

SEPTEMBER 2024

the EPISTLE



It's never too early to start marking your calendars! We've already got lots of wonderful events lined up (and this isn't even all of them!)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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| Sept 2 | Ed Wynn Luncheon, 10:30am, Sanders Hall |
| Sept 3 | Alzheimer's Lunch, 11:30am, Parlor |
| Sept 5 | Circle of Support, 10:00am, Parlor |
| Sept 9 | Congregational Care Meeting, 10:30am, Room 326 |
| Sept 10 | United Women in Faith, 10:00am, Sanders Hall |
| Sept 12 | MomCo Meeting, 9:30am Sanders Hall |
| Sept 19 | Circle of Support, 10:00am, Parlor |
| Sept 21 | Manna on Meridian, 8:00am, Faith Presbyterian
Date Night, 5:00pm |
| Sept 22 | Se'lah Concert, 7:00pm, Sanctuary |
| Sept 23 | Governing Board, 6:30pm, Parlor |
| Sept 26 | MomCo Meeting, 9:30am, Sanders Hall |
| Sept 27 | Crafty Crop, 2:00pm, Parlor |
| Sept 28 | Crafty Crop, 10:00am, Parlor
Soul Food Distribution, 9:30am, Lake Ella |
| Sept 29 | Children's Sunday |



SEPTEMBER events

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Join us every Sunday evening for our shared Contemporary Worship Service with Good Samaritan UMC, in Sanders Hall. This service begins at **6:00pm**. All are welcome to come.

MEN'S READING COMMUNITY

The Men's Reading Group has resumed their Tuesday morning meetings at Ology Northside. They gather each **Tuesday at 9:00 am**.

If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact David Gill (davidmurraygill@gmail.com) or Nic Fugate (ndfugate@gmail.com)

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

After our summer break United Women of Faith will resume meeting on Tuesday, **September 10th, at 10:00am** 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

CRAFTY CROP

Join us for Crafty Crop with some fun gal-friends **September 27 & 28** in Sanders Hall! Bring your projects and table space will be provided. The fellowship begins on **Friday at 2:00 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).



SECURITY NOTICE FROM TRUSTEES

On Monday August 26, 2024, all door lock codes will be deleted. If you need a code for entry into the Sanctuary or the education building, please see Linda Fletcher prior to the day you need a code so that she can issue you a temporary code.

MORE FROM CREATION CARE

As we implied in the last Epistle, "We can't recycle our way out of the plastic problem," but we CAN do a better job WITH our recycling! For instance, here is a reminder about what CAN and CAN'T be recycled as far as plastic items go: (rinse and leave lids and labels ON)

This is a comprehensive list of accepted and not accepted recycling in Leon County. Remember, no need to separate your items, they can all go into the same container

PLASTIC

ACCEPTED

Bottles and cups-including clear disposable cups
Jugs- juice and milk (lids and caps left on)
Tubs and containers- yogurt, butter/margarine, plastic take-out, plastic frozen food trays
Detergent, shampoo and cleaning bottles- including bathroom, kitchen and laundry products

NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags, polystyrene/foam- certain grocery stores may accept clean ones
Plastic utensils
Straws
All biodegradable and compostable plastics
Plastic buckets, pails, cat litter buckets, plant pots and trays
Large plastic storage bins or laundry hampers
Clothes hangers (plastic or metal)
Syringes

CREATION *care*



The United Methodist Church recognizes September as the Season of Creation. In the spirit of that, the Creation Care group at our church is sponsoring two events, a lake cleanup and an introduction to electric vehicles, both of which represent our care for Mother Earth in several ways.

Mark your calendars for the morning of **Saturday, September 21**. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and join us for a Lake Ella Clean-up. Meet at Generations Park at **9:00am** and work an hour or two cleaning up around Lake Ella Drive, SPUMC's adopted street. We will have available all the supplies you will need. Bring your own waterproof boots if you want to venture past the shoreline. This effort is in coordination with the Keep Tallahassee Beautiful Adopt-a-Shore, which is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful.

