

JUNE 2024

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FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE · JUNE 6-8, 2024 · LAKE LAND, FL

ANNUAL CONFERENCE— JUNE 6-8

Please be in prayer for all those who will be attending the Florida Annual Conference. There are many wonderful things happening in the United Methodist Church and we are excited for all the work that will be done.

We are especially excited to celebrate along with our own Pastor MaryAnn as she will be ordained during this conference. Saint Paul's is blessed to have her with us and we ask that you keep her in prayer as she takes this next step in her ministerial journey.

JUNE CALENDAR

- June 2 Reception for Simon Webb, after combined service, Sanders Hall
- June 3-7 Extreme Explorers
- June 4 Alzheimer's Lunch 11:30am, Parlor
- June 6 Circle of Support, 10:00am, Parlor
- June 7 Crafty Crop, 4:00pm, Parlor
- June 8 Crafty Crop, 10:00am, Parlor
- June 11 Congregational Care, 10:30am, Room 326
- June 15 Manna on Meridian, 8:00am Faith Presbyterian Church
Date Night, 5:00pm
- June 18 Alzheimer's Lunch 11:30am, Parlor
- June 19 BBQ dinner/Juneteenth Program, 5:15, Sanders Hall
- June 20 Circle of Support, 10:00am, Parlor
- June 24-28 VBS, 9:00am-12:15pm
- June 24 Governing Board, 6:30pm, Room 327
- June 29 Soul Food Distribution, 9:30am, Lake Ella

JUNE events

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Join us every Sunday evenings for *Grace After Dark*, our Contemporary Worship Service, in Sanders Hall. This service will now begin at 6:00pm. All are welcome to come.

MEN'S READING COMMUNITY

The Men's Reading Community meet **every Tuesday** from **8:30 - 9:30 a.m.** at Ology Brewing Company, 2910 Kerry Forest Parkway, Unit 8 for breakfast. This gives us an opportunity to gather and fulfill the mission, vision, and discipleship strategy of the church by being a faithful group of disciples.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact David Gill, davidmurraygill@gmail.com, or Nic Fugate, ndfugate@gmail.com.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith will not be meeting during the summer. They will resume in September and all women of the church are welcome to join! Please keep an eye out for details and you can contact Peggy Harter if you would like any more information. 850-339-1356 or harterp97@gmail.com

CRAFTY CROP

Join us for Crafty Crop with some fun gal-friends **June 7 and 8** in the Parlor! Bring your projects and table space will be provided. The fellowship begins on **Friday at 4:00 p.m.** You may leave your projects all set up to continue the fun on **Saturday at 10:00 a.m.** Any questions and/or to sign up, contact Jill Merryday (850-443-9428).

PHOTOS FROM CREATION CARE SUNDAY



CREATION *care*

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED



You are planted here in Tallahassee at Saint Paul's UMC, but you are also planted in many other places: among your work colleagues, your neighborhood, your child's school PTO, a garden club, book club, exercise group, your sports fan buddies, and more. These are your circles of influence. It's time to bloom for the sake of God's sacred planet and beloved inhabitants. One of the best ways is to talk about the Earth and what YOU are doing to help. Saint Paul's Creation Care Team planned the worship service for Earth Day, April 22, to start the conversation. What kind of world will you leave our children? Here are a few ideas to share with the people in your circles of influence:

1. Shop for food locally at farmers markets. Reduce the carbon emissions that come from shipping food long distances. Also, more grocery stores now have fresh produce NOT wrapped in plastic! Choose those. Compost those food scraps while you're at it!

2. Speaking of carbon, loss of trees due to clear-cutting and destruction of our rainforests negatively impacts God's systems for capturing carbon. Our forests and oceans absorb more carbon than they release. The older the tree, the greater its potential to store carbon and slow climate change, another good reason to preserve our beautiful oaks. Think about planting a new tree in honor of Earth Day this year. It's never too late!

3. Here's a little something you can do today to save water: reuse a plastic bottle to decrease the water wasted in flushing a toilet. Fill the bottle with sand or pebbles, cap it and put it in the tank. An average home can save about 5 gallons of water every day. There is a limited supply of water on this Earth.

4. Whatever you do to care for God's creation and for justice is important. With voting season upon us, vet your candidates for their commitments to address climate change-related issues, especially justice for those most adversely affected.

