

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – September 7	Next Sunday – September 14
LITURGIST:	Marjorie Vitale	Claire Childress
USHERS:	Tom & Connie Bell	Ronald & Geraldine Hollandsworth
ACOLYTES:	Isaac Johnson	Ellie Johnson
SECURITY TEAM:	David Linkous & David Johnson	David Linkous & David Johnson
ALTAR TEAM:	Gary & Patsy Sparks, Jim Mattox	

This Week at St. Paul		
Sun, Sept 7	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Worship Service – Holy Communion	10:00AM
	Picnic Planning Follow Up, JOY Classroom	After Worship
Mon, Sept 8	Staff Meeting, Spare Office	9:00AM
Tues, Sept 9	Christiansburg Lions Club, AB	6:30PM-8:30PM
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Sept 10	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Potluck Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Guest Presenter, TBA	6:45PM-7:15PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry	7:00PM-8:30PM
Thurs, Sept 11	UWF Kick Off Tea, Draper Blooms & Tea	12:00PM CP-1:00PM Tea
Fri, Sept 12	Baby Shop Pack Up Orders	10:00AM-12:00PM
Next Week		
Sun, Sept 14	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
	Den Meetings	2:00PM
Mon, Sept 15	Baby Shop Client Pick Up	10:00AM-12:00PM
	Church Council, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Tues, Sept 16	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
	SPRC, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Wed, Sept 17	DEADLINE, October Newsletter Submissions	3:30PM
	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Potluck Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Guest Presenter TBA	6:45PM-7:15PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
Thurs, Sept 18	Life Recovery Ministry	7:00PM-8:30PM
	Retired Teachers, FH	11:00AM-2:00PM

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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--

Season: Pentecost
Holy Communion Sunday

September 7, 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.

Good morning and welcome to Saint Paul! Revelation 5:10 reminds us that God is calling all people to honor and serve God. We invite you to read our text Revelation 5: 1-10 before worship begins in preparation for our time together. In the same spirit, the Lord’s table for Holy Communion is open to all who will come. You are welcome! God bless you today and always!

Gathering & Prelude Carolyn Mills
“My Hope Is Built”, “Sonata in D minor”, “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

Welcome Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Opening Unison Prayer Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
Come Holy Spirit! We worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We praise Jesus the Lamb who was slain who now rules and reigns. You are holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. You are worthy to receive all glory and honor and power! We pray this in the name of Jesus the Messiah, who has redeemed us with His precious blood and made us a kingdom of your people with those from all the tribes and nations of the world. Amen.

*Songs Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
♪96 “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”, all vv.
♪154 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”, vv. 1,2,4

*The Nicene Creed 880 Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

AnthemChancel Choir
Brian Porter, Soloist

Children’s MessagePastor Mike Derflinger
God is Great, God is Good!
Children may go to Children’s Church at this time.

Announcements and Sharing our Joys and ConcernsPastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Prayer of Confession and Intercession for OthersLiturgist Marjorie Vitale
Lord Jesus Christ, we confess our sins to You. And we intercede for people who are in despair, doubt, and suffering. Help them and us to remember that You are the Conquering Lion and are able to bring hope to every situation. May we and they be quick to praise You, for You have conquered all our enemies.

Individual, silent prayers.
Words of Assurance
After each petition, all respond: *Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer.*
The Lord’s Prayer

InstrumentalCarolyn Mills
“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

ScriptureLiturgist Marjorie Vitale
Revelation 5:1-10

MessagePastor Mike Derflinger
Worthy is the Lamb!

Holy Communion
Our Service of Holy Communion can be found on p. 14 and on the screen.
Please kneel or stand, whichever you are more comfortable doing.
Please let an Usher know if you would like us to bring Communion to you.

Our Communion Offering
You may leave cash or a check Communion offering, payable to St. Paul UMC.
We designate this Communion offering to the Annual Conference offering. Thank you!

