

**PRAYER LIST**

Stephanie Turner  
 Barry King (Megan Arthur's father)  
 Howard Gardner  
 Nancy Reed  
 Lucille Dobbins  
 Lois Basham  
 David Jones (Jean Nelson's brother)

Patty & Dewey Lusk  
 Bill & Phyllis Clarkson  
 Bill Lyons  
 Janet Shelburne  
 Kim Hubbard Wirt  
 Josephine Miles

Pray for Visioning Process of St. Paul Church

Meditation on St. Paul Bible Studies and Special Studies

*On Tuesday mornings we pray for the needs and cares of our Church Family, our Community, and the Larger World around us! We thank you for your support and encouragement for our Prayer Group.*

**This Week**

Tuesday	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	10:00 am	Joy Singers
	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study & practice
	7:00 pm	Esther Circle
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Children's Choir
	7:15 pm	Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
Saturday	5:30 pm	To Our House Begins

**This Week: Bible Reading** – refer to Bible Reading Plan 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 61 Isaiah 61-63	Psalm 62 Isaiah 64-65	Psalm 63 Isaiah 66	Psalm 64 Mark 1-3	Psalm 65 Mark 4-6	Psalm 66 Mark 7-9

**Introit**

**Pastor**  
 Dr. Mooncup "Paul" Song

**Church Secretary**  
 Carol Gunter

**Organist**  
 Carolyn Mills

**Choir Director**  
 Heather Mills-McClougherty

**Secretary/IT Support**  
 Carol Slaughter

**Child Care Coordinator**  
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March 11 2018

Forth Sunday in Lent

**UMCOR SUNDAY**

**Morning Worship**

**Ten O'Clock**

*There is a nursery provided for your children during the worship services.  
 We offer a baby room during worship service at the Willing Worker's room next to the sanctuary.  
 Worship is wired to the room with nursing chair. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.*

**\*Please stand for these acts of worship if you are able.**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

**Gathering, Praising, and Welcoming with Announcements**

*"You are my All in All"*

*"Sanctuary"*

**THE PRAISE OF GOD**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**Congregation: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let those redeemed by the Lord say:

**Congregation: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: When we cried out to God in our distress,

**Congregation: God saved us in our hour of need.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**Congregation: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*Hymn ♪98**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

**Opening Prayer**

God of light and love, shine upon your people this day.  
Meet us in our brokenness, and heal our errant ways.  
Take from us our spirit of disobedience, and save us with your grace. Lead us into your truth, that we may live as children of light, and act as children of the Most High. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
Response: And also with you.

**Dedication of Prayer Shawls**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Children's Time**

Amanda Chrisley

**Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist and People

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

**Anthem**

*“And No Bird Sang”*

Choir

**Scripture**

**Isaiah 54:1-17**

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This is the word of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**“Sing the Song of Hope”** *part two*

Pastor Paul Song

**Response to the Word** ♪162

*“Alleluia”*

“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.  
We have been crucified with Christ, now we shall live forever.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

**Joys & Concerns, Prayer of Intercession**

Pastor Paul Song

When each prayer is lifted up, all respond;

**Merciful God, hear our prayers**

**The Offering of Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

*“Aubade”* Edward Broughton

**\*Doxology #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 of Dedication**

Pastor Paul Song

**\*Hymn ♪365**

*“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”*

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

Pastor Paul Song

**Choral Benediction**

*“Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace”*

**Postlude**

*“Recessional”* George Frideric Handel

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**Sermon Notes**

**Isaiah 54:1-7**  
**“Sing the Song of Hope”, part 2**

**Prophet Isaiah challenges us to see:**

- 1. Sight
- 2. Insight
- 3. Foresight

**Thank you for Serving in Worship**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Marjorie Vitale	Amanda Chrisley
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Patsy Sparks, Bill Streich, Mary Adkins	Steve & Jeanne Sottasonti, Joyce & Eddie Lester
<b>USHERS:</b>	Billie Jean Hill, Vicki Sciarretta, Jim Kirk, Glenn Cochran	Roger & Brenda Woolwine, Diann Eaton, Judy Williamson
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Isabelle Petry	Isabelle Petry
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	John Eanes & Jim Kirk	John Eanes & Jim Kirk

**FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR TODAY** in loving memory of Terri’s mother, Margo Thompson.  
-by Terri and Terry Mitchell

**Congratulations** to George East who is celebrating his birthday today, March 11<sup>th</sup>; to Dan Rhudy who will celebrate his birthday on March 12<sup>th</sup>; to Sarah Fitch who will celebrate her birthday on March 13<sup>th</sup>; to Joyce Bishop who will celebrate her birthday on March 15<sup>th</sup> and to Sydney Duncan who will celebrate her birthday on March 16<sup>th</sup>. **Birthday Blessings to all.**

**Tracy and Rusty McCoy would like to thank you all** for the cards and kind expressions of sympathy shown following the passing of Tracy’s mother, Pat Foor.

**This week, we host “To Our Home” Montgomery County’s sheltering program.** Guests stay the night at the Activity Building, 5:30PM -6:00Am until March 16.

**Today is UMCOR Sunday**, your mission giving support the local, national and global relief efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

**St Paul Church Council** meets on March 19(Mon), 7:00PM at the Fellowship Hall.

“**A New Thing,**” (Isaiah 43:19) is the vision of St. Paul Church for 2018. Prayer in individual and collective, Bible Reading through a year, and Roadmap to Renewal: discernment process for church vitality, are three congregational objectives for this vision.

**To Our House Donations of Bedding and Men’s Clothing**

St. Paul UMC is accepting donations of twin-size bedding for cots and gently used men’s clothing for the To Our House guests. Donation boxes are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. A good time to check your linen and clothing closets and do some early spring cleaning!

**All families with children school age and younger** are invited immediately following church on today, March 11th, to the fellowship hall for a pizza lunch get together. Following lunch, the plan is to brainstorm ideas for future family and kid friendly church opportunities.

**All Announcements/inserts for the bulletin** need to be in by Wednesday at noon. Otherwise they will be included in the following week’s bulletin. Thank you.

**ATTENTION!! Additional date added to the Pictorial Directory!!**  
Due to increasing demand, a new date has been added to sign up for your portraits. The new date of Tuesday, March 20, from 2:00-9:00 pm is now open for you to sign up. We encourage you to share and to help spread the announcement of this additional date. Our hearts are blessed that this additional date needed to be added. Ask your friends if they have signed up and spread the news of more times to select for the portraits for those that are unable to sign up online. They may call 240-1947 and we will sign you up over the phone. Remember you must have your picture made (free 8x10) and put in the directory to get your own pictorial directory!  
-The Witness Committee

**Easter Sunrise Service – April 1, 2018.** We will meet at 6:45 am and the service will begin at 7:00 pm with Pastor Paul Song giving the sermon. Following the service, there will be free coffee and a light breakfast. If it is raining the service will be in the fellowship hall. The Presbyterian Church has been invited to join us.

**There will be a meeting of those that agreed to be a hostess for Directory Sign Up** on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Good News Sunday School Room.

**Esther Circle** (Circle 2) will meet on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Lenten/Easter**

**Lenten Bible Study/Practice – Tuesday, March 13, 20, 27 at 7:00 pm**

**Palm Sunday/Cantata – Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 am**

**Holy Thursday Service – Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm at Christiansburg Presbyterian**

**Good Friday Community Tenebrae Service – Friday, March 30 at 7:00 pm at Asbury UMC**

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 1 at 6:30 am**  
**Easter Worship – 10:00 am**