

MAY 2024

# the EPISTLE



## Thank You & Farewell to Simon

Join us on **Sunday, June 2nd** for a farewell reception for our beloved sexton, Simon Webb. Simon has served Saint Paul's with love for 19 years and will be retiring on May 31st.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee encourages you to join with us to generously recognize Simon's outstanding efforts through special a LOVE offering. Your gift should be labeled "Staff-Parish Love Offering". The offering may be placed in the Sunday plate, mailed to the church or brought to the office by Wednesday, May 22nd.



We love  
you  
Simon!

### MAY CALENDAR

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| May 2  | MOPS Leadership Meeting, 9:30am, Sanders Hall   |
|        | Circle of Support, 10:00 am, Parlor             |
| May 7  | Alzheimer's Lunch 11:30am, Parlor               |
| May 9  | MOPS Meeting, 9:30 am Sanders Hall              |
| May 13 | Congregational Care, 10:30 am, Room 326         |
| May 14 | United Women in Faith, 11:00 am, Sanders Hall   |
| May 15 | Town Hall Meeting, 6:00 pm, Sanders Hall        |
|        | Kids@Art Musical, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary            |
| May 16 | Circle of Support, 10:00 am Parlor              |
| May 17 | Crafty Crop, 4:00 pm, Parlor                    |
| May 18 | Crafty Crop, 10:00 am, Parlor                   |
|        | Early Childhood Open House, 10:00 am, 200 level |
| May 19 | Graduation Sunday                               |
| May 20 | Governing Board, 6:30 pm, Parlor                |
| May 25 | Soul Food Distribution, 9:30 am, Lake Ella      |
| May 26 | One Worship Service, 9:30 am                    |

# MAY events

## 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** 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).

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 14, at 11:00** in Sanders Hall. Notice that we will be meeting at 11:00, rather than our regular 10:00, because our program will be our annual May luncheon. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share.

Come join us for a morning of education, service and fellowship. All women of the church are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Peggy Harter, 850-339-1356 or [harterp97@gmail.com](mailto:harterp97@gmail.com).

## CRAFTY CROP

Join us for Crafty Crop with some fun gal-friends **May 17 and 18** in Sanders Hall! 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).

## UPDATE FROM SPRC

Introducing some new staff members that started at Saint Paul's in April...

With the retirement of our beloved Sexton, Simon Webb, just a few weeks away, we have hired a part-time Assistant Sexton to work with Simon to learn the ropes. Welcome Jonathan Leach! Jonathan grew up at Saint Paul's, and we have been blessed to have him back with us, along with his family, for the past few months. Jonathan brings considerable experience in cleaning, maintenance, and technical areas – plus a servant's heart – to this new role. While no one can truly “replace” Simon, we know that Jonathan will be a great addition to our staff! Be sure to say hello when you see him around the church.

Another new staff member is Melissa Edelstein, who has joined us in the part-time role of Financial Assistant. Melissa will work closely with Church Administrator, Linda Fletcher, and our Finance Team to support excellent stewardship of the funds entrusted to us. A particular focus for Melissa will be to work closely with our growing Early Childhood ministry, helping Director Beth Wilde manage the financial resources well. Melissa has served as the Business Administrator at Good Samaritan UMC for many years, so she brings a wealth of experience in church and preschool financial management. We are pleased to have her with us!

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## CHURCH WORKDAY

On Saturday, April 20, 35 church family members spent from 8:00 – 2:00 working on different areas of the church. Inside, baseboards and floors were cleaned. In the Sanctuary, woodwork was cleaned; pews were washed and treated with lemon oil; brass was polished. Outside, limbs were trimmed; landscape plants installed; pine straw spread and wheel stops painted yellow or blue. Next door at 301 E. Tharpe, a level walkway replaced one that was uneven and a fall opportunity. The Trustees so appreciate the time and effort given by these people.

# CREATION *care*

## LADYBUGS ARRIVE IN MOSAIC GARDEN

The Ladybug Jubilee was one of many JOY-filled events at Saint Paul's Easter activities the day before Easter Sunday. Many children learned the value of ladybugs as they helped the Creation Care Team release 5,000 ladybugs into the Mosaic Garden. These beneficial insects eat aphids which can suck the juices out of plant stems. With them around, our tomato plants should survive and thrive. We can already see plenty of little yellow flowers which signal that the tomatoes are not far behind. The children had fun making ladybug headbands, decorating ladybug rocks, using magnifying glasses to get a closeup look, and spraying a sweet solution onto the plants to encourage the bugs to stay in the garden. The timing was also perfect for harvesting the carrots we planted many months ago! Relive that day with the photos below:



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Sara Godwin
- 2 Jill Merryday
- 3 Sandra Collar, Kaia Martin, Jack Wilde
- 5 Cynthia Bennett
- 7 Malinda Horton, Charlotte Keaton
- 8 Thomas Duggar
- 9 Elizabeth Selva, Emery Wester
- 10 Summerlyn Burger, Teagan Field, Amy Leach, Ben Merryday
- 12 Linda Sellers
- 13 Cynthia Prescott
- 14 Harber Herndon, Matthew Swanson
- 15 Deborah Chellman, Jessie Perry, Billy Stiles II
- 16 Charlotte Chellman
- 17 Emma Phelps-Lackey
- 19 Nic Fugate, James Goodpasture
- 20 David Cuddington, Julie McBride, Teresa Shippy, Myrna Thomas
- 22 Dean Kindley
- 25 Barbara Bauldree, Dora Thomas
- 26 Gloria Wurst Priest
- 28 Kirsten Underhill
- 29 Barbara Block, Elizabeth Wilde
- 30 Kimberly Thomas
- 31 Patrick McDermott

# 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.

### Volunteer Opportunities in May:

May 17 – 1:00 pm– Produce Packing

May 18 – 7:00 am-10:00 am– Distribution

Thanks for your support! Please seriously consider this opportunity and let me know of your availability and any questions.

