

MARCH 2024

the EPISTLE



Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

MARCH CALENDAR

- Mar. 4 Ed Wynn Luncheon,
10:30 a.m., Sanders Hall
- Mar. 7 MOPS Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Sanders Hall
Circle of Support, 10:00 a.m.
Parlor
- Mar. 11 Congregational Care,
10:30 a.m., Room 326
- Mar. 12 United Women in Faith,
10:00 a.m., Sanders Hall
- Mar. 15-17 Spring Camping Trip
- Mar. 16 Manna on Meridian, 8:00 a.m.
Faith Presbyterian
- Mar. 19 Alzheimer's Meeting/Lunch
11:30 a.m., Parlor
- Mar. 21 MOPS Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Sanders Hall
Circle of Support, 10:00 a.m.
Parlor
- Mar. 22 Crafty Crop, 4:00 p.m., Parlor
- Mar. 23 Crafty Crop, 10:00 a.m., Parlor
- Mar. 24 Easter Cantata, 11:00 a.m.,
Sanctuary
- Mar. 25 Governing Board, 6:30 p.m.,
Parlor
- Mar. 28 District Leadership Meeting,
6:00 p.m., Room 325
Maundy Thursday Service,
6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall
- Mar. 30 Soul Food Distribution,
9:30 a.m., Lake Ella
Easter Jubilee, 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 31 Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m.
Lake Ella Parking Lot
Easter Service, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

MARCH *events*

LENTEN STUDY

Our Lenten study will run through **March 27**. The class will be at 6:15 p.m. in Room 310.

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Join us every Sunday evenings for *Grace After Dark*, our Contemporary Worship Service, in Sanders Hall. 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.

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, david.murrahgill@gmail.com, or Nic Fugate, ndfugate@gmail.com.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith will meet on **Tuesday, March 12**, at 10:00 a.m. in Sanders Hall. Our program for the morning will be an Easter service project. More details will be provided later. Come join us for a morning of education, fellowship and service.

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.

Palm Sunday (March 24) Worship with our Children's Palm Processional. 8:30 a.m. is our regular worship and at 11:00 The Covenant Chancel Choir will present "*Sacred Places*".

Maundy Thursday (March 28) we celebrate Maundy Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Sanders Hall, with a soup dinner and Sacrament of Holy Communion. This tradition is one of our highlights of Holy Week.

Good Friday (March 29) 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 (March 31) is at 7:00 a.m. with Faith Presbyterian Church at Lake Ella. There will be a continental breakfast following the service.

Easter Services in our Sanctuary will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Identical services with musical offerings by the Handbell Choir, Se'lah, and Covenant Chancel Choir. 7:00 p.m. Grace After Dark Service in Sanders Hall.

CRAFTY CROP

Join us for Crafty Crop with some fun gal-friends **March 22 & 23** in the Parlor! Bring your projects and table space will be provided. The fellowship begins on **Friday at 4:00 p.m.** You may leave your projects all set up to continue the fun on **Saturday at 10:00 a.m.** Any questions and/or to sign up, contact Jill Merryday (850-443-9428).

CHEERS GUEST SPEAKER ON APRIL 7

The CHEERS Sunday School Class and Pastor Latricia invite you to join them in a lesson/discussion of human rights led by Mark Schlakman on April 7 during the Sunday School hour in Sander's Hall. Mr. Schlakman met Pastor Latricia when she moderated the God Squad recently. She recommended Mr. Schlakman to CHEERS because of a January class she facilitated for us on the Hamas/Israel/Gaza and larger Palestinian struggle. After discussing the upcoming class with the pastor, we feel that many in the church would benefit from hearing his message.

Mr. Schlakman is a lawyer with a background that includes serving as special counsel to Florida Governor Lawton Chiles, as a senior advisor on The White House staff during the latter stages of Clinton administration, a foreign affairs officer at the outset of the George W. Bush administration and as a special assistant to a four-star Marine Corps general before the general was appointed as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Mr. Schlakman current serves as senior program director of the Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. He teaches a range of interdisciplinary human rights and national security courses that are cross-listed for grad, honors and undergrad students that are offered jointly through multiple colleges on main campus at FSU, and he has taught Immigration and Refugee Law and Policy at the College of Law.

Easter Word Search

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 MIRACLE
 REJOICE
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Cynthia Jordan
- 3 James Fernandes, Gary Limbaugh,
Ian Swanson, Scott Waltz
- 4 Jenni Cox
- 6 Bruce Archer
- 7 Stokley Hays
- 8 Mary Anne Helton
- 11 Linda Fletcher
- 12 Mike Zeigler
- 13 Carolyn Wiemer
- 14 Jack Getman, Don Griesheimer,
Marcella Sheetz
- 16 Nathanael Scott, Sue Whitfield
- 19 Greg Perry, Rollen Thomas
- 21 Olivia Barlow, Sophie Eychaner
- 22 Seamus Fernandes, Ken Taylor
- 24 John Aphthorp, Grant Barber,
Andrew Fischer, Jennifer Hauer
- 25 Willa Almlof, Sarah Hanson,
Robert Hawken
- 27 June Joiner, Bill Knight,
Walter Morris, Kyndal Wallace
- 28 Kathryn Pernell
- 29 Henry Alexander,
Rodney Atherton, Lydia Rios
- 30 Cleveland Fischer

MISSION ministries

MANNA ON MERIDIAN

For anyone not familiar with Manna on Meridian, it is a monthly food distribution program run by 4 churches on Meridian Road - Faith Presbyterian, St. Stevens Lutheran, Saint Paul's, Unitarian Universalist, and joined by Grace Lutheran.

