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From the Pastor's Study

We have entered a new calendar year and that means the Super Bowl is only days away! Sadly, both of my favorite NFL teams were eliminated in the playoffs. A new calendar year also means that we have a new church budget to support as we seek to be supportive of the ministries of our community of faith as well to support the mission of the United Methodist Church.

A new calendar year also means that the names and faces of some of our committees and officers have changed. With the arrival of this year we also implement a brand new church organizational model using a Church Council to replace both the old Administrative Board and the Council on Ministries.

Omar Ross will be the Chair of our Church Council and Bob Chapin will be the Vice-Chair. After consulting with Omar we have set Monday, February 23, as the first meeting date for the Church Council. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

The chairperson or co-chairs of every committee in the church are automatically members of the Church Council along with the presidents of United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women. Our Lay Leader/Lay Member of Annual Conference, Treasurer and Recording Secretary are included as well as a few at-large lay members. Copies of officers and committees for the church were made available in the late fall; however, additional copies of this information are now available in the literature rack in the narthex.



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It is most important that the chairs or co-chairs of our committees, the presidents of UMM and UMW, our Treasurer and Lay Leader make every effort to attend the meetings of our Church Council. In this way we can all stay informed about the work of our committees and organizations of the church. If a chair or co-chair or president cannot attend a meeting of the Church Council then please notify the church office or Omar Ross. Also, a report from your committee or organization can be sent to the church office by email or written and delivered to the church office.

It will be very helpful for Carol, our hard working and extraordinarily patient church secretary, if committee chairs or co-chairs and organizational presidents will consult with her first before scheduling meetings. She maintains the master calendar for the church. Also, please schedule your committee meetings more than two or three days ahead of time unless there is an urgent matter that needs a decision immediately. The ideal would be to schedule meetings at least a week in advance. Committee chairs or co-chairs and organizational presidents will want to check their respective mailboxes outside the church office from time to time as well.

It is a privilege to share ministry with you,

Pastor Michael

February Birthdays

Arthur Poff—1
Samuel Copeland—1
Jack Thompson—3
Meg Clark—3
Donna Copeland—3
Louise Collins—4
Terri Moore—7
Bill Ayres—7
Hannah Barrett—10
Bob Birchfield—10
Doris Elliott— 11
David Lane—13
Pauline Pitsinger—13
Mary Joyce Stevens—14
Tracy McCoy—16
Ethan Bass—17
Iris Simpkins—17
Red Phillips—17
Mary Sherman—18
Ethan Buhyoff—18
Betty Shadel—18
Delia Lugo—19
Jimmy Epperly—20
George Gammon—22
Rally Williams—23
Oakley Williams—23
Henry Nixon—23
Janie Cassell—24
Jean Nelson—28

Frank Wickham Bible Class

Please come and join the Men's Sunday School class at St Paul United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 9:00 each Sunday and our teachers are members of the class.

For those that have children, bring them to Sunday School and you come to the Men's Class.

There is no age limit and if you want to join, all you need to do is say put my name on the list.

It's delivery! No, it's not Domino's pizza! It is communion. Pastor Michael has trained a few members of our Caring Teams to take Holy Communion to those who are homebound or are sick and cannot be present for worship when the sacrament is observed. Since we customarily celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month the sacrament can be delivered to those who wish to receive it that same Sunday afternoon or on the Monday following. The elements used will be bread and juice that was consecrated during the Sunday service. Simply call or email the church office if you are interested in receiving communion and sharing a few minutes with someone from one of our Caring Teams.



United Methodist Women News

Dear St. Paul Church Family,

The St. Paul unit of the UMW enjoyed a busy December with individual Circles meeting for their Christmas activities which included socials, Blessing Bag offerings, and joining other churches in wrapping gifts at the NRV Mall for MCEAP. The net profit for MCEAP was an astounding \$9,156.88.

Although Circles do not meet in January, we are gearing up for regular meetings and programs.

Patsy Sparks, UMW Vice President and program chairman is making final plans for our big Mission event in February. The church family is invited to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper; come and bring a friend. The proceeds will go to a local charity. The time is 5:30 pm—7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. \$Donations for food.

