

APRIL 2023

# the EPISTLE



**Easter Sunday**  
**April 9, 2023**  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## APRIL CALENDAR

- Apr. 1 Easter Jubilee, Generations Park  
10:00 a.m.
- Apr. 2 Easter Cantata, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m.
- Apr. 3 Ed Wynn SS Class Luncheon  
10:30 a.m., Sanders Hall
- Apr. 6 Thirsty Thursday, Parlor  
7:00 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday, Sanders Hall  
6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 7 Good Friday Service  
Trinity UMC, 12:00 p.m.
- Apr. 9 Easter Sunrise Service  
Outdoors, 7:00 a.m.
- Apr. 10 Office Closed
- Apr. 11 United Women in Faith  
Sanders Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- Apr. 15 Manna on Meridian  
Faith Presbyterian, 8:00 a.m.
- Apr. 16 New Members Class  
Sanders Hall, 12:00 p.m.  
Youth Programming,  
Sanders Hall, 6:00 p.m.  
Contemporary Service,  
Sanders Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 17 Congregational Care, Room 326  
10:30 a.m.
- Apr. 21 Crafty Crop, Parlor, 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 22 Crafty Crop, Parlor, 10:00 a.m.,  
Date Night, Nursery, 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 29 Soul Food Distribution  
Lake Ella, 9:30 a.m.

# APRIL *events*

## **EASTER CANTATA**

The Covenant Chancel Choir will be presenting "A Journey to Hope", **April 2, Palm Sunday** at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This cantata was inspired by the great tradition of spirituals. Join us as these treasured songs of faith guide us from Jesus' baptism by John to Palm Sunday to the Crucifixion and finally to his glorious Resurrection! Come join us.

## **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

United Women in Faith will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 11**, at 10:00 in Sanders Hall. All women of the church are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Peggy Harter, 850-339-1356 or harterp97@gmail.com.

## **HOLY WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S**

**Holy Week** is the culmination of the Lenten season, and leads us through some of the most intense days in the life of Jesus. The most sacred of weeks culminates with the celebration of resurrection on Easter morning. I encourage you to participate in all of our Holy Week services, and in particular, those services that we share with other churches in our community.

**Maundy Thursday (April 6)** we celebrate Maundy Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will provide dinner following the service. This tradition is one of our highlights of Holy Week.

**Good Friday (April 7)** service will be held at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church downtown. Ministers from Tallahassee United Methodist churches and campus ministries participate in this community service.

**Easter Sunrise Service (April 9)** is at 7:00 a.m. outdoors. We share this service with Faith Presbyterian Church. This year, Saint Paul's will provide the music, and Faith will be preaching for this service. There will be a continental breakfast from 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.

**Easter Services** in our Sanctuary will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The choirs and handbells will provide special music for our celebration.

## **SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Join us on **Sunday, April 16**, in Sanders Hall for worship through contemporary music, a message, and discussion time. All are welcome to come. Youth programming runs 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and worship will be 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Nursery is available for the little ones. Sunday Night Worship Experience is every third Sunday of the month.

## **MEN'S READING COMMUNITY**

The Men's Reading Community meet **every Tuesday**. We meet from **8:30 - 9:30 a.m.** at Ology Brewing Company, 2910 Kerry Forest Parkway, Unit 8 for breakfast. This gives us an opportunity to gather and fulfill the mission, vision, and discipleship strategy of the church by being a faithful group of disciples. If you are interested or would like more information please contact David Gill, [davidmurrahgill@gmail.com](mailto:davidmurrahgill@gmail.com), or Nic Fugate, [ndfugate@gmail.com](mailto:ndfugate@gmail.com).

## **5TH SUNDAY IN APRIL**

Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday for the Methodist Children's Home and Madison Youth Ranch is on **April 30**. Please save your coins for the children's noisy change offering. We appreciate all you do to support this amazing ministry. Children are the future so lives rehabilitated thru Christian love affects us all. Thank You

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We will have a New Member Info Session in Sanders Hall, during the Sunday School hour and immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service, on **Sunday, April 16**. This is a great chance to meet the pastors, ask questions, and hear about Saint Paul's UMC. Those who wish to join as members will have the opportunity to do so during either service on April 28.

## **HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR EPISTLE?**

Would you rather receive this newsletter by email? Send a message to [linda@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:linda@saintpaulsumc.org) and we will switch your delivery method.

