

JULY 2025

the EPISTLE



Hello Saint Paul's Community!

After months of anticipation I am officially beginning as your new pastor. I have felt a warmth and welcoming spirit from all of you that I have met. I know that God is at work in this place.

When I first started in ministry, someone told me, "You don't just get assigned to a church- you get invited into a story." That's how I feel about being here with you. I'm stepping into a story that is already rich with faith, service, and love. And now we get to write a new chapter together.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all, hearing your stories, praying together, laughing together (and sometimes crying together), and discovering how we can keep growing in faith with joy in our hearts.

If we haven't had a chance to meet please stop and introduce yourself, drop by the office, or give me a call. I'd love to hear what you love about Saint Paul's.

And lastly, I know for some of you this pastoral change comes with some uncertainty and wondering what lies ahead. Just know that sometimes I feel the same way and we will figure this out together.

With joy and hope,

Carolyn

P.S. I'm still learning my way around the Saint Paul's campus, so if you see me wandering the halls looking lost, just point me in the right direction!

JULY CALENDAR

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| July 4 | Office Closed for Holiday |
| July 6 | Sunday Night Youth, 5:00, Parlor |
| July 7 | Youth to Warren Willis |
| July 13 | Welcome Reception for Pastor Carolyn |
| July 14 | Congregational Care mt, 10:30, Room 326 |
| July 15 | Ed Wynn lunch, 10:30, Sanders Hall |
| July 16 | Summer Wednesday Night, 5:15, Sanders Hall |
| July 17 | Circle of Support, 10:00, Parlor |
| July 26 | Soul Food, 9:30, Lake Ella |
| July 27 | Youth Mission trip |
| July 28 | Governing Board mt, 6:30 Parlor |
| July 31 | Crafty Crop, 9:00, Sanders Hall |

CREATION *care*



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

As stewards of God’s creation, we are called to care for the land and cultivate it with wisdom and gratitude. Creation Care gardening is a way to honor this responsibility by growing food and plants that nourish both people and the planet.

- Start by choosing native plants that support local wildlife and require less water.
- Use compost to enrich the soil naturally and reduce waste.
- Avoid harmful pesticides, opting instead for natural solutions that protect pollinators.
- Consider planting fruits, vegetables, and herbs to share with your community, reinforcing the biblical call to generosity.

Gardening is a tangible way to reflect God’s love for creation. By nurturing the land responsibly, we help sustain the beauty and abundance He has entrusted to us, leaving a legacy of faith and care for future generations.

GARDEN UPDATE

Since planting tomato sprouts in the Mosaic Garden mid-March, we have harvested every week or two beginning in mid May. We give our produce to Manna on Meridian primarily once a month but have found other homes for the tasty tomatoes like the chef in the kitchen at Grace Mission, CityWalk Urban Mission, refugee families and even our pastors! Production is at 50 pounds and counting....

Watch for the sunflowers reaching for the sky at the top of the raised beds. Also, we are so excited that our naval orange tree survived the snow/freeze!



JULY 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**.

If you are interested in learning more about this group contact David Gill or Nic Fugate-
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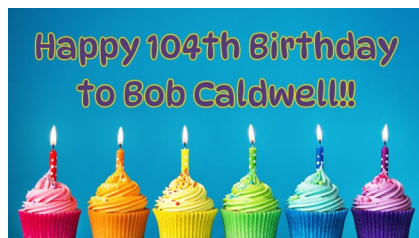
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith is very appreciative of the participation and support provided for our recent Spaghetti Dinner/Auction. The food was delicious, the auction was spirited, and the proceeds will benefit several church missions and community projects. We're already looking forward to next summer's event!

Remember, you are wanted and welcome!
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CRAFTY CROP

We will hold our 3-Day Crafty Crop on **July 31-August 2**. Three days of fun and fellowship with all sorts of crafts...scrapbooking, cardmaking, quilting, punch needle, crochet, any project that requires time and space to get your own projects done and to gather with some gal pals. Times will be 9am to 10pm every day. To reserve your table space, go to Facebook and join our group, "Crafty Crop @ Saint Paul's" or contact Jill Merryday, 850-443-9428.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- 1 Linda Leach, Terry Shoffstall
- 2 Shirley Driscoll, Justin Ward
- 3 Hannah Hauer
- 4 Jay Helton, Ron Patrick
- 6 Sarah Helton,
- 7 Stacey Russell
- 8 Nancy Breslin, Amy Groszos, Sybil Palmer
- 9 Heather Burger, Becky Hawken, Betty Porterfield
- 10 Lily Griesheimer, Elaine McConnaughay, Phyllis McCranie, Jessie Schrimsher
- 11 Jan Lewis, Jim Ross
- 13 Elizabeth Raynor
- 14 Bob Caldwell, Logan Hauer
- 16 Daniel Godwin, Peggy Miller, Lyvia Nystrand
- 17 Betsy Oven, Simon Webb
- 18 Ashley Apthorp, Cayle Bryant, Beau Mansell
- 19 Barbara Linthicum
- 20 Katherine Cox, Lee Ann Franceschi
- 21 Murray McLaughlin, Jerry Roney, Martha Schroeder, Curtis Warren
- 22 Faith Moody, Okenwa Okoli, Hans Schroeder, Judy Watson
- 23 Gena Farnell
- 24 Audrey Silverblade
- 27 Kimberly Amos-Tata, Danielle Foster, Hannah Joiner, Jim McConnaughay, Cole Thomas
- 28 Elizabeth Gardner
- 29 Sarabeth Snuggs
- 30 Doris Pollock
- 31 Talia Baker, Carol Stern

