

Thank you for Serving!

	Today – April 7	Next Sunday – April 14
LITURGIST:	Marjorie Vitale	Susan Marchi
USHERS:	Patsy Sparks & Sherri Derflinger	Brian & Sabrina Porter
SECURITY TEAM:	Jim Mattox & Tom Bell	Jim Mattox & Tom Bell
ALTAR TEAM:	Elliott & Jessica Petry	Elliott & Jessica Petry
COUNTERS:	David Johnson & Sabrina Porter	David Johnson & Sabrina Porter

This Week at St. Paul

Sun, Apr 7	Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth Scouts Yard Sale clean-Up	9:00AM-9:50AM
Wed, Apr 10	Wonderful Wednesday: Potluck Meal Children’s Choir, rm. 103 Chancel Choir	6:00PM-6:45PM 6:30PM-7:00PM 7:15PM-TBA
Thurs, Apr 11	Ruth Circle, Fellowship Hall	1:00PM
Fri, Apr 12	Master Gardener Association Set Up, Fellowship Hall	12:30PM-4:00PM
Sat, Apr 13	Master Gardener Association, Fellowship Hall	8:00AM-5:00PM

Next Week

Sun, Apr 14	Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth Den Meetings, Activity Building	9:00AM- 9:50AM
Wed, Apr 17	Wonderful Wednesday: Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary Potluck Meal Children’s Choir, rm. 103 Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary Chancel Choir	11:00AM-11:45AM 6:00PM-6:45PM 6:30PM-7:00PM 7:00PM-7:45PM 7:15PM-TBA
Thurs, Apr 18	Retired Teachers, Taking Bus to Newbern Museum	
Sat, Apr 20	Activity Building Reserved, Karen Poff Memorial Service for Jamie Graybeal, Sanctuary Refreshments in Fellowship Hall afterwards	8:30AM-11:30AM 2:00PM



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<https://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA>

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--

**April 7, 2024
Morning Worship**

**2nd Sunday of Easter
Ten O’Clock**

*A nursery is provided for your children from a few months to age 5.
We offer a room with a TV carrying the service in the Willing Worker’s
room next to the sanctuary for anyone who would like to use it.
Please ask an usher for assistance for handicap access.
Please turn your cell phone off or mute during worship.*

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

*Welcome to St. Paul! We are so glad to have the privilege of worshiping alongside you today
whether in-person or virtual! Let’s reflect together on the following scripture from Ephesians 3: 19,
which says, “to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all
the fullness of God.”*

Gathering and Prelude

“Festive Prelude on “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Tune: CWM RHONDDA. By John Hughes, arranged by David P. Dahl

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

***Unison Opening Prayer**

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

**Almighty God, You give us blessings without number and the joy of celebrating
Christ’s Resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, in spending time
with loved ones, in the stewardship of all creation, and in the pursuit of worthwhile
passions and interests. Holy Spirit, come give us grace to receive words from You
today, that Your joy may be in us, and that the joy of Christ may be full; through
Christ our Savior. Amen!**

***Opening Hymns**

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

♪304 “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”, all vv.

♪303 “The Day of Resurrection”, all vv.

***Affirmation of Faith 888**

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Anthem

“Crown Him Lord of All”

A concertato on “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”. Words by Edward Perronet, based on tunes: CORONATION by Miles Lane and DIADEM , arranged by Joseph M. Martin

Children’s Story

What Color is Easter?

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Announcements

Sharing our Requests and Praises

Unison Prayer for General Conference Delegates

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Eternal God, we pray for the 862 delegates who will meet in Charlotte starting April 22nd. We pray each one will be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We pray for stamina and energy for the long sessions, that each one will be gracious in all they do. May your will be done in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Unison Prayer for Healing

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Almighty God, I need healing for past hurts, for physical pains that waylay my days, and for spiritual healing for various reasons. I understand that your healing touches me mentally, physically and spiritually, so I confess my sins so that I may be whole, and that I may be able to then minister to others in a way that brings You fullness of glory. Thank you for giving me life and new life. Give your healing power graciously to others so that they may also receive your healing and walk in wholeness. In the precious name of Jesus. Amen

All pray in silence.