# CREATION *care*

## EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22

### ALL ABOUT RESURRECTION!



Easter, Spring, and Earth Day are all in April this year. Think about the lovely overlap: God resurrected Jesus from the dead and brought about new life through the church; God created the season that faithfully resurrects the cycle of life year after year; God works with faithful people through Earth Day to resurrect and renew care for Creation.

God's desire for life over death is clear. Let us work with joy for resurrection! The opportunities are all around us. "Invest in Our Planet" is the theme for 2023's Earth

Day. You can help by investing your time, efforts, and resources in the renewal of the earth.

### CREATION CARE SUNDAY IS APRIL 23

Join us in worship on **Sunday, April 23** as we celebrate God's Creation through song, prayer, scripture, and the message.

### VOLUNTEERS COLLECT 72 POUNDS OF TRASH FROM THE BANKS OF LAKE ELLA



We had an enthusiastic group of helpers who helped clean up our community on March 4. Thank you to our Creation Care leaders Jessie Perry and Yvonne Brownlie for leading the charge, and for everyone who came out to help!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Jim Geiger
- 2 Jacob DeGraw, Colin Pernell
- 3 Caitlyn Burks
- 4 Bliss Amort-Murphy, Betty Weisbrod
- 5 Dennis Lee, Wade Pierce, Connie Zeigler
- 6 George Holzapfel, Justin Jordan
- 7 Carol Chick
- 8 Linda Atherton, Charlotte Fristoe
- 9 Teresa McRae
- 10 Kevin Fleischer, Barbara Pierce
- 11 Thomas Abels, Tessa Benton
- 12 Karol Selvaggio
- 13 Leroy Irwin
- 14 Sue Griner
- 15 Bryeanne Verheyen
- 16 Kathy Duval, Dorothea Kalinosky  
Barbara Nute
- 17 Philip Gornicki
- 18 Cheryl Swanson
- 19 Mary Helen Cain, Frances Stiles  
Karl Ward
- 20 Cory Pierce
- 22 June Townsend
- 23 Autumn Amort-Murphy,  
Sherrill Ragans
- 24 Kirsten Henriksen
- 25 Brian Underhill, Hazel Weisbrod
- 26 Luke Allison
- 27 BJ Goodpasture, Mayra Joiner
- 28 Collins Byford
- 29 Michael Miller
- 30 Colleen Williford

# MISSION ministries

## MANNA ON MERIDIAN

**Keep your donations coming and THANK YOU!**

Saint Paul's is the church responsible for providing volunteers for Manna on Meridian for April. Distribution will take place on **April 15** from 7:30 to 9:30am at Faith Presbyterian. We need at least 7 volunteers. Youth are welcome, since it is a drive up process it is not safe for young children. Please let me know if you can help or if you need directions.-email or call Barb Block 850 241 2642

## ELDER CARE

Since 1970 Elder Care Services has been working to improve the quality of life for seniors in our community. You can help fulfill this mission through your contributions of basic items which allows those with limited incomes to have the ability to pay for medications, utilities and rent. Your contributions could be monetary or some of the following basic items.

Toilet paper	Paper Towels
Canned fruits	Canned chicken
Canned Soups	Cereal
Pasta	Rice
Cleaning Supplies	Nutritional drinks
Peanut butter	Canned Vegetables

During the winter many elderly are in need of space heaters and blankets and their summer needs are fans to help keep them cool. Your contributions may be left at the church office and monetary contributions can be made by check payable to Saint Paul's United Methodist Church designated in the memo line to Elder Care.



*Helen Ervin and Carol Stern unloading at Elder Care*

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## PEACE AND JUSTICE PILGRIMAGE

Join us on this pilgrimage to deepen our faith in Christ and stoke our desire to love one another.

The purpose of this journey is to engage the reality of systemic racism and injustice in our lives. We will learn the history of white racial violence from the Antebellum South, through Reconstruction, to Jim Crow, and all the way to mass incarceration today. We pray that on our journey we will all know better how to love our neighbor more fully on our path of discipleship.

