

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

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 14, 2019

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Lessons From the Boardroom:
Mistakes Don't Define Us**

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.

9:30 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.

Gathering

Here I Am to Worship

T. Hughes

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer (unison)

Sanctifier of time and space,
maker of dancing quarks and ancient quasars,
of energy and element,
blessed are You, Creator God.
Your saving love endures forever;
Your holy light pierces the cold darkness
of death and chaos;
You cut a covenant of life with Your creatures,
which no evil can overcome.
May the glorious radiance of resurrection
dispel the shadows in our lives
and conform us more closely to Your risen Christ,
to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor, praise and glory. Amen

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* **Opening Song**

Nothing but the Blood

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* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

We belong to God, eternal and infinite,
Creator of all things and all that is to come.
We follow Christ, who comes to us from God,
and reveals God to us.
He heals people and transforms lives,
and calls us to join in His ministry.
He was crucified, died, and was raised by God,
and reigns over all Creation;
and He bids us to die and rise with Him
in the service of the healing of the world.
We live by the Spirit,
together with the communion of the saints,
as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.
We are confident in the forgiveness of sin,
the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life.
In all things it is our desire to follow Christ,
by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen

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Call to Prayer

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

S. Townend

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Chat

Scripture

I John 1:5-10

New Testament pg. 238

Sermon

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Offering

You Are My King/Amazing Love

B.J. Foote

* **Doxology**

* **Closing Song**

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

Newton/Tomlin/Giglio

* **Benediction**

Going Forth



Sermon Notes

Accountability is not something practiced in large groups such as Sunday School classes, rather, it requires 2-3 individuals who meet together with a high degree of trust. There are many models for accountability, but often these questions are asked and honestly answered:

What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?

What temptations have you met with?

What is the condition of our soul?

Where have you struggled in body, mind or spirit?

Are you holding anger toward anyone?

Are you withholding forgiveness from anyone?

How would your life be different if you were part of an accountability group?

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bob Caldwell's 98th birthday, Anne and Hans Schroeder's birthdays, and in loving memory of Micki Caldwell.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Toddler and Preschool Music Groups will take a break for the month of July. We'll resume when school begins in August.

Handbell Choir will not meet today.

CHEERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS has begun 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. CHEERS meets in room 302. All are invited to attend.

SUPER SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - Join Super Summer Sunday School through 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). July lessons for K - 5 will be at 10:30 in room 210. Please share our faith with the kids by leading a Sunday School class. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/4VGm69>

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - Hey, youth, you're *never* too cool for Sunday School! Join us today for a lesson about Spiritual Gifts (yours, mine and ours) and Fruits of the Spirit (no bananas involved). On July 21 we'll begin a series about women in the Bible. Every week we try to nourish your mind with a good lesson, nourish your belly with a yummy snack, and nourish your funny bone with a fun activity. We meet at 10:30 in room 211. Call the Guytons (Charlie at 559-9423 or Meg at 443-4175) for details.

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.

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.

ADOPT-A-WEEK IN THE MOSAIC GARDEN THIS SUMMER - The tomatoes are exploding with fruit and Manna on Meridian participants love them! We need a few more groups to Adopt-A-Week to help with the busiest season in the garden, so we are calling on all families, Sunday School classes, and groups to check your schedule and see if one of the slots works for you. Contact Jessie Perry at perry386@msn.com.

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.

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: dgriesheimer@comcast.net

Around Saint Paul's

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

No Wednesday Night Dinners in July. Dinners will resume August 14.

GATHERING TO PRAY - God is answering prayer as we gather in His name. We invite everyone to join us in praying together for the concerns you share with us on PRAYER REQUESTS cards in the pew, (please place them in the offering plates). Wednesdays, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. in the church office. God is with us.

CARING FOR CROCODILES - Our annual back-to-school supply collection for our Partner for Excellence, Kate Sullivan Elementary, will be held July 21 through August 4. During that time, we'll collect: girls and boys underwear and shorts (sizes, XS, S, and M), disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer. Please leave donations in the marked bin in the Sanders Hall foyer. Thanks for your loving generosity! For details, contact Meg Guyton at 443-4175.

ANNUAL SUMMER POOL PARTY - Sunday, July 21, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Trousdell Pool. Please plan to join us for fun and fellowship.

DATE NIGHT - Saturday, July 27 is our next Date Night. 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Leave the kids with us and enjoy an 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/>

SAVE THE DATE FOR OLYN! Operation Love Your Neighbor will be Saturday, September 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The entire congregation is invited to participate in various indoor and outdoor mission projects aimed at community needs.

1 CHILD + 1 MENTOR = 2 CHANGED LIVES - By investing no more than one hour each week, you can change the life of a struggling young student *and* your own life! Prayerfully consider becoming a mentor at our partner school, Kate Sullivan Elementary. To become a mentor, go to www.leonschools.net. On the home page, click on Community, then Volunteer Program Services. Scroll down to Sign-up Genius and register for a date to attend a mentor training session. Complete the Volunteer Application and click Submit. Questions? Contact Meg Guyton at 443-4175.

This Week at Saint Paul's

Monday, July 15

9:00 am Vacation Bible School/All Rms

6:30 am Trustees/310

Tuesday, July 16

9:00 am Vacation Bible School/All Rms

7:00 pm Se'lah/CR

Wednesday, July 17

8:00 am Prayer Group/WR

9:00 am Vacation Bible School/All Rms

6:30 pm Knitters & Crocheters/311

Thursday, July 18

9:00 am Vacation Bible School/All Rms

6:30 pm MESS Women's Group/Offsite

Friday, July 19

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Vacation Bible School/All Rms

Saturday, July 20

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 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: \$436,512.00 Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00
 Income to date: \$430,616.00

Actual Income:	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
	\$12,704.00			

July 7 attendance: 9:30: 213 Sunday School: 76

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

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