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The Epistle

News For The Weeks Of May 23, & 30, and
 June 6, & 13, 2022

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Return Services Requested

**Volunteers for May 22, & 29, and
 June 5, & 12, 2022**

Communion Assistants 06/05 Jean Ogden
 Nancy Bane

05/22 Connie Muzzy,
 Bob McFarland

Worship 05/29 Darrell & Judy Querin

Greeters 06/05 Jean Ogden, Lois Reinhardt
 06/12 Lillian Hudson, Linda Hamel

05/22 Deb Schumann
 05/29 Wanda Steele

Liturgists 06/05 Roland Smith
 06/12 Zach Davis

05/22 Fern Powell, Kay McBee
 05/29 Ben Graham, Austin Birch
 06/05 Bill & Bobbi Duncan
 06/12 Rick Harward, Peter Hamel

Ushers

05/22 Phil Womble
 05/29 Jim Hampton
 06/05 Guy Davis
 06/12 A.D. Page, Jr.

Sound System

05/22 Chris Boyett
 05/29 Bill Duncan
 06/05 Delton Vereen
 06/12 Peter Hamel

Offering Depositors

Altar Guild - May: Eileen Byers-Chair; Johnsie Page, Michele Bishop, Mary Page Yarborough, Amy Schanen, Nancy Curry; **June:** Linda Hamel-Chair; Page Candler, Chris Boyett, Kadi Traxler, Abby Graham, Bob Powell (Inactive)

The Pastor's Pen

I was so proud on Friday to attend the preschool year end "graduation" program. Two of our classes will be off to 5k next year. I've become accustomed to seeing their faces over the years and will be sad to see them go.

This has been a very difficult year for our preschool program. The various Covid regulations have made continuity a nightmare for the children, parents, and staff. With some angst and much patience, we have hopefully weathered the storm and come out stronger.

I have become aware over the past seven years that our preschool program is changing. What was once a half day program has evolved into much more. I reminded the Preschool Board that despite our name, we have become a day care program with a preschool element and an after school element. We are the primary daytime care givers for some families twelve months a year. Children and parents alike depend on us to provide secure, quality care for these most precious little ones. We are the stewards of one of life's most special gifts.

As we attempt to reach out in ministry to the community, we have found a greater need for what we provide. We have gotten used to greater demand for school year care. This year our demand for summer care has grown to the extent that the program will be expanding. The Preschool Board asked the Board of Stewards for permission to utilize the upstairs space in the gym for older elementary aged children. Approval was given and some sprucing up has already begun. This space will continue to be utilized by our youth, when needed. Now the space will be used five additional days a week for older children, including several of our Saint Paul kids. While this is a change, we can only celebrate our growing pains.

Speaking of youth, I am pleased to be spending Sunday afternoon with several of our youth for their confirmation class. We can look forward to receiving them into membership in the next few weeks.

Our demographic at Saint Paul is changing and we must be prepared to address these changes. Your continued support and patience are greatly appreciated as we seek to nurture persons of all ages in their walk with Christ.

See You Sunday,

Big John



Birthdays

May 21	Gordon Farley
May 24	Carrie Vereen
May 26	Robert Ezell
May 27	Nancy Rayner
May 29	Mary McFarland
May 30	Mark Bush
June 4	Deb Teagan
June 5	Chris Bartholomew
June 9	Peggy Grant
June 12	Doug Remeta
June 13	Amy Schanen
June 16	Kaylene Wilber, Candice Thomason
June 18	Ashley Cooksey
June 19	Sam Whitt
June 21	Teri Antonio-Librado
June 22	Debbie Whitt
June 23	Walt Ratliff, Dale King
June 24	Emily McFadden
June 27	Karen Harpe
June 29	Chip Steele, Dianne Connor
June 30	Connie Muzzy

Children & Youth Birthdays

May 24	Jason Lassiter, Bennett Wilson
May 26	Sylvia Bridges
June 18	Rob Metts

Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 6:30pm
Every Sunday	UMYF 4:30pm (unless otherwise noted)
Every Sunday	Pickleball in the Gym 1 to 3pm
2nd Sunday of Each Month	Blood Pressure Checks ~11:15 Room 104
2nd Monday of Each Month	Elsie Greer Circle 12:00pm-2pm - Poston Hall
3rd Monday of Each Month	Blanche Greer Circle 10:00am-12pm Poston Hall
3rd Wednesday of Each Month	Anne Ratliff Circle 10:00am-11:30am Room 103
1st & 3rd Friday of Each Month	Threads of Agape 10:00am-12:00pm Room 109
May 30	Memorial Day - Church Office CLOSED
June 20 - 23	Vacation Bible School

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on May 29th for the Glory of God by Guy and Nell Davis in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Altar Flowers are given on June 5th for the Glory of God by Kemp Sigmon in memory of Kathy P. Sigmon.

Altar Flowers are given on June 12th for the Glory of God by the Parrish Family in honor of Rev. John Warren and his service to Saint Paul UMC.

Altar Flowers are given on June 19th for the Glory of God by Sam and Debbie Whitt in honor of Sam's birthday and Father's Day.

Narthex Flowers are given on June 19th for the Glory of God by Sherrill and Barry Bland in honor of their 24th Wedding Anniversary.

Altar Flowers are given on June 26th for the Glory of God by Jack and Karen Moyer in memory of Karen's parents, Earl and Thelma.

Financials & Attendance

	<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>	
Received	\$11,715.50	\$5,845	
Non-Contributed	\$910	\$52,377.50	
Restricted	\$100	\$149	
Total	\$12,725.50	\$58,371.50	
Sunday School	44	43	
Worship Service	200	97	
	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>
Received	\$6,405	\$10,865	\$8,004
Non-Contributed	\$420	\$200	\$220
Restricted	\$567	\$1,403.18	\$180
Total	\$7,392	\$12,468.18	\$8,404
Sunday School	44	36	46
Worship Service	107	107	112

Memorial Day - Our Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day. We will return on Tuesday, May 31st. We hope everyone has a restful, safe and blessed holiday!

Vacation Bible School Coming!

June 20th through June 23rd

Pickleball: Several members of our church have begun learning and playing Pickleball! If you would like to join in, please come to the Gym between 1pm and 3pm on any Sunday! We have two courts set up. Don't worry about your skill level. We have all levels but mostly beginners! We're just having a good time!

Blood Pressure Checks: 2nd Sunday Of Each Month - Saint Paul UMC is, once again, offering free blood pressure checks in Room 104 on the 2nd Sunday of each month, following the Sunday service. What a great way to make sure our members are staying healthy!