What will YOU do?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Susan Spencer, Rick Wright
- 2 Mary Dekle, Phyllis Young
- 3 Joe Helton
- 4 Kathryn Oswalt
- 5 Holger Amort, Karen Kline, Janice Nash
- 6 Mary Carefoot, Michelle Fugate, Don Porterfield, Iris Weisbrod
- 7 Abigail Courtemanche, Mac McRae, Laura Underhill
- 8 Nikki Abels, Lanette Burton
- 9 Millie Byford, Bryan Doxsee
- 10 Chioma A. Okoli
- 11 Ryan Andrews, Joy Miller
- 12 Matt Hauer, Donna Peacock
- 13 Dale Nute, Wanda Pierce, Andrew Rios, Randy Willis
- 14 Richard Atherton
- 15 Liam Hatfield
- 16 Adam Brown
- 17 James Peacock, Kevin Scott, Thomas Snuggs
- 18 Finnegan McFarland
- 20 Emily Andrews, Ronnie Cain
- 21 Chris Muire
- 22 Carol Broadway, Angela Perry
- 23 Jacob Alexander, Robert A. Croft Rhonda Shantz
- 24 Brooks Baldwin, Kathy Barber, Gordon Bowman III, Anne Marie Clark, Caroline Cox, Jonathan Rios
- 26 Ryan Kline, Michaela Miller
- 27 Russell G. Pate, Gail Quinton
- 28 Courtney Thacker
- 29 Lillian Droessler, Cara Fleischer Ella Waltz
- 30 Gaye Herndon

MISSION ministries

MANNA ON MERIDIAN

There have been many changes in the Manna building over the last few months. A wall has been removed to create a more open and flexible space, rooms have been painted, and shelves have been added. All of these improvements have increased our efficiency.

We have begun tracking volunteer hours in case we apply for grants, and last month 69 volunteers worked 274 hours. Thanks to all the Saint Paul's folks!!

In the first quarter of this year, we assisted nearly 3500 individuals from 1100 households with bags of groceries, produce and baked goods.

We continue to need your donations. In addition to cereal and soup we need one pound bags of rice and cans of black beans (not dry). These can be left in the office or room 308.

CAPITAL AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY

Capital Area Justice will be hosting a Justice Celebration on Tuesday, June 18th at Temple Israel at 6:00pm.

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is now



NOISY OFFERING

Our next 5th Sunday offering collection for Residing Hope (Methodist Children's Home) and the Madison Youth Ranch will be June 30th. Please begin saving your change and dollars for our noisy change offering. Our children really get excited running up and down the isles with their pails collecting your gifts. Thank you, Saint Paul's family, for your generosity.

UPDATE FROM MISSIONS

We will be living in the aftermath of the May 10th tornadoes for a while! In June we are seeking the Holy Spirit to guide our mission service to those who most need to know and experience God's love.

There will be many opportunities to help those whose lives and homes were upset by the tornadoes. If you have a need for help in cleaning or repairing your home and would like some helping hands, please call **Mr. Don Griesheimer, who is our Saint Paul's UMC local disaster response coordinator**, dgriesheimer@comcast.net, **850.567.0030**. Our district disaster coordinator, Rev. Rich Wilson, asked Saint Paul's to send volunteers Saturday, May 11 and 15 to help John Wesley deal with many fallen trees. Thanks to all those who came out and helped them get their church ready for their pre-school to re-open. There were also volunteers, an Early Response Team from Orlando and Gainesville who brought their chain saws to help on May 15. Here they are in action:



MUSIC

at Saint Paul's

As we move into the Summer season, Preschool Music Group, Kids@Art, Youth Choir, and Handbell Choir will be taking a break and resume in August for the start of a new season.

Our Youth Choir, alumni, music staff members, and several adult music ministry members will be attending the annual Church Music, Worship, and Arts Workshop/Music Camp sponsored by the Fellowship of Worship Artists, FL Chapter, at the Warren Willis Conference Center, June 10-15, where we will be immersed in all things related to worship, music, and the worship arts for an entire week. Several of our adult and college-aged attendees have leadership roles during the Workshop. We'll return home better equipped to do our part in the Worship and Music Ministries at Saint Paul's. We are grateful to those who supported our fundraising efforts, and would greatly appreciate your prayers as we learn and grow as worship leaders.

Covenant Chancel Choir: sings for the 11:00 a.m. (and occasionally 8:30 a.m.) services. This choir also presents and leads special seasonal services. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings, 6:15-7:15 p.m., in the choir room. A nursery/childcare is provided. If members want to sit with their families during worship, they leave the choir loft after the anthem. Contact Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs Director: prescottc1360@gmail.com

Se'lah: is an ensemble of adults who love to praise God through song but can't commit to singing in worship every Sunday. This group rehearses Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:30, in the choir room. They perform a variety of music and sing in a variety of places. This group sings once a month in worship and occasionally with the Covenant Chancel Choir for special occasions. They are currently preparing to present a Concert in the early fall. A nursery/childcare is provided. Contact Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs Director: prescottc1360@gmail.com

SUMMER

at Saint Paul's

SUMMER 2024!