We served 130 families in January 2020 and have tripled our numbers to 354 in January 2024.

That means we have triple the amount of groceries and produce to purchase, unload, shelve, bag and distribute each month.

We have **not** tripled the number of volunteers who perform these jobs.

Here is when we need you:

Groceries are delivered from Second Harvest on the third Wednesday each month and need to be unloaded, shelved and unwrapped between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Fresh produce from local farms is delivered and bagged on the third Friday between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Distribution and bagging for the next month takes place on the third Saturday each month from 7:00 a.m. set up to 10:00 a.m.

Bread and baked goods distribution 11-12:30 on Sundays. (Publix only donates items not sold on Sundays each week)

We need volunteers to commit to 2 hours a month at one of those times to support this program that helps feed hungry families on our community. If you wish to volunteer but are not available at those hours let me know and we can arrange a convenient time for you.

Please seriously consider this opportunity and let me know of your availability and any questions.

Barb Block 850-241 2642 or tallahasseebarb@yahoo.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR OF YAGUARAMAS METHODIST CHURCH, REV. ALEXIS BETANCOURT:

"....we would like to see what possibility there may be of helping us with a budget to give food to the children of the church every Sunday, because here they do not have provision. The economic situation in Cuba is serious, we do not have electricity, we do not have food, we do not have toilets. We lack many resources for daily maintenance, children are not able to grow because of many deficiencies. ...we need you, to tell you that we can do everything through Christ who strengthens us"



Our Mission Lay Team stewards the funds our congregation donates for mission work and we decided to send \$800 for the first three months of this feeding program in our sister church in Yaguaramas, Cuba. Last week their pastor, Rev. Betancourt, texted me that they had finally received our gift. He sent me this photo two weeks ago, showing some of the children whom we will be feeding over the next three months. If all goes well we hope to renew our support every three months. Thanks to all you donate to help our friends in Christ in Cuba!

David and Susan Gill, coordinators for the MISSION LAY TEAM

CHILDREN'S HOME NEWS

A "Day on Campus" for the Children's Home in Enterprise is scheduled for **March 16**. A time to tour, enjoy activities and performances with the youth and lunch under the big tent. A new name and logo will be presented during that day. All are invited. A fall "Day at the Ranch" is being planned in September or October to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Madison Youth Ranch. Look for more information as it becomes available.

Our first noisy change 5th Sunday is March 31st, however in celebration of our Easter cantata and then Easter Sunday activities we are waiting to share our noisy change until **April 7**. Thank you for all of your support and contributions through the year. Janet Clark LCR.

MUSIC

at Saint Paul's

The **Kids@Art Choir** is presently working on our spring musical, "Storms," by Mark Burrows. This very thoughtful and well written musical focuses on our ability to weather the storms of life because of Jesus' promises. Children, Grades K-5, are invited to join us as we prepare to present this musical on **May 15 at 6:45 p.m.** in the sanctuary. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Children's music room, #200. Contact Stephany Nystrand for more info. (stephanymusictherapy@yahoo.com)

Our **Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)** meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 7:45 immediately following UMYF. We're looking forward to going to Music Camp, June 10 - 15, and are so very grateful to all who worked and donated to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner fundraiser!

Se'lah: is an ensemble of adults who love to praise God through song but can't commit to sing in worship every Sunday. This group rehearses Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the choir room. They perform a variety of music and sing in a variety of places. This group sings once a month in worship and occasionally with Covenant Chancel Choir for special occasions. A nursery/childcare is provided. Contact Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs Director (prescottc1360@gmail.com).

EASTER CANTATA ON MARCH 24

On **Sunday March 24** at the 11:00 a.m service, the Covenant Chancel Choir will be presenting the Easter Cantata *Sacred Places* A Pilgrimage of Promise. *Sacred Places* explores the story of Christ's ministry, passion and resurrection, all emphasizing the locations where these great moments occurred: the Sea of Galilee, the Wedding at Cana, the Sermon on the Mount, Jerusalem, the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, and the Garden of Resurrection. Come join us as we journey to the sacred places of our shared faith through song and scripture.