Put **Saturday, October 5** on your calendar also for a preview of the latest in electric vehicles. The EV Expo is co-sponsored by Sustainable Tallahassee and will be set up from **9:00-11:30** in our shady parking lot. Drop by anytime and see up close what is happening in this industry. This event caps off National Drive Electric Week to raise awareness of the many benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Douglas Garthwait
- 2 Debby Criswell, Thelma Muire, Laura Pace-Alexander
- 3 Faye Miller, Daniel O'Keefe
- 5 Michael D. Irwin, Ralph Jaeger, John Stiles
- 6 Nina Alexander, Russell Almond, Julianne Hatfield, Betty Mason, Buddy Powell
- 10 Bette Beverly, Ann Broadway, Monterey Nosari
- 11 Margot Almond, Zadi Almond, Allan Brown, Helen Ervin
- 12 Marguerite Martin, Shelby Watson
- 13 Robin Eychaner, Robert Pennock Jim Rolfe, David Swanson, Sandra Wiggin
- 14 Ruby Griesheimer
- 16 Nolan Block, Andra Scott Cornelius, Catherine McRae, Laura Tully, Juanita Whiddon
- 17 Janet Clark, Pleas Strickland
- 18 Janel Caine, Bettye Jean Ross
- 19 Judy Gornicki, Rick Herndon, Lindsey Pupo
- 21 Chinonso Okoli
- 22 Tamara Verheyen
- 23 Mikaela Dobson, Wendi Waltz
- 24 Reagan Block, Annabelle Chaney
- 25 Ed Holmes
- 26 Cat Keen
- 28 Cora Fernandes
- 29 Ellen Baxter, Loui Tope
- 30 Gwendolyn Alcus

MISSION ministries

CAPITAL AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY

Saint Paul's is gearing up for another exciting year with the Capital Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) and we want you to be involved! During the fall, members of this ministry will be hosting house meeting for new and returning members. On **Sunday, September 8th**, we will be having a joint SS event to share information about the upcoming house meetings. This will take place in Sanders Hall at 9:45am.

We have several house meetings already scheduled. If you are interested in attending or would like more info, please contact the host of the meeting.

House Meeting host/date/time/email

Anne Wilde & Jessie Perry- Sept 19- 2:00pm- amwilde56@gmail.com
Nick Quinton- Sept 19- 7:00pm- nquinton@gmail.com
Amy Leach- Sept 29- 2:00pm- amy@saintpaulsumc.org
Sylvia Walford & Sandy Friedman- Sept 30- tbd- swalford1@me.com
David & Susan Gill- Oct 8- 7:00pm- davidmurraygill@gmail.com
Mary Dekle- Oct 10- 6:30pm- queenmary1953@yahoo.com
Ryan & Kristin Kline- Oct 12- 2:00-3:00pm- ryanpkline@gmail.com

RESIDING HOPE 10TH ANNIVERSARY- OCTOBER 12TH

Residing Hope is hosting a 10th Anniversary Celebration for our Madison Youth Ranch, and you're invited! The Ranch opened in 2014 and provides specialized therapeutic residential care to abused, abandoned, and neglected youth from across the state. One of the more unique services provided at the Ranch is our Equine Assisted Psychotherapy program, which has been very successful. Gates open at 10:00 for this event, and the day will include a catered lunch, special program, and tours of the Ranch.

There will be a bus leaving from Saint Paul's for anyone interested in riding. Please see the Weekly Notes or contact the office to reserve your spot on the bus.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE- SAVE THE DATE- NOVEMBER 16TH

We will be hosting our 6th Annual Bed Build with the local chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. We will start building at 9:00 am. We will be building 15 Bunk Beds which will provide 30 beds to children in the Big Bend area that currently do not have a bed to call their own. Several of the bunk beds that we will build for these children will be delivered and set up the same day. After the recent tornados and hurricanes, the need for these beds is even greater than before!

Ways To Help

Volunteer to build beds on November 16th

Donate blankets, sheets, pillows and mattress pads for the beds. (Twin Size)

Contribute financial support the cost of the Bed Build

Volunteer Sign-Up Information will be forthcoming in the Weekly Notes

Any questions, contact Jerry Roney #708-363-3948 or Roney.jm@comcast.net

MUSIC

at Saint Paul's

Music Ministry is a vital part of the worship life of Saint Paul's. We have a place for you!
September is a great time to join any of our choirs as we have just moved into the new season.

Preschool Music Group (for ages 3-4)

This group meets from 5:10-5:30 on Wednesday afternoons in the Children's Music Room, #200. This group is a developmentally appropriate music program for children ages 3-4 which incorporates singing, playing instruments, and movement, setting the foundation for building our future worship leaders. Contact (Gaye Herndon: gaye@saintpaulsumc.org)

Kids@Art (Children's Worship Arts Program for Grades K-5)

Our children's worship arts-based program is meeting on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., immediately following Wednesday Night Dinners. All children, grades K-5, are invited to join us for Children's Choir, instrument playing, drama, sacred dance and movement, visual arts, and more. We are preparing to lead our congregation in worship for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on September 29. (Contact Stephany Nystrand: stephanymusictherapy@yahoo.com)

Youth Choir:

We invite all who are in Grades 6-12 to join us! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-7:45, in the Music Room (200) of the Children's Wing. (Contact Gaye Herndon: gaye@saintpaulsumc.org)

Saint Paul's Dancers

This is a group of older elementary and youth with dance experience who meet seasonally to prepare for leading worship. (Contact Stephany Nystrand: stephanymusictherapy@yahoo.com)

Covenant Chancel Choir

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. We rehearse on Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. and warm-up on Sunday mornings at 10:35. 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)

Se'lah

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.

