

St. Paul’s August 2024

Newsletter

*“I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.”* -Philemon 1:4-7

By the time you read this, I should have my toes in the sand and will be enjoying some much-needed rest. We have accomplished so much this year. The beginning of this year saw the beginning of our relationship with the Congregational Methodist Church. It has been such a blessing for us to be a part of the CMC. I attended both the Mid-Atlantic Annual Conference and the 48th General Conference of the CMC, and those are the best conferences I have ever been to. The worship was amazing, the speakers were inspiring, and the movement of the Holy Spirit was powerful. God has great plans for the CMC and for Saint Paul’s Church.

Here at home, the Executive Committee got up and running, and I can truly say that the church is in good hands. I am indebted to the members of that team and the love that they have for Jesus and for their church. While no transition is perfect, this one has worked out far better than I hoped, and that is a testament to all who serve in any capacity at Saint Paul’s and to the wonderful staff that we have assembled here. I am truly the least of these, and I swell with pride when I see faithful servants of Christ loving, fellowshipping, and worshipping our awesome God.

The Holy Spirit continues to bless us with new members, and I am overjoyed to see the new faces that have joined us in our worship and in our work for Jesus. Each new member is a precious addition to the Saint Paul’s Church family, and I urge you to join me in extending a warm welcome to them.

As the kids head back to school this month, we eagerly anticipate the return of more families to our church. This is a time when families not only start school, but also come back to church. Please join me in praying for them and making them feel welcome.

When I return from vacation, we will be starting a new two-week series titled How To Study The Bible. Reading the Bible is one thing. Understanding it's another. When you can do both, it's truly life-changing. God speaks to us through His Word, so let’s learn How to Study the Bible together in this new series. We will spend two weeks in Paul’s Letter to Philemon, and when we are done, we will all know how to study the Bible.

Peace,

Ryan

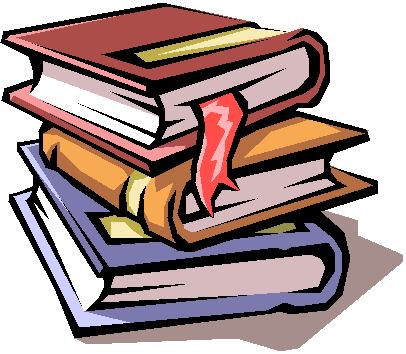
ATTN: IRA - REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD) ADVANTAGE

If you are at an age the requires you to withdraw from your IRA, you can take advantage of reducing taxable income as you contribute to the financial health of St. Paul’s. By having contributions paid directly to St. Paul’s from your IRA (not going through your hands) you can meet the requirement of taking the money from your IRA and not having to include it in your taxable income for the year. If you have questions, talk to Missy Huffer, or contact Sharon in our church office. You will be required to fill out paperwork with the financial institution that holds your IRA but the advantages of paying your tithes in this way is very worthwhile.



Upcoming Meetings

**Trustees Thursday, August 8th 6:00pm**



St. Paul’s Library

The library hours:

Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:30am  
Sundays - 9:30 - 10:00am and 11:00 - 11:30am

Welcoming New Members

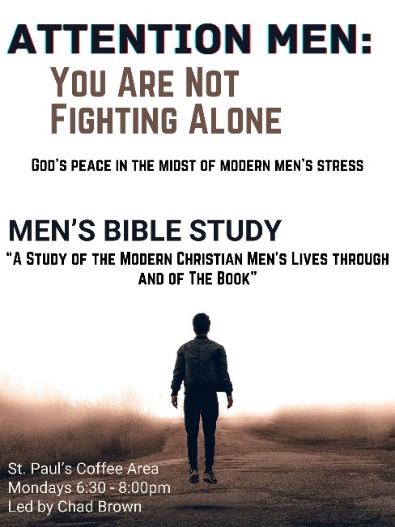
We recently welcomed the following into membership. We are so blessed to have them be a part of the St. Paul’s Church Family!

