

The Epistle

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Grace and peace be with you all! I hope this letter finds you well and filled with the abundant love of our Ascended Lord. As we head into summertime, I am happy to share some exciting news with you: St. Paul is now partnering with a new ELCA ministry venture called MomenToUs. Pastor Rebecca Grate, a friend of the congregation, WVU grad, and Charleston native is the shepherd of this digital community. Based in the Columbus, Ohio area, MomenToUs launched on Easter Sunday and is seeking to build a virtual faithful experience through weekly podcasting and social media, while offering occasional meet-ups for those located in central Ohio.

In a world that often seems chaotic and demanding, finding moments of peace and reflection is crucial for our spiritual well-being. MomenToUs is a platform that aims to provide exactly that—a sacred space where we can pause, contemplate, and draw closer to God in the midst of our busy lives. Pastor Rebecca's warm

and compassionate voice will guide us through various topics while sharing insights, personal experiences, and practical wisdom for applying faith to our everyday lives. Especially in times like Summer, when we can be less available to regularly attend Sunday worship, it can be good to have God's Word available in ways that meet our unusually busy schedules.

I encourage each one of you to subscribe to MomenToUs and make it a regular part of your spiritual routine. You can visit www.stpaulmorgantown.org/momentous to find out where and how to listen, and you can follow their social media @dailymomentous. Moreover, as part of this partnership, we look forward to Pastor Rebecca visiting us this upcoming Fall. I hope you find this resource a welcome addition to your continuing faith formation. I know I have. Happy listening!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tony

■ WORSHIP

SUMMER



Summer can be a busy time, and missing church here and there can be the norm.

This summer folks who are gone on weekends (or anyone who just wants a little more Jesus in their life) are invited to our mid-Summer (make-up) worship series. Services will be informal gatherings, 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 on four different Wednesdays this summer.

#1 - June 28

#2 - July 12

#3 - July 26

#4 - August 9

All are welcome!

Ascension Day



Prayers for Healing Sunday



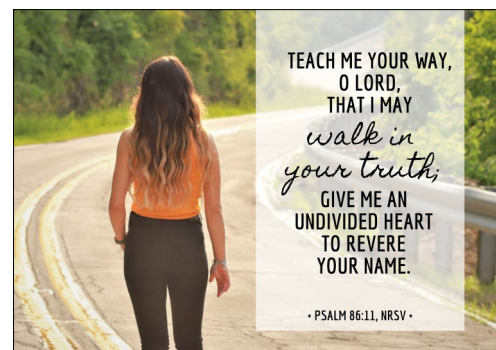
Sunday, June 4th

is the first Sunday of the month

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

Prayerful Walkers

Morning walks at the church will continue informally during the month of June. Anyone interested in walking the neighborhood is invited to gather at the church at 9am on Thursdays during the month. Pastor Tony may or may not be able to attend; all are welcome to walk together regardless.



Bereavement Committee

A big thank you to those who stepped up to prepare and serve the meal for Roger Toffle's family and their guests: Jan DeVault, Mary Haas, Carol Henry, Sally Kirkpatrick, Kris Kullman, Grethe Myles, Tamara Riegel, and Mary Ellen Smith."



In addition, thanks to those who have indicated that they are willing to work on a Bereavement Committee: Susan Barry, Jan Devault, Mary Haas, Carol Henry, Sally Kirkpatrick, Kris Kullman, Grethe Myles, and Tamara Riegel. Julie Sandolini and Grethe Myles have volunteered to be contact points for the committee. Any additional folks who are interested in contributing wisdom of experience or completely new ideas are very welcome! An organizational meeting is in the works. Please contact Julie, Grethe, or the office for information. Thank you.

Flower Beds

Thank you to all who have worked on the flower beds. We've spotted Julie Sandolini and Marie Graham out there on sunny days, and there may be others. It's a huge job; help is always welcome!

Save the Date!



Vacation Bible School

July 30—August 3

Sessions begin at 5 PM with a snack supper, followed by program 5:30-7:30 PM

This summer, travel with us to ancient Babylon and learn about Daniel's courage in captivity (and also three men with funny names and a fiery furnace)

For children in preschool through fifth grade

Registration forms are available at the church; or register online at stpaulmorgantown.org/vbs

We need volunteers!

