

JUNE 2019

the EPISTLE



Dear Friends,

We certainly got a jump start on the hot days of summer. I don't know that I will ever say this again...I am grateful for June - maybe it will cool down a bit! Early June finds clergy and lay leaders around our conference gathering in Lakeland for Annual Conference, where the business of the church will be completed. This year, our theme is "On Mission Together" and we will be voting on delegates to represent our conference at the 2020 General Conference and the Southeast Jurisdictional Conference, where the election of Bishops takes place. This year we will also have the opportunity to experience firsthand several new expressions of the church, including dinner church and worship experiences that reach into the community toward people who feel disenfranchised from the church. I am looking forward to sharing Annual Conference with several members of Saint Paul's UMC who will be serving as local church delegates (Jim Cosper and Fotena Zirps), district delegates (Meg and Charlie Guyton), conference ministry leaders (Cara Fleischer), FAMU Wesley representatives (Raymond Pandley) and retired pastors (David and Susan Gill). We will plan to present a summary of Annual Conference experiences sometime upon our return.

With summer activities ready to enter into full gear (Here at Saint Paul's... summer camps, music camp, Vacation Bible School, Extreme Explorers, Mom's Bible Study, Youth WAVE events and mission trip), I want to remind you that it is during these months that church expenses tend to increase. This will be true especially this year as we anticipate Rev. Becky coming July 1 as a full time Associate Pastor. Unfortunately, giving during the summer months also tends to decrease as vacation trips take us away from worship. Let me encourage you to remain faithful in your giving to the church during these months, so that we might keep our important ministry work continuing in our community.

As we prepare for Pastor Becky's arrival, look for ways that you can participate in making her and her family feel welcome to Tallahassee and to Saint Paul's UMC. We will be announcing ways you can help, perhaps by providing a meal during those important first few weeks of moving in. We will also be having a reception to give you a chance to meet the Rokitowski family.

I pray for all of us a wonderful summer of renewal! I am personally looking forward to some time at my home in Port St. Joe to catch up on reading and writing, and some finishing touches on the hurricane repair. One book I am particularly looking forward to absorbing is Parker Palmer's *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity and Getting Old*. I have several glass projects on my list as well, including windows for our new chapel. What about you? What's on your reading list? Your summer to-do list? Whatever it is, I pray it brings you great joy and a sense of renewed energy and purpose.

Blessings,
Kandace

FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BY THE NUMBERS

1,074 Inquiries for Residential Care information and referral

269 Number of children served in Residential and Shelter Care

738 Number of children served in Foster Care

220 Number of children served in Early Childhood Education

1908 The year Fifth Sunday Offerings for the Children's Home began!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

At the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, this verse from Jeremiah serves as the foundational promise that guides the work they do. The children and youth in their care come to them in the midst of chaos, struggling to navigate the broken pieces of their lives. Your 5th Sunday Offering helps provide Florida's most vulnerable children and youth a safe place to call home and the tools they need to turn those broken pieces into a beautiful mosaic that reflects the treasured person God has created. Last year the home served over 700 children and families through your support. But they continue to have children who urgently need our care. With your help, they can work to give them a hope and a future. **Please support the Florida UM Children's Home by bringing your 'Noisy Offering' Sunday, June 30. Our children love to receive and pray over this offering.**

JUNE events

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study for the summer starts on **June 11** continuing *"It's Not Supposed to be This Way"*. The group meets every Tuesday morning 9:30 - 11:00 through July 23 (will not meet July 16). Childcare is available with reservation. An event will be posted on Facebook. Contact Malena Allison or Kathleen Lipson for more information.

GATHERING TO PRAY

God is still answering prayer as we gather in His Name. We invite everyone to join us as we pray together **Wednesdays, 8:00-8:30 a.m. in the church office** (Please make us move to a larger room!). God is with us!

SOUL FOOD

Bagging: Wednesday, June 26 - 10:30 a.m.

Distribution: Saturday, June 29 - 9:30 a.m.