At the worship service on January 25, our UMW presented the 2014 Special Mission Recognition certificates and pins to Mary Adkins, Carolyn Mills, and Charles DeHart. A past president's pin with gravel was presented to Jackie Buhrdorf for her leadership of the St. Paul Unit.

On Saturday, January 31 several members of the UMW Executive Board participated in an officer training session at First Salem UMC.

Are you saving postage stamps and canned soup labels and do not know where to put them? Go in the Willing Workers classroom and on the right you will see the mailbox for stamps and the can for labels. Deposit them there and thank you so much for your contribution to Missions.

In the next Newsletter you will hear from the Circles too.

May God continue to bless each of you,

Margaret Woolwine, President

March Birthdays

Lois Basham—2
 Kay Porter—3
 John Bowler—3
 Brenda Ross—4
 Margaret Ann Peyton—6
 Caroline Clark—7
 Scott Weaver—8
 Melissa Akers—8
 Hayley Tucker—8
 George East—11
 Alex Cooper—11
 Dan Rhudy—12

Sarah Fitch—13
 Joyce Bishop—15
 Sydney Duncan—16
 Kitty Byrd—18
 Betty Jones—18
 Kaytlin Lane—19
 Wayne Elliott—21
 Perry Cox—22
 Connie Turner—23
 Reese Ann Altizer—23
 Dawn Marie Cornish—23
 Kellen Mitchell—24

Michele Klawitter—24
 Cindy Koziol—25
 Taylor Newman—26
 Jennifer Cooper—29
 Avery Harrison—29
 Chip warren—31



Inclement Weather Policy

When there is snow (and/or ice) on a Sunday morning, our Pastor will consult with the Facilities Manager regarding the conditions of roads as well as the church's sidewalks and parking lot. The first decision to be made will be the possibility of canceling Sunday School and having the worship service. Any cancellations will be announced through local television stations; WDBJ Channel 7 and WSLC Channel 10. Sometimes these decisions are easy to make (a foot of snow or an inch of ice is a no brainer!). Sometimes these decisions are not so easy to make. The Pastor and Facilities Manager will err on the side of caution when making decisions about cancellations due to inclement weather. If Sunday School and/or worship are held you are urged to use your best judgment about getting out and trying to be in attendance. Your safety and health are very important!



Cub Scout Pack 145 schedule offers remarkable activities in 2015. To get the year started...

Sunday, February 8th – Scout Sunday in celebration of Boy Scouting of America's 105th Birthday and our duty to God.

Tuesday, February 24th – Blue and Gold Celebration at St. Paul UMC at 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 14th – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser with UMM

Sunday, March 15th – Pinewood Derby Race Afternoon

Tuesday, March 24th – Cub Scout Bingo Night at 7:00 PM

All Pack 145 events are open invitation to all St. Paul UMC members and any community youth interesting in see what Cub Scouting and Pack 145 is all about.

St. Paul Preschool 2015-2016 registration is now open for incoming 3-year old and 4-year old children. A preschool education is a foundation to lifelong learning. Please help us advertise our program to young families within our church and community.



Applications are available in the church office. For more information, www.stpaulprek.org



Sweetheart's Dinner

St. Paul United Methodist Men are hosting their annual Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, February 7th in the Fellowship Hall. This 6:00 PM event will feature chicken and pork entrees from River City Grill with scallop potatoes, brownies and drinks. The Christiansburg Competitive Men's Quartet will be then entertainment. Other fun fellowship activities will be available to engage a wonderful social event. Tickets are available for an \$18.00 suggested donation. Reservations can be made in the St. Paul office or to UMM President Henry Bass at 381-1077.

My Hand in His

*When life is bright and sunny
Or when my sky is gray,
It comforts me to know my God
Is never far away.*

*I cannot go beyond His reach
No matter where I roam.
I'm safely held within His care,
Away or here at home.*

*My hand secure in His each day,
I follow where He leads;
He knows the way and I'm assured
He will supply my needs.*

*When I must journey on from here,
I will not go alone;
He who safely guides will lead me
To my heavenly home.*

-Kay Hoffman

LIVING WITH LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

A safe and supportive place to meet with others who have lost a loved one. Weekly sessions run for eight weeks and combine education and group activities for discussion.

