

MARCH 2019

the EPISTLE



Dear Ones;

I am writing to you today as I listen to the final day of a called General Conference of the United Methodist Church. In a spirit of complete honesty, I do not know that I trust my own words today, as they are laden with emotions too strong to name, and which may do harm in the writing. So today, I am practicing the discipline of silence and patience, awaiting the final day of General Conference and committing myself to prayerful reflection. I will provide resources and summaries of General Conference through other means – both electronic and written – as I have time to absorb and process. I am grateful for the leadership of our Bishop and will share his materials as well.

Lent is a set aside season for this careful contemplation and reflection. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6 and continuing through the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 21 – Lent gives us liturgical permission to stop; to be still; to breathe; to reflect and to return to the glory of Easter. While traditionally it is a time to 'give up,' many have instead added – kindness, extra prayer, service – offering themselves to God and to others for the purpose of being transformed into the likeness of Christ. Let me encourage you to observe and good and holy Lent this year.

We will continue our tradition of gathering in the early morning for a time of devotion, prayer, and Holy Communion. This year, we will gather in Sanders Hall at 6:30 a.m. each Wednesday of Lent (beginning with Ash Wednesday) and our time together will focus on Jesus' table ministry. I hope that you will join us for this Lenten practice, and that our time together will be a blessing.

You are loved – all are loved.

Kandace

MAKING ROOM CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

During 2018, we received \$290,186 for Making Room. Combined with pledges received during 2017, we have collected a total of \$461,458 for Making Room since the beginning of our campaign. Thank you, Saint Paul's, for your support of this important and necessary updating of our facilities.

A Word from the President of Florida United Methodist Children's Home

One thing is certain about life here at the Children's Home, and that is nothing seems to stay the same. And that's not a bad thing at all. I welcome the many new blessings and opportunities that the Lord sends our way. After all, the Bible tells us over and over again that the Lord has plans for us, and He knows what we need better than anyone. There have been many blessings and opportunities at the Children's Home including our team and our facilities.

The newest addition to our Leadership team is Mica Renfro, who has assumed the duties of the Administrator of the Madison Youth Ranch. Mica spent 23 years at the Methodist Home for Children and Youth in Macon, Georgia. As the Administrator of the Madison Youth Ranch, Mica will be responsible for the operations, planning, development and implementation of programs for the Youth Ranch. She will also be responsible for licensing and regulatory compliance at the Youth Ranch.

Speaking of Madison, we've completed the installation of all the stained glass in the new Chapel. Those windows really make it a special place for the children.

On our Enterprise campus, we recently dedicated and opened the new home for the In As Much program at the Lamar Louise Curry Early Childhood Education Development Center. This new learning center is a blessing that has been many years in the making and will allow us to serve more than twice as many children in our community.

Kitwana McTyer, President and CEO
Florida United Methodist Children's Home

MARCH *events*

YOU ARE INVITED

Wednesday, March 6, 11:00 a.m. in **Sanders Hall**, join the team from Canterfield of Tallahassee, the new senior living community on E. Tharpe Street, for **complimentary brunch** and a chance to learn more about the community, including floor plan options, Charter Membership Benefits & MORE! Limited availability – call 556-4940 by Friday, March 1, to reserve your seat.

TWO DAY CRAFTY CROP EVENT

Friday, March 8 - 6:00 -11:00 p.m. and **Saturday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.** This month, create a mini-album with Susan Saunders! Project materials list will be provided and you come and create something special! For more information, contact Jill Merryday.

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RUTH CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.

The Ruth Circle will meet in **Room 200** (Burleigh Law classroom). Our speaker will be Kay Roach. She will be sharing with us about United Methodist Women's role in climate change. Come learn about this mission that UMW supports. For more information contact Peggy Harter, 878-1343.

