

A photograph of the front facade of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. The building features a prominent white portico supported by four white columns. Above the portico is a brick section with three arched windows, and a tall white steeple with a cross on top. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

Great Love of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

The mission of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to be a faithful community of disciples who serve as the heart, hands and feet of Christ so that all people come to know the love of God.

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please see our ushers for large print hymnals and bulletins.
We, also, have hearing loops for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

Prelude *Prelude on 'Repton'* C. Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (11:00) *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. L. Larson
Handbell Choir

* Opening Prayer

This is love.

**Not that you spoke words of comfort,
walked with the unclean and unloved,
shared wisdom, bread and fish,
brought healing into lives and challenged the status quo.**

This is love.

**That you spoke the word of God,
walked a painful road to the Cross,
shared living water, bread of life,
brought Salvation to the world
and died for the sake of all.**

This is love.

**It is a seed sown in the ground,
which germinates, blossoms, and spreads its sweet perfume.**

* **Opening Hymn** *My Jesus, I Love Thee* UMH 172

* **Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed UMH 881

Gloria Patri

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Kyrie Eleison* D. Mengel
Emily Andrews, Soloist

Children's Chat

Scripture Luke 7:36-50 New Testament pg. 66

Sermon **Great Love of Forgiveness**
Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

Offering (8:30) *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. L. Larson
Handbell Choir
(11:00) *Prayer for Humility* M. Patterson
Youth Choir

* Doxology

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

* **Closing Song** *Freely, Freely* UMH 389

* Benediction

* **Response** *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

Postlude *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* setting by J. Carter

Sermon Notes

1. Before Jesus, we are all sinners; not one of us can claim the moral high ground in light of the perfection of Christ.
2. Our unwillingness to declare and acknowledge our own sinfulness is in itself a sin, and often leads to an attitude of deflecting judgment onto others.
3. Our unwillingness to declare and acknowledge our own sinfulness creates a barrier to experiencing the beautiful fullness of the liberating grace of God.
4. Perhaps our best teachers may be found in the people that we have set aside as somehow 'less than' or 'other.'

PRAYER/CARE LIST

The Prayer/Care list is on the table in the main narthex next to the prayer box. Please pick one up and be in prayer for those in our church and in our community.

IN PRAYER AND SYMPATHY . . .

To the family and friends of Susanne Taranto, who passed away March 3 in Tallahassee.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by William and Nancy Schildt to the glory of God and in memory of their parents.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S -

Preschool and Parent and Me Music Groups meet at 5:30 on Wednesday afternoons in rooms 200 and 202. Join us for this fun time of developmentally appropriate music learning experiences: singing, playing rhythm and pitched instruments, and movement.

SPARKS Choir meets during SPARKS time on Wednesday afternoons. We hope all of our participants are working on learning their lines and solos!

Youth Choir rehearses this afternoon at 4:30 in the Choir Room. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us, and this afternoon would be a great time as we are getting ready for our next scheduled date to sing in worship, April 14.

Handbell Choir will rehearse at 6:00 this evening. We'll be playing for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Easter.

Worship Band will lead the 8:30 a.m. service on March 24.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY - Pastor Kandace will be available in Sanders Hall today, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service to share information about the recent special General Conference. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch if you would like. All members of the church are invited to participate.

MANNA ON MERIDIAN - Bagging for Manna Monday, March 11, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Distribution Saturday, March 16, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Both at Faith Presbyterian. Contact Charles Hubbard, chazhub55@gmail.com.

EARLY MORNING LENT - We will continue the tradition of meeting early Wednesday mornings during Lent. This year, with construction continuing, we will utilize Sanders Hall for both devotional time and breakfast. Join us at 6:30 a.m. each Wednesday, as we explore together the ministry of Jesus around the table. A \$3 donation is requested to cover the cost of a light breakfast each week.

SHARE YOUR POWER. GIVE BLOOD. SAVE LIVES. The next Saint Paul's blood drive will be Sunday, March 17, from 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The One Blood Bloodmobile will be parked outside Sanders Hall. Each donor will receive the joy of knowing that every one unit of blood collected provides three blood products for transfusion to sick and injured hospital patients. Most blood donated is used with 48-72 hours and the need is constant! Make a difference in your community, share your power and donate blood. Schedule your donation appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #17666, or contact Liane Giroux at 320-0882 or LianeM75@gmail.com.

PACESETTERS LUNCHEON - Thursday, March 21, 11:30 a.m. in Sanders Hall. Come have lunch with us! Our new neighbors, Canterfield of Tallahassee, will tell us what they are all about. Pacesetters is a fellowship group geared toward the 50+ crowd. Lunch is \$7.00 at the door. Please RSVP by March 19 by calling the office.