Words of Assurance

Prayer concerns

After each petition, all respond: *Risen Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Preparation ♪311 *“Now the Green Blade Riseth”, all vv.*

Scripture

John 20:11-20

Meditation

From Hopin’ to Hollerin’

Holy Communion

*Please let an Usher know if you would like to receive Communion in your pew.
Please let a Server know if you prefer gluten-free bread.*

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Gracious God, we want to continue in the amazement and joy of the Easter season. When life gets off the rails, refocus our attention on You and Easter, so that we may recognize all that we have received and be led to give cheerfully. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory

“O for a Heart to Praise”

Tune: RICHMOND by Thomas Hawels. Arranged by Robert J. Powell

***Doxology**

***Recap**

***Closing Hymns**

♪308 **“Thine Be the Glory”, all vv.**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Alleluia Postlude”

Esther Megargel

If you are new to St. Paul, please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance pad in the pew. How may we serve you? Check the boxes which apply to you and leave it in the pew, and leave us a best contact phone and email. Thank you.

Esther Circle will be meeting Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm at Penny Kanney’s house. All women are welcome. For any information call Elaine Clark 540-382-9307.

Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, April 11th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Those interested in lunch can meet at El Bronco at 11:30 am.

A big “Thank You!” to Brad DeGeorge for doing sound on April 14th. We need additional people to be trained. Please contact Gary Sparks.

Security Teams – the Security Teams is in need of 1 person to join our teams. Please see Ken Skidmore for more information.

A number of projects and efforts are underway for the second quarter of 2024!
The list is in our April newsletter. Your help is needed!

Pastor Mike and Sherri will be out of town Saturday, April 13th. He can be reached on his cell and e-mail. They will be out of town the afternoon and overnight of Sunday, April 28th, and out of the office on Monday the 29th.

Please remember our members in assisted living:

Hassell Boothe, rm. 210, VA Vet Care Center, 4550 Shenandoah Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA 24017

Susan Chase, rm.106, Commonwealth Senior Living, 201 Wheatland Ct., Christiansburg, VA 24073

Kathy Davis, 328 Fieldstone Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540-250-2163 - mail cards to Rachel Link, 1534 Catawba Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060)

Jill Graybeal, 750 SE Cary Parkway #1016, Cary, NC 27511

Louise Quesenberry, rm. 34A, Spring Oak Senior Living, 1140 W. Main St., Christiansburg, VA 24073

Margaret Woolwine, rm 235, English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Please remember our members receiving rehab:

Marg Modlin, rm 308, Richfield Living Health Center, 3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153,
Guests are welcome.

Scottie Dickenson, rm 332, Kroontje Healthcare Center, 1000 Litton Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060
Guests are welcome.

Church Office Hours: 9:00AM-3:30PM

Worship Attendance March 31, 2024					
Easter Sunrise	In-Person Adults	Children's Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
30	98	12	18	60	218

Mike Derflinger, Pastor, pastor@stpaulvaumc.org, mikederflinger@vaumc.org, 540-631-4469

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Robin Raines, Custodian, rainesrobin88@yahoo.com

PRAYER LIST – Team John is our Caring Team this week.

Cancer Patients: Roger Adkins; Wayne Bishop; Jeremy Compton; Missy Craighead; Jamie Epperly; David Jones; Danny Lucas; Dale Nelson; Gary Sparks; Sherri (in MD)

Anticipating Surgery: Jessica Petry, April 9; Debra Capobianco, knee replacement April 23; Sharon King (Arthur Poff's sister, oral cancer) tentative surgery date May 14; Nancy Mattox getting a shot for her hip issue on Monday, April 8th

Recuperating from Surgery: Robert Chafin, hand and elbow surgery

Health Issues: Ginger & Gene Barton (family of Peggy & Robert Chafin); Sandy Cox; Lynwood & Dotte Foster; Ed & Sandra Hayes; Nancy Mattox; Dan Rhudy; Ernie Simpson; Wilma Snuffer; Hal & Sandi Sonafrank; everyone with Parkinson's; all who have Alzheimer's and dementia related conditions.