PACESETTERS LUNCHEON

March 21 at 11:30 a.m.

in Sanders Hall

Join us for lunch on **Thursday, March 21**. Our chef, Betsy, is planning a Guinness Stew. Please RSVP in the office by Tuesday, March 19. \$7.00 at the door. Pacesetters is a fellowship group for the 50+ crowd and we are trying to grow our group, so join us! Also, if you know of an uplifting speaker or some fun entertainment for our luncheons, please email peggy@saintpaulsumc.org.

GATHERING TO PRAY

Everyone is invited to meet together **8:00 a.m. Wednesdays** in the church office to pray for thirty minutes for the needs of our church and community. If you have a prayer request, this group would be honored to pray for you.

Saint Paul's Spring Camping Trip

March 22 - 24, 2019

Georgia Veteran's State Park
For information and to register, check out the website, under Upcoming Events or <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/ministries/fun-fellowship/>

MICHAEL RECOVERY TEAM ONE

Saint Paul's will be sending a disaster recovery team to assist in Hurricane Michael recovery. The team is currently scheduled to serve from **April 22 through April 27, 2019**. Vyto Jurgutis will oversee the construction efforts and providing his tool-laden trailer. Charlie Guyton will oversee the logistics. What is needed are volunteers of any skill level. An organizational meeting is scheduled for **March 3, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 300**. Please attend for more information, or contact Charlie Guyton at 559-9423 or cguyton@gunster.com.

NOVEL CHATS

Thursday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.

Saint Paul's Book Club meets in **room 200**. Members read the same book and meet to hear a review by one of our members, followed by a discussion by the whole group. This month's book is *Educated* by Tara Westover. Everyone is welcome.

SOUL FOOD

**Bagging: Wednesday,
March 27 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Distribution: Saturday,
March 30 - 9:30 a.m.**

Our Soul Food ministry (helping our Lake Ella homeless neighbors) has been in existence for five years.

We distribute to-go type foods, small (hotel sized) toiletries, laundry cards (from Wash Around the Clock on Tharpe St), and laundry detergent the last Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the covered pavilions across the street from the lake.

Bagging food items occurs the Wednesday prior to the last Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

With an anticipated move of collection and storage areas we will have limited space and can accept **ONLY** the following new or gently used clothing items for both men and women:

socks t-shirts jeans
tennis shoes underwear (new)

During winter months, we accept jackets and sweaters appropriate for the homeless.

Thank you to everyone who is currently participating in this much-needed ministry.

Please join us! For additional information, you may contact Belinda McClellan at 850 212-0774.

CREATION care



Saint Paul's Family
Lake Ella Clean Up
Sat, March 2, 9 am

*Kambea Chan and daughter cleaning
Lake Ella.*

FAMILY LAKE CLEAN-UP

Saturday, March 2, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Saint Paul's will be participating in the city-wide Keep Tallahassee Beautiful event by cleaning up the banks of Lake Ella and we need your help! This is a family-friendly activity and all supplies are provided. (Wear water boots if you like to get near the lake's edge.) Meet at Generations Park playground overlooking Lake Ella at 9:00 a.m. to get supplies. All participants will receive a nice

organic cotton t-shirt for helping out! See the Facebook event to RSVP or contact Cara with questions at Cares4Creation@gmail.com.

WE NEED YOUR OLD T-SHIRTS!

Our Green Team meets most Tuesdays to make reusable bags out of old t-shirts for the Manna on Meridian food bank, and we need all the shirts we can get. We make around 200 bags a month, so are always looking for donations of clean, used, size S-XL t-shirts. Left over corporate shirts from events are great, too. Please drop them off in the cabinet located under the Creation Care billboard near Sanders Hall. Thank you!



