

The Epistle

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Dear Saints of St. Paul,

Grace and peace be with you all!

I write with immense gratitude for the outstanding support and dedication our congregation has shown in making this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) a wonderful experience. First and foremost, thank you to the volunteers who poured their time, energy, and passion into making this VBS a memorable experience. Your commitment to serving the children exemplifies Christian love by nurturing the faith in others.

Second, throughout the week, it was a blessing to be reminded of Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." His love and acceptance of children serve as a beautiful example for all of us. Why? Because kids are cute? No! Because kids are challenging, and curious, and messy, and loud, and rude, and sweet, and fun, and destructive, and everything, but most of all open to **the Word**. And guess what we have to offer them. Even when it's hard, or scary, or fun, or exhausting, or eye-rolling, or charming, or cute, it is truly God's work. That is what VBS is. Together, we strive to cultivate an environment where our young can meet Jesus – I hope and think we have.

And by teaching the children about God's



love and the principles of faith, we hope to equip them with a solid foundation to navigate life's challenges and grow in their relationship with God. Your support in this endeavor is truly a testament to the strength of our congregation and its commitment to nurturing the next generation. Together, we have planted small seeds of faith that will continue to grow and bear fruit in the lives of these children. May the love of Jesus continue to fill our hearts, and may we always be eager to welcome and support children, and all who Christ calls to himself, as he would have done.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tony



August 9th

6 PM

Our last mid-Summer (make-up) worship will be August 9th. The services is an informal gathering, held outside when possible, from 6-7pm. Bring some picnic items if you choose and we'll gather for a couple of songs, Scripture, preaching, prayer and communion.

All are welcome!

St. Paul Night at the Black Bears



Black Bears vs. Williamsport Crosscutters

August 27th 4 PM

\$12.50 per ticket

There is a sign up sheet in the church entryway

Wishing **Julia Brecht** a happy and blessed 95th birthday on August 3rd!



Sunday, August 6th

is the first Sunday of the month

Prayers for Healing
Sunday



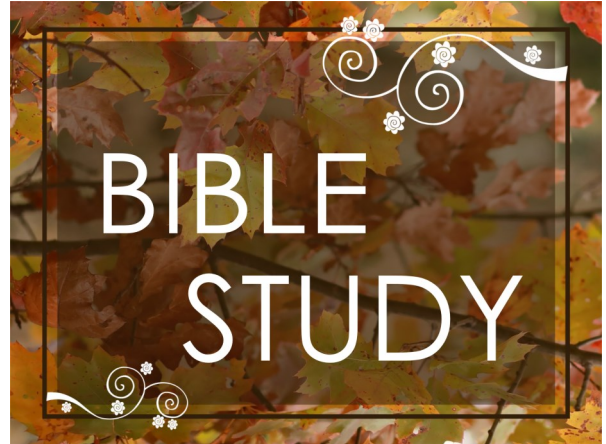
All who wish may come up to the rail after the service for prayers and anointing.



Sunday school begins with
Rally Day festivities on
September 10th



Midweek Bible Study returns!



Tuesdays at 10 AM
Beginning August 29th

Summer Social Thursday, August 3rd 6 PM



Burgers and dogs and fixings
provided by Council
Bring a side dish or dessert to share,
if able

Church COUNCIL

St. Paul Church Council met on Thursday, July 20th. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council voted to open a Thrivent MID CAP account for the purpose of investing our capitol project funds.
- A draft guideline for the Bereavement Committee is being reviewed.
- A request for use of the church grounds by Classical Conversations homeschool group.
- Work on the memorial cabinet is proceeding.
- Council voted to allow our FEMA insurance to expire.

A special meeting of the congregation was held on July 9th. The congregation approved proposed Project A: repair of the steeple and pillars and replacement of windows and lighting. The congregation also approved Project B: establishment of a capital fund and capital campaign for replacement of the HVAC system.



From the Piece Makers

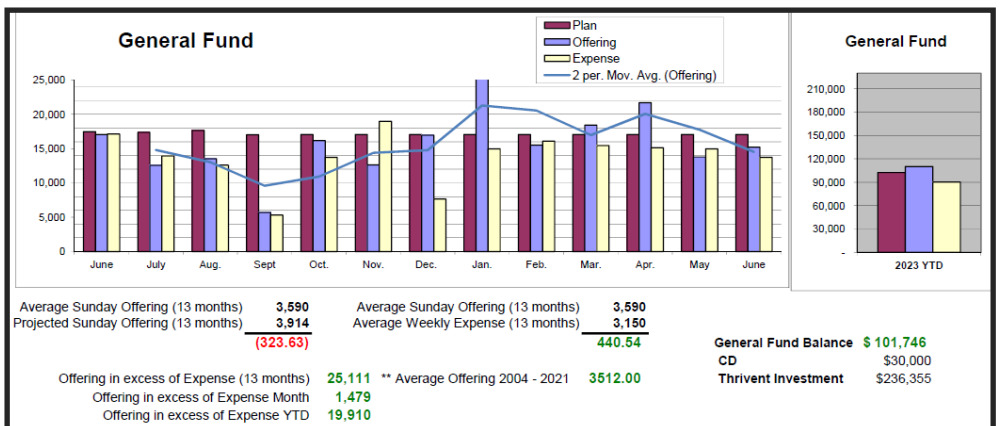


In July the Piece Makers took a week off so that those working for VBS could decorate the Fellowship Hall to look like Babylon. As decorated for Babylon the Fellowship Hall really looks fantastic! You must drop in and view it. After VBS is over, we will enter Morgantown's hot month of August. Come join us between 10 and 2 in the cool Fellowship Hall and joining us in making quilts to keep children warm at night so they can grow. We have lots of quilts to be tied and will teach you how to help us as we work and have as much fun as our youth had at the Babylon VBS.



Serving in August

SERVING ST PAUL August 2023	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	USHER	ACOLYTE	COUNTERS	BROADCAST
6th 10:00 AM	S. McEwuen	S. Setley	B. Graham	Sandolini	M. Suder B. Graham	C. Wertz
13th 10:00 AM St. Mary Mother of Our Lord	M. Sampson	S. Grimm	L. Springer	****	K. Shockley L. Stevens	S. Setley
20th 10:00 AM	M. Haas	L. Naumann	S. McEwuen	E. Naumann	S. Kirkpatrick L. Naumann	Peters
27th 10:00 AM	S. Woodruff	S. McEwuen	B. Graham	Setley	M. Boroff M. Peters	M. Boroff

Treasurer's report for June 2023





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School	2 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School	3 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School 6:00 PM Cookout	4 10:00 AM Piecemakers	5
6 10:00 AM Worship Service	7	8	9 6:00 PM Summer Worship	10 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	11 10:00 AM Piecemakers	12
13 St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord 10:00 AM Worship Service	14	15	16 	17 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 PM Council	18 10:00 AM Piecemakers	19
20 10:00 AM Worship Service	21	22 	23	24 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	25 10:00 AM Piecemakers	26 8:00 AM Lutheran Men At Eat'n Park
27 10:00 AM Worship 3:30 PM Circle of Friends 4:00 PM Black Bears Game	28	29 10:00 AM Bible Study	30	31 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers		

To add a name to the prayer list, please call the office at 304-599-0620.

There is also a book for prayer requests in the narthex (entry).

Please check the prayer list for names which you have submitted, and let the church office know if a person can be taken off the list. Names will be removed after they have been on the list for 90 days. Please contact the church office to reinstate a name.

Reminder: Deadline for September newsletter is August 21st!!!



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