Donations are now being accepted in room 308 (previously known as CHEERS Sunday School room). Due to limited space, the clothing items accepted are: T-shirts, jeans, underwear, socks, and tennis shoes, shorts, sunglasses, reading glasses (any strength), razors, small shaving creams, small deodorants, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Thank you to everyone who is currently participating in this much-needed ministry. Contact JoEllen Brown at brown.joellen@gmail.com for more information.

ONE SUNDAY SERVICE

Mark your calendars! One Service Sunday, **June 30 at 9:30**, followed by pot-luck brunch at 10:30. Please join us after service for brunch. Drop off your breakfast treat or covered dish in the kitchen before 9:30. Place of Welcome is the set-up team and the Choir will clean-up afterwards. We are calling on the congregation to join the choir in the clean-up duties. Looking forward to another joyful worship and fellowship event!

A NOTE FROM REV. DAVID GILL

It has been my joy to serve Saint Paul's Church temporarily as Pastor of Congregational Care in a part-time capacity since last August. Now it is time to welcome Rev. Becky Rokitowski as our full-time Associate Pastor! Rev. Becky will be ministering in congregational care as well as in youth ministry and many other types of service to Saint Paul's and our ministry area. I look forward to turning over my duties to her and to continuing to be an active volunteer in the various ministries of Saint Paul's and to spending more time with my family. God has great things in ahead for Saint Paul's!

Love in Christ,
Pastor David Gill

ON BEHALF OF OUR SISTER CHURCHES, THANK YOU!

Wow! The International Missions Dinner & Auction was an outrageous success, and YOU are to be thanked! With about 150 attendees, we raised a grand total of \$6,509.98 for our sister churches in Soisson, Haiti, and Yaguaramas, Cuba — two faith communities where our funds will go far and be so appreciated. Another reason to celebrate: Combined expenses for both the dinner and the auction were less than \$100. Even our youth servers raised \$250 in tips for their summer mission trip to Port St. Joe! The list of people to be thanked is long and reflects how much time and effort was involved in this large undertaking. If you solicited or donated items or food, created beautiful gift baskets, publicized the event, sold tickets, decorated Sanders Hall, prepared food, washed dishes, bought dinner tickets, or bid on items, THANK YOU! And it wasn't just the funds raised that made this event a success: It was a joyful celebration of fellowship and family — our big Saint Paul's family. Let's do it again soon!

Meg Guyton
IMDA chair

CREATION *care*



Adopt-A-Week in the EXPANDED Mosaic Garden this Summer

We have doubled the size of the Mosaic Garden to grow more vegetables for Manna on Meridian, and that means we will need lots of help keeping it watered in the summer months. In between your summer plans, we invite your family, Sunday School class, or group to Adopt-a-Week and make the garden your own. In just a few minutes, you can water, pull a weed or two, and check for pests to help our garden thrive. Please sign up by emailing Jessie Perry at per-ry386@msn.com.

NEW GARDEN GROUP FORMING

Do you love plants and are 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 our Green Team and help us create a beautiful and bountiful space. Email Cara at Cares4Creation@gmail.com to learn more.

THANK YOU 2016 - 2019

MOSAIC GARDEN

ADOPT-A-WEEK VOLUNTEERS!

Place of Welcome class, Midtown Classical Home Schoolers, MOPS, VBS, Cox family, Merryday family, Perry family, Peggy Harter, Ryan and Kristin Kline, Sam Ashton, Laine Giroux, Bobbi Nute, Underhill family, Sue Specncer, Patty Craig, Fotena Zirps, Hatfield family, Malena Allison, Margaret Wright, Verheyen family, Worth family, Stephanie Corry, Tiffany McNabb, Cara Fleischer, Linda Doyle, Nancy Ross and Timmons, Fugate family.

JUNE ECO-TIP:

Give growing cherry tomatoes a try so you can enjoy them all summer. Plant in a sunny location in your yard either in the ground, in a raised bed, or in a deep pot. Add a basil and oregano plant close by for an Italian garden that repels pests. Keep your tomato plant watered, stake when it gets large, and then enjoy! Learn more at www.nativenurseries.com/blog/2017/3/6/get-a-handle-on-homegrown-tomatoes-in-containers

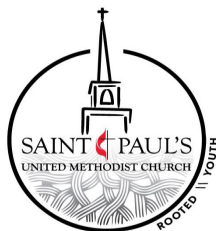
ANNUAL SUMMER POOL PARTY

July 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
at Trousdell Pool.

