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem *How Beautiful* T. Paris

Children's Chat

Scripture Psalm 118:1-20 Common English Bible

Sermon **New Places for New People: Facing our Fears**
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Offering *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* V. Collinsworth

- * **Doxology**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gluten-Free bread is available; please let your server know if you would like this option.

- * **Closing Hymn** *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UMH 128

- * **Closing Prayer**

God of grace, walk with me as I name and address fears that keep me from doing your work in this world.

Dear Lord, multiply your kingdom through us. Amen.

Postlude *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* H. Purcell

Governing Board 2020

The following individuals will be serving Saint Paul's UMC as part of the Governing Board for 2020. Please keep them in your daily prayers as they seek to lead the church with wisdom and discernment.

Lay Leader

Ryan Kline (2020)

SPRC

John Apthorp (2022)

Ross Moret (2021)

Nena Martinez (2020)

Laura Tully (2020), Chair

Finance

Carrie Holmes (2022)

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Barb Bauldree (2020)

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Tiffany McNabb (2021)

Ed Holmes (2020), Chair

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Barbara Block (2020)

Margaret Hardee (2020)

Aimee Wirth (2022)

Andrew Fischer (2021)

Kambea Chan (2021)

Jim McConnaughay (2022)

Recording Secretary

Angela Perry (2021)

Governing Board meets on the last Monday of each month and meetings are open to the congregation to attend, with the exception of any staffing/personnel discussions. Next meeting will be Monday, February 24.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We celebrate Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month (every Sunday in 8:30 worship). Ours is an open table, meaning all are welcome to participate. Offerings left on the communion rail are used to assist the needy.

SEEKING PART-TIME NURSERY HELPER

Our Parents Morning Out ministry is growing by leaps and bounds! We need a helper on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. If interested, please contact Bridget or Jill in the church office, 385-5146.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Danatta Merryday.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Toddler and Preschool Music Groups: we invite you to bring your little ones (age 2 and under/PreK 3-4) on Wednesdays from 5:30-5:55 p.m. for special developmentally appropriate music classes led by Stephany Nystrand and Gaye Haddon. We meet in the Children's Ministry wing's Music Room.

Youth Choir is working on several exciting pieces to present for worship in the near future. We WILL be meeting this afternoon from 4:30-5:15 in the choir room.

Handbell Choir will meet from 5:15 -6:15 this afternoon in the sanctuary.

Covenant Chancel Choir meets Tuesdays, 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

CHILI COOK-OFF - Today there are titles to defend, and chili to be eaten as the youth group hosts our annual chili cook-off! Come support our youth as they raise money for their summer mission trip. Our Chili Cook-off is today in Sanders Hall right after worship.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Have started and will continue through March 8. If you are in 7th grade or higher and are ready to take the next step in your faith and become a full member of the church, join us during the Sunday School hour in the youth room 211. We will meet together as one class and then break off and go across the hall for confirmation.

I BEG TO DIFFER - Friends and strangers clash with each other over issues large and small. Coworkers have conflicts in the office. Married couples fight over finances. People demonize each other on social media. Is there any hope for civil discourse? This course, led by Rev. Dr. Brooks, will provide a strategy for having difficult conversations, helping us move from contentious debate to constructive dialogue. Using insights from Scripture and communication theology, this class will provide practical ways to manage disagreements and resolve conflicts. Class will meet through February 19, in room 326. Please go to <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/66c487> to sign up for the class.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - Stronger than the Storm. February 7 – 9 on Saint George Island. Sign up *now* and read all the details on the church website under "Quicklinks". Fee is \$150. If registration is full, please call Peggy Benton (385-5146) to be put on a waiting list. Additional housing may be possible.

CHILDCARE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS will be provided 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for our evening Bible Studies and classes, Wednesday Dinner, or possibly a much needed kid-free trip to the grocery store. We hope to encourage our families to fellowship and take advantage of classes offered. Any questions, contact Bridget Weisbrod, bridget@saintpaulsumc.org.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RUTH CIRCLE - The Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Our speaker will be Deborah Moore, circuit director for Guardian Ad Litem. All women of the church are invited. For more information contact Peggy Harter, 339-1356.

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. February 5: Pot Roast

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH & LEARN - Thursday, February 20, at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Warner Sachs on the history of the Florida Capitol, including the preservation of the original brick building. Our chef will be serving smothered pork chops with scalloped potatoes for \$7. Please RSVP by calling the office by Tuesday, February 18.

TOWN HALL MEETING: All are encouraged to attend a Town Hall Meeting Sunday, February 23, at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The topic of the meeting is to discuss church finances. Please make every effort to be in attendance.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER FEBRUARY 25 - Join us as we raise money to send youth to Music Camp this summer. It starts at 5:30 p.m. in Sanders Hall. Free with donations accepted. Sign up on Breeze or at our table on Sunday mornings.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP TEAM - If you are willing to join this team and help plan some fun & fellowship opportunities for Saint Paul's in 2020, please let Jill Merryday (850-443-9428) know.

SPARKS BUS DRIVER NEEDED - Wednesdays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Please call Jill Merryday, 443-9428. No special driver's license needed.

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU Saint Paul's congregation, from the United Methodist Children's Home! Our goal for giving in 2019 was \$5,700.00. You generously gave \$10,419.88. This includes noisy change, Christmas gift cards, donations honoring or in memory of loved ones, and gifts for birthdays and anniversaries for those who seem to already have everything. All contributions are greatly appreciated for this wonderful mission to children in need. Our first Fifth Sunday in 2020 will be March 29. Our goal is \$12.00/member per year. Our church family is amazing!

This Week at Saint Paul's

Sunday, February 2

12:15pm Chili Cook Off/SH
4:30 pm Youth Choir/CR
5:15 pm Handbells/S

Monday, February 3

8:00 am Classical Conversations/All Rms
10:00am Congregational Care/310
6:30 pm Core Ministries/301

Tuesday, February 4

9:30 am Mommy & Me Music/200
11:30am Alzheimer's Caregivers Lunch/P
6:15 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR
7:30 pm Se'lah Choir/CR

Wednesday, February 5

8:00 am Prayer Group/325
10:00am UMW Board Meeting/L
10:30am Creation Care T-Shirts/302
3:00 pm SPARKS/100 Level

Wednesday, February 5 cont.

3:15 pm Midtown Classical/P/210/211
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/SH
5:30 pm PreSchool Music/200 Level
6:30 pm Climate Justice/310
6:30 pm I Beg to Differ/326

Thursday, February 6

9:30 am MOPS Leadership/P/N

Friday, February 7

Church Office Closed
Women's Retreat/St. George Island
9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/P
9:00 am Caring & Sharing/SHK
6:00 pm Midtown Classical/P/210/211

Saturday, February 8

Women's Retreat/St. George Island



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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 on the 200 level of the children's wing of the educational 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: \$49,632.00 Average weekly expenses (2019): \$17,477.00
 Income to date: \$90,877.00

Actual	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Income:	\$11,526.00	\$24,551.00	\$20,151.00	\$34,649.00

January 26 attendance: 8:30: 98 11:00: 169 Sunday School: 169

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. Or use this link to access online giving. <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/give/>



Saint Paul's Staff

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks, Senior Pastor
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