If you can help with VBS this summer, please contact Joanne Seasholtz or Lindsey Naumann

Church COUNCIL

St. Paul Church Council met on Thursday, May 18th. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- Council approved repairs to the side door in the narthex for the bid of \$1866.60.
- Dates for summer cookout socials were set: June 22, July 19, and August 3 (in conjunction with VBS)
- Jennifer Reed and Zoe Williams were approved for membership

Christ in Our Home devotional books for July/August/September are now available at the church. Please contact the office if you would like a copy mailed to you.



Thank you to our families and teachers for a wonderful (first year back) of Sunday School. We will be back in early September!!!

Summer Social Thursday, June 22 6 PM



Burgers and dogs and fixings provided by Council

Bring a side dish or dessert to share, if able

Bring yourself, definitely!

Our New Members May 28, 2023



Left to right: Jennifer Reed, Zoe Williams, Bridgette Reed, Pastor Tony

From the Piece Makers



The Piece Makers thank you for your support by purchasing chances on the Tree of Life quilt. Three names were drawn for the quilts

at the end of the Pentecost Sunday's service. Renate Strakal (one of the original members of the Piece Makers), Patti Stouffer (my hairdresser), and B. Calhoun from Smithburg, WV who attended the WELCA meeting . The money will enable us to purchase batting for the remainder of the year. So again thank you for your support.

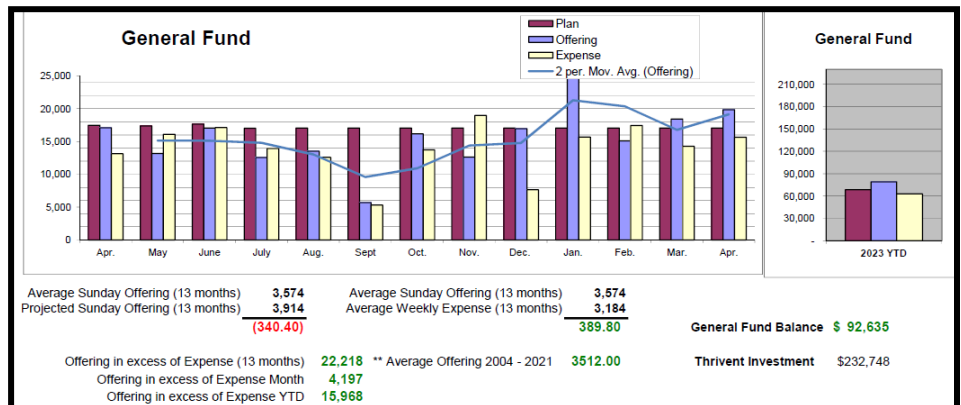
The Piece Makers meet on Fridays from 10-2 each week in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship is mixed with the quilting tasks. We invite you to join us.

Serving in



SERVING ST PAUL June 2023	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COUNTERS	BROADCAST
4th 10:00 AM The Holy Trinity	M. Haas	L. Naumann	D. Custer	E. Naumann	S. Kirkpatrick J. Seasholtz	Peters
11th 10:00 AM	S. Setley	S. Kirkpatrick	S. McEwuen	Sandolfini	D. Stiles J. Sandolfini	C. Wertz
18th 10:00 AM	M. Sampson	S. McEwuen	W. Graham	S. Setley	C. Henry M. Peters	S. Setley
25th 10:00 AM Augsburg Confession	M. Grimm	T. Riegel	L. Springer	***	K. Shockley W. Graham	M. Boroff

Treasurer's report for April 2023





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	2 10:00 AM Piecemakers	3
4 The Holy Trinity 9:00 AM Adult Class 10:00 AM Worship Service	5	6	7	8 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	9 10:00 AM Piecemakers	10
11 10:00 AM Worship Service	12	13	14	15 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 PM Council	16 10:00 AM Piecemakers	17
18 10:00 AM Worship Service <i>Camp Luther</i>	19 <i>Camp Luther</i>	20 <i>Camp Luther</i>	21 <i>Camp Luther</i>	22 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 6:00 PM Summer social cookout <i>Camp Luther</i>	23 10:00 AM Piecemakers <i>Camp Luther</i>	24 8:00 AM Lutheran Men At Eat'n Park <i>Camp Luther</i>
25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession 10:00 AM Worship Service 3:30 PM Circle of Friends	26	27	28 6:00 PM Summer Worship	29	30 10:00 AM Piecemakers	

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 July newsletter is June 22nd!!!



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