

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – October 5	Next Sunday – October 12
LITURGIST:	Marjorie Vitale	Ashley Johnson
USHERS:	Rusty & Tracy McCoy	Marjorie Vitale & Priscilla Rollins
ACOLYTES:	Isaac Johnson	Ellie Johnson
SECURITY TEAM:	Wayne Bishop & Ken Skidmore	Wayne Bishop & Ken Skidmore
ALTAR TEAM:	Jim & Nancy Mattox	Jim & Nancy Mattox

This Week at St. Paul		
Sun, Oct 5	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Worship Service– Holy Communion	10:00AM
	Youth Pumpkin Carving & Painting, FH	After Worship
Mon, Oct 6	Baby Shop Client Pick Up	10:00AM-12:00PM
	Trustees, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Tues, Oct 7	Church Council/Finance, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Meal: BBQ, Rolls, Slaw, Cornbread	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Guest Presenter-Connie Bell & Karen Birchfield	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
Thurs, Oct 9	Life Recovery Ministry, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
	Ruth Circle, Agape Center	1:00PM
Next Week		
Sun, Oct 12	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
	Youth Fall Clean Up	Afternoon
Mon, Oct 13	Cub Pack 145 Den Meetings, FH	2:00PM
	Baby Shop Client Pick Up	10:00AM-12:00PM
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Tues, Oct 14	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Potluck Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
Wed, Oct 15	Guest Presenter-Ross Mecham, Lions Club	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Thurs, Oct 16	No MCPS, No Preschool Fall Break	
Fri, Oct 17	No MCPS, No Preschool Fall Break	
	Baby Shop Pack Up Orders	9:30AM-12:00PM

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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
October 5, 2025 Holy Communion 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! October is Stewardship Month at Saint Paul. Our series is entitled **U the Steward**.
All are welcome to Holy Communion at the Lord’s table. God bless you!

Gathering & Prelude “Holy Ground” Pianist Carolyn Mills
Violinist Brandis Godwin

Welcome Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Call to Worship Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
Liturgist: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the blessings we receive, and the opportunities before us.

People: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship!

Liturgist: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to faith and to the ways of God.

People: We have freely chosen to be the people of God and shine the light of Jesus Christ! We bring all that we are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ!

*Opening Hymns ♪349 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”, 2x Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
♪374 “Standing on the Promises”, vv. 1,3

*Unison Reading 441 – What Does the Lord Require? Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Instrumental “Ecossaise in G” Pianist Carolyn Mills
Violinist Brandis Godwin

Children’s Message

U the Steward: Upbeat!

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Children may go to Children’s Church at this time.

Ministry Minute

Greg Journey

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Prayer for the Stewardship of Faith

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards; grant the people of Saint Paul a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you, even our faith, our beliefs, and our generous impulse. Send your Holy Spirit to help us as we swim against the rising tides of envy, individualism and greed in our culture.

When in our faith we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we are given to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all we have. And further, help us to help each other in this grace of giving, for you are the Lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation in Jesus Christ our Lord, in this life and the next.

All pray in silence.

Words of Assurance

After each petition, all respond: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Illumination

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

349 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”, vv. 1,4

Scripture

Mark 12:38-44

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Message

U the Steward of Your Faith!

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Anthem

“In This Moment of Remembrance”

Chancel Choir

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 MCEAP which 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 live humbly before You and our neighbor. We desire to show in life’s every experience the faith, love and courage which is consistent with being called a child of God and your disciple. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Almighty God: strengthen our faith that your parish may be blessed. Grant our church such Christian stewardship that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to spread the Good News of the Gospel here in our church, community and throughout the world; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Offertory

“In Remembrance of Me”

Pianist Carolyn Mills

Violinist Brandis Godwin

*Doxology

*Recap

*Closing Hymn

451 “Be Thou My Vision”, all vv.

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Pianist Carolyn Mills

Violinist Brandis Godwin

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.

Message Notes

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Wonderful Wednesdays Times of Sharing! All sharing times 6:30-7:00.

Dinner is 6:00-6:30. Children’s Community Choir meets from 6:30-7:00.

The format is a 15-20 minutes sharing with a Q&A afterwards in the fellowship hall.

Sherri King will receive McDonald’s Happy Meal orders for the kids.

10/08: Connie Bell and Karen Birchfield on our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

10/15: Ross Mecham, Lions Club.

10/22: Elizabeth Wray, Commission on Aging.

10/29: CHS Homecoming parade. No WW. Carolyn will decide about chancel choir rehearsal.

Interested in sharing? Contact Sherri King at 304-320-1368!

The first floor of the Activities Building is closed until further notice. Groups scheduled to use the AB are being offered the fellowship hall and classrooms. Life Recovery Group will relocate to meet in the JOY classroom on WW until further notice.

~ Board of Trustees

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

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 remainder of 2025. Thank you.

