

# the EPISTLE



## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

Come to our Alternative Christmas Market where you can find a gift for your loved ones (who have everything) AND make a difference in lives in our community. We invite you to take a look at Sanders Hall on Sunday, November 17th and talk with some of our Saint Paul's members who are doing good in our community to bless our neighbors. Read on to see what groups you can help support at this year's market.

**Creation Care-** Saint Paul's Creation Care vows to live into the call of being a good steward of creation, loving our neighbors, and helping those in need by dedicating our time, talents, and gifts to advocating for the earth. We believe that Creation Care is a joyful, diverse, intergenerational ministry that brings people closer to each other and closer to Jesus, and that caring for creation includes loving God's people, animals, and nature.

**Cuban Sister Church- Yaguaramas-** Through praying for each other, our congregation is united with the Methodist Church in Yaguaramas, Cuba, a farming community in the central district. This church was able to build one of the only new sanctuaries since the Cuban Revolution because of the generosity of Saint Paul's. We have agreed to send extra funds to them so they can feed about 60 village children a free breakfast when they come on Sundays. Please contact David Gill for more information [davidmurraygill@gmail.com](mailto:davidmurraygill@gmail.com)

**Capital Area Justice Ministry-** Together, congregations from across the spectrum of religion and race share a vision of uniting a segregated Tallahassee by fighting for just policies, and by fostering authentic relationships that are rooted in stories rather than in stereotypes. The mission of CAJM is to build people power for local community justice.

**Disaster Response-** We are renewing our team of volunteers from our congregation and offering training to be prepared to help our sisters and brothers who have been hurt or had their homes damaged by storms. Currently we are giving "flood buckets" to those who are cleaning out their homes and helping remove debris from yards and churchyards in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. We need volunteers to help with administrative as well as physical tasks required to help victims be restored in their homes. -Don Griesheimer, [dgriesheimer@comcast.net](mailto:dgriesheimer@comcast.net)

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 3	All Saints Sunday Sunday Youth Rooted, 5:00pm Parlor
Nov 4	Ed Wynn lunch, 10:30am, Sanders Hall
Nov 7	MomCo Meeting, 9:30am, Sanders Hall
Nov 12	United Women in Faith, 10:00am, Sanders Hall
Nov 15	Crafty Crop, 4:00pm, Parlor Date Night, 5:30pm, Nursery
Nov 16	Manna on Meridian, 8:00am, Faith Presbyterian Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build, 9:00am, parking lot Crafty Crop, 10:00am, Parlor
Nov 17	Alternative Christmas Market, 9:15am, Sanders Hall
Nov 18	Congregational Care Meeting 10:30am, Room 326
Nov 19	Alzheimer's Lunch, 11:30am, Parlor
Nov 21	MomCo Meeting, 9:30am, Sanders Hall Circle of Support, 10:00am, Parlor
Nov 24	Friendsgiving, 12:15pm, Sanders Hall
Nov 25	Governing Board mt, 6:30pm, Parlor
Nov 30	Soul Food, 9:30am, Lake Ella

# CREATION *care*

## LOVE!

Five times in scripture Jesus commanded us to love, turning that word of feeling into a **call to action**. Jesus said the first of the Greatest Commandments is to **Love God**. How? We love the Creator by loving creation as a gift to be cherished. **Give thanks and follow through with actions** that show your love of God. The second of the Greatest Commandments is to **love our neighbor**. Our neighbors near and far suffer from environmental injustice. Work to fix the systems that perpetuate harm to those with few resources. Jesus continued with love your neighbor as we **love ourselves**. We love ourselves by taking care of ourselves and living a sustainable lifestyle.

The CC team has been very grateful and impressed with the young people in our scouting troops who meet at Saint Paul's UMC. On numerous occasions over many seasons, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have helped us maintain the Mosaic Garden by shoveling in new soil and planting collards and tomato sprouts. Both troops joined us for the Lake Ella Cleanup last month. They both truly live into their oaths to "help other people at all times" in addition to the well-known "Be Prepared" (BS) and "Make the world a better place" (GS). Both groups help Creation Care carry out our mission by **taking action**...a perfect antidote to the eco-anxiety some younger people feel about the future of Mother Earth.



## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

**Elder Care Services-** Saint Paul's provides to Elder Care Services donated items to help very low-income elders in our community with basic necessities including non-perishable food, household supplies including electric fans for those who lack air-conditioning and portable heaters in the winter. -Helen Ervin and Carol Stern

**Jail and Prison Ministry-** For what will be 5th year, we will provide Christmas gifts to children who have an incarcerated parent or guardian. Families depend on that extra help at Christmas to provide some level of normalcy into the lives of children impacted by the incarceration of a vital parent or guardian. Your donation will help us continue to assist families impacted by incarceration at Christmas time, as well as reach out to those returning to the community by providing gift bags for reentry and working on criminal justice reform to address how we can make the system work better for families.

