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*From Pastor Paul*

## God's bounteousness.

**This past spring, my family took a trip to Niagara Falls, NY. It was my fourth trip there--- the last time was 15 years ago in winter time. Whenever I travel to Niagara Falls, I am filled with awe at the natural scene, the huge waterfall, seen from both the American side and the Canadian side, flowing from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, drawing people from all over the world. When I walked near the fall, I heard people speaking many different languages, and I realized that I was in an international community with people from diverse nationalities and backgrounds.**

**During my trip, I meditated on the greatness of this natural wonder, which is a gift from God. It is God's creation, this powerful waterfall, this beautiful scene along the river, an amazing sight and sound. This gift of God has brought many blessings to people. They enjoy God given nature, receiving relaxation and refreshment from their daily routine or stresses from life.**

**This gift boosts the local economy, creating more jobs and businesses from tourism and sightseeing, and it has been the major income and revenue for the city and its vicinity. All these are gifts from God, the creator. The Psalmist wrote, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. (Psalm 24:1-2).**

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**We are living in God's bounteousness, with countless blessings from God. All have come from God, on earth and in heaven. Our life is a gift from God out of God's love. Therefore giving thanks to God is our first and foremost response to God. "Give Thanks to God for his love endures forever," (Psalm 136).**

**God has blessed St. Paul United Methodist Church with many gifts. As we begin our ministry together, as people called by God, we are reminded that giving thanks to God should be our response always.**

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with THANKSGIVING, present your request to God. And the peace of God which transcends all our understanding will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus"  
(Philippians 4:6-7, NIV).**

**"Be joyful always; pray continually; GIVE THANKS in all circumstances. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." ( 1 Thessalonica 5:16-17).**

**Our journey of faith together has begun, Thanks be to God!**

**Blessings,  
Moonsup "Paul" Song  
Pastor**

*Blessings*

## ***August Birthdays***

Ryan Clark—1  
Neal Eaton—1  
Jacob Klawitter—3  
Eric Bass—3  
Shelby Roope—3  
Sharon Barrett—5  
Kevin Lawson—10  
David Campbell—11  
Tabatha Rust—12  
Melodee Wade—14  
Kathe Hansen—18  
Betty Bamman—18  
Rosa Griffith—18  
Kevin Cox—19  
Jamie Graybeal—19  
Shirley Hodge—22  
Ryan McCoy—25  
Dickie Goss—29  
Tom Bell—29



***FILL THE BUS---2015-2016---SCHOOL YEAR***

St Paul UMW will partner with United Way for the coming school year to help fill the bus with school supplies for all schools located in Montgomery County.

Go to [www.mcps.org/SupplyList.html](http://www.mcps.org/SupplyList.html) to see the list provided for each school. The current lists are for 2014-2015 but these are basics items that are needed each year so they may be used for the coming year.

There will be collection boxes located at both entrances of the sanctuary during the months of June and July for your donations. Please help support the UMW and also are county schools.

If any question, contact Patsy at 731-1402 or 357-1402.

Thank you for your help and support in this project.

St Paul UMW

**A**

*Thank  
You*

**We express our deep thanks to church families for welcoming us with love and kind.**

**We are glad to be a part of our church family, and excited to knowing you.**

**----- Pastor Paul, Kim, Daniel -----**

## Joy Singers

Joy Singer rehearsals start September 1st and again on September 8. I am excited to get things going. We meet in the choir room at 10:00 am. If you have questions, please call me at 382-4825 or 808-5218. ALL ARE WELCOME!  
-Denise Warren



## GOD'S LOVE

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love" -Jer. 31:3*

We can only see a little of the ocean,  
A few miles distant from the rocky shore;  
But out there—beyond, beyond our eyes' horizon,  
There's more—there's more.

We can only see a little of God's loving -  
A few rich treasures from His mighty store;  
But out there—beyond, beyond our eyes' horizon,  
There's more—there's more!

