GOD’S SUNDAY SERVANTS

October 1, 2017

HEAD USHERS
8:30 am  Tim Collins
11:00 am  Brad Patten

GREETERS
8:30 am  Paul Arnold and David Martin
11:00 am  Dave and Linda Best

ACOLYTES
8:30 am
11:00 am  Charlie and Nora Beth Bradshaw

NURSERY
Lisa Jackson/Diane Pearce

MORNING FELLOWSHIP
Yvonne Clark, Carole Mahly, Linda Peel, Clara Phelps, Pat Zaudtke

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
8:30 am  Linda Best/Cilla Johnson
11:00 am  Victoria Grubbs

In this place we call St. Paul United Methodist Church all are invited into our fellowship. All people are encouraged to enjoy this fellowship and get involved with us. All people are welcomed as a new part of our church family. If you are new here today please know that you are invited, you are welcome, and you are encouraged in this place. Here, at St. Paul, we hope you leave us feeling inspired and appreciated. Our further hope is that you will feel led to come back and join us again very soon. So let us know if you have questions. Our pastors are always willing to take time with you and our members want to love on you.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

September 24, 2017

Worship  8:30  63
11:00  207

Sunday School  130

Weekly Budget Required……..$ 11,544.14
Weekly Offering Rec'd...........$ 8,544.00

YTD Budget Required.........$450,221.31
YTD Offering Rec'd.............$422,745.63

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St. Paul
United Methodist Church
October 1, 2017

Everyone is Invited,
Everyone is Welcome,
Everyone is Encouraged.
"Invite, Welcome, Encourage."
PRAYER CONCERNS
(Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks)

SPECIAL CONCERNS:  (09/03/2017) Sheila Shells, Tyler Flowers (Jessica Jackson), Kim Gee Bryant (Lucy Nutt), Donald Wright;  (09/10/2017) Everyone affected by Hurricane Irma and Maria, Carol Roake, Jordan Jackson (Jessica Jackson), Maury White; (09/17/2017) Dorothy Cooper; (09/24/2017) Family of Mary Martin (Jessica Jackson), Richard Anderson (Ted Weiss), Sandi Borders (Emmaleigh Strickland), Melissa Eagan (Jordan Jackson), Joys Pittman, Family of Joyce Jones.

ONGOING CONCERNS:  Brecklynn Allgood, Alfred & Anna Alloway, Edwina Banks (Lisa Martin's mother), Kelsey Bishop & Family (friends of Lisa Martin), Bob Blackwell (Lisa Jackson's brother) Katherine Bramlett, Alan Briscoe, Dianne Brown, Kim Bryant, Brenda Bryant, Kenny Burts, Thomas Caruso (Diane Pearce's father), Beth Cassady, Anne Cochran, Gary Cochran, Belinda & Tammy Cockerill, Beth Coppedge, Ethelene Dorsey, Bill & Kim Flowers (Tyler's parents), Don Forbes (Alisha Bradshaw’s father), Kevin Garreau (Terry Fung), Dick Gillespie, Tammy (Lucy Nutt), Asle Godette (Janet Thorpe), Zack Green, Tripp Halstead, Ron Hopley, Candance Huskey, Myles Irwin, Marsha Knight, Lynn Lester, Preston Lester, Steve Lester, Sylvia Lester, Vivian Lewis, Tommy McConnell, David McComb (Terry Fung), Michelle Miller, Beth Mosca (friend of Ruth Dugger), Terry Nutt, Paula Oligny (friend of Cilla Johnson), Donetta Norris, Warren Phelps (Clara Phelps’s son), Mary Pittman, Jennie Rasulo (Diane Pearce's Aunt) Margie Reed (Terry Fung), Tara Beth Reynolds, Brian Roberts (Jim Roberts’ son), Henry Ruc, Ken & Irene Schmidt, Wes Sexton (Tom Sexton's brother), Odis Skelton (friend of Evelyn Wells), Laurie Spies, Bill Steedley, Judy Stepp (Pat Zaudtke), Emily Straka (student of Stacie Mavis & friend of Olivia Morley), Beronica & Jeremiah Vance (friends of Rhea Baker), Don Vincent, Jr. (Don and June Vincent's son), Tyler Wages (student at NH Middle), Sharon Walton, Kre Wchunt & family, Hannah Wood (Evelyn’s niece), Lynn Wood (Evelyn's nephew).

MISSIONS - Melanie Martin (Kenya)
  Pete & Ashley Greenwald (Indonesia)
  Wendy Moeller (Campus Crusade for Christ)
  Julie Gregg (Peace Corp in Mongolia) (Friends of Paul & Lin Arnold)
  Brenton Bicknell (The World Race Mission) (Friends of Dave & Linda Best)

BIBLE READINGS FOR 10/01/17 - 10/07/17

10/01  Luke 1, John 1:1-14
10/02  Matthew 1, Luke 2:1-38
10/03  Matthew 2, Luke 2:39-52
10/04  Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3
10/05  Matthew 4, Luke 4-5, John 1:15-51
10/06  John 2-4
10/07  Mark 2

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!!!

St. Paul UMC is excited to announce that you can now give online!

Forget your checkbook? Only have a debit/credit card? Why not try online giving?

Simply follow these easy steps:
1) Visit the church website at www.stpaulumcgaithesville.org
2) Click on the Give button,
3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your contributions.