Josh Adams - the young man in bad car accident where the driver died - home from hospital but having a hard time reliving the crash. His address: Josh Adams 6843 Fair Oaks Rd., Roanoke, VA 24019

Grieving: Family of John Dickenson, Ann Rhudy's brother; Family of Patrick Graybeal; Family of Patricia Derflinger

In-home Hospice: Roger Woolwine

If you wish to place someone on the prayer list for prayer only, please contact the church office, or write their name on the attendance pad with "prayer" after their name.

If a person would like to receive ministry from our caring teams (cards, phone calls, visits, food, etc.) please list an address/phone number for our caring teams. Thank you!

Flowers are placed on the altar today in honor of Gary Sparks' 79th birthday on April 6th.

~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY, love Patsy

Birthday Celebrations this week – Mark Bamman & Timothy Parker on April 8th; Clay Jones on April 9th; David Smith on April 10th; Sarah Bravo & Kathy Martin on April 11th; Rick Woodard on April 12th; Joyce Lester on April 13th. ***Happy Birthday to all!***



For our spring project, March & April, the United Women in Faith is collecting monetary funds for the MCEAP Summer Feeding program which feeds needy kids 3 meals a day, 7 days a week throughout the summer vacation. Donations are used to purchase needed food items for weekly food boxes. Checks can be made out to MCEAP with Summer Feeding Program in the memo line and given to Margie Vitale or mailed to MCEAP, 308 West Main St., Christiansburg, VA 24073. All are welcome to contribute. Thank you.

High School & College Graduates! The United Women in Faith recognize our graduates each year with a photo of the graduate and a little information about their plans. Names are listed in the bulletin and photos with plans are projected during a Sunday service. Both high school and college graduates are recognized, with the high school graduates receiving a card and a gift to missions in their name.

Please email the name, a little information of future plans/degree, and from where they are graduating to Carol at office@stpaulvaumc.org, no later than Tuesday, May 28th at Noon.

The Prayer Shawl Group sent 16 prayer shawls to the District for General Conference. A big thank you to Ashley Johnson and children for taking them to the District Office on Wednesday. If anyone has any gift bags that you would like to donate for the Prayer Shawl Group to put shawls/blankets in for gifting, you may bring them to the church office. Only large gift bags please. Thank you.

Wonderful Wednesdays

This week: community children's choir and chancel rehearsals will occur.

There is no Bible study this week at 11am or 7pm.

Community children's choir and chancel rehearsals will occur on April 17th, 24th, and May 1st.

On April 17th, 24th, and May 1st, we will have Prayer Meetings in the sanctuary in preparation for the upcoming General Conference. Each WW will have an 11:00-11:45 time and a 7:00-7:45 time. Information will be available to guide our prayers. All are welcome. Please let Pastor Mike know you are coming so he can prepare information for you.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FORUM April 7 at 1 pm at Blacksburg UMC

Blacksburg UMC is hosting an informational forum for all United Methodists in the New River Valley. BUMC pastors will be joined by the Valley Ridge DS, as well as two Virginia Conference GC delegates for ninety minutes of brief explanations and panel discussion. Blacksburg UMC is located at 111 Church St SE, Blacksburg, VA. Ample parking is available in the church lots by the corner of Lee and Penn Streets.

General Conference is quickly approaching and will be April 22 – May 3 at the Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte NC.

Stay up to date on the expectations and proposed legislation with these resources:

www.vaumc.org – The Virginia Conference web site.

www.umc.org – The United Methodist Church web site.

www.resourceumc.org

www.umcjustice.org – The web site of the General Board of Church and Society has submitted Seven Book of Discipline petitions; Fifty-seven Book of Resolutions petitions; and Ten new proposed resolutions.

www.umnews.org – The news agency service of the United Methodist Church.