

OCTOBER 2019

# the EPISTLE



Dear Friends,

I want to bring you up to date on some staffing changes that we are making at Saint Paul's UMC. This past spring and summer, the Staff Parish Relations Committee took a hard look at our staffing and did some research on ratio of staffing to worship attendance. It is no secret that our worship attendance, and our operating budget, has declined, and the size of our staff has not changed along with that. Because of this reality, we have made the following changes.

1. The Assistant Sexton position has been reduced to a 20 hour/week position beginning January 2020.
2. The part-time Facilities Coordinator position will not be filled, and duties of that position are being assigned to the Church Administrator and the Church Secretary.

At this time, these are the only two changes that we will be making, unless budget warrants otherwise. While this change does bring us a little bit closer to a healthy staff ratio, it does not close the gap, and it may be possible that there will be further changes in the future.

I want to say thank you to the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the larger Governing Board for their careful and compassionate work. Your leadership is strong, and I know you are appreciative of the time and energies they expend on behalf of this church.

Along with the staffing changes, there will be some procedural changes, especially as it relates to how we process requests for checks and other vendor payments. We are currently working to finalize these procedures and train all necessary folks on the changes. In the next several weeks, we will be working hard on putting together a sustainable budget for 2020, and, along with our stewardship campaign for next year, will try to give you an accurate idea of where we stand financially and missionally as a church.

In the meantime, please continue to be faithful in your support of Saint Paul's UMC as we live into this new reality for our church. Your presence, your prayers, your gifts, your service and your witness are all vital parts of truly being the church that God calls us to be.

Blessings and peace,

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## *The Universal Christ* Richard Rohr

Our next Wednesday night class will be a discussion of Richard Rohr's book, *The Universal Christ*. The discussion will begin on **Wednesday, October 2 at 6:15 p.m.** in the Chapel and will continue through November 20.

A copy of the book may be purchased in either hard copy or kindle version on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and the schedule of discussions is as follows:

**October 2:** Introduction;  
Chapters 1-2

**October 9:** Chapters 3-5

**October 16:** Chapters 6-7

**October 23:** Chapters 8-9

**October 30:** Chapters 10-11

**November 6:** Chapters 12-13

**November 13:** Chapters 14-15

**November 20:** Chapters 16-17;  
Summary

Please feel free to join us for any or all of these discussions. We will utilize a mixture of discussion and contemplative practices related to the book material that are suggested by Richard Rohr.

# OCTOBER events

## GRIEFSHARE

Saint Paul's GriefShare class will meet Wednesdays, **October 2 through December 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in room 302** Cost is \$15.00. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a loved one or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. The class will be lead by Andra Cornelius. To register call the church office, 385-5146.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RUTH CIRCLE

**Tuesday, October 8, 10:00 a.m.**

The Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, October 8, at 10:00** in the **Parlor**. Our speaker will be Cara Fleischer, chairman of Saint Paul's Creation Care. Come hear what she has to share with us about Creation Care and the many projects in which they're involved. Remember we are still collecting "Thinking of You" cards to give to the residents at Miracle Hill Nursing Home. If you would like to sign the cards you can write a little note and then sign it "Ruth Circle, Saint Paul's United Methodist Church". We have been told that the cards are a true blessing to the people who live there. If you've not attended a Circle meeting for a while, or if you've never been, we hope you'll come join us. All women of the church are welcome. For more information contact Peggy Harter, 878-1343.

## HELLO HAPPY CAMPERS

Cooler weather is just around the corner and what a perfect time to explore the great outdoors with your church family! We are camping at **East Bank Campground, October 11-13**. Cost- \$35 per person with a family max of \$90. Register NOW online. We always have a fun time together. <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/ministries/fun-fellowship/> Contact Jill Merryday, 385-5146, for more details.

Upcoming Fun and Fellowship Dates:

**November 15 & 16**

Crafty Crops

**November 24**

Thanksgiving Dinner

**December 14**

Breakfast with Santa

## KNITTERS AND CROCHETIERS

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

Knitters and Crocheters meets on **Wednesdays in Room 311**. We have several projects we are working on and all are welcome. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we will gladly teach you. You are never too old or too young to learn.

## GATHERING TO PRAY

God is 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!

## THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH & LEARN

**Thursday, October 17, at 11:30** in **Sanders Hall**. Our speaker will be John Gladden, College Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. John also organized a ministry for Tallahassee coaches and an Endurance Ministry for athletes. Call the office to RSVP by Tuesday, October 15. Lunch is \$7.00 at the door.