Please plan to join us for fellowship & fun!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Sue Spencer
- 2 Mary Dekle, Phyllis Young
- 3 Barbara Duke, Joe Helton,
Dot Melton, Arnetta Thornton
- 4 Sydney Ferris, Eddie Fristoe,
Camile Hewitt, Kay Oswalt
- 5 Holger Amort, Karen Kline,
Janice Nash
- 6 Michelle Fugate, Iris Weisbrod
- 7 Laura Underhill, Juliet Yaques
- 8 Nikki Abels, Lanette Burton
- 9 Bryan Doxsee
- 10 Bradley Bodiford, Chioma Okoli
- 11 Ryan Andrews
- 12 Donna Peacock
- 13 Dale Nute, Wanda Pierce
- 14 Richard Atherton
- 15 Liam Hatfield, Aimee Wirth
- 16 Aiden Abbey, Lee Palmer
- 17 Merry Ann Johnson
- 18 Finnegan McFarland
- 20 Emily Andrews, Ronnie Cain,
Gary Gray, Dianne Taylor
- 21 Chris Muire
- 22 Carol Broadway, Angela Perry
- 23 Rhonda Shantz
- 24 Brooks Baldwin, Kathy Barber,
Gordon Bowman, Anne Clark,
Caroline Cox, Brandon Fristoe
- 25 Leo Allison, Bruce Harter
- 26 Ryan Kline
- 27 Russell Pate
- 28 Courtney Pierce, Joyce Thompson
- 29 Cara Fleischer, Ella Waltz
- 30 Gaye Herndon



YOUTH

YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

Mission Trip Port St. Joe — June 23 - June 29

So remember when I said the mission trip was going to be in Alabama to do tornado relief? Well, we have been presented with a better opportunity. The final decision for the mission trip is that we will go to Port St. Joe to do Hurricane Relief. The cost will be \$225 per person and space is limited so sign up soon! The cost includes two t-shirts, food, transportation, lodging, and a day trip to Panama City. Scholarships are available to those experiencing financial hardship. Contact Raymond for applications.

June W.A.V.E.

- June 5** St. George Island ~ 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- June 12** Lake Ella Cleanup and Youth Room Decoration plus lunch at Sonic (bring \$\$ for lunch) ~10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- June 19** Wakulla Springs ~10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (bring \$\$ for lunch)
- June 26** NO WAVE mission trip

We have PLENTY of summer events that need volunteers. If it is your heart's desire please support our youth group by volunteering! Contact Raymond to sign up.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. Room 211

Come join us in our new room! Share freely and openly. And we ALWAYS have snacks! For details contact one of our AMAZING Sunday School teachers, Charlie Guyton 850-599-9423, or Meg Guyton 850-443-4175.

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 evening from 5:15-7:00 p.m. join us in Sanders for food, fun, friends, and a word of faith. Make a new friend! Please join us as we continue our series "I don't know who needs to hear this but...". As always bring friends and an appetite.

NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SAINT PAUL'S

Julia Ferris
Annalisa Hatfield
Onyinye Okoli
Nathan Reed

THANK YOU'S TO SAINT PAUL'S

The family of Richard Combs would like to express our deepest gratitude to our church family who supported us so graciously during Rick's illness and after his passing. The visits, cards, words, food and especially love and hugs comforted us immensely. Thank You.