*-Anonymous*



## UPDATE

The St Paul United Methodist Men are enjoying Summer! Last month's trial-run movie night was on Flag Day, and we hosted the Father's Day church service. Thank you all for your support, especially George Rust once again delivering an inspired message. This month the men are hosting a movie night and baseball game. We are proud of our Cub Scouts who are gearing up for an engaging and fun school year. Here are a few dates and activities we hope you can join:

- July 25, Saturday, 8:30pm Movie Night: Angels in the Outfield, outdoors by the Activity building. Free and open to all. Bring a chair. Popcorn and lemonade will be offered.
- July 30, Thursday, 5:30pm Baseball game at Pulaski Yankees. Church bus leaves at 5:30pm. Contact Arthur Poff for ticket info.
- August 9, Sunday, 7pm, Cub Pack 145 annual planning meeting at the Activity building. Input welcomed
- August 16, Sunday, 4-6pm, Cub Pack 145 Recruitment Event with fun and games especially for boys 6-11 years old. Activity Building.
- August 22, Saturday, 7pm, UMM Picnic at the Sparks for all members and their families. Covered dish, in lieu of our August meeting
- September 17, Thursday, 6:30pm, UMM monthly dinner meeting, Fellowship hall.

## *Scout News*



Pack 145 has had a great summer! We went to the district day camp! Gave the church bus a good cleaning! Collected litter on our adopted Depot Street. Ate huge ice cream sundaes! Went to a baseball game with the UMM! Now, the new 2015-2016 is about to begin!



9th - (Sunday) Pack Planning Meeting 7:00 PM  
11th – Montgomery County Schools Open  
16th –Cub Scout Recruitment Event 4:00 PM  
23rd - (Sunday) Tiger (& New) Cub Scout Orientation 3:00 PM  
25th - (Tuesday) 1st Pack Meeting 7:00 PM  
28-30th - Webelos to Woods Campout with Troop 42

## **September** 2<sup>nd</sup> - Start Den Meetings

15th or 22nd – (Tuesday) Pack Meeting 7:00 PM  
14-15th & 17th – Recruitment Week at Christiansburg Elementary School  
18th– (Friday) Start Popcorn Sale  
19th – (Saturday) Wilderness Trail Festival  
20th– (Sunday) Popcorn Show & Sell @ St. Paul UMC



Registration is now open !Boys in 1st-grade through 5th grade are able to join Cub Scouting NOW! For more information and see the activities, visit [www.CubPack145.com](http://www.CubPack145.com) OR our Facebook page!



Pack 145 is fortunate to have great Scouting partnership with Boy Scout Troop 42 and Venture Crew 42 at Trinity Baptist Church. If any boy in grades 6-12 interested, Boy Scouts provide programming to through the experiences of camping, hiking, building projects, and community service. Scouting fosters self-esteem, a sense of value and belonging, a sense of accountability, and teamwork. Venturers is a Scouting program for boys and girls ages 14 to 21 to be supported with skill to teach them how to overcome obstacles and challenges with courage and character throughout their lives. Please visit [www.TrinityTroop42.com](http://www.TrinityTroop42.com) for more information



Boy Scout Ethan Bass has completed the requirements to earn the highest rank in Boy Scouting: Eagle Scout. Ethan has been a member of the St. Paul UMC all his life and has enjoyed St. Paul playground to this day. Ethan's Eagle Ceremony will be held at St. Paul UMC on Sunday, September 20th at 3:00 PM and the congregation is invited to attend. Please RSVP to 381-1077.



The Tuxedo Pandas are a community-based FIRST Robotics team for youth in grades 7 through 11. They promote STEM while having fun building robots. If any boy or girl would like to join the "Panda for a Day" program or attend any of their outreach programs, please visit [www.TuxedoPandas.org](http://www.TuxedoPandas.org). Recently, the Tuxedo Pandas were chosen to be ambassadors to China. To fund this special request, there will be several events like an August 15th yard sale at St. Paul and a "Parents Night Out" on August 29th.

## ***UMW NEWS***

**The United Methodist Women (UMW)** is active in our local mission projects even though the Circles do not meet in July and August.

In June the UMW in cooperation with the Christmas Store and participation from our church family collected 613 pairs of NEW UNDIES for distribution by the Christmas Store; the goal is 10,000 pairs so that each child will have 5 pairs of new undies for school. There will be another opportunity closer to Christmas for donations from St. Paul.

During the month of July in cooperation with United Way, large collection boxes for school supplies are located in the narthex and at the side entrance to the sanctuary. All supplies will be distributed to children of Montgomery County who need school supplies to start to school in mid-August.

**REMINDERS FOR AUGUST.** August 16. **UMW/ST. PAUL** family bus trip to Wolfhart Dinner Theater in Wytheville to hear the **GOSPEL JUBILEE**. Leave immediately after church service.