## NEW COUPLES STUDY

*I Said This You Heard That: How Your Wiring Colors Your Communication* by Kathleen Edelman and will be led by Mike and Malena Allison starting **October 16 at 6:30 p.m.** If you've ever said the wrong thing (or said the right thing the wrong way) you know how quickly your mouth can make a big mess. But it doesn't have to be that way. This six-session video study explores how your wiring affects what you say, how you listen, and how others hear you. And you'll see how advice from the apostle Paul thousands of years ago may have held the secret all along. Please sign up on the website and childcare too!

## OCTOBER CRAFTY CROP

Get out of the heat and enjoy our fellowship for women beginning **Friday night, October 18, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.** and continuing **Saturday, October 19, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Bring your projects, a covered dish, and enjoy the fun and friendships! For more information contact Jill Merryday.

## NOVEL CHATS

**Thursday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.**

Saint Paul's Book Club meets in the **Chapel**. 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 *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Everyone is welcome.

## 15th ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT A Community Outreach

Join us **Sunday, October 27, 5:00 p.m.** for our fun, family-friendly community-wide event. **Trunk set-up will be at 4:00 p.m. Trunk or Treating will begin at 5:00 p.m.**

# CREATION *care*



## TGFA COMING TO SAINT PAUL'S THURSDAY OCTOBER 3

Tallahassee Green Faith Alliance brings people of faith together to grow in community as good stewards of the earth, and stand as one for clean air, water, and land. On **Thursday, October 3** from **11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** the interfaith group will meet at Saint Paul's to hear about our Creation Care ministry and for a tour of the garden and facility. All are welcome to attend. Meet in the Parlor for light refreshments and interesting conversation. Contact Cara Fleischer at [Cares4Creation@gmail.com](mailto:Cares4Creation@gmail.com) with questions.



## MOSAIC GARDEN REBUILD

**Saturday, October 19, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

Coffee and donuts! Start your weekend with a workout in the garden for a good cause. Our Green Team needs your help preparing the garden for our fall planting by adjusting and leveling the blocks. Many hands make quick work! Bring gloves, shovels, and levels. Contact Cara Fleischer at [Cares4Creation@gmail.com](mailto:Cares4Creation@gmail.com).

## OCTOBER ECO-TIP:

### Remembering St. Francis of Assisi

In the United States, we celebrate the life of St. Francis on October 4. He was known for his love of nature and helping the poor, and is the Patron Saint of Animals. This October, let's honor St. Francis by trying some of these ideas:

- \* Set up a bird feeder, bird bath, or native plant to feed the birds in your backyard.
- \* Help St. Francis Wildlife pick up hurt animals at local vets and drive them to their hospital in Quincy.
- \* Join The Tallahassee Museum and bring children with you to walk through the woods to see the animals.
- \* Donate old blankets and towels, dog and cat food, or money to the Leon County Animal Shelter.
- \* Join the Gulf Specimen Aquarium and volunteer to help with the turtle releases.
- \* Support Be The Solution Spay & Neuter nonprofit by donating your unwanted, good quality items to The Fix Thrift Store.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Jennifer Carden, Jean Holzapfel
- 2 Karen Hahn, Phil Hahn,
- 3 Nell Kelly, Janie Knight, Page Powers
- 4 Parker Keaton
- 5 Adelaide Fischer, Blaze Lariscy, Ben Spivey, Erin Trammell
- 6 Elizabeth Fugate
- 7 Sandy Barlow, Susan Hubbard, Cheryl McFarland
- 8 Erica Helton, Jean Whiteside
- 9 Kay Frederick, Stephany Bryant Nystrand, Jules Riesen, Joyce Thomas
- 10 Norma DeRuyter, Nicole McDermott
- 11 Anelise Baldwin, Camden Baldwin, Julie Letchworth
- 12 Carole Beckham, Eva Benton, Diane Hughes, Lillian Reese, Lamont Wynn
- 13 Elizabeth Okoli, Cara Thacker
- 14 Terry Broadway
- 16 Connie Becker, Will Burks, Andrew Cox, Mary Neel
- 17 Elizabeth Simmons
- 18 Peggy Benton, Bob Frye, Susan Powers
- 20 Jaston Herndon
- 21 Michael Dobson, Gary Eggebraaten
- 22 Bud Brown, Sarah Griffith, Jim Pfof, Ernie Racine
- 23 Michael Wilhoit
- 24 Robert Abels, Del Hughes
- 25 Malena Allison
- 26 Lori Abbey, Charlene Doud, Debra Eggebraaten, David Gill, Tiffany McNabb, James Sauls
- 28 Kristin Kline
- 29 Ben Heinzinger, Linda Pelc, Lynn Shoffstall
- 30 Julia Ferris, Kay Fussell, Ardrue Hughes, Trey McNabb, Rick Miller, Danny Thomas
- 31 Beth Harwood