The Combs family

SAINT PAUL'S 2019 GRADUATES

Jackson Burks, Rickards High School
Hanna Joiner, Wakulla High School
Morgan Holmes, Lincoln High School
Mikaela Dobson, Sail High School
Julianna Coughlin, Florida Southern University
Erin Bevis, Candler School of Theology/ Emory University

*Dear Church Family,
We really appreciate all of your prayers and support during Ralph's recent illness.*

Ralph & Barbara Jaeger

MUSIC

at Saint Paul's

Preschool and Toddler Music Groups - Our Preschool and Toddler Music Groups are continuing to meet through the month of June. We welcome children, ages PreK 3-4 and under 3-year olds with parents, on Wednesday afternoons from 5:30-5:55 in rooms 325 and 326 to join us for developmentally appropriate music activities: singing, playing rhythm and pitched instruments, and creative movement.

SPARKS Choir (Grades K-5) - SPARKS Choir continued to meet through the month of May for a special extended session. We had a great time learning choral singing technique, new music, and percussion stories. We'll be singing/playing during the 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship on June 2.

Youth Choir - Most of our Youth Choir and youth-aged Dance Ministry members, along with three chaperones/youth team members, two Camp Staff, and several adults are looking forward to our trip to Music Camp, June 9-14. We'll be studying to be better worship leaders under recognized clinicians and teachers. There will be A LOT of choral singing, as well as liturgical dance, visual arts, sign language, instrumental ensemble/orchestra, technology, and worship every day. We're looking forward to sharing all of our new-found skills with our church family, and we are so very grateful for the support our church family provided in helping us to attend Music Camp!

Handbell Choir - We'll continue meeting throughout the summer months as members' schedules allow.

Worship Band - Our Worship Band welcomes singers and instrumentalists interested in leading our worship services once each month. Contact Gaye at gaye@saintpaulsumc.org if you feel led to participate in this ministry.

GOVERNING board

The Governing Board met on Monday, May 20, 2019 with an agenda that included several celebrations.

1. The ministry of Rev. David Gill at Saint Paul's during the last year.
2. The anticipation of welcoming Rev. Becky Rokitowski and her family to Saint Paul's UMC in July.
3. The closing on the sale of the Patch Avenue parsonage and the purchase of an Associate Pastor parsonage at 3117 Tipperary Drive.
4. The completion of the first phase of MAKING ROOM and the beginning of the second phase, which includes the Mary Maude Sharpe Children's Wing.
5. The formation of a worship team which will help to shape our ministry of worship.
6. The good work of the committee to consider the partnership with Reconciling Ministry Network.
7. Malena Allison came to speak to the Governing Board about the impact that our MOPS ministry has in our community. The program serves 50 women and their children, and has been a place of growth and refuge for mothers in a challenging period of their lives. With the completion of the second phase of MAKING ROOM, the MOPS program will be able to include even more families in this outreach.

The Governing Board also heard and discussed concern about our giving pattern, which at this time is not keeping pace with spending. With expenses anticipated to increase in the second half of 2019 (with a full time Associate Pastor coming on board), it will be important to inform the congregation of this shortfall and make adjustments that are needed in order to match expenses and income.

In addition, the Governing Board had a robust discussion on congregational goals for the upcoming year to be included as part of the pastor evaluation. These goals will be presented and discussed in more detail next month.



FAMILIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN JUNE

Join us in Super Summer Sunday School as we dive deep into the Christmas story! We'll review and reflect on Jesus' birth as we also prepare to hear the message that "Love Came Down" during VBS.

Our Bible Verse:

.... but the greatest of these is LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13

June 2 - Mary's Story: Luke 1:26-38, 46-47

June 9 - Mary Visits Elizabeth: Luke 1:39-66

June 16 - Joseph's Story: Matthew 1:18-24

June 23 - Mary and Joseph: Matthew 1:18-24

June 30 - Gabriel's Message: Luke 1:5-25

Please share our faith with the kids by preparing and leading a Sunday School class this summer as our teachers enjoys a summer break. Easy and volunteer-friendly curriculum & supplies will be provided by email. Contact Peggy Benton at 363-2667 for more information. Please sign up online if you are able to teach a lesson this summer. <https://signup.com/go/4VGm69>

SPARKS CHOIR IN JUNE

The Sparks choir will lead worship with singing and drumming on **June 2** at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

DATE NIGHT

June 29 is our next Date Night. **4:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Leave the kids with us and enjoy a evening out. Cost is \$15 per child/\$20 for two/\$25 family max. Register by June 24. <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/ministries/children/date-night/>

SUMMER CAMP

Extreme Explorers Week Camp is FULL

There is a waiting list.