SAINT PAUL'S CAMPING TRIP - Sign up for our Spring Camping Trip, March 22-24 at Georgia Veteran's State Park. This weekend has been selected because it is the last weekend of Spring Break. Your family can extend your trip a day before or after. Go to the website for more information and to reserve your site. Great fun and fellowship are planned for a wonderful weekend!

LENTEN CANTATA - The Covenant Chancel Choir will present the Lenten Cantata *Sacred Places* Sunday, April 7, at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. If you are interested in the choir, but can't commit to every Sunday, come join us for this presentation. We rehearse the cantata Tuesday evenings 6:45-7:15 in the choir room. Practice CDs are available. For more information call Cynthia Prescott 556-0168 or email prescottc1360@gmail.com.

Around Saint Paul's

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Dinner in Sanders Hall - 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Reservations due by midnight Monday by calling 385-5146 or online at saintpaulsumc.org. \$7 adults, \$3 ages 4 - 12. March 13: Shepherd's Pie. Free childcare in the nursery.

BUNK BED BUILD - "No Kid Sleeps On The Floor In Our Town!" That is the motto of our mission partner, Sleep In Heavenly Peace. To help make good on that pledge, there will be a bunk bed build at Saint Paul's UMC Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. People of all skill levels, including no prior building skill, can participate. Trained leaders will help us put together an organized assembly line to make at least ten bunk beds (20 beds) for children who do not have beds. The money for materials, tools and linens has been raised. What we need is 40 or more volunteers - YOU! It is great fun and fellowship. Watch for sign-up sheets around the church and in Sunday School classes. An organizational meeting for more information will be held Today, 12:15 p.m. in Room 300.

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, May 4, 11:30 a.m. in Sanders Hall. The United Methodist Women will host their annual Friendship Tea in May. If you would like to decorate a table, call Mary Ann Brown, 556-9239, Margaret Hardee, 556-9690, or the church office.

SUMMER FUN DATES - Register now on our website.

- June 9 - 14 Music Camp - Florida Fellowship of United Methodist in Music and Worship Arts - Leesburg
- June 17 - 21 Extreme Explorers
- June 23 - 29 Youth Mission Trip - Panama City
- July 8 - 13 Warren Willis Camp - Leesburg
- July 15 - 19 Vacation Bible School
- August 4 - 11 Youth Week

JOIN THE HURRICANE RELIEF HOME TEAM! - Do you want to help with Hurricane Michael relief efforts, but think you can't participate in a work team? **Yes, you can!** For every Saturday work team, there's a small crew providing "fuel" by preparing a simple lunch - things such as hearty sandwiches, chili, fruit, etc. If you want to volunteer in this way, contact Meg Guyton, 443-4175 or meghguyton@comcast.net.

This Week at Saint Paul's

Monday, March 11

- 8:00 am Classical Conversations/200
- 11:00am Ed Wynn Luncheon/SH
- 5:00 pm Manna bagging/Faith Presby.

Tuesday, March 12

- 10:00am Creation Care T-shirt Bags/302
- 10:00am UMW Ruth Circle/200
- 6:00 pm Se'lah/CR
- 6:45 pm Cantata Rehearsal/CR
- 7:00 pm Young Adults/Red Eye Café
- 7:30 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR

Wednesday, March 13

- 6:30 am Lenten Devotionals/SH
- 7:00 am Lenten Breakfast/SH
- 8:00 am Prayer Group/WR
- 9:00 am Disciple's Path/301

Wednesday, March 13 Cont.

- 3:00 pm SPARKS/200 Level
- 5:15 pm Dinner/SH
- 5:30 pm Preschool Music/200
- 6:15 pm Disciple's Path/301
- 6:30 pm Knitting & Crochetiers/311

Thursday, March 14

- 9:30 am MOPS/SH

Friday, March 15

Church Office Closed

- 9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite /200
- 12:30pm Midtown Classical/301-304

Saturday, March 16

- 8:00 am Manna on Meridian/Faith Presby



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WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Nurseries for ages infant to five years are located in the lower level of the sanctuary building. One of our friendly ushers can give directions to restrooms.

AIDS FOR THE VISUALLY AND HEARING IMPAIRED

Are available from our ushers. Kindly return the large-print hymnal at the end of worship. We, also, have hearing loops for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

NAME TAGS

Name tags help us get to know one another better. They are located in the narthexes. If you need a name tag, please indicate on the attendance pad so we can make one for you. Please wear your name tag each week during worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A wide variety of adult Sunday School classes and age-appropriate classes for children and youth are offered at 9:45. For details, visit the information table in Sanders Hall or call our office.

INTERESTED IN JOINING SAINT PAUL'S?

If you are interested in becoming a member of Saint Paul's, please indicate so on the attendance pad. We will set a date for you to be received with joy!

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