# YOUTH *rooted*

Autumn is my FAVORITE season, and I am so excited to spend it in Tallahassee this year, where the leaves actually change colors (from what I am told). This month we will be having another fun trip on the Monday that the public schools have off, October 14. We will spend the afternoon at Urban Air and Regal Cinemas. The total cost will be \$35, and we are asking for youth to meet us there. Let us know if you need a ride. Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches and movie schedules are posted.

We are also helping with Trunk-or-Treat on the 27th, so there will be no ROOTED that night, but make sure to come out and support this community event. There will be no ROOTED on the 13th because of the Family Camping Trip.

Our topic for the month will be UNAFRAID. We will be exploring the things we are afraid of, and how our faith can give us courage to face whatever life brings.

<>< Rev. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor

## SUNDAY EVENTS

**9:45 a.m.** Youth Sunday School  
in room 211

**4:30 p.m.** Youth Choir in the Choir  
Room

**5:15 p.m.** ROOTED Sunday Nights  
Dinner, games, and community. We meet in the newly renovated youth area on the 200 level. Enter at the glass doors by the basketball court.

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## YOUTH OCTOBER EVENTS

**October 13 - NO ROOTED** (Fall Family Camping Trip)

**October 14 - Monday Funday** 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Urban Air and Regal Cinemas at Governor's Square. Bring \$35.

**October 27 - NO ROOTED** (Trunk-or-Treat!)

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# United Methodist Women *at Saint Paul's*

This is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Methodist Women (UMW). We support programs in the United States and the world that benefit women, children and youth. We abide by the social principles and discipline of the United Methodist Church. Our vision is to turn faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. Funding for projects in the United States and around the world come from donations and our members Pledge to Missions. We fund nearly 100 national mission institutions in the United States alone. Even before women received the right to vote Methodist women were meeting in their homes and forming "missionary societies" to change the lives of women and children.

Saint Paul's, Circle of Ruth, is a dedicated group of 25 active women who support Miracle Hill Nursing Facility with Thinking of You and birthday cards every month. We support the Maryland Oaks Children at Easter with 50 pastel buckets stuffed to the brim with treats, toys and needed items. Within our Circle we have a talented group who knit and crochet and have made baby caps to give to the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Neo-natal Intensive Care unit, blankets for the children of the Madison Youth Ranch, hats and scarves for our Soul Food friends, baby blankets for new little ones being Christened in our Sanctuary and prayer shawls. These ladies provide joy and warmth with their gifts. We were honored to be made a Five Star Circle last year because we paid our Pledge to Mission in full and increased from the previous year. We also made a Special Mission Recognition Gift, a Gift to Mission, a Gift in Memory and a World Thank Offering.

We meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Parlor. Programs and guest speakers address issues on topics relating to women, children, our town, and our world.

# MUSIC

## at Saint Paul's

### Preschool and Toddler Music Groups

Our Children's and Music Ministries offer a unique opportunity for your young children. We have two groups which offer developmentally appropriate music learning experiences through singing, playing pitched and rhythm instruments, and creative movement. Both groups meet on Wednesday afternoons, 5:30-5:55 p.m. in our newly renovated Children's Ministries Bldg. The PreK 3-4 Group meets with Gaye Herndon, and the Toddler Group meets with caregivers under the leadership of Stephany Nystrand.

### SPARKS Choir

Our children's choir for Grades K-5, SPARKS Choir, meets in conjunction with our Wednesday after-school ministry. We invite all children in Grades K-5 to join us!

### Youth Choir

Our Youth Choir is going strong and getting ready to sing for our morning worship services in October. All 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join us! We rehearse on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:15 in the choir room. ROOTED Youth Fellowship immediately follows.

