



Saint Paul United Methodist Church  
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**The Epistle**

News For The Weeks Of June 20, & 27, and  
July 4, & 11, 2022

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*Return Services Requested*

**Volunteers for June 19, & 26,  
and July 3, & 10, 2022**

Communion Assistants	07/03	Bill Duncan Bobbi Duncan
Worship Greeters	06/19	Jim & Marian Hampton
	06/26	Peter & Linda Hamel
	07/03	Darrell & Judy Querin
	07/10	Lois Reinhardt
Liturgists	06/19	Fern Powell
	06/26	Lee Owens
	07/03	Paula Fernandez
	07/10	Wanda Steele
Ushers	06/19	Jay Hampton, Sam Foster
	06/26	Jay Hampton, Sam Foster
	07/03	Guy Davis, Delton Vereen
	07/10	Ray Parker, Phil Womble
Sound System	06/19	Don Wasness
	06/26	Phil Womble
	07/03	Guy Davis
	07/10	A.D. Page, Jr.
Offering	06/19	Rebecca Parrish
Depositors	06/26	Guy Davis
	07/03	Chris Boyett
	07/10	Bill Duncan

**Altar Guild - June:** Linda Hamel-Chair;  
Page Candler, Chris Boyett, Kadi Traxler,  
Abby Graham, Bob Powell (Inactive);  
**July:** Suzanne Seager, Mary Parker,  
Laurie Wilson, Sherrill Bland

**The Pastor's Pen**

Wow! Can it really be that seven years have passed since I arrived at Saint Paul? The time has gone by so quickly. I've finally managed to make everyone in the church happy. When I came, some were happy. Some were happy while I was here. Still others (hopefully not too many), will be happy when I'm gone. Say what you will about our itinerant system in Methodism. It does give us the built-in opportunity for change. You will soon have the opportunity to get to know a new minister and appreciate his gifts and graces for ministry. I commend you to his pastoral care.

Words cannot adequately express my feelings as I prepare for a new chapter in my life which will not include you as my congregation. The best I can do is say, "thank you" for a good and productive seven years. While there is much still to do, we have accomplished together some significant things. We have loved each other through good and bad. You've seen me through surgery on three different occasions. I've had the privilege of being with many of you at the most important times of your lives. Life and death have come our way and we have moved along together. You are a wonderful congregation whose ministry to the community and world are commendable. You are also terrific people with whom I have experienced great joy. Thank you.

As I move to retirement and Jeremy Howell begins his ministry at Saint Paul, I would remind you that I am no longer your pastor. If you need anything in that regard, please call Jeremy, not me. Jeremy and I have met and talked about the needs of the congregation. He knows what my weaknesses have been and is prepared to lead you forward, building on what we have been able to do. Marianne and I will spend the next couple of months settling in to retirement before a September cruise to Alaska. River Falls will continue to be our home at least for the foreseeable future. We look forward to bumping in to you from time to time. Don't look to see us in worship. The last thing Jeremy needs is me hanging around.

We still have a few days left together. I'll be saying goodbye with the hope our paths will someday cross again. It has been a pleasure to serve as your pastor.

Sincerely,



## Birthdays

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
July 1	Sherman Meek, Cynthia Godfrey, Jeff Ethington
July 9	Frances Maness, Riann Whitt
July 11	Rebecca Parrish
July 15	Marsh Milford
July 17	A.D. Page, Jr.
July 19	Veneal Williams
July 20	Larry Owens
July 21	Amy Birch
July 22	Allen Long, Mike Harpe
July 23	Marion Pittman, Tiffany Hampton
July 25	Gary Homer
July 27	Rhonda Hatchette
July 29	Johnette Smith, Remsen Parrish
July 30	Ballenger Cooksey

## Children & Youth Birthdays

June 18	Rob Metts
July 7	Morgan Traxler, Ford Traxler
July 17	Sydney Metts
July 26	Presh Gentry

## 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month	Blood Pressure Checks ~11:15 Room 104
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month	Elsie Greer Circle 12:00pm-2pm - Poston Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of Each Month	Blanche Greer Circle 10:00am-12pm Poston Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month	Anne Ratliff Circle 10:00am-11:30am Room 103
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month	Threads of Agape 10:00am-12:00pm Room 109
June 20-23	Vacation Bible School 9-12 Poston & Classrooms
June 26	Retirement Celebration for John Following Service ~11:15am Gym
July 3	Rev. Jeremy Howell's 1 <sup>st</sup> Service at Saint Paul UMC 10:00am
July 4	Church Office CLOSED
July 13	Board of Stewards Meeting 6:00pm Room 103

## Altar & Narthex Flowers

**Altar Flowers** are given on June 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Sherrill and Barry Bland in honor of their 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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

**Altar Flowers** are given on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Glory of God by Candice Thomason in memory of Bill Cook.

**Altar Flowers** are given on July 10<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Lillian Hudson in loving memory of her husband, Bill Hudson's, birthday.

## Financials & Attendance

	May 22	May 29
Received	\$7,759	\$5,417
Non-Contributed	\$200	\$720
Restricted	\$299	\$325
Total	\$8,258	\$6,462
Sunday School	31	30
Worship Service	93	120

  

	June 5	June 12
Received	\$11,466	\$7,992
Non-Contributed	\$325	\$150
Restricted	\$182	\$849
Total	\$11,973	\$8,991
Sunday School	50	47
Worship Service	116	95

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** - Our Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Independence Day. We will return on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope everyone has a restful, safe and blessed holiday!

**Vacation Bible School** is June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm. If you have not had a chance to register, please get a form from the Church Office or from our Children's Director, Kaci Roberts. Drop-off and Pick-up will be at the Visitor's door outside Poston Hall. Thanks!



**Saint Paul UMC Preschool** is a family-oriented facility looking to hire additional part-time, afternoon staff to join our program! The shifts are between 12-6pm, Monday through Friday, with the option of morning shifts through subbing. We are seeking nurturing, loving candidates who are excited about spending quality, hands-on time with our children. For more info. please contact Kim Ridings, Preschool Director, at [preschooldirector@stpumc.org](mailto:preschooldirector@stpumc.org) or 582-2068.