

PRAYER LIST

Jimmy Reynolds
 Brenda Reynolds' brother in renal and heart failure
 Dean Dorothy (Mary Adkins neighbor, had a stroke)
 Guy Ellett (Mary Adkins neighbor, has cancer)
 Wayne & Delores Brockenbrough at the passing of their great granddaughter
 Ernie Akers

Jimmy Williams
 Sue Croy
 Peggy & Bill Streich
 Jim Kirk at the passing of his son Jeff
 Family of Sylvia Gunter (Carol Gunter's sister-in-law)
 Teresa Taylor (Carol Gunter's neighbor)

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.

Daily devotion, Stream of Healing, following 2020 Bible Reading Plan is blogged at <http://streamofhealing.blog> or you can access it on the church website at www.stpaulvaumc.org.

We offer worship livestreaming on Sundays at 10:00AM and the live recording on YouTube on Sundays after 12:00PM. Please go to the St. Paul website for both options.
<http://www.stpaulvaumc.org>

Church office hours Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 3:30PM

This Week: Bible Reading – refer to Bible Reading Plan 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Judge 18	Judge 19	Judge 20	Judge 21	1 Samuel 1	Psalm 121

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St Paul envisions

“Growing into a most Vibrant, Joyful Christian Community, Unified in Loving Service to our Neighbors, for the Glory of God.”

--Vision Statement, approved by Church Council, 2018—

February 28, 2021

2nd Sunday in Lent

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.

Contact church office for handicap access questions.

Please turn your cell phone off or mute during worship.

Weekly sermon is uploaded to St Paul church website, www.Stpaulvaumc.org.

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

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Gathering, Praising, and Welcoming with Announcements

Apostles’ Creed #881

THE PRAISE OF GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Congregation: For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

All: We come to worship God in spirit and truth.

***Hymn ♪297**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Opening Prayer

O Lord our God, You are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us that we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. We repent our sins not living in you but living more in our own and our own desires. Help us so to seek that we may truly find in you, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us. Lead us to live by the power of your death and resurrection. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Hymn of Meditation ♪473

“Lead Me Lord”

Sermon

“Ways of the Cross: From Shame to Salvation”

Pastor Paul Song

Prayers of the Church concluding with the Lord's Prayer

When each prayer is lifted up, all respond; Merciful God, hear our prayers

Stewardship Sharing

“Montgomery County Baby Shop”

Joyce Bishop

The Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

*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

SENDING FORTH

*Dismissal with Blessing

Birthday Celebrations – Jean Nelson on February 28th; Lois Basham on March 2nd; Margaret Ann Peyton on March 6th.
Birthday blessings to all!

Calling for UMCOR for Texas Natural Disaster

You may send a check to the Virginia Conference (P.O. Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA 23058) earmarked Advance #901670 to assist people in Texas and other states.

Or you may make an online donation at

<https://advance.umcor.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>

We open Lenten Study, “Virginia Roots, Race, and Discipleship”

Session 1: Old and New World

Session 2: New World Slavery

Session 3: Early Black Methodism

Session 4: The Bible of Nat Turner

Session 5: Civil War/Lost Cause

Session 6: Jim Crow/Women's Suffrage

Lenten Sermon Series

Feb 28 – 1 Corinthians 1:17-25, “From Shame to Salvation”

Mar 7 – Luke 19:11-13, “One Step Forward”

Mar 14 – Mark 8:27-38, “Walk Opposite”

Mar 21 – Luke 22:14-23, “Follow Your Call”

Mar 28 – Mark 15:33-42, “Die to Live”

Beginning Tuesday, February 16, St. Paul Preschool will begin accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year for 3 year old and 4 year old children. St. Paul Preschool will also begin accepting applications for positions of Director and Teacher. Registrations for children and applications for job openings may be requested by emailing office@stpaulvaumc.org or messaging directly through the preschool facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/www.stpaulvaumc.org>.

Welcome to in-person worship. We ask all to follow restrictions for health and safety individually and communally. Go to church website, www.stpaulvaumc.org for details.

We serve **Drive-In Communion** during virus pandemic, serving at the parking lot, beginning 10:45AM until 11:00AM. Please follow the drive flow to the serving table. Stay in your car with face covering. Communion will be served to your driver side window.

The **Bible Reading Plan 2021** is reading “**History**”, **12 books of Old Testament, Joshua to Esther**. Daily reading plan is printed out at entrance of the sanctuary. You can download from St. Paul church website, www.stpaulvaumc.org

A virtual St Paul Charge Conference is scheduled for **March 8(Mon), 7:00PM in Zoom**, a final opportunity to discuss and vote upon selling the parsonage.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

St. Paul UMC is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

Visit the church website at www.stpaulvumc.org,

- 1) Click on the Give Now button,
- 2) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions, or to make a one-time gift.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

The flowering of the cross has been traced back to the 6th century. This striking and beautiful ceremony represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter and the new life that emerges from Jesus's death and the celebration of his resurrection.

You are invited to bring your fresh flowers for flowering the cross on Easter Sunday morning, April 4. As the family of St. Paul UMC, let us participate in the transformation of the bare cross to the flowered cross symbolizing the miracle of new life in Christ.

