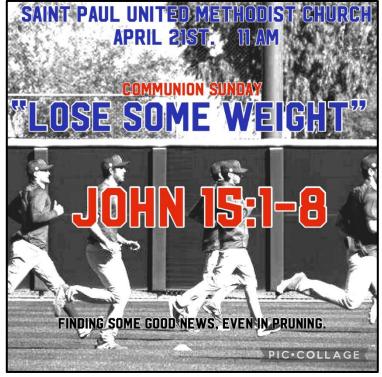


A safe place to be authentic and to experience acceptance, healing, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.



April 21, 2024

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Please silence your mobile device. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Baker

*Processional Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"

Hymnal no.545

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Clean my hands, **People: purify my heart.**Leader: I want to burn for You,

People: only for You. Leader: Take my life People: as a sacrifice.

Leader: I want to burn for You,

People: only for You!

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Dear Perfect Potter, may this lump of clay trust the speed in which you are turning things, trust the shape being formed, trust where you are stretching, and trust where you are shrinking. And when we can't, may we at least trust the hands we are in. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us pass God's peace with each other. The peace of Christ be

with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem "Remember Me" Althouse

Chancel Choir

Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward.

We invite our K3 to 2nd grade children to follow the designated adult upstairs for a lesson and craft. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew. During the Closing Hymn, the adult leaders will bring them back to the sanctuary and ensure they return to their parent/guardian.

Offertory

PayPal - https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=Y9NV28ABLG5LW

Realm - https://onrealm.org/StPaulUMC1107/give/now

*The Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Oh Lord, may the scripture read and words proclaimed be what we need to be better disciples and better teammates in this community you've gifted us. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" UM Hymnal #881 I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri Hymnal no.70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Scripture Lesson John 15:1-9 NRSV (pg.103 NT)

Sermon Series Part 3 "Lose Some Weight" Rev. Matthew Greer

Sacrament of Holy Communion UM Hymnal p.12

*Giving the Bread and Cup

The ushers will direct you to come forward in small groups and kneel at the altar rail. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice to eat and drink with your group. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may remain in prayer, then return to your seat via the outside aisles.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sending

*Closing Hymn "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" Hymnal no.616

*Benediction

Postlude "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Smith

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

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Giving for 04/14/2024	Amount			
General Fund	\$1,964.52			
Other funds	\$0.00			
Estate Gift	\$27,063.58			
Total Giving	\$29,028.10			
General Fund Giving Goal per month	\$22,110.38			
General Fund Giving Goal per week	\$5,527.60			
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Today's Servers:

Reader: Collins Cheshire Crucifer: Neal Franks
Acolyte: Payton Franks Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox

Nursery: Not this week

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Joseph Smith by Ed & Mary Pool and Edna Patterson.

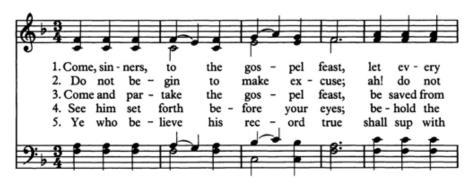
A bequest was received from the estate of Eleanor Cunningham.

545 The Church's One Foundation

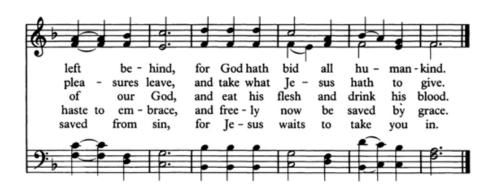


WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

616 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast







WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747 (Lk. 14:16-24) MUSIC: Katholisches Gesangbuch, ca. 1774; adapt. from Metrical Psalter, 1855

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 4/21	Youth Group: Ed & Mary Pool's home	5:30pm
Mon, 4/22	Bag Packing: 100 Blassingame Rd	10:00am
	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 4/23	Women's Community: TDB	7:00pm
Wed, 4/24	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 4/25	Golden Girls Bible Study: Saint Paul	11:30am

Upcoming events:

This is a quiet week!

From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or <a href="mailto:mailt

I am starting out the new year with a new phone! Please take a couple of minutes to send a text to the number above with your name. Thank you!

Office Hours: We are open from 8:15am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:00 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and/or contact the office via the church email and phone during these hours.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Shawn Poore, 4/23; Wells Storey, 4/24; Annette Bostic, Michael Matiz, 4/25; Savannah Campbell, 4/27

Happy Anniversary: Ryan & Teresa Ferrell, 4/22; Stephen & Raina Newman, 4/25; Neal and Katie Franks, 4/27. Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Connie Cox, Darrie Crabtree, Natalie Davis, Tony DeYoung, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Larry Jones, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Karsyn Miller, Alan Myers, Faye Mulligan, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Allison Royster, family of Joseph Smith, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Alicia Terminato, Barry & Karen Thomas, *Lily Thompson*, friends serving in the Armed Services, first responders, and the leaders of the United States of America. (Bold = New, Italics = Currently in hospital or rehabilitation)

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on in 5/6 at 7pm at Saint Paul. Members are John Sprinkle, Deborah Goodwin, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, and Stephanie Gamble. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 5/13 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, Christine Hall, Debra Hampton, Janet Cook, and Eugenia Vicars. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 5/20 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, Davis Knobeloch, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Stephanie Gamble, Edna Patterson, Tommy Head, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 4/22 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobeloch, Stephen Newman, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Debra

Hampton, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminato, John Tate, Becky Hollifield, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



YOUTH GROUP: The youth will be meeting Sunda night, 4/21, at 5:30pm at the home of Ed and Mary Pool, 216 McDaniel Ave. They will travel from there to Tipsy Taco for dinner and back to the Pool home for their meeting.



SCHOOL FOOD BAG PACKING: We will be packing bags for Grenville County students in need on 4/22 at 10:00am at 100 Blassingame Road. Please join us!



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY: Come join the ladies of Saint Paul on 4/23 at 7pm. Location to be determined. Come join us for a night of fellowship, laughter, and spiritual growth.



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Come raise your voice in song and join the choir. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the choir room located behind the organ in the sanctuary. We would love to have you come and join!



GOLDEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON: We will be meeting on 4/25 at 11:30am in the parlor at Saint Paul. Bring your lunch and join us as we continue our study on the love stories of the Bible. We will provide beverages and dessert.



A few years ago I came across a viral post by a dad with an autistic son. Although unlikely he would make the team, this was his list of goals. After Easter we will examine his list and find our own goals in order to be great teammates in Christ with one another:

APRIL 7: "HIT THE BALL" MATTHEW 13:1-9 YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S GEA APRIL 14: "DO GOOD DEFENSE" **PSAIM 82:3** DOG LUNCH AFTER SERVICE L 21: "LOSE SOME WEIGHT I CORINTHIANS 12:12-26 BLESSING FOR MOMS & BEYOND

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