Unison Prayer After CommunionPastor Mike Derflinger
Almighty God, through your Son Jesus You have conquered sin, death, and the grave. Thank You for Your Son’s sacrifice, and for this Communion. Open the seals of our lives and of Saint Paul to reveal your perfect and complete plan. Because of Your victory, we have hope and do not need to worry or weep, knowing that You are able to handle any situation. We pray in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory PrayerLiturgist Marjorie Vitale
We pray, Father, that You would use our lives, our resources, and our prayers to hasten the coming of Your kingdom. Use us to make Your love and glory known among every nation, tribe, and people, as the redeemed saints will do. Help us to

live a life that brings honor and praise to Your name, reflecting the future reality of every knee bowing before You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

OffertoryCarolyn Mills
“Nearer, My God, To Thee”

*Doxology
*Recap
*Closing Song♪664 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”, both vv.
*Benediction
*PostludeCarolyn Mills
“I’ll Go Where You Want Me To Go”, “Rescue The Perishing”

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.

You can schedule a visit with Pastor Mike in your home or in the church office. Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Mike to arrange a visit. Phone call visits can also be scheduled for your convenience.

September 7, 2025Message NotesTitle: Worthy is the Lamb!

Three kinds of worship which have emerged since Pentecost:
_____, _____, _____

In Revelation 5, the scroll has been interpreted as

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

- Ways I Can Apply this Message to My Life:
- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____

What “seal” does God want to “break open” in your life? _____

What do you think God wants you to do in your life? _____

St. Paul United Women in Faith will be kicking off our year with a tea in Draper on Thursday, September 11. The tea itself will be at 1 pm. We plan to carpool from the church parking lot around 12 noon. Casual attire is fine. All ladies are invited. Please contact Ashley Johnson at aejhokie@gmail.com to sign up.

Stewardship Campaign for 2025

36 families in 37 households comprising 56 people for a total of \$176,944.
You can turn in an Estimate of Giving Card for the last four months of 2025. Thank you.

September Stewardship

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER \$29,379. We have four Sundays in September.
September Offering Counters: Doris Elliott, Wayne Bishop

TOTAL AUGUST STEWARDSHIP	08/31	Total
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$2,065	\$19,251
General Fund – Online Giving	\$579.73	\$5,948.36

SPECIAL OFFERINGS	08/31	Total
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$5	\$300
UWF-Homeless Children	\$	\$200
Baby Shop	\$30	\$140
Life Recovery Ministry	\$	\$50

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!

Worship Attendance August 31, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
54	2	10	45	111

The Trustees, Nurture, and Council are discussing creating a lounge in room 104. This will be a nicer, comfortable room where parents can relax as their kids rehearse next door in the community children’s choir room. Room 104 will also be used for small groups to meet. Items that were used for facility management will go into room 107, the Activities Building, or be donated. More to come.

We need another Altar Team in 2026. Altar Teams serve a month at a time changing the paraments, setting up Holy Communion, and filling the altar candles and acolyte candle lighter. Each team serves 2 different months. Please speak with Pastor Mike.

PRAYER LIST – Team Matthew 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, Rob Bedford, Stephanie Boyd, Jennifer Canevari, Tina Cooper, Jamie Epperly, Ruth Jones, Fran Kreider, Danny Lucas, Dana Nelson, Billy Proffitt, Sasha Simpkins’ mother

Parkinson’s: Jim Clark, Clara Sowers

Alzheimer’s: Susan Chase, Roger Woolwine
Gerald Mills

Health Issues: Peggy Chafin, Scottie Dickenson, Ed Hayes, Anna Lee Lawrence, Becca King-Mallory, Bill Streich
Todd Brooks, Sherry Burke, the family of Jean & Tommy Dalton, Rob Holland, Jonathon Hudson (leg amputation) and his wife Julie, Tim & Jackie Rosche (Jackie has dementia), Stephanie Turner, Al & Louise Whealton, Mary & Don Wiggett, Sue Williams

Stroke: Bob Chapin (in May), Vickie Charlton, Bonnie Cochran, Jordan McCoy

Pregnancy: Eliza Kerr (December), Tara Underwood (high risk, 8 wks to go)

Anticipating Surgery: Sandra Hayes (thymus)

Recuperating from Surgery: Gary Sparks

Praises: birth of Nolan Hugh Anderson, first great grandchild of Joe & Margie Vitale.
birth of Sullivan James Mallory to Cam and Becca King-Mallory.
birth of Imani Mave Mason, 2nd granddaughter of Mace & Louise Mason.
Stephanie Turner spent the night alone for first time in a long time.
Jennifer Canevari completed chemo treatments.

