

A low-angle photograph of the steeple of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. The steeple is white with a brick base and a cross on top. The sky is blue with white clouds. The church's portico with white columns is visible at the bottom.

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 16, 2019

First Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrate the Spirit: GIFTS

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.

Annual Conference 2019: On Mission Together

Florida United Methodists gathered at Florida Southern College in Lakeland June 5-8 for Annual Conference.

ELECTIONS

Members of the conference selected eight clergy and eight laity delegates to **General Conference**, the policy-making body of The United Methodist Church that will meet May 5-15, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The same number were elected to represent Florida at the **Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference** in July 2020. An additional six clergy and six lay members were elected to serve as alternate delegates.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

52 individuals were licensed, commissioned, and ordained for ministry. 38 clergy were retired during this Annual Conference.

BISHOP'S OFFERING

Conference churches gave over \$36,702 toward the Bishop's Offering Wednesday evening which will be divided evenly between establishing a United Methodist Church inside a state women's prison and funding for the Florida A&M University Wesley Foundation.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions passed:

1. Continue ministerial education fund that provides scholarships for seminary students. **Approved**
2. Encourage the Florida Conference churches to work with state and local governments to provide affordable housing for all people. **Approved**
3. Encourage the Florida UMC and its congregations to switch from single-use plastics and foams to more sustainable options. **Approved**
4. That the Conference live in an attitude of learning, welcome and missional focus with all people. By our Baptism, we commit ourselves to resist evil, injustice and oppression in all forms and affirm the sacred worth of all people. We will continue to create space and affirm the full participation of all ages, nations, races, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations and abilities. **Approved**
5. "A Conscientious Dissent From the Traditional Plan" Florida Annual Conference (FLAC) condemns the decision of the 2019 General Conference to pass the Traditional Plan and apologizes for the harm that it has caused LGBTQ+ persons, their families, their friends, and the body of Christ. "We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God," therefore we also assert and affirm that no human being is incompatible with Christian teaching. **Approved.**



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are placed by David Murrah Gill in deep gratitude to God for 45 years of growing in love with Susan Stiles Gill. They were married June 15 here in this sanctuary before wonderful family and congregation.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Toddler and Preschool Music Groups will meet in Rooms 325 and 326, 5:30-5:55 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 19 and June 26. We'll be taking a break during the month of July.

Handbell Choir will meet this afternoon at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

SUPER SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - Join us in Super Summer Sunday School June 2 - August 11 as we dive deep in to the **Christmas story**. Our Bible verse is "... but the greatest of these is LOVE." (1 Corinthians 13:13). June lessons for K - 5 will be from 9:45-10:45 in room 210. Please share our faith with the kids by leading a Sunday School class this summer. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/4VGm69>

EXTREME EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP - NOTE: All participants need to have a notarized parental consent, photo release, and medical authorization form on file for the first day of camp. June 17 -21, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$160. Please submit payments ASAP! For more information, contact Kambea Chan, kambea26@yahoo.com or Jenni Cox, jnute@hotmail.com.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - A new Women's Bible Study for the summer meets every Tuesday morning 9:30 - 11:00 through July 23, with the exception of July 16. Childcare is available with reservation. Contact Malena Allison, Malenakfrett@gmail.com or Kathleen Lipson, Kathleenlipson@yahoo.com for more information.

WELCOME NOTES TO REV. BECKY - If you send a welcome note to Rev. Becky Rokitowski and her family (husband Ted and sons Kayden and Adam), please use this address: 3117 Tipperary Drive, Tallahassee 32309.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS in June, Pastor Kandace is leading 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 begins at 6:15 p.m., and materials are provided.

GOLF CART MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Please consider serving the church by driving our golf cart on Sunday mornings from 9:25 to noon. We need at least two more volunteers so team members only have to drive once every two months. Email Don Greisheimer to get on the schedule: dgrisheimer@comcast.net

CONGRATULATIONS to our Creation Care Ministry Reusable T-Shirt Bag project for winning the Energy Innovator Award this week at the ReThink Energy Ball.

NEW GARDEN GROUP FORMING - Do you love plants and are you willing to share your knowledge? Or maybe you'd like to spend a little time in the fresh air with others while learning more about gardening? Our Creation Care group is expanding our garden and this is a great opportunity to join the Green Team and help us create a beautiful and bountiful space. Email Cara at Cares4Creation@gmail.com to learn more.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Our ministry focus this year is outreach, hurricane relief, and discipleship. We could affect two of these missions with a few more volunteers for our worship service Hospitality team and our Sunday School Welcome team. Would you be willing to serve once a month? Please email peggy@saintpaulsumc.org.

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.
June 19: Chicken Parmesan

CHEERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is beginning a series called **ProFuture Faith**, an eight week study on religion and science and our impact on the earth's climate. The premise is that it is both immoral and evil to pursue one's own short-term personal or institutional gain in ways that diminish or destroy our long-term future. The series will begin June 23. All are invited to attend.

WE WILL BE RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS on Sunday, June 30, as we celebrate together in one worship service at 9:30 a.m. If you want to join Saint Paul's UMC, please contact Pastor Kandace (kandace@saintpaulsumc.org) to get on the list. If you are unable to be in worship June 30 we will gladly set another date that is convenient for you.

CHURCH BRUNCH - June 30 at 10:30 a.m. following the "One Service Sunday" at 9:30. There will be no Sunday School for children or adults. Instead, we will have a reception to honor the ministry of David Gill, and a wonderful time of fellowship. Please bring your covered dish to the kitchen warmer oven or drop off your sweet treat before service. Place of Welcome is our set-up team and the congregation is asked to help the choir with clean-up duties.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Join our Vacation Bible School week *Christmas in July!* VBS will be held July 15 - 19 from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Register your rising VPK through 6th grader now. ** Stay tuned. . . we will post our list of requested donation items soon! ** **ADULT VOLUNTEERS & YOUTH HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED.** Please sign up on the church web site if you can help.

This Week at Saint Paul's

Monday, June 17

7:30 am MoLab/300-304
8:30 am Extreme Explorers/Offsite
6:30 pm Core Ministries/301
6:30 pm Trustees/310

Tuesday, June 18

7:30 am MoLab/300-304
8:30 am Extreme Explorers/Offsite
9:30 am Women's Bible Study/310
10:00am Creation Care T-Shirt Bags/309
6:15 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR
7:30 pm Se'lah/CR

Wednesday, June 19

7:30 am MoLab/300-304
8:00 am Prayer Group/WR
8:30 am Extreme Explorers/Offsite

Wednesday, June 19 cont.

5:15 pm Dinner/SH
5:30 pm Preschool Music/325/326
6:15 pm Human Sexuality/SH
6:30 pm Knitting & Crocheters/311

Thursday, June 20

7:30 am MoLab/300-304
8:30 am Extreme Explorers/Offsite
9:30 am MOPS Playdate/326/N
6:30 pm MESS Women's Group/Offsite

Friday, June 21

Church Office Closed

7:30 am MoLab/300-304
8:30 am Extreme Explorers/Offsite
9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/P



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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 so 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 welcome 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: \$378,910.00
Income to date: \$370,371.00

Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00

Actual	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Income:	\$12,674.00	\$7,793.00			

June 9 attendance: 8:30: 84 11:00: 149 Sunday School: 141

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
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Jill Merryday, Director of Children's Ministries
Peggy Benton, Ministry Coordinator
Kambea Chan, Children's Ministry Assistant
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Linda Fletcher, Publishing Specialist
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