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Thanks to your faithful giving to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, we were able to help a family of five that had fallen on hard times in Gainesville, return to their family in Baltimore, Maryland.
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Godmother's Mentor Program: The leadership of Melrose Apartments and Rev. Johnson are partnering up to continue to do something amazing, God continues to speak to us. We would like to begin a Godmother's mentor program. We would like to create a program where women are encouraging one another. Our hope is to empower women to deepen their self-worth, reach their full potential, and become who God created them to be. We need 10 female volunteers to commit to being a MENTOR to our sisters at Melrose. The commitment includes: checking in with your mentee weekly (via email, call, or text) , and monthly meeting them for coffee or a check-in. Please empower, engage, and encourage a woman with your TIME and presence. T-I-M-E is L-O-V-E.

Trunk or Treat: Please sign up to sponsor a trunk/game for our annual trunk or treat on Sunday, October 29th from 4pm-6pm. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and at a table outside of the fellowship hall.

FOOD PANTRY
It is our time to serve at the Food Pantry again. We serve from October 10th to the 17th. The items that we need this month are laundry detergent, dish detergent, and toothpaste. Please drop off your donations by October 9th!

UMCOR Donations
Thanks to your generous contributions, St. Paul UMC has donated over $5,300 to UMCOR-US Disaster Response for Hurricane Relief. You are such a caring church!!!

Sunday, October 8th, we will have a covered dish luncheon after the 11:00 am worship service to honor Joye Jones and her family. The FLOW group will provide the meat, please bring sides and desserts. Visitation for Joye will begin at 1:00 pm and her funeral service is at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary of St. Paul UMC.

“A Whole Man Made Well Study”
Many Christians believe salvation is only about "Pie in the sky, by and by, when I die," but this is not the Biblical view. This small group study will examine the idea of salvation as "God's work of enabling anyone of us to become an authentic human being." The study will be based on a sermon by Dr. Frank Stagg entitled "A Whole Man Made Well." Dr. Stagg has served as a pastor and as a seminary professor of Greek and New Testament. The study will be led by Mike and Clyde Simons, and will offer the opportunity for participants to discuss the concepts dealt with in the sermon. It will be from 10:00-11:15 AM on Mondays, beginning October 9 and concluding October 30. The class will meet in the Planning Room (across from the Seekers Sunday School classroom). If you are interested in signing up or if you have questions, you may contact Mike or Clyde in person, by email at mikesimons30501@yahoo.com, or at 770-316-3155. Preregistration is mandatory so that each participant will have a chance to study the sermon before the first group meeting.

SUPPER RESERVATIONS
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY
Menu for October 4, 2017 - Hamburger (Cheese), Cole Slaw, Sliced Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Salad Bar, Dessert, Tea and Lemonade.

Name: __________________________

Would you like to be added to the Standing list __________ Yes ______ No

# of age 11 & up $6 each (including take-out plates) __________

# of age 5 to 10 $2 each __________

# of age 4 & under eat free __________

Maximum cost for each family living in the same household is $18.00. Place your reservation sheet in the offering plate.

Please have all reservations in the church office by Noon on Monday!

THANK YOU!
St. Paul United Methodist Church  
World Communion Sunday (White)  
October 1, 2017 8:30 and 11:00 am  
Rev. Geoff Grubbs, Senior Minister  

Good morning church,  
This is a special day in the life of the church. Not just our local church but the church universal. Today, across all denominations and across the world Christians are taking time to come to the Lord’s Table. We come this day to affirm our unity with all of God’s people and to affirm our faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ crucified, dead, resurrected and ascended to Heaven. We proclaim the good news and fellowship with a sense of kindred spirit and like heartedness.  
I pray that you come to communion with a sense of awe. Jesus prepared this place for you and for this place you have been prepared. God invites to God’s table all those who are willing to call on Jesus as their savior and will allow that faith to strengthen and embolden them. You have been called, you have been invited and you are welcome. Come and sup with God and your family.  
In His Service,  
Rev. Geoffrey Grubbs, Pastor and fellow Christian

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**  
8:30 am  Morning Worship  
9:30 am  Morning Fellowship  
10:00 am  Sunday School  
11:00 am  Morning Worship  
4:00 pm  Intro/Old Testament (SE)  
4:00 pm  Youth  

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017**  
10:00 am  FLOW  
10:00 am  Children’s Home (MB)  
11:00 am  Staff Meeting (PR)  
5:15 pm  Wonderful Wednesday Meal (FH)  
6:00 pm  Hebrews (SE)  
6:00 pm  Youth/Children  
6:30 pm  Choir Practice  
7:30 pm  Good News at Noon (K)  

**Monday, October 2, 2017**  
11:00 am  First Monday Café (FH)  

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017**  
11:30 am  Lion’s Club (FH)  
6:00 pm  Hebrews (SE)  
6:30 pm  Trustees (CR)  

**Tuesday, October 5, 2017**  
10:30 am  Parkinson’s Support Group (FH)  

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**  
Rev. Johnny Collins  

**ANTHEM**  
“How Beautiful”  
Chancel Choir  

**OUR OFFERINGS**  

**DOXOLOGY**  
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
#95  

**SCRIPTURE**  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
#181  

**SERMON**  
“That which God has joined . . . ”  
Rev. Geoff Grubbs  

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
“A Service of Word and Table II”  
Offering left at the altar will benefit the pastor’s discretionary fund  

**HYMN**  
“Lift High the Cross”  
#159  

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**  

**BENEDICTION**  
“The love in your heart wasn’t put there to stay, love isn’t love until you give it away”  

**DEPARTING CHORUS**  
“Victory In Jesus”  
#370  
Chorus  

**POSTLUDE**  
*Stand as able