**Manna on Meridian-** Manna distributes food to families on the third Saturday of the month. This is performed in and around the "Manna House" which is in the back of Faith Presbyterian Church and is supported by several houses of worship along Meridian Road. If you think you might like to be involved, call Barb Block at 850-241-2642 for information.

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# NOVEMBER 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 meets on Tuesday mornings at Ology Northside. They gather each **Tuesday at 9am**.

If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact David Gill ([davidmurraygill@gmail.com](mailto:davidmurraygill@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, November 12th**, at 10:00am in Sanders Hall. Our project for the morning will be wrapping large print puzzle books and signing holiday, not Christmas, cards that will be given to residents in nursing homes. Remember to also bring some wrapping paper, scotch tape and a pair of scissors.

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 **November 15 & 16** 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).

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 2 Amelia Fugate
- 3 Letia Hughes
- 4 T.E. Roberts
- 5 Carolyn Drake
- 7 Jerry Eychaner, Nolan Pupo
- 8 MaryAnn Piccioni, Madeline Scott
- 9 David Young
- 10 Ikem Okoli, Onyinye Okoli,  
Gail Wallace
- 12 Emma Perry
- 13 Brian Fernandes, David Ragsdale
- 14 Skyler Burger, Britton Tully
- 15 Andrew Underhill
- 16 Blair Andrews, Ermine Owenby
- 19 Hugh Merryday
- 21 Patricia Atherton, Natalie Monteiro,  
Bridget Weisbrod
- 22 Claire Pupo
- 23 Robert Tully, Screven Watson,  
Julia Woodward
- 25 Bryan Cook, David Steingart
- 26 Kenneth Lewis, Chuck Prescott
- 30 Virginia Pelham,  
Makaylah Verheyen, Peggy Wright

# MISSION ministries

## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace-** We participate with the nation-wide program which aims to get kids who are sleeping on the floor into a handmade bunk bed. We do this by contributing \$400 per bunk bed set to the Tallahassee chapter of SHP and provide 35-40 volunteers on a morning when they bring lumber, hardware, and experienced volunteers to our church parking lot and lead us in building the bunk beds and usually delivering and setting up some beds in the afternoon. This year our "Bed Build" will be Saturday, November 16.

**Soul Food-** Soul Food provides a hot breakfast, coffee and donuts along with nonperishable food items, toiletries, clothes, shoes, socks, blankets, tents and sleeping bags to our homeless friends at the Lake Ella parking lot on the last Saturday of the month. We meet at 9:00am to load up our cars and start distribution at 9:30. If you would like to help out at the distribution, please let Jo Ellen Brown know of your interest at [brown.joellen@gmail.com](mailto:brown.joellen@gmail.com). Also, you are welcome to donate any of the above items at any time to room 308. Clothes and shoes may be used but socks and underwear should be new.

## MANNA ON MERIDIAN

November and December are busy times and it can be hard to find time to volunteer. We will need volunteers on **November 16** and this is an early plug for volunteers on **December 21** between 8 and 10 AM. This is a great opportunity for families to join together to help those in need. Call or text Barbara Block at 850 241 2642 to discuss!

## SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

Join us on **November 16th** from 9am-noon for a bed build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The sign up is currently running in Weekly Notes. If you have any questions, contact Jerry Roney at 708-363-3948 or [Roney.jm@comcast.net](mailto:Roney.jm@comcast.net)

## RESIDING HOPE- CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD DRIVE

Christmas will soon be here, so we are starting our annual Christmas Gift Card Drive for Residing Hope Children's Home and Madison Youth Ranch. We invite you to participate with us by purchasing gift cards to be given to the Children in our ministry. I will begin collecting the gift cards (or donations to buy them) on **November 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Alternative Christmas Market and will continue collecting thru December 8<sup>th</sup>. You can drop off your donation on Sundays at church or in the front office. The staff will use a portion of the cards to buy personal gifts wrapped under the tree and gift cards which will allow them to go shopping. I am collecting gift cards in increments of \$20 to \$100. Most requested cards are: Visa, Ross, TJ Max, Walmart, JC Penny and Epic Theater and popular restaurants like Papa John's Pizza, Applebee's, McDonald's, Burger King, Chick-fill-A, Dairy Queen and Chili's. The gift card denomination needs to be written on the card and please include a receipt with each card; this helps with processing. I and the staff of Residing Hope say **thank you** from the bottom of our hearts for your extravagant generosity, love, care and prayers for our children. - Janet Clark

# MUSIC

## at Saint Paul's

Music Ministry is a vital part of the worship life of Saint Paul's. During the month of November we are intensely working on our Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas offerings.