We kick off our 15th year of Extreme Explorers on June 17-21! Kids 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. **8:30 to 5:00 p.m.** For more information, contact Kambea Chan at kam-bea26@yahoo.com or Jenni Cox at jnute@hotmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for our Vacation Bible School Week "Christmas in July", July 15 - 19, from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Register your rising VPK through 6th Grade now...there are still plenty of spots left! **ADULT VOLUNTEERS & YOUTH HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED!** Please sign up online under Children's Ministry <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/ministries/children/vbs/>

VBS VOLUNTEER IMPORTANT DATES

June 9 - supplies list from area leaders

June 15 - request supply donations from congregation

July 10 - Volunteers Dinner - All adults and youth team - 6:00 p.m.

July 12 - T-shirt Pickup - 4:00-6:00 p.m.

July 14 - T-shirt Pickup - 10:30-11:30 a.m.

July 15-19 - VBS Week - 8:00 to 12:30 p.m.

July 21 - VBS Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Worship

MOPS

2019 - 2020 Season "To the FULL" - registration begins June 1. Costs is \$110. Nursery spots are limited, so be sure to register early. The motto will be "Fear less, have more fun, and find our people". Meetings will start mid-September. Contact Malena Allison and Kathleen Lipson for more information. You can register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSeBQVoGzUf4qmxY8WTzaSERjd8ue-zu6w2o7fiE0rC-tQ/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1F-NuLnCKwGB2PucIuzHg-461>

We are always looking for help in the nursery, so please let us know if you would like to help us out and be a GrandMOPS for next year!

CONGREGATIONAL *Care*

CARE LIST

SHORT TERM:

David Beverly, Marlene Brewer, Ron Burger, Elaine Christopher, Stan Etheridge, Debbie Giglio, Peggy Harter, Al Harwood, Jay Helton, Merry Ann Johnson, Andrew Kinloch, Olga Martin, Calvin Melton, Luu Ngoc An, JoAnn O'Keefe, Jack Pelham, Andy Prescott, Cynthia Prescott, Gretchen Scoggin, Pete Spencer, Dick and Doris Sublette, Joyce Thomas, Brian Walls, Bonnie White, new members, volunteers, construction workers repairing our facilities, those who are grieving, families hurt by tornadoes and flooding.

LONG TERM:

Jim Allen, Gladys Awbrey, Laurie Batten, Betty Blair, Terry and Carol Broadway, Bob Caldwell, Louise Carpenter, Charlotte Chellman, Ivy Lee Daniel, Norma DeRuyter, Margaret Farnell, Pat Giglio, Nancy Graham, Oriska Henn, Ralph Hook, Leroy Irwin, Bill Jones, Robert Kennedy, Dottie Melton, Ruth Riley, Audrey Robbins, Dot Roberts, Rev. Becky Rokitowski & family, Terry Shoffstall, Ben and Betty Spivey, Norma and Pam Strickland, Melanie Tredik, Alzheimer's Project, lay teams, pastors, homebound members, those serving in the military, hurricane victims, Jail & Prison Ministry, Florida Annual Conference (June 5-8), mission ministries of Saint Paul's, our sister 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 JUNE

6/5 - Ribs, Mac and Cheese

6/12 - Meatloaf

6/19 - Chicken Parmesan

6/26 - Cheese Ravioli Lasagna

IN PRAYER AND SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Horace Caton, who passed away May 6 in Tallahassee.

To the family and friends of Faith Lynch, who passed away May 16 in North Carolina.

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SUNDAY MORNINGS AT SAINT PAUL'S

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday - Closed

Find us on  at SaintPaulsUnitedMethodistChurch



CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Love Came Down

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Register online NOW!

July 15 – 19

and

VBS Sunday - July 21

Adult and youth
Volunteers are
requested to sign up
online.