Extreme Explorers Week

June 3-7 (rising 3rd-rising 5th graders)

Music Camp, Leesburg, FL

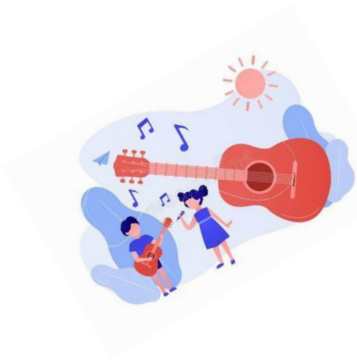
June 9-14 (5th graders through youth)

Vacation Bible School

June 24-28 (Kindergarten through 5th)

Warren Willis Summer Camp, Leesburg, FL

July 8-13 (3rd-12th graders)



WEDNESDAY nights

Our regular Wednesday nights take a break during the summer...but that doesn't mean that Sanders Hall will be empty all the time! Read below to check out our Wednesday Night offering in June...

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS AT SAINT PAUL'S

We can't go the whole summer without some Wednesday night fun! Mark your calendars for **June 19**. We will start with a BBQ dinner in Sanders Hall followed by a special program for Juneteenth. Please check out the Weekly Notes for more details.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Regular Wednesday dinners are on break for the summer. Check out the info below and make plans to join us in the fall!

On Wednesdays, the doors open at 5:00 and we serve food from 5:15 until 6:30. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Come and enjoy a home-cooked meal and visit with church friends. Dinner includes a salad, drinks and dessert. Kids meals are chicken nuggets, fruit and a cheese stick.

YOUTH rooted

SUMMER FUN FOR YOUTH

June 2nd-7th

Summer Kick Off ~ Get ready to kick off your summer in style! Summer Kickoff is back. We will be doing a mix of on campus and off campus events. It's going to be an incredible opportunity for fun and fellowship with fellow students.

June 10th - 15th

Music camp at Warren Willis

June 24th - 28th

VBS

VBS WISHLIST

Preparations for VBS are in full swing and we need lots of supplies to get it all done. If you are able to help donate, please check-out the VBS wishlist by scanning the QR code. We are so grateful for your helpful support!



DATE NIGHT

THIS MONTH'S DATE:
JUNE 15

Once a month we have a night where you can drop the kids with us and have a night out!

Time: 5 - 8 pm
Cost: \$25 for one child,
\$30 for two children,
\$35 for 3+ (per family)

Email Beth Wilde for more info
beth@saintpaulsumc.org



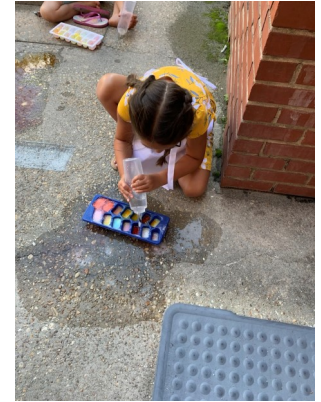
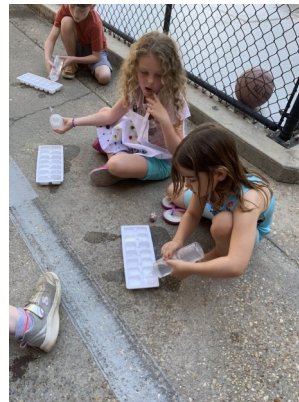


FAMILY events

This summer, we have **Sunday School** for all ages every week from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth and adult classes are also available. Our nursery is open to children 6 months- 5 years old all morning. Our elementary kids will meet in the Foundation room to learn, create, play and snack together.

SPARKS BLASTS INTO SUMMER

The last meeting of SPARKS happened on May 15th. We had so much fun creating, learning, and playing together. Our last day was all about celebrating everything we learned this year and then we made a few messes. Thank you to all the kids who came out, and the volunteers who made it possible. We especially appreciate Courtney Thacker, Debbie Eggebratten, Kirsten Almond, Casey Fernandes, Megan Mansell, and Kylea Verheyen. We couldn't have put this on without any of you!



Leslie Scott and Beth Wilde

**SAINT PAUL'S PARENTS MORNING OUT
& PRESCHOOL**

Contact Beth Wilde:
beth@saintpaulsumc.org

Flexible schedule!
Full days now available

12 months- 5 years
Currently enrolling for 2024-2025
We pride ourselves on offering
Friendship, Self Expression, Creativity, Music Enrichment, Yoga, Gardening and Pretend Play






Our Mission at Saint Paul's is to provide a safe and loving Christian environment for our community. A place where your child feels respected, confident, and supported to have fun, make friends, and learn in Christ's love.

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SUMMER SUNDAYS AT SAINT PAUL'S

9:30am Worship (combined service)
10:45am Sunday School for all ages
6:00pm Grace After Dark- Contemporary Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday - Closed

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