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

Next County Commission Meeting- **TUESDAY, JULY 8th**

Arrive at 2:30 PM (Meeting begins at 3:00 PM)

Leon County Commission Chambers – 301 S. Monroe St.

Why 2:30? Because showing up early ensures that we take every seat—just like we did last time. No scrambling. No empty rows. Just a sea of green shirts representing unity, purpose, and unstoppable resolve.

We are coming to witness, to stand, and to press forward on the Affordable Housing Gap Financing Program. This is a moment that demands visibility and strength—and CAJM never shrinks from that responsibility.

Let's show up 150 strong—and make the kind of impact that can't be ignored.

The grind continues. The torch has been passed. Now it's on us.

With deep appreciation and fire in my bones,

-Message from Bryan Stringer, CAJM Associate Director

Saint Paul's CAJM leader

Keep up the good fight!

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MUSIC

at Saint Paul's

MUSIC MINISTRY AT SAINT PAUL'S

Music Camp

Nineteen of our Music Ministry members (adults, young adults, and youth) and our associate pastor, MaryAnn, attended the annual Church Music and Worship Arts Workshop sponsored by the Florida Chapter of The Fellowship of Worship Artists. Our theme this year was "In Christ Alone," which invited and encouraged us to root our lives and our ministries in the sure foundation of Christ, who is our hope, our strength, and our song. We worshiped, sang, danced, played in the instrumental ensemble, played in handbell ensembles, drummed, learned sign language to music and scripture, learned public speaking skills, led worship, learned faith sharing ideas, studied drama, learned basic guitar playing skills, learned technology skills, created visual arts, taught classes, conducted choirs, wrangled middle schoolers, served on the Youth Leadership Team, fellowshiped, performed in the talent show, and presented a moving Closing Worship Celebration/Concert. Cynthia, Gaye, and Stephany served in leadership positions in the Workshop and the Worship Design Teams. Our own Pastor MaryAnn served as the preacher for the first worship service, taught a class on altar design, and led her class in designing beautiful altar-scapes for each day's service.

Thanks to all who financially supported our trip and prayed over us. Our church will reap the bounty produced by our experiences at Music Camp for years to come.

Youth Sunday: August 3, 2025

Our Youth Choir, along with all of our other Youth, will be leading the 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship on Sunday, August 3. We'll be sharing testimonies from our summer activities and providing all the leadership for the Service.

Pics from Music Camp



WEDNESDAY *nights*

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During the summer, our regular Wednesday schedule goes on break...but we have a fun Summer Wednesday Night ready for July!

Join us on **July 16th** for a “Getting To Know You” night with our new pastor and her husband. We will have dinner, ice cream and fellowship...you won’t want to miss it! The sign up can be found in Weekly Notes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Wednesday Night Dinners are on their summer break! We look forward to welcoming you back on **August 20th** 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!

June has been a fun-filled month of fellowship and praise. The youth had a campout, youth week, and music camp. We appreciate all of the support and help make these events possible. Coming up in July, several of our youth will be attending Warren Willis camp and we also have our mission trip to The Hinton Center in North Carolina. I hope everyone is having an amazing summer!

Blessings,
Casey





FAMILY *events*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

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.

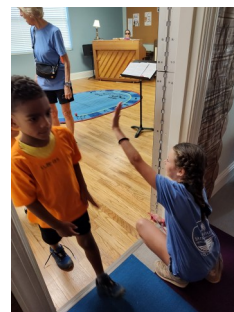
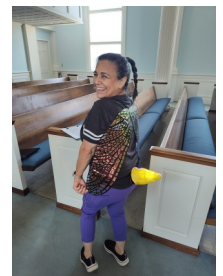
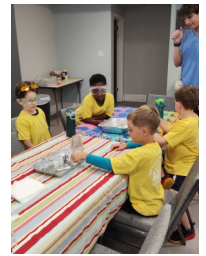
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Summer fun at Joyful Beginnings!



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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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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