### Saint Paul's Dancers

Saint Paul's Dancers are a group of older elementary and youth-aged students with some dance experience who offer liturgical dance to our worship services and other events. If your young dancer is interested in serving in this ministry contact Stephany Nystrand ([stephanymusictherapy@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanymusictherapy@yahoo.com))

### Handbell Choir

Our Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We're looking forward to ringing with other bell choirs in the area for the annual Ring in the Season on Saturday, December 7, at First Baptist Church, Tallahassee.

### Worship Band

The Worship Band leads the 8:30 a.m. service once a month and rehearses as needed, accommodating the schedules of the band members. We lead the congregation in worship with a wide variety of styles including contemporary Christian songs, restyled classic hymns, praise songs, bluegrass gospel, and modern hymns. Instrumentation includes keyboard, guitars, percussion, banjo, violin, and singers. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, contact [gaye@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:gaye@saintpaulsumc.org).

# MISSION

## ministries

### MANNA ON MERIDIAN

Bagging for Manna **Monday, October 14, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Distribution **Saturday, October 19, 8:00-10:00 a.m.** Both at Faith Presbyterian. Contact Charles Hubbard, [chazhub55@gmail.com](mailto:chazhub55@gmail.com).

### BUNK BED BUILD

Saint Paul's and Sleep In Heavenly Peace will hold a 15 bed, bunk bed build **Saturday, November 9**. Registration will start at 8:45 a.m. and the build at 9:00 a.m. No skills necessary, only a desire to get kids off the floor and into beds. Sign up at [www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org). Come make SHP's motto a reality: "NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN."

### SOUL FOOD

**Bagging: Wednesday, October 23 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Distribution: Saturday, October 26 - 9:30 a.m.**

Donations are now being accepted in room 308. Accepted items: light-weight shirts, T-shirts, jeans, underwear, socks, tennis shoes, shorts, sunglasses, reading glasses (any strength), razors, shaving cream, deodorants, toothbrushes and toothpaste, all types of toiletry items. Regular sizes are acceptable, except for liquids (which should be small sizes). Thank you to everyone who is currently participating in this much-needed ministry. Contact Jo Ellen Brown at [brown.joellen@gmail.com](mailto:brown.joellen@gmail.com) for more information.



# FAMILY events

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**9:45 - 10:45 a.m.**

If your child is age two or older,  
we have a **Sunday School** class for them!  
Join us every Sunday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

*Join us in our*  
**NEWLY RENOVATED CHILDREN'S WING:**  
**Nursery - Room 203**

**Two Year Olds - Room 201**

**Preschoolers - Room 202**

**Kindergarten through 5th Grades - SPARKS 100**

## SPARKS WEDNESDAY

We are having an amazing time in our midweek **SPARKS** on Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. We are learning about Heroes of the Bible with art activities, fun experiments, music, and Bible lessons too! Children are welcome to join us anytime! Drop off begins at 3:00 p.m. and often parents are dropping off until 3:30 p.m. after school. Check it out on the **SPARKS** page under Children's Ministries on our web site. We are so grateful for our wonderful **SPARKS TEAM**: Margot Almond, Emily Andrews, Stephany Bryant Nystrand, Kambea Chan, Kristin Corbin, David and Susan Gill, Gaye Herndon, Kirsten Henrickson, Jessie Perry, and Bridget Weisbrod.

## 15th ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us **Sunday, October 27, 5:00 p.m.** for our fun, family-friendly community-wide event hosted by our entire Saint Paul's church family! Plan now to decorate your trunk, truck beds or SUV/minivan... even dress up if you like (no really scary or gory costumes, please) and give out candy to the children! Hot dogs, costume contests, Kona Ice, and trunk awards are some of the highlights! **Trunk set-up will be at 4:00 p.m. Trunk or Treating will begin at 5:00 p.m.** Adults are requested to sign-up your "trunk" by contacting Jill in the church office or <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/c4600a>. This is a great way to meet and greet many of our families and invite new friends to join us at Saint Paul's. Let's fill our parking lot! **CANDY COLLECTION** will begin 2 weeks ahead of our event in the narthex bins. **THANK YOU!**

## WELCOME BRIDGET WEISBROD

Saint Paul's is happy to announce that **Bridget Weisbrod** will be joining the **TEAM** as our Nursery Director. She is currently a part of the nursery staff, working with PMO and will be adding duties to lead our new nursery. Bridget attends the Place of Welcome Sunday School and is a member of MOPS.

