



# SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**May 19, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday after Easter**

**Esther: The Unseen Hand of God in Holy Boldness**  
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** *Sing to the Lord* L. Smith

## Welcome and Announcements

**Introit** (11:00) *Bonse Aba* Zambian Folk Song/arr. A. Fischer  
*All That Sing Have the Right to be Called the Children of God*  
Youth Choir

\* **Call to Worship** Morgan Holmes (11:00) and Congregation  
Let us praise God the Creator,  
**who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendor;**  
Let us worship God the Savior,  
**who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace;**  
Let us experience God the Spirit,  
**who fills us with faith and joy—with love and eternal life.**

Moirra Laidlaw

\* **Opening Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

\* **Liturgy of Celebration for our Graduates**  
Raymond Pandley and Congregation

## Recognition of Graduates (11:00)

## Pastoral Prayer

**Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer** (11:00) Julianna Coughlin  
Congregational Response after each petition:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: **The whole earth is full of Your glory!***

**Special Music** *Gospel Hymn Ring* T. Waldrop  
*Handbell Choir*

## Children's Chat

**Scripture** *Esther 7:1-6* Old Testament pg. 448

**Sermon** **Esther: The Unseen Hand of God in Holy Boldness**  
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**Offering** (8:30) *Gigue* G. F. Telemann  
(11:00) *Unity* D.M. Cason  
Youth Choir

\* **Doxology**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

\* **Closing Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

\* **Benediction** *Reconfigure the World* (11:00) Morgan Holmes

**Postlude** *Exaltation* J. Mansfield

## Sermon Notes

### Esther: The Unseen Hand of God in Holy Boldness

Holy boldness steps out of expected roles for the sake of others.

Holy boldness is the willingness to be authentic to who you are and live fully into that.

Holy boldness is living with authenticity, integrity and courage; it is living an undivided life.

Holy boldness always makes the choice for life; whatever form that might take.

*"I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Therefore, choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19). Why, I wondered, would God waste precious breath on saying something so obvious? I had failed to understand the perverse comfort we sometimes get from choosing death in life, exempting ourselves from the challenge of using our gifts, of living our lives in authentic relationship with others."*  
Parker Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak*

God is revealed in holy boldness.



### SAINT PAUL'S 2019 GRADUATES

Jackson Burks, Rickards High School

Hannah Joiner, Wakulla High School

Morgan Holmes, Lincoln High School

Mikayla Dobson, Sail High School

Julianna Coughlin, Florida Southern University - Youth Ministry

Erin Bevis, Candler School of Theology/Emory University, Master of Divinity

### CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Meagan and Jaston Herndon on the birth of their son,

Harber Wendell Herndon, born May 14, 2019.

Paternal grandparents are Rick and Gaye Herndon.

Print copies of Pastor Kandace's letter on Human Sexuality and General Conference are available in the Narthex and copies were given to Sunday School classes as well. On Wednesday nights in late May and June (May 29; June 12, 19, 26) Pastor Kandace is going to lead a class on **Human Sexuality and the Bible**, which will respectfully and thoughtfully look at all perspectives and interpretations, both affirming and non-affirming. All are invited to join in this study and discussion. Class will begin at 6:15 p.m., and materials will be provided.

# Around Saint Paul's

## MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

**Preschool and Toddler Music Groups** continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons from 5:30-5:55 in rooms 325/326 (in the church office area). We encourage all children ages 3-4 and toddlers with their caregivers to join us for music based activities and learning: singing, signing, playing rhythm and pitched instruments, and creative movement.

**SPARKS Choir** for current K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders meets in the Choir Room on Wednesday afternoon from 4:14-5:15. We're planning to sing/play for the 11:00 a.m. service of worship on June 2.

**Youth Choir** ends the season this morning as we sing for the 11:00 a.m. Graduate Recognition Service. We will not rehearse this afternoon. We are counting down to Music Camp! Twelve campers, three chaperones/youth team members, and two camp staff, plus several adult workshop attendees will be going to the Annual Church Music and Worship Arts Workshop/Music Camp from June 9-12 at the LEC in Leesburg, FL. We are grateful to our church family for their generosity in helping us with the costs of this opportunity. We would appreciate your prayers as we learn, grow in our faith, and fellowship that week.

**Handbell Choir** rehearses this evening at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

**INFANT & CHILD CPR CLASS** - Beth Wilde invites those who might be interested in becoming certified or to just learn Infant & Child CPR. The class costs \$65 and will be held Monday, May 20, 6:00 p.m. in Room 327. Please contact Beth if you are interested at [beth@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:beth@saintpaulsumc.org).

