

JUNE 2025

the EPISTLE



Reception for
Pastor Latricia

Sunday, June 8th
after morning worship

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR LATRICIA

THANK YOU for welcoming me with your radical hospitality
and warm embrace!

THANK YOU for trusting me with your hearts!

THANK YOU for walking with me through every season -
joyful, hard, and holy!

THANK YOU for showing up with love!

THANK YOU for holding space for sorrow!

THANK YOU for letting me lead and grow!

THANK YOU for your bold faith!

THANK YOU for praying bold prayers and believing big
dreams!

THANK YOU for holding on to hope—even when it was hard!

THANK YOU for being a people of justice!

THANK YOU for being church beyond the walls!

THANK YOU for embracing new ideas!

THANK YOU for creating space for creativity, Spirit, and sur-
prise!

THANK YOU for the laughter!

THANK YOU for making ministry soooooo much FUN!

**THANK YOU for the ways we have worshipped, grown,
served, shared, and given with JOY together!**

JUNE CALENDAR

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| June 1 | Promotion Sunday Youth Week begins |
| June 2 | Extreme Explorers begins |
| June 3 | Alzheimer's Lunch, 11:30, Parlor |
| June 8 | Reception for Pastor Latricia 12:00, Sanders Hall |
| June 9 | Congregational Care mt, 10:30, Room 326 |
| June 13 | Crafty Crop, 4:00, Parlor |
| June 14 | Crafty Crop, 10:00, Parlor |
| June 17 | Ed Wynn lunch, 10:30, Sanders Hall |
| June 18 | UWF Spaghetti Dinner, 5:15, Sanders Hall |
| June 19 | Circle of Support, 10:00, Parlor |
| June 23 | VBS begins Governing Board mt, 6:30 Room 327 |
| June 28 | Soul Food, 9:30, Lake Ella |

CREATION *care*

GLOBAL WARMING– HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2025?

Reusing and Recycling is not only good for the planet, it helps to coax out our creative side!

It's like giving old stuff a second act! Why toss things when they can be repurposed, upcycled, or passed along for a new adventure? Every time you reuse, you're cutting down on waste, saving resources, and keeping landfills from overflowing like an overstuffed closet. (And, helping out your overstuffed closet.)

Think of it as a fun challenge: that mason jar isn't just a jar—it's a quirky flower vase. That old T-shirt? It's a future cleaning rag or DIY tote bag. When we reuse, we're not just being practical—we're showing a little extra love to creation, making sure we care for what we already have instead of constantly demanding more.

It's not just about reducing waste; it's about shifting how we see the things around us. Reusing invites creativity, resourcefulness, and a little extra love for creation. When we reuse, we take small steps toward a more thoughtful, sustainable world—one repurposed item at a time. Small changes add up, and before you know it, reusing becomes second nature. So next time you're about to throw something out, take a second look. There just might be another adventure waiting for it!

Many thanks to our wonderful congregation for taking up the challenge when it comes to plastic/films collection. The Trex boxes are practically overflowing when Anne Wilde checks them weekly, and so far you have donated 95lbs. Wow!



Buckets of Hope Challenge

Hurricane season starts June 1, and FLUMC churches are rising to the challenge of extreme weather with the Buckets of Hope Challenge.

Saint Paul's has set a goal of making 100 flood buckets and we need your help! You can sponsor a bucket for \$75 by adding a check to the offering plate or paying online in Breeze. We will have a bucket building party in July once we've reached our goal. Learn more at www.flumc.org/buckets-of-hope-challenge/

JUNE 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 8:30am**.

This group is now discussing a new 2025 book: TREASURES OLD AND NEW: WESLEYAN FAITH FOR LIFE TODAY by Michael Adam Beck and Steve Harper (Abingdon Press). This is a new look at the early days of the Methodist movement of the 18th century and the new world we are now in to participate in God's mission in offering Christ to the marginalized.

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

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Mark your calendars for the second annual United Women in Faith spaghetti dinner/auction to be held on June 18th at 5:15. In addition to food and fellowship, you'll enjoy the frenzied fun of bidding on some coveted items during the auction! Dinner reservations may be made through our Weekly Notes beginning on May 29th and continuing through June 16th. Don't miss the fun!! If you have questions, please contact Erma Sever at 850-510-5807 or ermasever@comcast.net.