Pamela Landes

Jim Landes

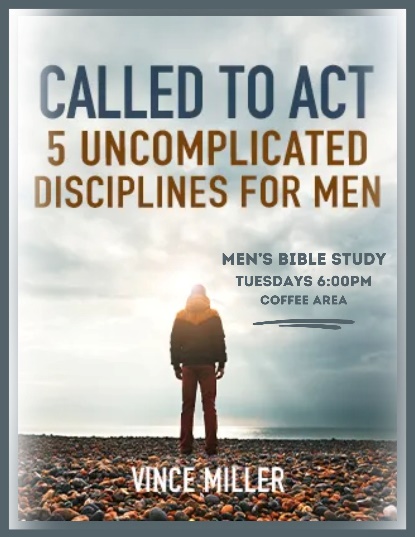
Betsy Brooks

Jim Brooks

Men’s Bible Study

Mondays 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Coffee Area, Led by Chad Brown

*Attention Men: You Are Not Fighting Alone*



Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Coffee Area

*5 Uncomplicated Disciplines for Men*



**Fall Church Luncheon**  
Mark your calendars for our Fall Church Luncheon, following worship service on Sunday, September 22nd. All are invited to attend! This will be a catered lunch and is a great chance for fellowship and to meet our newer members. More details to come!

Mowing Schedule

**Zero Turn Small Riding Mower**

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| **August** | 5 | Lyle | Bryan |  | **August** | 5 | Bryant | Jim |
|  | 12 | Jones | Bill |  |  | 12 | Harris | Doug |
|  | 19 | Cline | John |  |  | 19 | Walters | Robert |
|  | 26 | Chambers | Mark |  |  | 26 | Carver | Larry |

  
  
**Children's Clothing Drive**Serve is sponsoring a drive of children's socks, underwear, and pants sizes 5T-10 for North River Elementary School. The clothing will be used for students who have potty accidents at the school or who are simply in need. Underwear should be new, but socks and pants/sweatpants can be gently used. Please bring all donated items to the cross in the sanctuary during the month of August.

St. Paul’s Little People Preschool

It’s time to register for the 2024-2025 preschool year! St. Paul’s Little People Preschool has limited spots available in the 2 and 3 year old classrooms! [**stpaulslittlepeople@gmail.com**](file:///C:\Users\Joan\Downloads\stpaulslittlepeople@gmail.com)

**Preschool Teachers**  
St. Paul's Little People Preschool is hiring teachers for the 2024-2025 school year! Teaching positions would be 2-3 days a week from 8:30am - 12:30pm. If you're interested in applying or for more details, please contact (540) 490-1343

[**stpaulslittlepeople@gmail.com**](mailto:stpaulslittlepeople@gmail.com)

  
  
**Costume Jewelry**  
Serve will be hosting a costume jewelry table at the November Craft Fair. If you have items that you would like to donate, please bring them to church in September. Please note that unsold items will be donated to the Valley Mission Thrift Store. Thank you!

Fall Craft Fair

St. Paul’s Craft and Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 2, 2024

10:00-3:00 set-up at 9 AM

$25 includes a table and 6 x 8 indoor space (No garage sale items accepted.)

Only accepting 20 vendors. **Reserve your space by calling 540-886-2317 or emailing** [**serve@stpaulsstaunton.org**](file:///C:\Users\Joan\Downloads\serve@stpaulsstaunton.org)

No reservations accepted for baked goods as St. Paul’s will be hosting a bake sale.

August Rotation 2024

Thank you for serving!



**Liturgist**

August 4th: Courtney Houser

August 11th: John Cline

August 18th: Youth

August 25th: Sarah Graf

**Acolyte Schedule**

August 4th: Russell Brensinger & Daaven Oswald

August 11th: Ford Henry Young & Ava Parks

August 18th: Adrienne Graf & Daylie Oswald

August 25th: Carson Hall & Sage Fitzgerald

**Nursery Volunteers**

August 18th: Patty Bartley

Donations:

Valley Mission

Floor cleaner, dish soap, all-purpose bleach cleaner, and bleach

Marquis Memorial UMC Food Pantry

Canned vegetables and canned meat

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Glenn Oberholtzer for cleaning and trimming the courtyard.