**MOMMY & ME MUSIC** - Music time for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and the mommies who love them to come together and play together musically. This music class targets developmental milestones through singing, chanting, instrument playing, signing, and movement. Class is led by Stephany Nystrand, a board-certified music therapist. For more information contact Kambea Chan or Jenni Cox in the church office. Next class is Tuesday, May 21 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**GATHERING TO PRAY** - God is answering prayer as we gather in His name. We invite everyone to join us to pray together for the concerns you share with us on the PRAYER REQUESTS cards in the pew, (please place them in the offering plates), or via email, [david@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:david@saintpaulsumc.org), Wednesdays, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. in the church office. God is with us!

**SAINT PAUL'S IS CONSIDERING BECOMING A RECONCILING CHURCH.** Don't know what that means? Then join us to discuss what radical inclusion looks like and how we can meet the goal that our congregation puts forward to be an inclusive church. We have one more Wednesday night educational/discussion session on May 22 from 6:15 - 7:30. Please join us as we understand how better to welcome all people to our Church. You can also check out <https://rmnetwork.org/> for some additional information. If your Sunday School class or committee would like to learn more please let Ian Collins, Cassie Griesheimer, or Barbara Block know.

**SOUL FOOD NEEDS** - Our homeless neighbors at Lake Ella have requested disposable razors, small (hotel size) soaps and/or travel size shaving cream. Please place items in the Soul Food bin in room 308. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

**EXTREME HOSPITALITY** - Please consider joining our Greeters Ministry as we make a greater effort for a warm reception to our 8:30 and 11:00 services. All that is required is to arrive 15 minutes early for worship, stand outside near one of the entrances, and offer a yellow gift bag with a smile to visitors. Please email [peggy@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:peggy@saintpaulsumc.org) with your interest, thank you!

# 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](http://saintpaulsumc.org). \$7 adults, \$3 ages 4 - 12.  
May 22: Shepherds Pie

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTER NOW!

### Extreme Explorers Week

**FILLED**, but there is a waiting list.

June 17-21 - 2nd-5th graders - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We will kick off our 15th year of Extreme Explorers on June 17-21! Kids, those who have completed 2nd-5th grades, are invited to experience a week of adventures! During the week, we will load our church bus and head to some of our favorite locations for loads of fun. Cost is \$160. Payments are requested by June 1. For more information, contact Kambea Chan or Jenni Cox.

### Warren Willis Camp

July 8-13 - **REGISTER ASAP!** 3rd-12th graders

An overnight camp for rising 4th through 12th graders. Saint Paul's will be attending this ever-popular camp the week of June 18-23. The children are grouped according to grades. The Children's Camp is rising 4th and 5th graders. Junior High Camp is rising 6th to 8th graders. High School camp is rising 9th - 12th. This is a fantastic Christian experience for our kids and is highly recommended. Register early... fills up very quickly. Contact Raymond if you are interested in going to Camp this year.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTER NOW ONLINE

*CHRISTMAS IN JULY ~ Love Came Down*

July 15 - 19 and July 21 is VBS Sunday.

Adult and youth volunteers are requested to sign up online too.

## This Week at Saint Paul's

### Monday, May 20

6:30 pm Governing Board/301

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 115/Scouthouse

### Tuesday, May 21

9:30 am Mommy & Me Music/SH

10:00am Creation Care T-Shirt Bags/302

6:15 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR

6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 67/SH

7:30 pm Se'lah/CR

### Wednesday, May 22

8:00 am Prayer Group/WR

1:00 pm Kitchen Committee/L

4:15 pm SPARKS Choir/CR

### Wednesday, May 22 cont.

5:15 pm Dinner/SH

5:30 pm Preschool Music/325/326

6:15 pm Reconciling Church/SH

6:30 pm Knitting & Crocheters/311

### Thursday, May 23

9:30 am MOPS/SH

10:00am Novel Chats/300

### Friday, May 24

**Church Office Closed**

9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/200/202/204

### Saturday, May 25



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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!

Financial Snapshot				
Expenses to date:	\$342,071.00	Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00		
Income to date:	\$317,181.00			
Actual Income:	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
	\$21,173.00	\$8,538.00		
May 12 attendance: 8:30: 108 11:00: 193 Sunday School: 153				

**We encourage you to give on-line** - No wallet required! It's fast, safe, and secure. Use your phone's camera and hover over the image - to go directly to the webpage for online giving.



## Saint Paul's Staff

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. David Gill, Pastor of Congregational Care  
 Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs  
 Gaye Herndon, Music Performance Associate  
 Jill Merryday, Director of Children's Ministries  
 Peggy Benton, Ministry Coordinator  
 Kambea Chan, Children's Ministry Assistant  
 Jenni Cox, Children's Ministry Assistant

Laurie Batten, Church Administrator  
 Linda Fletcher, Publishing Specialist  
 Stephanie Corry, Facilities Coordinator  
 Raymond Pandley, II, Associate Director of Youth Ministry  
 Simon Webb, Lead Sexton  
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 Betsy Gingery, Kitchen Coordinator  
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