October Stewardship

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR OCTOBER \$29,379. We have four Sundays in October.
October Offering Counters: Ashley Johnson, Ken Skidmore

<u>TOTAL SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>09/28</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$1,475	\$9,468
General Fund – Online Giving	\$684.60	\$4,526.80

<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>09/28</u>	<u>Total</u>
Communion Offering (Annual Conference Ministries)	\$	\$59
Christiansburg Fire Dept.	\$	\$100
Baby Shop	\$	\$200
Memorial for Hassell Boothe	\$	\$100
Missions Donation	\$	\$200
Use of Fellowship Hall	\$	\$35
Flowers	\$35	\$35
Community Children’s Choir	\$474	\$474

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 September 28, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
78	11	10	90	189

PRAYER LIST – Team Luke is our Caring Team this week
SPUMC Congregation, friends, family members and neighbors

Cancer Patients: Tommy Flinchum, Shirley Hodge, Gary Sparks
Roger Adkins, Loran Albin, Rob Bedford, Stephanie Boyd, Jennifer Canevari, Tina Cooper, Jamie Epperly, Tommy Harris, Lynn Huether (niece of Jim Mattox), Ruth Jones, Fran Kreider, Danny Lucas, Dana Nelson, Billy Proffitt, Sasha Simpkins’ mother

Parkinson’s: Jim Clark, Clara Sowers, Lynn Huether niece of Jim Mattox

Alzheimer’s: Susan Chase, Roger Woolwine
Gerald Mills

Health Issues: Peggy Chafin, Scottie Dickenson, Ed Hayes, Anna Lee Lawrence, Becca King-Mallory
Todd Brooks, Sherry Burke, Susan Burnett, Barbara Clevenger, the family of Jean & Tommy Dalton, Rob Holland, Jonathon Hudson (leg amputation) and his wife Julie, Tim & Jackie Rosche (Jackie has dementia), Tina Smith, Wayne Spencer, 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, 4 wks to go)

Anticipating Surgery: Sandra Hayes 10/6, thymus

Unspoken: *Amy Bishop*

Recuperating from Surgery at Home: Nancy Mattox
Stephanie Turner

Hospitalized: Bonnie Cochran, Radford Hospital with blood clots in her legs

Praises: *birth of Imani Mave Mason, 2nd granddaughter of Mace & Louise Mason.*

Youth & Children:
Claire Shores, 3, leukemia, Ellie Johnson, injured elbow

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 - Happy heavenly birthday Curtis and Mommy.
~ Marjorie Vitale

Flowers are placed on the altar today in praise and thanksgiving to God for 3 years of sobriety!
~ Greg Journey

Birthday Celebrations this week – Jessica Petry and Andy Porter on October 6th; Brody Blount, Gil Lusk III, & Barbara Price on October 7th; Billie Hill on October 8th; Monica Moran on October 10th.
Happy Birthday to all!

October is Stewardship Month. Our Finance Team will meet soon to finalize our plans.

Ruth Circle will meet at 1 pm on Thursday, October 9, at the Agape Center on Cambria Street (parking in the rear of the building). An 11:30 am lunch plan is TBD

Please remember our members in assisted living:

Ruth Boothe, Rm 308, Kroontje Health Care Center, 1000 Litton Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060, Cell: 919-906-5097

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

Bonnie Cochran, Radford Rehab, 700 Randolph St., Radford, VA 24141

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)

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

We are creating a parent’s 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.

We need another Altar Team in 2026. Please speak with Pastor Mike.



For the month of October, the St. Paul United Women in Faith is sponsoring a Peanut Butter Collection Drive for the Montgomery County Christmas Store. A box will be at each entrance to the sanctuary for this purpose. This food item is especially needed at the store. Many families are in need. Let’s give generously to help these families. Doing good for others is a good way to show love for our neighbors!

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. 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

- Youth Save the Dates!**
- *Sunday October 5 after church will be youth pumpkin carving and painting
 - *Sunday October 12 in the afternoon the youth will participate in Fall Clean-up Up. If a member needs assistance with pulling weeds, raking leaves etc. Please let Sabrina Porter know. We already have 1 member interested.
 - *Sunday October 26 youth will participate in the Trunk or Treat with the Scouts. More information to follow.
 - *Wednesday October 29 youth will have a float in the Christiansburg homecoming parade. More information to follow.

Spread the Warmth! St. Paul Coat Drive

It may seem unseasonably warm right now, but winter is around the corner and there are children in our community who need our help. Starting Sunday, October 5 and ending, Sunday, December 7, St. Paul will be collecting winter new and gently used coats for children (all sizes). Infant sizes to Size 6 will be given to the baby shop. Size 7 to 16 will be donated to the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Donations can be dropped off in the large wooden box in the narthex or on the stage in the fellowship hall.

Many thanks to our Board of Trustees and everyone who has worked on getting our new outdoor digital sign up and running! Todd Fitch and Brooks Arthur are monitoring it and receiving content for display, and Carol Slaughter is backup.

Sabrina Porter is serving as Youth Director on an interim basis as Staff-Parish Relations drafts a job description for the staff position of Children’s and Youth Programs/Media Coordinator. This is a working position title. When the draft is complete, SPR will meet with the families of St. Paul for further input.