Youth & Children: Brody Nelson
Claire Shores, 3, leukemia

Grieving: Family of Hassell Boothe, SPUMC member 1999-2025
Family of the Aunt of Tracy McCoy

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!

Until further notice DO NOT OPEN ANY WINDOWS IN THE CHURCH. Will give notice when we can open windows again. Thanks, Patsy

Pastor Mike will be speaking with more area churches about participating in an interdenominational youth group for Grades 6-12. Three churches have expressed interest.

Birthday Celebrations this week – Diann Eaton on September 7th; Gloria Cornish on September 8th; Ronald Hollandsworth & Bill Streich on September 9th; Douglas King & Jim Williamson on September 10th; Mary Ann Wilson on September 11th; Allison Musciano, Katherine Sherman & Mike Derflinger on September 12th. ***Happy Birthday to all!***

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this week – Wayne & Dolores Brockenbrough on September 10th. ***Happy Anniversary!***

Please remember our members in assisted living:

Ruth Boothe, Rm 308, Kroontje Health Care Center, 1000 Litton Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060, Cell: 919-907-5097

Wayne & Dolores Brockenbrough, Apt.217, English Meadows, 3400 South 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)

Marg Modlin, 3719 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

Nancy Mattox, Rm 123, Brandon Oaks, Roanoke, VA (all cards may be sent to the home)

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

Please consider making a donation to the Christiansburg Fire Department who came to our rescue on Monday morning at 8:30am to pump water from our boiler room basement. This isn’t the first time they have done this for us and we are so appreciative for their help. Make checks payable to St Paul UMC and write Fire Department in memo line. Thanks

2025 Annual Conference Offering -- Gifts received Sept. 7th – Sept. 12th
(1) Disaster Response Within and Beyond the VAUMC
To support the work of disaster response in the Western North Carolina Conference in the wake of Hurricane Helene, the Cal-Pac Conference after the LA wildfires, along with supporting the mobilization and response efforts from within the VAUMC.

(2) Partnerships of Hope
Supporting mission efforts in Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Haiti, Vietnam, and Native American Ministries.
The September Communion offering on will be given on behalf of all of us to the Conference offering. For your convenience, gifts may be given any time before September 7 and up to September 12 by marking your check memo line or envelope with “AC” and putting it in an offering plate or mailing it to/dropping it off at the Church office during the above days.

Wonderful Wednesdays has resumed.
The community children’s choir will be 6:30-7:00. Chancel choir begins at 7:15.
Starting Sept. 10th, McDonald’s Happy Meals will be the meal for the kids.
Sherri King will receive meal orders and money from parents and do the pickup.

On Sept. 10th, adults will have chili dogs. Bring sides and desserts.
We have a sign-up sheet for kitchen and fellowship hall clean up afterwards.
New This Year: We are having a variety of speakers and topics from 6:45PM-7:15PM. If you were to attend, what topics or people would interest you? Please tell Barry or Sherri King, Pastor Mike, or drop it in the offering plate.
Questions about any of this? Contact Barry and Sherri King.

Esther Circle will meet at the Dairy Queen on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00PM. All women are welcome. For information/questions contact Elaine Clark, (540) 239-0434

Reminder: Picnic Planning Committee follow up meeting immediately following worship today in the JOY classroom.