We will depart Tallahassee at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5 and return on the evening of Saturday, May 6. The cost of this trip will be between \$275 - \$325 per person for single occupancy and \$200 - \$250 per person for double occupancy. We are still finalizing our hotel details, so we wanted to give a price range for the moment. The trip cost will cover your hotel room, Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner, museum and memorial admission, and transportation costs. **Registration and payment will be due on 4/21** (you can send a check to Trinity UMC or St Paul's UMC and put "P&J Pilgrimage" in the memo).

Call the church office or email Rev. Becky Rokitowski at [becky@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:becky@saintpaulsumc.org) for more information and to sign up!



# MUSIC

## at Saint Paul's

### MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Youth Choir hosted the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 21, to raise money for Music Camp. All youth are invited to join our Youth Choir which meets on **Wednesday evenings**, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. in room 200, immediately following Rooted (our Youth Ministry).

The Kids@Art Choir is presently working on our spring musical, "The Sailor's Bible," by Allen Pote and Tom Long. This delightful and hilarious musical includes three Bible stories with nautical settings: Noah, Jonah, and Paul's Shipwreck. These stories tell of how "only the power of God is greater than the natural forces of wind and wave; only the presence of God can bring peace to the hurricanes of life." Children, Grades K-5, are invited to join us as we prepare to present this musical on May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We rehearse on **Wednesday afternoons 4:30 - 5:30**, with 4:00 p.m. drop-off available. Contact Stephany Nystrand for more info, [stephanymusictherapy@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanymusictherapy@yahoo.com).

Preschool Music and Arts: we have a unique opportunity for your preschoolers, ages 3-4, which meets concurrently with Kids@Art, from **4:30 - 5:30 on Wednesday afternoons**. Developmentally appropriate music activities including: singing, playing instruments, creative movement, and Bible Stories, crafts and play-time with Beth Wilde and staff. We invite all children ages 3-4 to join us! Contact Gaye, [gaye@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:gaye@saintpaulsumc.org)) for more info.

# THANKS

## a latte!

In every Epistle we are going to take a moment to spotlight two volunteers that are making a difference and serving at Saint Paul's. These volunteers will receive a special coffee mug along with a \$5 gift card to Black Dog Café as a token of appreciation for all their hard work.

Our thanks this month goes to Jessie Perry and Yvonne Brownlie! Both are active members of the Creation Care Team. They help to keep our Mosaic Garden tended and watered. We snapped this picture as they were planting tomato plants and installing a new drip irrigation system. They are also both serving on the IRC Home Team, and you can find them lending a helping hand whenever needed.



*Yvonne Brownlie and Jessie Perry, of the Creation Care team working in the Garden.*

Jessie and Yvonne – THANKS-A-LATTE!

# WEDNESDAY nights

Wednesday nights are back in full swing with lots of ways for you to grow, serve, and connect! Nursery is available. Please contact Beth Wilde, [beth@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:beth@saintpaulsumc.org) to sign up for childcare. Here is the schedule and details:

## EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

4:30-5:30 Kids@Art / Pre-School Music & Arts  
4:30-5:30 Walking on Wednesdays (W.O.W)  
5:30-6:30 Dinner in Sanders Hall  
6:00-7:00 Rooted Youth Program  
6:30-7:30 Adult Classes  
7:00-7:45 Youth Choir

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

The doors open at 5:00 and we serve food from 5:30 until 6:30. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Come and enjoy a home-cooked meal and visit with church friends.

### April Menu:

April 5 - Baked Potato Bar (with Beef Tips and Gravy)

April 12 - Cheesy Vegetable Pasta  
(with Italian Sausage)

April 19 - Meatloaf

April 26 - BBQ Ribs

# YOUTH rooted

## SATURDAY, APRIL 1 - EASTER JUBILEE

On **Saturday, April 1**, Rooted will be participating and leading our churchwide Easter Jubilee! The event will be held by Generations Park and will run from 10am-12pm. Our Youth will be responsible for both leading the various stations available for children and families, as well as stuffing and setting out the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Come out and help us make this event

## SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

On **Sunday, April 16** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Rooted is having Sunday Night Youth! Sunday Night Youth is a growing program for our youth that provides them with dinner, games, worship, a message, and discussion questions provided by our Contemporary Service. We are in need of help providing dinner for our youth! Please contact me at [zac@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:zac@saintpaulsumc.org) if you or somebody you know would be willing to help out. Sunday Night Youth only happens once a month so you don't want to miss it!