MARCH ECO-TIP: OBSERVE AN ECO-SABBATH

Just as many Christians practice Sabbath by resting from work on Sundays, an Eco-Sabbath is taking a rest from consuming energy and resources. To try it for yourself, for one day or afternoon or even one hour a week, don't drive, don't buy anything, don't use any machines, don't

switch on any lights, don't cook, don't use your phone or computer, and, in general, don't use any resources. In other words, for this block of time, give yourself and the planet a break. Every hour per week that you live no impact cuts your carbon emissions by 0.6 percent annually. Commit to four hours per week, that's 2.4 percent; do it for a whole day each week and you cut your impact by 14.4 percent a year. Use Eco-Sabbath time to take a nature walk, read a book on the porch, work in the garden, play a board game with your family, take a nap, or visit a neighbor, and see how this unplugged time can positively impact your life as well as the planet. (Adapted from www.yesmagazine.org.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Dylan Chandler, Cynthia Jordan
- 3 Margaret Farnell, Gary Limbaugh,
LuAnn Stiles, Ian Swanson, Scott Waltz
- 4 Jenni Cox, Doug Holleman,
Kirby Thomas, Colson Turner
- 5 Lloyd Palmer, Pam Waller
- 6 Bruce Archer, Paul Palmer
- 7 Audrey Robbins, David Waller
- 8 Mary Ann Helton, Jessica Manis,
Jacob Studley
- 10 Ralph Hook
- 11 Tom Block, Linda Fletcher
- 12 Britt Poulson, Mike Zeigler
- 13 Carolyn Wiemer
- 14 Willow Broadfoot, Savannah Cherry,
Don Griesheimer
- 16 Louise Carpenter
- 17 Ed Kast, Alan Martin, Angie Martin
- 18 Lynn Gilbert
- 19 Greg Perry, Rollen Thomas
- 21 Olivia Barlow, Sophie Eychaner
- 22 Ken Taylor
- 24 John Apthorp, Grant Barber,
Andrew Fischer
- 25 Willa Almlof
- 26 Cameron Moret
- 27 June Joiner, Bill Knight, Bunny Smith,
Delphine Strickland, Pam Strickland,
Fotena Zirps
- 28 Katie Pernell
- 29 Brenda Abstein, Rodney Atherton,
Kendra Goff
- 31 Cleveland Fischer

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2019

Pastor Kandace is going to make herself available on **Sunday, March 10, 2019** following services to share information about the recent special General Conference. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch if you would like. All interested members of the church are invited to come and participate.



YOUTH

A WORD FROM YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD

Summer is right around the corner! Here are some summer dates to add to your calendars:

- June 9-15** Music Camp
- June 17-21** Extreme Explorers (this won't affect most of the youth)
- June 23-29** Mission Trip
- July 8-13** Warren Willis
- July 15-21** Vacation Bible School
- August 5-11** Youth Week

We will have W.A.V.E (Wednesday's Are Very Exciting) every Wednesday during the summer as well. The mission trip is almost planned and details and a sign-up will be going out very soon. More information for all events will be available soon.

YOUTH COUNCIL

If you feel led to serve the youth group in a leadership capacity, consider serving on the Youth Council! Contact Raymond for details. Our next Youth Council meeting is **March 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. Room 302

We encourage youth to share freely and to express doubts and questions as well as their beliefs. Our only rule is to show respect for one another. And we ALWAYS have snacks! For details contact one of our amazing teachers, Charlie Guyton, 599-9423, or Meg Guyton, 443-4175.

YOUTH CHOIR

Every Sunday night from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. our Youth Choir meets in the Choir Room. No experience is necessary and it is a rocking time to worship and praise God through music! Please contact the wonderful Gaye Herndon at gaye@saintpaulsumc.org.

ROOTED SUNDAY NIGHTS!

Every Sunday night from 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. join us in Sanders Hall for fellowship, snack supper, games, and a message of faith. Middle and High small groups are a part of our evening. Bring yourself, bring a friend (or maybe 2), and bring an appetite.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PANCAKE DINNER

On **Tuesday, March 5, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** in **Sanders Hall**. The youth group will serve a Pancake Dinner Fundraiser! This fundraiser will provide for youth summer camp scholarships to assist our families sending kids and youth to Warren Willis Camp in July! The FAMU Wesley Praise Team will be performing. The cost is \$7 for adults \$5 for children, with a max of \$30 for families.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes begin on **Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m.** in **Room 310**. Any youth that are interested in participating in these classes who are in 7th grade or above are welcome to join. Confirmation Sunday is May 5.