Executive Board meets August 25 in Willing Workers/ UMW room at 7 PM.

**REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER.** The Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting again on the selected Thursdays. Lucy Draper and Joan Mills are leading the group which is open to whoever is interested in knitting or crocheting for others.

**CIRCLES** meet on regular schedule. September 10 the UMW Unit will meet for a covered dish dinner and program in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM.

We welcome new members or returning members to change Circles or visit Circles to find your best fit. All Circles meet in the Willing Workers/UMW room. Call Margaret Woolwine @ 382 7346 for further information.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Charge Conference.

**Our annual Charge Conference is scheduled for November 8 (Sunday), 3:30PM. District Superintendent, Rev. Kathleen Overby Webster will come to St. Paul and preside over the Conference.**



Have you noticed some changes at the St. Paul UMC Playground? Children of St. Paul congregation, preschool and the surrounding community will be enjoying the hard work of...

- A Boy Scout Eagle project to spread mulch, install new double gate, open a single gate, shape a drainage ditch, and construct concrete walkways.
  - A Playground Memorial funding and the Preschool budgeting to...
    1. Order new equipment in the form of 2 spring riders and a climbing structure.
    2. Fix a lopsided spring rider.
    3. Lower the monkey bars to safe height
- Pack 145 volunteers who spread mulch and gave older equipment a new coat of paint.



From Director Jennifer Carroll: “Theresa Pauli and I are gearing up for another exciting year and that there still are a few openings. Please contact Carol for a registration form and to help spread the good word of St. Paul’s wonderful preschool program.”

### September Birthdays

Ruth Gregory—2

Jack Poff—3

Jon Thomas—3

Ellie Wade—3

Julie Rhudy—3

Nancy Badillo—7

Woody Nester—7

Diann Eaton—7

Evangeline Swain—7

Gloria Faith Cornish—8

Gary Talkington—11

Janet Schleicher—11

Kathrine Sherman—12

Allison Sherman—12

Faye Chrisman—15

Bill Payne—15

Denise Warren—16

Harold Akers—18

Bobbie Akers—18

Brandy McCoy—19

Ron Barrett—21

Butch Phillips—21

Marjorie Vitale—22

Sarah East—24

Sonny Speed—26

Jackie Buhrdorf—26

Anna Lee Lawrence—29

Linn Feggeler—29

Norma Graham—30

Erica Williams—6





## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAMING IS BIG SUCCESS**

What do you get when you team three churches (St. Paul, Asbury, and Park) in a joint venture?

...One fantastic VBS! Many thanks and kudos to all kids and adults, who made this a

fantastic 4 days of discovering “the treasure of God’s love for everyone”! We had a bountiful blessing of 50 sweet, ENERGETIC kids ages 4 to 16. To match, at least 35 smiling, loving, and giving adults strived to “keep up”! They provided the Bible lesson, snacks, music, crafts and recreation. The “Island Guides” did a beautiful job of keeping track of the youngsters through- out all their activities. All three pastors, Pastor Paul Song (St. Paul), Pastor Pat Jones (Park) and Pastor Bob Berghuis (Asbury) were present the 4 nights, interacting with the children and leading the prayer time. St. Paul, you can be proud of this children’s ministry and we appreciate your support in prayers, funds, manpower and love as we carry on in the name of Jesus and proclaim God’s love to our community.

### August 2015 Calendar

Sundays  
9:00am—Sunday School  
10:00 am - Worship

Thursday, August 6  
10:00 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, August 17  
7:00 pm—Church Council

Thursday, August 22  
7:00 pm—United Methodist Men  
Picnic at Sparks'

Tuesdays  
9:00 pm—Prayer Group

Wednesday, August 26  
7:15 pm-Choir Practice begins

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### September 2015 Calendar

Sundays  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

Thursday, September 3– 11:45 am  
First Thursday Luncheon/Fellowship

October/November Newsletter Deadline  
Tuesday, September 22

September 21—3:00 pm  
Roanoke District Conference at St. Paul

Tuesdays  
Prayer Group—9:00 am  
Joy Singers—10:00 am

United Methodist Women  
September 8  
Circle 4—2:00 pm  
Circle 2—7:00 pm

September 10  
Circle 5—10:00 am  
Circle 3—7:00 pm

September 21  
UMW Executive Committee-7:00 pm  
September 17  
United Methodist Men—6:30 pm

September 9  
Wednesday Night Programs  
begin



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