

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – August 3	Next Sunday – August 10
LITURGIST:	Marjorie Vitale	David Johnson
USHERS:	Jane Collins & Cathy Nester	Betty Semones & Tina Martin
ACOLYTES:	Ezra Arthur	Isaac Johnson
SECURITY TEAM:	Jim Mattox & Tom Bell	Jim Mattox & Tom Bell
ALTAR TEAM:	Mike & Sherri Derflinger	Mike & Sherri Derflinger

This Week at St. Paul		
Sun, Aug 3	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Worship Service – Holy Communion	10:00AM
Tues, Aug 5	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:30PM
Wed, Aug 6	Finance, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:30PM
Thurs, Aug 7	Inspection of Boiler	8:00AM-12:00PM
	Staff-Parish, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Sat, Aug 9	Volunteers & Helping Hands, Church and AB	9:00AM

Next Week		
Sun, Aug 10	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service – Christian Education Sunday	10:00AM
	with Luncheon after Worship	
	Deadline for Picnic Attendance	
Mon, Aug 11	Staff Meeting, Spare Office	9:00AM
Tues, Aug 12	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Aug 13	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:30PM
Fri, Aug 15	Baby Shop Pack Up Orders	10:00AM-12:00PM

Worship Attendance July 27, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
52	4	11	201	268

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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--

Season: Pentecost  
Holy Communion

August 3, 2025 Ten O’Clock

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! God bless you as we worship and gather at the Lord’s table.

Gathering & Prelude

“Soldiers’ March”

Robert Schumann

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

James McGranahan, Arr. by Roger C. Wilson

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

\*Unison Prayer

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Holy Spirit, you are welcome in this place! Lord Jesus Christ, let us not call you Lord in vain but both hear and act on the words you speak, that our lives may be firmly founded on the rock of God’s will. We pray in your name. Amen!

\*Songs

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

♪171 “There’s Something About That Name”, 1x

“Let’s Just Praise the Lord”, 2x, 1<sup>st</sup> time-Lift Our Hearts, 2<sup>nd</sup> time-Lift Our Minds

“I Will Serve Thee”, 2x

\*Responsive Reading 768

Psalm 33: 12-22, no sung response

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Instrumental

“Our God Is Great” (“O Store Gud”)

Swedish Melody, Arr. by John Weston

Children’s Story	Can’t Put It Back	Pastor Mike Derflinger
Children may go to Children’s Church at this time.		
Announcements		Pastor Mike Derflinger
Sharing our Prayer Requests and Praises		Pastor Mike Derflinger
Unison Prayer of Confessions		Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
Truthful God, Liberating Christ, Humbling Spirit: we confess we are not nearly as good as were meant to be. As we pray, grant us your grace to forgive the sins past and present, and cleanse and strengthen us for now and the days to come, for the sake of our Saving and Liberating Christ, who is making us free.		
All pray in silence.		
Words of Assurance, Encouragement, and Urging		
Prayer Concerns		
After each petition, all respond: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Songs	♫367 “He Touched Me”, both vv. “The Family of God”, 1 <sup>st</sup> time-I’m Apart, 2 <sup>nd</sup> time-You’re Apart	Pastor Mike Derflinger
Scriptures	Matthew 19:16-22 Luke 10:25-29 John 3:1-7	Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
Meditation	Questions in Search of Life	Pastor Mike Derflinger
Service of Holy Communion		
Our Service of Holy Communion can be found on p. 14 and on the screen.		
When you come forward, please kneel or stand, whichever is most comfortable.		
Please let an Usher know if you would like us to bring Communion to you.		
Our Communion Offering		
You may leave a cash or check Communion offering, payable to St. Paul UMC.		
Our August Communion offering goes to MCEAP who helps people in crisis. Thank you!		
Unison Prayer After Communion		Pastor Mike Derflinger
Messiah Jesus, by your grace may we gain strength from communion with You which will enable us to walk humbly and rightly before You and our neighbor. Amen.		
Unison Offertory Prayer		Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
Gracious God, we express our faith and our thanksgiving in these offerings, that St. Paul will have an effective witness to your Gospel, love, and justice; through Jesus Christ our Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen		

Offertory	“The Heart of God”
hymn tune by Cleland B. McCafé, Arr. by Ellen Jane Lorens	
*Doxology	
*Recap	
*Closing Songs	“Jesus is Lord of All” ♫364 “Because He Lives”, vv.1,2
*Benediction	
*Postlude	“My Life Is In You, Lord” Words & Music by Daniel Gardner “Give Thanks” Words & Music by Henry Smith
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.	
August 3, 2025	Title: Questions in Search of Life
Matthew 19: 16-22	
This person had let _____ come become him and God.	
_____	
Luke 10: 25-29	
This person had let _____ come between him and God.	
_____	
John 3: 1-7	
Nicodemus had let _____ come between him and God.	
_____	
What questions do you have for God today? Be sure to listen to the reply!	
Today we sing songs penned by Bill and Gloria Gaither. They reside in Alexandria, IN. Bill is 89 and receiving treatment for Alzheimer’s dementia and idiopathic Parkinson’s.	