**Preschool Music Group (for ages 3-4):** meets from 5:10-5:30 on Wednesday afternoons. 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):** is preparing for our many Advent programs and offerings. In our Arts unit, we'll be working on Advent art projects. We'll be participating in the Hanging of the Greens, the Music Ministries Service of Lessons and Carols, and presenting our own musical play, "Calling All Angels" and "Twelve Days of What?". We meet on Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Children's Music Room, #200.  
(Contact Stephany Nystrand: stephanymusictherapy@yahoo.com)

**Youth Choir (grades 6-12):** rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-7:45, in room 200. We are preparing special music for Hanging of the Greens and the Music Ministries Service of Lessons and Carols.  
(Contact Gaye Herndon: gaye@saintpaulsumc.org)

**Saint Paul's Dancers:** are preparing a processional dance for the Hanging of the Greens on December 1st and a piece accompanied by the Handbell Choir for the Service of Lessons and Carols.  
(Contact Stephany Nystrand: stephanymusictherapy@yahoo.com)

**Covenant Chancel Choir:** sings for the 11:00am (and occasionally 8:30am) services. This choir also presents and leads special seasonal services. We are rehearsing on Tuesdays from 6-7:15pm in preparation for special Music Ministry Advent and Christmas offerings. We warm up on Sunday mornings at 10:35. We are preparing to help lead the Hanging of the Greens on **December 1**, 7:00pm and our Service of Lessons and Carols on **December 15th**, 9:30am. A nursery/childcare is provided. If members want to sit with their families during worship, they can leave the choir loft after the anthem.  
(Contact Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs Director: prescott1360@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 preparing for the Advent and Christmas seasons. A nursery/childcare is provided.  
(Contact Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs Director: prescott1360@gmail.com)

**Handbell Choir:** rehearses on Sundays from 5:45-6:45. We will be participating in the community event, Ring in the Season, to be held at First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, on Friday, December 6, 7:00pm and will be playing for our Hanging of the Greens and Service of lessons and Carols.  
(Contact Gaye Herndon: gaye@saintpaulsumc.org)

### Special upcoming Services of Worship:

**November 3rd**– All Saints Sunday-

We will be remembering our saints who have gone to their heavenly home this past year.

**November 17th**– Native American Heritage Observance with special liturgy and music

# WEDNESDAY *nights*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

We are currently offering 2 classes on Wednesday evenings for adults; Wesleyan Rooted and the continuing 1 & 2 Samuel study.

Wesleyan Rooted will conclude on Wednesday, November 20th.

Classes will not meet on Wednesday, November 27th due to Thanksgiving break. Please keep an eye on the Weekly Notes for information about our Wednesday offerings during Advent.

Thank you to those who attended our small group brainstorming session...your input was appreciated and we are excited to plan future offerings.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENUS

Nov 6– Fried Swai Fish

Nov 13– Fried Ribs

Nov 20– Beef Roast

Nov 27– NO Dinner

On Wednesdays, the doors open at 5:00 and we serve food from 5:15 until 6:00. 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 *rooted*

## GREETINGS!

Our rapidly expanding youth program has welcomed more friends this past month. I'm excited to see our amazing youth share fellowship and their love of Jesus with a welcoming spirit. This past month at Sunday Night Youth we put together flood buckets to help with hurricane relief. After completion, we prayed over the buckets asking God to bless them and send them to the most in need. If you are feeling called to volunteer in any way with our youth program, please send me an email as we would appreciate more inter-generational connection. We wanted to especially thank Dave and Jan Cuddington for their donation of a karaoke machine, we love it!! Thank you!!

Blessings,  
Casey  
casey@saintpaulsumc.org



## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

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

Wednesday Night ROOTED– Wed, 6-7

Youth Choir– Wed, 7-8

Sunday Night ROOTED– November 3rd  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thank you to Danny Nystrand for building the base of our tree for trunk or treat this year, we appreciate your carpentry skills and dedication to our program. Also thank you to Connie Ziegler, Melanie Quinton, Jo-Ellen Brown, Kristin Dowell, and Kjrsten Henriksen for your material donations and support!





# FAMILY events

## SAINT PAUL'S KIDS@ART LEAD MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

After a slight delay because of Hurricane Helene, the Kids@Art Choir was able to lead both morning worship services on October 6th. The children from ages four to twelve participated in every aspect of the service, from the opening prayer to serving communion. They shared several of the songs they have been working on and the banners they made that represent what they love about Saint Paul's. Some of the children chose to tell us about what their banner represented and why they chose those symbols. Kids@Art meets on Wednesday Nights after Dinner from 6-7. Their next performance will be on **Wednesday, December 11th**, at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend!



## Saint Paul's Word Search



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WORSHIP	SHARE	MISSION	LOVE



## JOYFUL BEGINNINGS

Joyful Beginnings at Saint Paul's has a few spots available in our 3-4 year old class. There are so many fun things coming up this holiday season! Contact Beth Wilde for information.  
beth@saintpaulsumc.org





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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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