This series will be held each Tuesday starting

March 31 through May 19, 2015

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

At Good Samaritan Hospice Office—1160 Moose Drive

Christiansburg, Va 24073

Topics for Each Session

Getting Acquainted/Overview of Grief

What Grief Looks Like

My Grief is Unique

Remembering

Stress and Coping

The Mourner's Code

Anniversaries, Holidays, Memorials/Role Changes

Healing Exercise/Evaluation

(Other topics may be substituted or added, depending on the needs and interests of the group)

Fee: \$40 for eight sessions—Pre-registration is required

(Space if limited and classes are filled on a first come first served basis)

Scholarships available for part or all of the fee.

For more information and to receive an application, please contact Tamie Hall

540.381.3171 or e-mail thall@goodsamhospice.org

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Rev.22:7-20

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I am Coming soon

ALPHA	BEHOLD
AMEN	BLESSED
ANGEL	BROTHERS
BRIDE	CONTINUE
BRIGHT	EVERYONE
DAVID	FELLOW
GATES	IMMORAL
HOLY	MORNING
JESUS	OUTSIDE
JOHN	PLAGUES
KEEPS	PRACTICE
LOVES	PROPHETS
OMEGA	REWARD
ROBES	SERVANT
SHARE	THINGS
SPIRIT	THIRSTY
VILE	WISHES
WARN	WORDS
WASH	WORSHIP
WATER	WRONG

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Communion Offering

Where does your Communion Offering go?

During the Months of December 1—January 19 we gave assistance in the amount of \$1,717 to 44 individuals/families in the Christiansburg area. This has helped these families keep their electric on, food on their table, a place to live and in other ways where there is need. The needs seem to be greater at this time. Your special Communion offering makes this possible. Thank you.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The cost is a donation. For more information, contact Margaret Woolwine at 382-7346 or Patsy Sparks at 731-1402.



What I Want My Church To Be

I want to belong to a church that is a lamp for pilgrims, leading them to goodness, truth, and beauty. It will be all these things to other people—if I am.

It will be friendly—if I am.

Its pews will be filled—if I help to fill them.

It will do a great work—if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes—if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship—if I invite them.

Today I dedicate myself to being all these things I want my church to be.

February 2015 Calendar

Sundays

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

Thursday, February 5

11:45 am—Senior Fellowship/Luncheon

Wednesday, February 4, 18

6:00 pm—Covered dish dinner

Wednesdays

10:00 am—Bible Study
6:30 pm—Handbells
6:30 pm—Children's Choir
7:00 pm—Children's Program
7:00 pm—Adult Study
7:15 pm—Choir

Monday, February 23

7:00 pm—Church Council

Tuesday, February 17

5:30 pm—Shrove Tuesday

Thursday, February 5

Shawl Ministry—10:00 am
Staff Parish—7:00 pm

Saturday, February 7

6:00 pm UMM Valentine Dinner

Tuesdays

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

UMW Executive Committee

Tuesday, February 24—7:00 pm

United Methodist Women—February 10

2:00 pm—Circle 4
7:00 pm—Circle 2

February 12

10:00 am—Circle 5
7:00 pm—Circle 3



March 2015 Calendar

Sundays

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

Each Tuesday

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

Each Wednesday

10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm—Dinner (1st & 3rd Wednesday)
6:30 pm—Children's Choir
6:30 pm—Handbells
7:00 pm—Youth
7:00 pm Children's Program
7:00 pm—Adult Study
7:15 pm—Choir

Wednesday Dinners

6:00 pm—March 4 & 18

April/May Newsletter Deadline

Friday, March 13

Thursday, March 5

Senior Fellowship Luncheon—11:45 am

United Methodist Men

Thursday, March 19—6:30 pm

United Methodist Women

Executive Committee—March 24-7:00 pm

Circle Meetings

2:00 pm—March 10—Circle 4
7:00 pm—March 10—Circle 2
10:00 am—March 12—Circle 5
7:00 pm—March 12—Circle 3

Special Lenten Events—TBA

Mark
your
Calendar