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Tallahassee Chapter teams up with The Living Harvest for bedding drop off. The Living Harvest Thrift Shops are accepting new twin bedding (sheets, pillows; comforters) on behalf of the Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) Tallahassee Chapter. At SHP our mission is to ensure that **no kid sleeps on the floor in our town**, and donations of bedding enable our financial donations to go further in building more bunk beds. The Living Harvest Thrift Shops are located at 4500 West Shannon Lakes Drive, 1219 West Tharpe Street, and 308 Orange Avenue East. SHP is a mission partner of Saint Paul's.

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 on **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 **March 10, 12:15 p.m. in Room 300**.

YOUNGadults

YOUNG ADULTS @ SAINT PAUL'S

Beyond the youth group experience, but not quite setting up play dates for your kids, there's a period of life that still desires community, care, and challenge. The young adult ministry at Saint Paul's UMC seeks to make known the love of Christ in precisely these areas of life. All are welcome who seek to grow as individuals, in community, and by faith.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE "YOUNG ADULTS @ SAINT PAUL'S" TOO!!

Are you college-aged or a college student who attends Saint Paul's? Do you know someone who is? Well, guess what? There's a place for you in our ministry!

STAY C-O-N-N-E-C-T-E-D

Of course we're on Facebook! School/work is hectic and life throws you curves, but you can always stay connected with the work and people of the Young Adult's @ Saint Paul's via their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/youngadultsatsaintpauls

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

- **Tuesday evenings at Red Eye Café** (Midtown), 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come for fun, come for fellowship, come in faith! A wonderful opportunity to get to know the young adults in Saint Paul's on a personal level.
- **Sunday Mornings in March** – Come for discussion and fellowship with other young adults in the church! 9:45 a.m. in room #304. Your thoughts, questions, and passion are welcomed here!

GOVERNINGboard

CHARGE CONFERENCE RESULTS

A Charge Conference was held Sunday, February 10, 2019 to vote on a proposal to sell the Ferguson property (including the Alzheimer's Project building and land) to Elder Care Services, Inc. Rev. Dr. Robert Gibbs served as presiding elder. After discussion, the proposal was amended to read as follows:

To authorize Trustees to *pursue the negotiation of the sale* of the Ferguson and Alzheimer's properties to Elder Care Services, Inc. at appraised value, with the stipulation that Elder Care Services, Inc. utilize the property for their operations and provide the Alzheimer's Project, Inc. with sufficient operating office space. Sufficient space will be determined by the Alzheimer's Project, Inc. *A second charge conference is required to authorize final sale.*

The body voted in writing on this amended proposal with the following results:

89 in favor of the proposal; 23 opposed to the proposal;
One vote not signed, thus not counted

A total of eleven ballots were completed and turned in, but the individuals left prior to the amendment and official call for the vote. It was deemed by the presiding elder that these votes were invalid and they were not included in the above count. Based on the results of this vote, the Board of Trustees is moving forward in negotiations with Elder Care Services, Inc. and a second charge conference will be called should a sales contract be negotiated.

On Monday, February 25, the Governing Board met and took the following actions on behalf of the church:

The 2019 Operating Budget was passed. Individual ministry areas will be informed of their budgetary decisions shortly, and are asked to be mindful, as always of our call to be faithful stewards of the gifts of the church. We are also mindful of the lack of salary increase for our staff, and hope to remedy that in future years.

The church will be soon moving to an integrated management software system that will allow the staff greater efficiency and flexibility in the day to day operation of the church. More information will be forthcoming on this transition.

The Governing Board also learned that Elder Care Services, Inc. has learned that the church property under consideration for development is not suitable for their needs, and discussions about the sale of the property have come to a halt.



FAMILIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN MARCH

JESUS' MINISTRY BEGINS

Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news! Mark 1:15

- 3/3 - Stories of the Lost ~ Luke 15:3-10
- 3/10 - The Forgiving Father ~ Luke 15:11-32
- 3/17 - The Two Debtors ~ Luke 7:41-43
- 3/24 - The Last Supper ~ Matthew 26:17-30
- 3/31 - In the Garden ~ Matthew 26:31-58

Sunday School Hour ~ 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Classes by age levels from age 2 - 5th grade

MOPS IN MARCH

Join MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) **Thursdays, March 14 and 28 from 9:15 - 11:30 a.m.** Thursday, March 14, is our Playdate, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., and our MOMS Night Out date will be announced. MOPS Crafty Crop Event - **March 8 and 9!** Consider joining the MOPS group if you have a newborn through a Kindergarten age child.

UPCOMING DATE NIGHTS

March 30, and April 27, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please reserve your spots online early in the month. Enjoy four hours to rejuvenate and refresh away from the kids! Details on the Web site under Children's Ministry <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/ministries/children/date-night/>

SPARKS WEDNESDAY

Our after-school group of K-5th graders meets **Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.** for fun, friends and faith, plus a little play, music, art, science and Bible chat, too! We always welcome new adult team leaders and there is childcare for the "younger set." SPARKS Choir is preparing for the spring musical *Down by the Creek Bank*. The performance will be **April 24 at 6:15 following Wednesday Night Dinner.**

LOOKING AHEAD

JOIN THE CHOIR

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 singing with the choir but can't commit to every Sunday, join us for this presentation. **We rehearse the cantata Tuesday evenings 6:45-7:15 in the choir room.** Practice CD's available. We'd love to have you join us. For more information call Cynthia Prescott 556-0168 or email prescottc1360@gmail.com.

EASTER EGG HUNT

A great Easter tradition involving youth and children! The Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m.** All youth are encouraged to help with this event. We will have an Easter Egg Stuffing Party (woo-hoo PARTAY!) **Friday, April 19.** Details to come very soon. Parents, if you would like to volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt, sign up here!

SAVE THE DATE!!

United Methodist Women will host their annual Friendship Tea, **Saturday, May 4, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.** in **Sanders Hall**. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and under five are free. If you would like to decorate a table, call Gretchen Scoggin, 422-1636 or Mary Ann Brown, 556-9239. Join us to make new friendships, have good fun, food and entertainment.

THE FUNNEST FUNDRAISER IS ON ITS WAY!

Would you like to get a great deal on some very special items and services while supporting our sister churches in Cuba and Haiti? Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, May 8**, the date of our International Missions Dinner & Auction. Chef Flo and her crew will serve a delicious Caribbean-style meal sure to please every palate. We'll have silent and live auctions with something for everyone. Just a few of our many items: a St. George Island vacation, works by award-winning local artists, a children's pool party, estate planning services, therapeutic massage sessions, a tailgate picnic, and a 3-course authentic Cuban dinner served at your home. WOW! Child care will be provided. Tickets go on sale in early April and we expect a sell-out, so plan now with friends and family to attend this super-special event.

CONGREGATIONAL *care*

CARE LIST

SHORT TERM:

Karen Benavidez, Marlene Brewer, Rick Combs, Valerie Dowell, Charlene Doud, Stan Etheridge, Rev. Durwood Foshee, Bruce Harter, Johnny Hintermister, Susan Hubbard, Leroy Irwin, Susan Johnson, Vyto Jurgutis, Helen Keaton, Steve and Faye Mayberry, Chris Morris, Wally Morris, JoAnn O'Keefe, Melody Payton, Gretchen Scoggin, Sue Taranto, Melanie Tredick, Special General Conference, new members, volunteers, Construction workers repairing our facilities, those who are grieving.