## SATURDAY, APRIL 22

### WINONA AVENUE CONCERT

On **Saturday, April 22** from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Rooted will be attending the Winona Avenue Concert being held at Good Samaritan UMC. Winona Avenue is a Christian pop rock band that plays worship music and cover songs, creating a different and exciting worship experience our youth don't get every week. This event is the first District Youth Event of the year and will be an awesome opportunity for the UMC youth of our district to get to know each other better and have fun while doing so. From 2:30 to 3:00 we will be doing organized group games before heading into the concert at 3.

We are asking for 5 dollars to help offset the cost of this concert. If you would like to sponsor a youth, group, or this ministry, please contact me at [zac@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:zac@saintpaulsumc.org). Much of our district youth events will be funded through donations, so if you are passionate about the youth of our district getting involved in exciting, faith-cultivating events, your support would go a long way!



# FAMILY events

**Sunday School** for all ages every week from 9:45 -10:40 a.m. including Pre-K, K-2 grade and 3-5 grade classes. Youth and adult classes are also available. Nursery open to children 6 months- 5 years old all morning.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Nursery** – Level 200, Secure access please ring the door bell. Ages 6 months up to 5 years of age available from 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. includes pre-school Sunday school instruction.

**Grades K-1** – Foundation Level Room

Contact: Jo Ellen Brown (foundation, first room on right)

**Grades 2-5** – Foundation, center “Art” Room

Lead by Jenni & Kevin Cox

## EASTER EGG HUNT AND JUBILEE

**Saturday April 1, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Festivities include: face painting, crafting, a cake walk, a bounce house, a photo booth with special farm animal guests little goats Poppy & Petunia and last but not least a special Lady Bug Release!

Egg Hunt for Ages 5 and up will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. in Generations Park.

Egg Hunt for Ages 4 and under will begin at 10:30 a.m. sharp in the Sprouts Park.

## DATE NIGHT

**Saturday, April 22 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Enjoy an evening out with your special someone or simply enjoy some much-needed quiet time. Our wonderful nursery staff will take care of your little ones while you get out for a few hours. Contact Director of Nursery Beth Wilde with any questions or concerns at: [beth@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:beth@saintpaulsumc.org). Signup: <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/date-nightapril2023>.

## SAVE THE DATE & GET READY

### TO SIGN UP FOR VBS 2023:

### “SPIRIT WEEK – SENSING GOD”

**June 26 - June 30 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Open to all rising K -to 5th Graders (meaning the grade your child will enter in the fall of 2023) Nursery will be available to all children of volunteers. For more info or to be a part of the planning committee contact Bridget at [bridget@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:bridget@saintpaulsumc.org).

## PARENTS MORNING OUT

Is a great start to the day seeing so many happy faces coming to play and learn available **Monday – Friday from 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** and a lunch bunch option. Now Enrolling ages 6months- 4 years old. Contact Director Beth Wilde at [beth@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:beth@saintpaulsumc.org) or to see more info. complete the interest form here: <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/6dbb99PMOinterest22-23>

## PMO SUMMER SESSIONS

We are taking reservations now for this Summer. Sign up here to be counted in on the summer camp style fun for your little one! <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/04e8bepmosummer2023>.

## KIDS@ART

Kids@Art invites all grade-schoolers to stretch and strengthen their worship art skills with us every **Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** For more info contact Bridget at [bridget@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:bridget@saintpaulsumc.org). To get started sign up here:

<https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/kidsart2022-2023>.



## EXTREME EXPLORERS

**Tuesday - Friday May 30 – June 2  
from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Open to all rising 3rd-5th graders (meaning the grade your child will be in the fall 2023). Come join the adventure to nearby natural parks and attractions. Each day will be a new place to explore: Florida Caverns & Blue Springs, Redemptive Love Farm, Wakulla Springs, and a Blueberry Picking & Beach Picnic at Wacissa Springs.

**Sign up for your explorers:** <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/ExtremeExplorers2023>

**Sign up to Chaperone with Extreme Explorers:**  
<https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/EEvolunteers2023>



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### SUNDAY MORNINGS AT SAINT PAUL'S

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday - Closed

Find us on  at SaintPaulsUnitedMethodistChurch

### OUR STAFF AND EMAILS

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### OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Wayne Waytt

### OUR MISSIONARIES

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