– Tim Austin

Dear St. Paul’s friends, I wanted to thank you for the lovely flowers given in memory of Jean Bazzrea. She was a great friend so the flowers were extra special. – God Bless, Doris Hayes

Jim and I appreciate so much the prayers, cards, calls, emails, and flowers. My brother-in-law passed quietly into the care of our Savior. Your warm thoughts and prayers give us peace and comfort. - Mary & Jim Irving

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Prayer List

**PRAYER LIST:** Juanita May, Gail Smith, Cline Family, Brooks Family

**LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:** Helen Caldwell, Ray Pitsenbarger, Lori Dillon, Warren Grant, Mary Flint, Kay Clarke, Jerry Sheffer, Junior Conner, Emily Harlow, Frank Marks, Sharon Hirtriter, Evelyn Campbell, Betty Jackson, Gene Halterman, Eddie Trott, Emery Harper Kline

Anniversaries

FOWLER, Todd & Sarah 08/06

508 Wakefield Circle

Staunton VA 24401-2151

MINTER, Jay & Amanda 08/08

1023 Union Church Rd.

Churchville VA 24421-2222

DAVIS, Gene & Scottie 08/13

718 Hillcrest Dr.

Staunton VA 24401-1640

SWISHER, Denver & Debbie 08/24

368 Buffalo Gap Hwy

Churchville VA 24421

PAUL, Bob & Christine 08/26

302 Greenwood Rd.

Staunton VA 24401-1892

TRIPPEL, Chuck & Pat 08/30

2001 Parkersburg Pike

Swoope VA 24479-2443

Birthdays

FERGUSON, Sherry 08/04

288 Farmington Dr.

Staunton VA 24401

MORRISETTE, Anna 08/04

57 Overlook Road

Waynesboro VA 22980

DAVIS, Scottie 08/05

718 Hillcrest Dr.

Staunton VA 24401-1640

FLINT, Mary 08/06

129 Hunters Lane

Staunton VA 24401

MCGOVERN, Jackie 08/07

95 Hudson Ave.

Staunton VA 24401

HICKEY, Scott 08/08

160 Miller Farm Rd.

Staunton VA 24401

HERSHEY Jr., Burk 08/09

817 Old White Bridge Rd.

Waynesboro VA 22980-1587

SHIFFLETT, Cody 08/09

1215 Lebanon Church Rd.

Mt. Sidney VA 24467

TALIAFERRO, Linda 08/10

3160 Morris Mill Rd.

Staunton VA 24401

ELMORE, Shirley 08/12

85 Brindle Path

Staunton VA 24401-5476

FORSYTH, Dolores 08/12

44 Valley Mill Rd.

Swoope VA 24479-2448

HIRTRITER Jr., Max 08/12

182 Hunters Ln.

Staunton VA 24401-8986

CRABTREE, Caroline 08/13

95 Donovans Lane

Staunton 24401

MINTER, Jay 08/15

1023 Union Church Rd.

Churchville VA 24421-2222

CALDWELL, Cindy 08/16

1110 Preston Dr.

Staunton VA 24401-2063

LYLE, Kaden 08/16

173 Lime Kiln Rd.

Churchville VA 24421-2661

EARHART, Jack 08/17

12 Oak View Dr.

Staunton VA 24401-2175

SWISHER, Denver 08/17

368 Buffalo Gap Hwy

Churchville VA 24421

WENGER, Susan 08/17

300 Dryden Road

Churchville VA 24421-2107

ALLEN, Pamela 08/20

178 Montgomery Road

Staunton VA 24401

BISHOP, Rusty 08/20

55 Baldwin Lane

Staunton VA 24401

CRABTREE, Elsie 08/20

95 Donovans Lane

Staunton 24401

FLINT Jr., Bo 08/21

129 Hunters Lane

Staunton VA 24401

ALLANSON, Betty 08/24

175 Miss Phillips Rd.

Swoope VA 24479-2211

REID, Jim 08/24

301 Baldwin Lane

Staunton VA 24401

ALLANSON, Dylan 08/26

2436 Churchville Ave.

Staunton VA 24401-6271

EAGLE, Shirley 08/27

2107 First Street

Staunton VA 24401-2925

WEATHERMAN, Chuck 08/27

124 Baldwin Ln.

Staunton VA 24401-8900

BEATTY, Dave 08/28

499 Augusta Farms Rd.

Waynesboro VA 22980-9259

**St Paul’s Church**

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday June 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Jeanette Hull and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer.