## MOPS at SAINT PAUL'S

We have a terrific team of **GRANDMOPS** AND **GRANDPOPS** who come together every 2nd and 4th Thursday to support our MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). Please let Jill Merryday know if you are willing to be a substitute if needed! On October 10 the MOPS mamas will be working on a wood craft project, and on October 24 we hope to have a comedian! Please continue to pray for the 60 mamas who come together at Saint Paul's for nourishment, rest and encouragement as she helps to raise her little one!

## 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.

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Starting October 1 ~ Ages 1-4**

## PMO

### SAINT PAUL'S PARENT'S MORNING OUT

Saint Paul's Parents Morning Out Ministry has operated for over 20 years! PMO is Saint Paul's ministry to parents of young children. The program includes free play, a weekly music class, crafts, playground time and snacks. We provide our morning care program for children ages 1 to 4 years from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You choose how many days a week, either Mondays, Wednesday, or Fridays or all three days. We closely follow the traditional school calendar September – May. The cost is \$65/month for each day of the week your child attends. (\$130/month for two days, \$195/month for three days) and \$100 Registration Fee.

If you are interested in finding out more about our PMO Ministry, please sign up on the website, or contact Jill Merryday, Director of Children's Ministries, 385-5146.

# CONGREGATIONAL *Care*

## CARE LIST

### SHORT TERM:

Bob & Yvonne Brownlie, Edna Brownlie, Carolyn Drake, Garrett Farrell, Elizabeth Foder, Maria & Melissa Garcia, Madelyn Duggar, Daniel Gill, Helen Keaton, The Jaeger & Sanders families, Karen James, Wayne & Carol Matthews, Greg Nanigion, family of JoAnn O'Keefe, Marcia Polischuck, Bob Richardson, Amy Ross, Rob Ruskin, Nancy Schildt, Ray Schwartz, Gretchen Scoggin, Frances Stiles, Dick & Doris Sublette, Dianne Taylor, Colin Ward, Emily & Jacob Warner, Barbara Zirps, new members, construction workers repairing our facilities, those who grieve, families hurt by tornadoes and flooding.

### LONG TERM:

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, Helen Keaton, Robert Kennedy, Dottie Melton, Jack Pelham, Ruth Riley, Audrey Robbins, Dot Roberts, Terry Shoffstall, Ben and Betty Spivey, Norma & Pam Strickland, Melanie Tredik, Alzheimer's Project, lay teams, pastors, homebound members, those serving in the military, hurricane victims, Jail & Prison Ministry, violence in Tallahassee, mission ministries of Saint Paul's, our sister churches (Yaguaramas Methodist Church in Cuba, Soisson Church in 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 OCTOBER

10/2 - Cheese Ravioli Lasagna

10/9 - Chicken Cordon Bleu

10/16 - Shepherds Pie

10/23 - Baked Spaghetti

10/30 - International—German

## IN PRAYER AND SYMPATHY

For the family and friends of JoAnn O'Keefe, who passed away September 8 in Tallahassee.

## OUR STAFF AND EMAILS

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### Kitchen Coordinator

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Children's Ministries Assistant

Kambee Chan

### Sexton

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### Sexton Assistant

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## OUR BISHOP

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## OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

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## OUR MISSIONARIES

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### 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



When Ryan and Kristin Kline returned to Saint Paul's, the church they grew up in, they made a decision to tithe.

"I remember asking, 'Are you sure we can do that and still put food on the table?'" Kristin recalls. "And Ryan replied, 'Yeah, we'll make it work.'"

And they always have. Almost immediately, they made arrangements for 10 percent of their earnings to be automatically withdrawn from their bank account. They love the convenience and ease of that feature, although sometimes they wonder if people notice a young couple who never contributes during offering time.

"It's awkward to pass a plate and not put anything in it," Ryan said, "but, at the end of the day, what other people think doesn't matter."

Kristin is a high school teacher and Ryan does graphic design and website creation, as well as coaching the FSU co-ed cheer team. They're not "rolling in riches," but they are proud to set an example of consistent giving to their children, 6-year-old Ryan and 2-year-old Coraline.

"At the end of the day we're pretty lucky," Kristin said. "We've got a nice house, there's food to eat — and a lot of people don't. We use it as an example to the kids to say, 'It's important to take care of others.'"

"Giving money to the church feels like a safe way to give back," Kristin said. "Somehow, God provides. That should be the message."

#**BEGIN**   
**With**  
**LOVE**

Commitment Sunday is November 17, 2019