LONG TERM:

Jim Allen, Gladys Awbrey, Laurie Batten, Betty Blair, Terry and Carol Broadway, Louise Carpenter, Horace Caton, Charlotte Chellman, Richard Combs, Lorrie Corry, Ivy Lee Daniel, Norma DeRuyter, Margaret Farnell, Pat Giglio, Nancy Graham, Oriska Henn, Ralph Hook, Bill Jones, Robert Kennedy, Dottie Melton, Jack Pelham, Andy Prescott, Ruth Riley, Audrey Robbins, Dot Roberts, Terry Shoffstall, Ben and Betty Spivey, Norma and Pam Strickland, Doris and Dick Sublette, Alzheimer's Project, lay teams, pastors, homebound members, unspoken requests, those serving in the military, our partner churches (Yaguaramas Methodist Church, Cuba, Soisson Church, Haiti.)

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

US AIR FORCE: Scott Baumgardner, Robert Berman, Steven Boles, John Bray, Robert Byford, Cierra Carlan, Dane and Becky Collette, Jake Hoogerheyde, Nathan Kraft, Nicole Parker, Noah Shoffstall

US AIR FORCE ACADEMY: Christin Burrows

US AIR FORCE NAT'L GUARD: Andrew Bennett, Micah Goodpasture

US ARMY: Rob Gricius, Burt Newman, Alan Sheehan, Tim Strickland, Lucas Trammell, Caleb Weand, Dallas Wurst

US ARMY NAT'L GUARD: Lance Moore, Russ Tucker

US ARMY RESERVE: Page M. Baldwin

US MARINES: Daniel Aulph, Jett Johnson, Martin Kuhnle

US NAVY: Sean Allen, Michael Scherdin, Scott Thoroman

WEDNESDAY MENU FOR MARCH

3/6 - Cheese Ravioli Lasagna

3/13 - Shepherds Pie

3/20 - Pulled Pork Sandwiches

3/27 - International - Irish

IN PRAYER AND SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Rod Letchworth, who passed away February 18 in Tallahassee.

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9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - Closed

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MUSIC

at Saint Paul's

Preschool and Toddler Music Groups - Our Preschool and Toddler Music Groups continue to grow and prosper. We welcome children, ages PreK 3-4 and under 3-year olds with care-givers, on Wednesday afternoons from 5:30-5:55 in rooms 200 and 202 to join us for developmentally appropriate music activities: singing, playing rhythm and pitched instruments, and creative movement. Contact Gaye Herndon for more information (gaye@saintpauls.org)

SPARKS Choir (Grades K-5) - Our SPARKS Choir is continuing work on our delightful spring musical, *Down By the Creek Bank*. We meet on Wednesday afternoons during SPARKS time. The musical will be presented on April 24 at 6:15 p.m. in Sanders Hall. We'll also be singing for the 11 a.m. worship service on April 14.

ROOTED Youth Choir - Youth Choir meets Sunday afternoons at 4:30. If you are in Grades 6-12, come join us! We'll sing for the 11:00 a.m. service on March 10 and will present a special percussion story and anthem on Palm Sunday morning, April 14. We're making preparations to attend Music Camp, June 9-14; more information to come!

Saint Paul's Dance Ministry - Our dancers are preparing for the 11:00 a.m. service on March 3 and will accompany, through dance, our combined Adult Choirs on March 31 for our Fifth Sunday One Service at 9:30 a.m.

Handbell Choir - The Handbell Choir will be playing for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services March 10 and on Easter, April 21.

Worship Band - Our Worship Band will lead the 8:30 service on March 3 and March 24.

The Covenant Chancel Choir sings in the 11:00 worship service and occasionally during the 8:30 service. This choir sings a variety of music from classical to hymn tunes. We rehearse Tuesday evenings 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. and are currently preparing for our April 7 Lenten Cantata.