SUMMER

at Saint Paul's

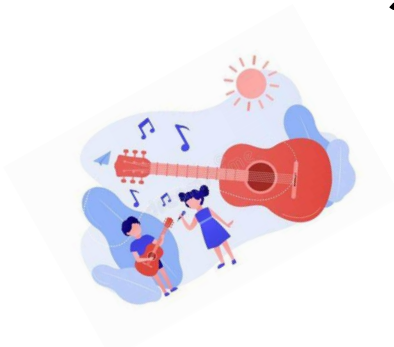
SUMMER 2024! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Music Camp, Leesburg, FL
June 9-14 (5th graders through youth)

Vacation Bible School
June 24-28 (Kindergarten through 5th)

Warren Willis Summer Camp, Leesburg, FL
July 8-13 (3rd-12th graders)

Extreme Explorers Week
(2nd-5th graders)
June 3 - 7



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 to sign up for childcare. Here is the schedule and details:

WEDNESDAY AT SAINT PAUL'S

3:00-5:00 SPARKS
5:10-5:30 Preschool Music Group
5:15-6:30 Dinner in Sanders Hall
6:00-7:00 Kids@Art
6:00-7:00 Rooted Youth Program
6:15-7:15 Lenten Series Class, Room 300
7:00-7:45 Youth Choir

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

The doors open at 5:00 and we serve food from 5:15 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.

March Menu:

March 6 – Chicken Alfredo
March 13 - Shepherd's Pie
March 20 - Perlo Rice
March 27 - Baked Spaghetti

Dinner also includes salad, drinks, and dessert.
The kids meals are chicken nuggets, fresh fruit and a cheese stick.

YOUTH rooted

MARCH 11 - 15—SPRING BREAK

No UMYF March 13. We will still have Sunday school and Sunday Night Youth!

MARCH 29 - EGG STUFFING PARTY!

Easter Egg stuffing party. Youth will come together to help prepare easter eggs for Easter Jubilee.

MARCH 30 - EASTER JUBILEE

Youth will help run the activities and stations. As well as help to raise money through a cake walk!

March 31 - Easter Sunday!

SAINT PAUL'S UMC
EASTER JUBILEE
MARCH 30, 2024
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
And more!

Save the Date
VBS
June 24-28
Registration opens in
March...more details to come



FAMILY events

Sunday School for all ages every week from 9:45 -10:45 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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 Sunday school instruction.

Children's classes are located on the "Foundation Level" (Facing Lake Ella) of the children's wing.

- K-1 grade class led by Mrs. Jo Ellen Brown & Gigi Ebert
- 2-3 grade class led by Mrs. Faye Miller & Volunteers
- 3-5 grade class led by Mr. Kevin & Mrs. Jenni Cox

KIDS@ART

Kids@Art welcomes newcomers to this exciting evening of worship arts activities. Happening every **Wednesday** from **6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** Open to all K-5th grade children. Sign up here: <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/kidsart2022-2023>.

CHILDREN'S UPDATE

We are thrilled to share with you our updated Children's Areas. Our doors are open to children and families for a variety of activities. Did you know we offer a monthly Date Night in addition to our Parent's Morning Out and PreSchool programs? We are excited to start getting ready for Summer Camp too. We invite all our members and families who haven't explored our Children's Areas yet to come and visit us. You can drop by on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening to see where our little ones learn, play, and worship. If you have any questions about our programs, please contact Beth Wilde or Leslie Scott.



Playing together and having so much fun.

PARENTS MORNING OUT & PRESCHOOL

Our Parent's Morning Out and Preschool is a fun and safe place for children of all backgrounds to come together and foster a joy of learning through Christ's love. We accomplish this through cooperative and imaginative play. We also offer formal lessons in phonics, math and social and emotional intelligence. Please let Beth Wilde, our Director of Early Childhood Ministries, know if you are interested in learning more. Beth@saintpaulsumc.org

SPARKS

SPARKS hands on Art & Science afterschool ministry every Wednesday, we welcome all K-5th graders to join us and offer church bus pick up from Gilchrist and Sealy elementary. Drop in any time after 3:00 p.m. at Generations Park.

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| 3:00 - 3:35 | Supervised Park Play |
| 3:40 - 3:55 | Snack & Scripture Sharing |
| 4:00 - 4:25 | Hands on Art Making with Ms. Courtney and Ms. Megan |
| 4:30 - 4:55 | Science Experiments with Ms. Leslie, and Ms. Kjersten |

For more information contact beth@saintpaulsumc.org.

IT'S SAINT PAUL'S DATE NIGHT!

Mark your calendars for a Valentines date night! **March 23** 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Drop the kids off with us and enjoy a night out! Contact Beth Wilde, our Director of Early Childhood Ministries to learn more. beth@saintpaulsumc.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Do you want to help foster a love of God in the next generation? Do you have fond memories of fun from your childhood? Do you know who makes that possible? Amazing church volunteers! We are looking for volunteers for Sunday School Assistants and Vacation Bible School Helpers. Any amount of time you give to these children helps shape today and tomorrow in our church. Please contact leslie@saintpaulsumc.org to see where you are needed.



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SUNDAY MORNINGS AT SAINT PAUL'S

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Contemporary Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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