### Stewardship Campaign for 2025

36 families in 37 households comprising 56 people for a total of \$176,944.  
If you have not turned in your Estimate of Giving Card, please do so. Thank you.

#### August Stewardship

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR AUGUST \$29,379. We have five Sundays in August.  
July Offering Counters: Doris Elliott, Wayne Bishop

<u>TOTAL JULY STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>07/27</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$6,665	\$19,819
General Fund – Online Giving	\$655.48	\$4,955.74

<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>07/27</u>	<u>Total</u>
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$	\$150
UWF-Homeless Children	\$350	\$1220
Texas Flood Relief/UMCOR	\$	\$700
Piano fund	\$	\$700
Baby Shop	\$	\$60
Mission Trip	\$	\$1,025
Memorial – Jill Graybeal – Music Program	\$	\$25

To give an offering, you may place your gift in one of the offering plates located at the front of the sanctuary, or in the narthex (entrance). You can also mail it to the church office, or give online.  
We invite you to use the offering envelopes in the pew. God bless you!

### PRAYER LIST – Team Mark is our Caring Team this week

SPUMC Congregation, *friends, family members and neighbors*

**Cancer Patients:** Tommy Flinchum, Shirley Hodge, Dale Nelson, Gary Sparks  
*Roger Adkins, Loran Albin, Elaine Allen, Vicki Baker, Rob Bedford, Stephanie Boyd, Jennifer Canevari, Jamie Epperly, Ruth Jones, Fran Kreider, Danny Lucas, Dana Nelson, Cathy Parsons, Billy Proffitt*

**Health Issues:** Bob & Sandy Chapin, Dubby & Vickie Charlton, Jim Clark, Scottie Dickenson, Anna Lee Lawrence, Jim & Iris Simpkins, Bill & Peggy Streich, Jim Williamson  
*Josie Bishop, Sherry Burke, the family of Jean & Tommy Dalton, Rob Holland, Jonathon Hudson (leg amputation) and his wife Julie, Hetty Knowles, Jordan McCoy, Tim & Jackie Rosche (Jackie has dementia), Stephanie Turner, Sue Williams*

**Praises:**  
*David Marchi, Tom Marchi’s brother, has been declared cancer free;*  
*Carl Makariak had bypass surgery Friday a week and is home and doing very well*

**High Risk Pregnancy:** Becca King-Mallory (2wks to go), Tara Underwood (2 1/2 mths to go)

**Anticipating Surgery:** Ed Hayes (bladder), Sandra Hayes (thymus), Nancy Mattox 8/18

**Recuperating from Surgery at Home:** Faye Chrisman, Jordan McCoy

**Hospitalized:**  
*Bill Knowles, UVA*

**Youth & Children:** Brody Nelson  
*Asa, 1, and brother Abram, 5; Cam, 16, stage 4 bone cancer, one leg amputated;*  
*Claire Shores, 3, leukemia*

**National:** victims, families of the Texas flooding at Camp Mystic and Kerr County.

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*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!*

**Thank you** for your kindness, encouragement and support during my illness. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in the prayers, flowers, cards and phone calls. My deepest thanks and appreciation to you all.  
~ Forever Grateful, Shirley Hodge

**Birthday Celebrations this week** – Mark Vaughn on August 3; Sharon Barrett on August 5; Beth Brown & Jeremy Wachob on August 6<sup>th</sup>; Brooks Arthur on August 7<sup>th</sup>; Bonnie Cochran & Rhonda Rash on August 9<sup>th</sup>.  
*Happy Birthday to all!*

**Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this Week** – Barry & Sherri King and Bill & Peggy Streich on August 5<sup>th</sup>.  
*Happy Anniversary to all!*

**Please remember our members in assisted living:**

Hassell Boothe, rm. 210, Davis & McDaniel Veterans Care Center,  
4550 Shenandoah Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA 24017

Wayne & Dolores Brockenbrough, Apt.217, English Meadows, 3400 Suth Point Dr.,  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

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)