Members Present: Ryan Oswald, Senior Pastor, Jeanette Hull, Chairwoman, Burk Hershey, Financial Chairman, Jacque Walters, HR and Recording Secretary, Clay Graham, Young Adults

Members At Large: Bob Paul, Margie Strickler and Angela Williams

Corporate Treasurer- Missy Huffer

Serve Committee/Church Member Present: Mary Flint

May Minutes reviewed with noted corrections made. Motion to approved made by Margie Strickler, seconded by Clay Graham.

Comments by Pastor Ryan:

Pastor Ryan attended the General Conference of the Congregational Church in Laurel MS with church member Jeff Young. The worship was powerful, presented by singer Natasha Owen. Dr. Gary McIntosh was the guest speaker who talked on the mission and vision of the church. Dr. Dennis Swanberg was an additional speaker who encouraged them to become “shade trees” because you never know who is going to sit under that shade tree, a very inspiring message. Dr. Ryan spoke on Thursday morning, the last morning of the conference. The President gave him a kind introduction and our Pastor chosen from one of the new churches in the Congregational District. The attendees were divided into committees. It was one of the best conferences he had attended. Pastor Ryan was asked to preach at a revival while he was there, in September. Next conference is in 2026. Expenses will be incorporated into the budget. Next year, 2025, there will be an

Annual Conference incorporating churches from South Carolina to Maine.

The Committee continues to work on the Mission, Strategies, Vision and Value of St. Paul’s Church. Members brought ideas to review and talk over.

Jacque Walters reported she had one member who was interested in facilitating a small group and the Pastor will be teaching a Basics of Faith class. She was going to facilitate a group herself, and members were going to be asked. She asked about implementing a “Welcome” to new members board with names and photos. Everyone was in agreement and this will be implemented asap. Margie Strickler agreed to be the photographer and Jacque will post them for the congregation. She also suggested a listing these new members in the Newsletter with their address so a welcome card could be sent by individual members. The church needs a St. Paul’s merchandise table in the narthex for new and existing members. This was tabled and will be looked at further.

Missy Huffer and Burk Hershey spoke of the June 23rd church vote to pay off the mortgage. Present mortgage payoff by the bank is $450,450.11 and this is quoted prior to another payment being made for June. Giving is down at this time. A sub-committee was talked about to be formed to look at the audit process.

Clay Graham reported that Mother’s Day and Memorial Day attendance was over 230, however, average attendance on most Sunday’s has been in the 160’s. Attendance pads are still being distributed.

Margie Strickler designed a questionnaire about some of the needs of the church. The Committee was to review and approve and this will be given out to members at the Congregational Meeting.

Angela Williams – No Report at this time.

Bob Paul, Trustee Liaison - Anything that needs attention regarding repairs in the church facility needs to be addressed to Tim Austin. Tax Exempt form for Lowes as well as other stores will need to be updated with the new tax-exempt information.

Mary Flint attended on behalf of the SERVE committee. She gave an overview of exactly who SERVE assists. It is the outreach mission of St Paul’s to help those in need, separating it from the wants of the community. She gave examples of what they are involved in, noting that this committee is not funded by the budget, but funded by the Easter Offering.

New Business:

Clay Graham asked if it would be beneficial to have a working committee meeting to make sure St Paul’s ministry structure and procedures aligns with the By-laws, Mission, Strategies, Vision and Values of the church. No specific date was made.

Having no other business, Pastor Ryan closed in prayer and dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacque Walters

Next meeting, Tuesday July 30, 2024 at 6:00pm.