Se'lah is a choir that performs in the morning services once a month as well as in the community. They've even sung in Honduras! Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings 7:30 - 8:30 in the choir room.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 a.m. in Sanders Hall and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us for the imposition of ashes as we begin the Lenten Season

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

During the season of Lent we will focus our Sunday sermons on the theme of forgiveness as imaged in the Gospel of Luke. Each week we will examine a narrative or teaching on forgiveness, place ourselves in the story, and ask ourselves what God would have us do as we live faithfully as disciples of Jesus.

EARLY MORNING LENT

We will continue the tradition of meeting in the early morning on Wednesdays during Lent. This year, with our construction continuing, we will utilize Sanders Hall for both devotional time and breakfast. Join us at 6:30 a.m., starting on Ash Wednesday, as we explore together the ministry of Jesus around the table. A light breakfast will be served each week, and a \$3 donation is asked to cover the cost of breakfast each week.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Saint Paul's UMC is participating this year in the Thursday Lenten Lunches that are shared with several downtown and midtown churches. We will host the event on **Thursday, March 14** with worship beginning at 12:10 in our sanctuary, followed by a simple and free luncheon in Sanders Hall. On **Thursday, March 28** Pastor Kandace will be preaching at Bethany Missionary Baptist Church. All offerings will be given to Operation ID at the Kearney Center. Please make plans to join us!

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Suggested Actions for Lent

Spend time in solitude each day
Read a book for spiritual growth
Focus on thanksgiving rather than asking in prayer
Forgive someone who has hurt you
Participate in weekly communion

Visit weekly a shut-in church member
Write a letter of affirmation to a person who has touched your life.
Say 'no' to something that is a waste of time
Invite to coffee, lunch or dinner someone you would like to get to know better.



Summer Sneak Peek



Music Camp

June 9 - 15—5th graders through Adult

Our Youth Choir members and other interested youth and adults are looking forward to attending a weeklong Church Music and Worship Arts Camp/Workshop sponsored by the Florida Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and the Worship Arts held at the Life Enrichment Center of the Florida Conference of the UMC, in Leesburg, Florida. This week of intensive study in choral music, orchestra/band, liturgical dance, visual arts, drama, technology, worship and fellowship helps us to be better worship/music leaders in our own churches.

eXtreme eXplorers

June 17-21 - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Exciting ~ Energetic - Exceptional FUN EVERY DAY!

Current 2nd-5th graders \$160 Registration is online and limited. Previous year's highlights: hiking, swimming, rock climbing, skating, bowling, cooking, art, dance, painting, Blue Springs, Gulf Coast Marine Lab, and more!

Youth Mission Trip

June 23-29

The youth, current 6th-12th graders, will head out to assist in Hurricane Relief in the panhandle while staying in Panama City at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat center. There will be Mission and Mania every day! Be sure to sign up online now to participate in this wonderful week this summer.

Warren Willis UM Summer Camp

Saint Paul's Week - July 8-13 - for Current 3rd—12th graders

An overnight camp in Leesburg, Florida. A church bus will transport the kids & youth down and back! Rising 4th & 5th graders will be in the Children's Camp. Rising 6th - 8th will be in the Middle School Camp. Rising 9th -12th will be in the High School Camp! Register online now! This popular week fills up quickly. For info, contact Jill Merryday.

Christmas in July: Where God's Love Comes Real

Vacation Bible School

July 15-19 - 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For children who will be VPK age in the fall of 2019 through rising 6th graders ~ \$25 per child. Before VBS Morning Care begins at 8:00 a.m. in Generations Park. Adult volunteers and youth helpers (rising 7th - graduates) are needed for the week. Please register online now!

Youth Week

August 5 - 11

The week is a fun one to welcome our new 6th Graders to youth and to send off our graduated seniors! Plan to send your week celebrating the last week of summer!

W.A.V.E.

We will also have W.A.V.E (Wednesday's Are Very Exciting) every Wednesday during the summer as well. This mission trip is almost done being planned and details and a sign up will be going out very soon. More information for all of the dates will be coming out very soon.