Wanda Garrison, Apt. 243, English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Marg Modlin, The Oaks Assisted Living rm 201, 3706 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Wilma Snuffer, Q6, 3939 Daugherty Rd., Salem, VA 24153

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

Roger & Brenda Woolwine, Manchester Commons – Woodside Place,  
6351 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505 (Brenda’s Cell Number: 540-320-0986)

**Temporary, Receiving PT**

Ruth Boothe, Rm 308, Kroontje Health Care Center, 1000 Litton Ln.,  
Blacksburg, VA 24060, Cell: 540-382-4331

Margaret Chafin, The Glebe Health Services Building Rm 2108, Salem, VA, please send all cards  
to her home address, P.O. Box 1312, Christiansburg, VA 24068

**And our dear friends and neighbors:**

Former Pastor: Rev. Art & Willie Wingfield, 650 N Jefferson St., Apt. 218,  
Roanoke, VA 24016

Mary Childress, Rm 113, Commonwealth Senior Living, 201 Wheatland Ct.,  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

**July & August Love Offerings for our Missions:**

July 13<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Communion offerings go to MCEAP.

On July 4, 2025, historic rain levels led to catastrophic flash flooding along the Guadalupe River in Central Texas. As of July 31, at least 135 people have died. In response, UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee **On Relief**) has awarded a solidarity grant to the Rio Texas Annual Conference to provide immediate relief and support. ***If you would like to participate, please make your check out to St. Paul UMC, and write “Camp Mystic Advance #901670” on the memo line.*** You can also go to [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org), scroll down and click on the blue ‘U.S. Disaster Response’, and on the next page scroll down and click on the blue ‘learn more’. Thanks to Rev. Doug Kanney for bringing this to our attention.

**VOLUNTEERS & HELPING HANDS**

**Needed Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** work beginning at **9:00AM**. Work will include weed pulling, trimming of shrubs, clean up playground and spreading rock at the Activity Building. This is our church so let’s keep it as beautiful outside as it is inside. Any questions, contact Patsy 540-357-1402. THANK YOU!

**Blessing Box Important Update**

Please continue to donate soups, canned meat, canned diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, canned fruits and vegetables, and canned proteins like tuna, chicken, and Vienna sausage. Please make sure all canned items have a pull tab and do NOT require a can opener. Please place donations directly into the Blessing Box or in the box on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach mission that serves our community members in need.

**Next Sunday is Christian Education Sunday and lunch afterwards!**

Our children will sing their Camp Alta Mons songs in worship. We’ll have a blessing of the backpacks for our kids as they return to school. We’ll recognize our Sunday School teachers, Children’s Church helpers, school educators and admin. personnel, VBS helpers, and our Preschool Director and Teacher.

After worship, Barry & Sherri King are coordinating a lunch for our church family to honor all of our volunteers. All are welcome! No cost. Our Menu is spaghetti with either marinara or meat sauce, salad, bread, dessert, and drink. The entrée’ is paid for. Donations of salad and desserts are appreciated. They ask for a couple of people to help them. No need to RSVP, just come and enjoy a lunch with your church family as we honor these and all volunteers. If you are able to help Barry & Sherri, please contact Barry at (304) 887-7093 or Sherri at (304) 320-1368.



# St. Paul Picnic 2025

August 23, 2025 5:00PM-9:00PM

RSVP to the Church Office by August 10<sup>th</sup>, your attendance and potluck items.  
You can either email the office at [office@stpaulvaumc.org](mailto:office@stpaulvaumc.org), call the office at 540-382-2410  
Or fill this out and leave in the offering plate.

We ask that enough is prepared for a minimum of 20 people. If you are bringing hamburgers or hotdogs that need to be grilled, please plan to be at the church by 4:15 so our grill team can get started with cooking. For all the other food items that are being prepared at home please plan to be at the church by 4:30 so we have time to align the tables with the food.

<u>Picnic Meal</u>	
<u>Last Names Starting With:</u>	<u>What to Bring:</u>
A - J	Hamburgers or Hot Dogs & Rolls
K - Q	Sides, Salads, Condiments/Fixings
R - Z	Desserts
Ice and Beverages are being provided by the Frank Wickam SS Class	
<u>Attendance</u>	
<u>Family Name/How Many Attending</u>	<u>What You Are Bringing</u>

S’mores ingredients have been gifted. **We ask you to bring S’more sticks.** If you’re thinking “I’m not a cook” or this or that, there are other ways to offer help and your gifts. Maybe buying a couple watermelons is easier or one small thing of firewood. Monetary gifts may be a way to participate. **We do need help with setting up and taking down, this is a BIG help.**