CRAFTY CROP

Come join Crafty Crop on . Bring your projects and table space will be provided. The May fellowship begins on **Friday June 13th at 4:00pm** in Sanders Hall. You may leave your projects all set up to continue the fun on **Saturday, June 14th at 10:00am**. Any questions and/or to sign up, contact Jill Merryday (850-443-9428).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- 1 Brooks Epting, Susan Spencer, Rick Wright
- 2 Mary Dekle, Phyllis Young
- 3 Joe Helton
- 4 Kay Oswalt
- 5 Holger Amort, Karen Kline, Janice Nash
- 6 Mary Carefoot, Michelle Fugate, Don Porterfield, Iris Weisbrod
- 7 Abby Courtmanche, Laura Underhill
- 8 Nikki Abels
- 9 Millie Byford, Bryan Doxsee
- 10 Chioma Okoli
- 11 Ryan Andrews, Joy Miller
- 12 Matt Hauer, Donna Peacock
- 13 Dale Nute, Wanda Pierce, Andrew Rios, Randy Willis
- 15 Aimee Wirth
- 16 Adam Brown, Mike Hilaman
- 17 James Peacock, Kevin Scott, Thomas Snuggs
- 20 Emily Andrews, Ronnie Cain
- 22 Carol Broadway, Angela Perry
- 23 Jake Alexander, Buddy Croft, Rhonda Shantz
- 24 Brooks Baldwin, Kathy Barber, Gordon Bowman, Anne Marie Clark, Caroline Cox, Nick Quinton, Jonathan Rios
- 25 Leo Allison
- 26 Ryan Kline, Michaela Miller
- 27 Russell Pate, Gail Quinton, Mallory Williams
- 28 Courtney Thacker
- 29 Lillian Droessler, Cara Fleischer, Ella Waltz
- 30 Gaye Herndon

MISSION ministries

ELDER CARE SERVICES

You have probably already noticed that warm weather is moving into our area with temperatures already reaching into the nineties. What would we do without our air conditioners to help us deal with the heat and humidity? You may not know that hundreds of elderly citizens in our community have no means of cooling their residence and suffer daily with the oppressive heat. Often their only means of trying to stay cool is a cardboard fan or a magazine or newspaper with which to fan themselves. Maybe you can help make life a little better for them this summer. For only about \$30 you can purchase an electric fan to donate to someone in need through our Elder Care Services mission here at Saint Paul's. You may drop off a fan at the church front office or place a donation in the Sunday offering plate indicating it is for Elder Care fans. Tabletop oscillating fans are especially suitable for our elderly citizens as they are stable, can cool a wide area and may be easily moved from one room to another. However, any fan will be graciously welcomed! In addition to fans, we still need your donations of canned meats, fruits or vegetables, paper products such as toilet tissue and paper towels, nutritional drinks, cereal, oatmeal or grits, peanut butter and jelly and boxed items such as macaroni and cheese. Recently Elder Care Services shared that they are always in need of incontinence supplies such as Depends in all sizes for both males and females. We all are so blessed to be able to provide for ourselves and our families. Won't you help us reach out to elder care citizens in our community who are less fortunate and help make their lives a little better? We feel sure you will be blessed, as will those elder citizens who receive your donation!

CAPITAL AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY

Affordable Rental Housing for our Very Low and Extremely Low-Income Neighbors

Leon County Commissioners Proctor, Minor and O'Keefe accepted CAJM's invitation to attend the Nehemiah Action. Each commissioner expressed support for allocating general revenue funds for an affordable rental housing to a trust fund to provide gap funding to developers for rental housing projects and for supporting annual allocations as long as each of the commissioners remained in office. When Reverend Robert Gibbs asked if they would support sufficient funding in the upcoming budget Commissioner O'Keefe responded yes to enthusiastic cheers. Commissioners Minor and Proctor both qualified their yes answers with concerns about the economy. Commissioner Maddox who did not attend the Nehemiah Action due to a scheduling conflict, but asked that his motion directing county staff to work with CAJM on the affordable housing issue be read at the Action. CAJM housing committee members are working now with the Leon County Housing Finance Authority and county staff to finalize our proposal for the June 10th budget workshop. **Please join us in wearing green and attending the Leon County Commissioners meeting on June 10th at 3pm in the Leon County Courthouse for this vital meeting!**

Keep up the good fight!