The choir year is beginning nicely! The Chancel Choir has begun rehearsal for a few weeks now. These folks are such a great group of people! The fellowship is special. I NEED their good fellowship in my week! If you are looking for a meaningful place to serve, choir could be just what you need! I know that It’s what I need for my week...the fellowship and the joy in being together is so nice. Join us!
Our Community Children’s Choir got started on Wednesday night with so much joy! We sang songs, clapped rhythms, played lots of instruments and enjoyed movement activities. We had 12 children (6 were new children to come and see what we are about!) We also had both boys who aged out of choir decide to join us as youth helpers!
~ Carolyn Mills

September is National Recovery Month Theme: Recovery is REAL (Restoring Every Aspect of Life)
The key messages and weekly themes below reflect these dimensions and offer a foundation for you to develop content that resonates with your audience.
Feel free to use these themes and key messages to develop tailored posts throughout the month.
If you prefer, pre-crafted social media content is also available.

Week 2: Home
This week focuses on how safe, stable living environments aid recovery from mental health and substance use challenges.

- Key Messages:**
- A safe and supportive home strengthens recovery.
 - Healing happens when you feel seen and safe at home.
 - A stable home supports the recovery process.
 - Recovery is a family affair.

September is Suicide Awareness Month Theme: Together in Strength, Dignity, Hope, and Purpose.
The following key messages and weekly themes provide a foundation for developing messages and posts that resonate with your specific audiences throughout the month. Feel free to use these messages as well as the sample social media shareables in the toolkit.

Week 2: September 8–12
Building Community Partnerships and Supports

- This week focuses on building community partnerships and supports for effective suicide prevention.
- Key Messages:**
- Elevating the role of local programs and peer-led efforts through evidence-based policies and data-driven community collaboration is a critical component of suicide prevention.
 - Embracing engagement of those with lived experience can help reduce stigma and foster a sense of unity around mental health and suicide. Moreover, those who have experienced a suicidal crisis or have lost a loved one to suicide bring important insights and perspectives to suicide prevention work.
 - Small-group conversations, with peers and professionals, that focus on post-traumatic growth can help create a sense of connectedness and belonging. Being connected with others is a key protective factor in preventing suicide.
 - Peer-led initiatives build trust and break stigma because people are more likely to open up to peers who have walked a similar path. This is especially meaningful to specific groups, such as veterans.
 - Locally tailored efforts address unique community needs. There’s no one-size-fits-all in suicide prevention. Community should always be at the table.

The previous choir room downstairs off from the fellowship hall will be our History and Archives Room. Many thanks to Dan Rhudy for building a fine wood bookcase and installing new lighting, to Robin Raines for her cleaning and care of the steps and floor. A new wall base and curtains and/or blinds will be added. A part of the room will be a meeting area, and a part will be a workroom area designed for the delicate work of handling and preserving historical and archival materials. Pastor Mike and Historian Joe Cox will be addressing a number of questions. We will let you know when we need help moving items from the 3rd floor to the H&A room.

Are your friends or family looking for a great space to host their next event or meeting?
Our Activities Building offers a spacious, well-maintained venue at a very reasonable price, making it an excellent alternative to other rental options in the area. Whether you are planning a family gathering, community event, or business meeting, the AB provides a welcoming atmosphere and convenient amenities to suit your needs. Not only will people get great value for their money, but will also be supporting a local church that serves and supports the community. We highly recommend you consider referring our Activities Building for your friend’s and family's next event—it’s a great choice for both their budget and their experience! Please contact the church office for the facility use agreement. ~ The Stewardship Committee

Wanda Garrison has moved to Pleasant Hill Iowa where she has more family. Her new address is 1500 Edgewater Drive, Apt. 218, Pleasant Hill IA 50327. Her cell and email remain the same. Wanda has peace and contentment with this move. Prayers for Wanda as she makes this transition.

Mary Adkins has moved to High Point NC to be closer to the health care she needs. Roger is here completing some home maintenance projects and will then join her. Her new address is Solista Senior Living, 1573 Skeet Club Rd. Apt. 317, High Point, NC 27265. Her cell and email remain the same. Prayers for Roger and Mary as they make this transition.

Our Homecoming is September 28th! Our theme is Missions. Our meal will be catered by Mission BBQ. All you have to do is come to worship and to eat! How does that sound?! See you here on the 28th!