Barb Block 850-241 2642 or [tallahasseebarb@yahoo.com](mailto:tallahasseebarb@yahoo.com).

## UPDATE FROM MISSIONS

Saint Paul's is blessed with partner churches as we serve food-insecure neighbors. Faith Presbyterian Church has dedicated a building on the back side of their campus & many renovations, coupled with our partnership with Second Harvest of the Big Bend, have enabled us to effectively utilize our space to serve more families more frequently. **In the first quarter of this year, we assisted nearly 3,500 individuals across over 1,100 households.** In comparison, we served 735 households during the first quarter of 2023. THANK YOU for helping us feed God's children!

## CAPITAL AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY

Thanks to all from Saint Paul's who joined us at the Nehemiah Action meeting on April 16th! We appreciate your support of this ministry. Capital Area Justice will be hosting a Justice Celebration on Tuesday, May 14 at Temple Israel at 6:00 pm.

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is now



## UPDATE FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME

For over a century, the Children's Home has been guided by an unwavering commitment to serving children and families throughout the state of Florida with compassion, integrity, and faith. Since our beginning in 1908 as the Florida Methodist Orphanage, we have expanded over the years into a diverse organization serving abused, abandoned and neglected children. That expansion has brought about the realization that we have outgrown the Children's Home name and needed something that better represented the purpose we serve and the care that we provide. That new name is **Residing Hope**.

Residing Hope expresses optimism and the opportunity of a better life for the children and youth that we serve. It's that compassionate care that drives everything we do across all of our services and locations. Please join us as we live into our new name, through our mission and purpose

# MUSIC

## at Saint Paul's

### STORMS

by Mark Burrows

presented by the Kids@Art

Wednesday, May 15, 6:35 p.m., Sanctuary

You are invited to join us for the performance of this poignant musical which “features a group of children who wonder if they have what it takes to overcome storms of their own,” and through the Bible story of Jesus Calming the Storm, they discover that we can, with God’s help, weather the storms of life.” Our Preschool Music Group will also participate in the opening of the program. “No matter the storm, you are always loved, and you are never alone.”

**Covenant Chancel Choir:** sings for the 11:00 a.m. (and occasionally 8:30 a.m.) services. This choir also presents and leads special seasonal services. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings, 6:15-7:15 p.m., in the choir room. A nursery/childcare is provided. If members want to sit with their families during worship, they leave the choir loft after the anthem. Contact Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs Director: [prescottc1360@gmail.com](mailto:prescottc1360@gmail.com)

**Se'lah:** is an ensemble of adults who love to praise God through song but can't commit to singing in worship every Sunday. This group rehearses Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:30, 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 the Covenant Chancel Choir for special occasions. They are currently preparing to present a Concert in the early fall. A nursery/childcare is provided. Contact Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs Director: [prescottc1360@gmail.com](mailto:prescottc1360@gmail.com)

# 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

(rising 3rd-rising 5th graders)

June 3 - 7



# WEDNESDAY nights

Wednesday nights are 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:

## 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 "Savior" Study (ends May 8)  
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. Dinner includes a salad, drinks and dessert. Kids meals are chicken nuggets, fruit and a cheese stick.

### May Menu:

May 1 - Baked Pork Chops  
May 8 - Beef Stew  
May 15 - Chicken Alfredo  
May 22 - Baked Spaghetti  
May 29 - Fried Swai Fish

Please make sure to RSVP by Mondays at noon. You can sign up in Weekly Notes, on our website or on the pew pads during worship

# YOUTH rooted

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Join us on Sunday nights for food, fun and fellowship!  
Doors open at 5:45 and dinner begins at 6:00.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors (high school and college) on **Sunday, May 19**, at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services of worship. Please let us know if you know of anyone in our Saint Paul's family who is graduating this year. Contact Emma ([emma@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:emma@saintpaulsumc.org))

## VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We can still use more volunteers for our Vacation Bible School week, which will be June 24-28.

Please use the QR code below to register as a volunteer.







# 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-2 grade class led by Mrs. Jo Ellen Brown & Volunteers
- 3-5 grade class led by Mr. Kevin & Mrs. Jenni Cox

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## 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](mailto:leslie@saintpaulsumc.org) to see where you are needed.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, May 18th from 10:00am-1:00pm, we will be hosting an Early Childhood Open House. This is for anyone interested in learning more about the upcoming options for this fall as we expand our program. Please contact Beth Wilde for more information – [beth@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto: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.

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](mailto:beth@saintpaulsumc.org).

## SUMMER PLANS WITH THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

With graduation and promotions all happening soon, it is time to think about where you will be this summer. We will be offering Extreme Explorers for rising Third through Fifth graders at the beginning of June and Vacation Bible School for everyone from rising Kindergarten to adults. Please make sure you are registered as we will not have any walk-up registration spots available. Contact [leslie@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:leslie@saintpaulsumc.org) with questions.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Beginning May 26, we will combine all the Elementary Sunday School Classes into one class for the summer that will run after the 9:00 service. Sunday School will meet in the Foundation room and will run from 10:45 to 11:45. We will learn, create, play, and snack together. Please make plans to join us!



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### SUNDAYS 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  
850-385-5146

Find us on  at SaintPaulsUnitedMethodistChurch

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### OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Clarke Campbell-Evans

### OUR MISSIONARIES

Delbert and Sandy Groves,  
Zambia