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MUSIC

at Saint Paul's

MUSIC MINISTRY AT SAINT PAUL'S

As we move into the summer season, Preschool Music Group, Kids@Art, Youth Choir, and Handbell Choir will be taking a break and will resume in August for the start of a new season.

Our Youth Choir, alumni, music staff members, and several adult music ministry members will be attending the annual Church Music, Worship, and Arts Workshop/Music Camp sponsored by the Fellowship of Worship Artists, FL Chapter, at the Warren Willis Conference Center, June 9-14, where we will be immersed in all things related to worship, music, and the worship arts for an entire week. Several of our adult attendees have leadership roles during the Workshop, including Pastor MaryAnn who will be preaching for a morning service of worship and teaching the Altar Design Class. We'll return home better equipped to do our part in the Worship and Music Ministries at Saint Paul's. We are grateful to those who supported our fundraising efforts, and would greatly appreciate your prayers as we learn and grow as worship leaders.

Summer Choir Schedule

The Covenant Chancel Choir and Se'lah will be taking a much deserved break during the summer. Our last rehearsal will be Tuesday, June 24 and our last Sunday singing in worship will be Sunday, June 29. We will resume rehearsals Tuesday, August 5. Thank you to all of the singers who have enhanced our worship during the 2024-25 year. Enjoy your break and we'll see you in August. We hope those of you who may have been thinking of trying us out will join us in August!

CAPITAL AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

\$250,000 a Year for 6 Years!

Thanks to the leadership of Commissioner Nick Maddox and the support of our commissioners, the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board voted to allocate \$250,000 a year for the next 6 years toward an Affordable Housing Gap Financing Incentive Program!

CAJM has been fighting tooth and nail for this, and it's only the beginning—but what a start! This is what happens when faith, action, and relentless persistence meet! This is what happens when CAJM Nation stands together!

Now, we all know how quick we are to send emails when our commissioners get it wrong—so let's be just as quick to flood their inboxes with thank you's when they get it right.

We are asking every single one of you to send a thank-you email to the commissioners who voted in favor of this motion. Specifically, let's extend a special note of gratitude to **Commissioner Maddox**, who introduced the motion, and **Commissioner Minor**, who seconded it. They stood in the gap for families who need affordable housing, and we need to let them know it matters.

The Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board is composed of both Leon County and City Commissioners and you can find their email addresses on their government agency websites.

WEDNESDAY

nights

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

During the summer, our regular Wednesday schedule goes on break...but that doesn't mean we won't see you at all!

June 18th– UWF Spaghetti Dinner/Auction

Juneteenth Event at Cascades Park (stay tuned for more details)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENUS

Wednesday Night Dinners are on their summer break! We look forward to welcoming you back in August for our weekly time of food and fellowship. Thank you to our kitchen crew who volunteered each week and to REfire for being our spring meal provider. We are grateful we were able to support such an important local ministry. Keep an eye out in Weekly Notes for fall dinner sign ups.

YOUTH

rooted

GREETINGS!

This past month was super busy! We had Graduation Sunday, and a Youth Campout at a farm! Summer is here! Youth week is 6/1-6/5. Special thanks to Mr. Bill Wilbur for driving us to Wakulla Springs. This month the youth will be going to Music Camp and also attending Warren Willis camp in July. Wednesday Night Youth and 1st and 3rd Sunday Night Youth will continue throughout the summer. Thank you for your support of the Youth Ministry!

Blessings,
Casey





FAMILY *events*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

VBS is almost here! Get Ready for Camp Starlight!

This year, our Vacation Bible Schoolers will travel to Camp Starlight to learn how to trust God in all types of situations. To do this, we will transform our entire campus into a campground with epic waterfalls, caves, forests, and of course, tents! If you are willing to allow our VBS ministry to borrow either your undecorated artificial Christmas tree or a tent, contact Leslie Scott. We would love a few trees and tents to help set the tone for our campsites. If you are interested in helping us in other ways, please consider purchasing something from our [Amazon wishlist](#) or donating to the snack fund for VBS. Every contribution is very appreciated and helps us reach more children in our community.

Summer Sunday Schedule

During the summer, our Sunday schedule changes up a bit. Our morning worship will be at 9:30am followed by Sunday School for all ages from 10:45-11:45. Our rising kindergarteners– rising 5th graders will have class together down in the Foundation. Our preschool/nursery kids will meet in their usual rooms.





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SUMMER SUNDAYS AT SAINT PAUL'S

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School for all ages
6:00pm Contemporary Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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