Se'lah will be presenting their "Gratitude" concert Sunday evening September 22, at 7:00 in the evening in the Sanctuary. This concert is a fundraiser for the Music Department. The concert is free but an offering will be taken. The funds raised will be used to pay for a Section Leader for the Covenant Chancel Choir and to purchase music for both choirs. Come and enjoy beautiful music as we express our Gratitude to God through song. (Contact Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs Director: prescottc1360@gmail.com)

Handbell Choir

This group rehearses on Sundays from 5:45-6:45. We play for our morning worship services approximately once a month during the school year, participate in music ministry seasonal offerings, and participate in community handbell events (Ring in the Season and WinterRing) Basic music reading skills are required for participation in this choir. At this time our choir is full, but we always need substitutes. (Contact Gaye Herndon: gaye@saintpaulsumc.org)

Instrumental and Choral Ensembles

These are offered according to the particular gifts and talents of our members. Please let one of our music staff know if you're interested in these types of music ministry.

WEDNESDAY

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

We will be offering classes on Wednesday Nights beginning on Sept 4th. All adults are welcome to join us from 6:15-7:15 (childcare is available during all classes). Nic Fugate will be leading a Bible study focusing on Samuel 1 & 2 and Pastor MaryAnn will be leading a women's group. Please see the Weekly Notes to sign up.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Sept 4– Lasagna

Sept 11– Salisbury Steak & Gravy

Sept 18– Chicken Alfredo

Sept 25– Beef Stew with Veggies

On Wednesdays, 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. Dinner includes a salad, drinks and dessert. Kids meals are chicken nuggets, fruit and a cheese stick.

YOUTH

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GREETINGS FROM BRANDON AND CASEY!

We are overjoyed by the success of the Youth Round Up! We heard many amazing ideas from parents and youth that will help us in our planning for the next year. If you missed the round up and have a great idea or a suggestion, please email us youth@saintpaulsumc.org. Please stay tuned as we finalize our fall plans and look forward to fun and fellowship with our youth! In order to streamline communication Brandon will be the contact for middle school and Casey will be the contact for high school.

In his service,
Brandon & Casey
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YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Youth Sunday School– Sundays, 9:45-10:45

Wednesday Night ROOTED– Wed, 6-7

Youth Choir– Wed, 7-8

Sunday Night ROOTED– TBD

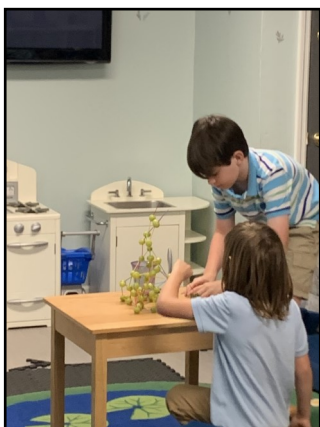




FAMILY *events*

GROWING IN THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

This summer the elementary Sunday school class has been learning all about types of fruit and the ways God helps us practice using the fruits of the spirit. We have made banana bookmarks, played games with oranges, and built towers with grapes. All the while learning how love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are important in learning to love God and accepting his love. You would be surprised at how much you can learn about patience, gentleness, and self-control while building a grape tower. Please join us at 9:45 am on Sundays in the Foundation to learn, laugh, and play with us!



THE MomCo KICKS OFF ITS 14TH YEAR AT SAINT PAUL'S

As school begins for our school-aged friends the younger ones take back the spotlight. The MomCo. is a ministry for mothers of all ages to gather and fill their cups while their children fill theirs. This year we are looking to welcome over forty families to our annual kickoff and expect to keep growing as the year progresses. We meet on Thursdays twice a month at 9:30 AM in Sanders Hall and there is always coffee and breakfast provided by our wonderful moms. We have speakers from our community join us on topics from infant CPR to organic gardening. We also craft and work on our spiritual wellness as well. If you are interested in joining our ministry as a participant or as a volunteer, please reach out to Leslie Scott (leslie@saintpaulsumc.org) for more details on how you can be involved in this growing ministry.



PICTURES FROM OUR AUGUST KICKOFF





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SUNDAYS AT SAINT PAUL'S

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Contemporary Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday - Closed

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