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The Epistle

News For The Weeks Of
August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 2025

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Return Services Requested



Blessing of the Backpacks

AUGUST 10th

Anyone and everyone returning to school this year, can bring their backpack to be blessed during worship at 10am.

Each blessing will include a backpack tag to remind you who you are and whose you are throughout the school year.



Volunteers for August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 2025

Communion Assistants	08/03	Carol Mabry, Henry Calhoun Kay Cox, Lee Owens
Worship Greeters	08/03	Mickey Wingo, Kemp Sigmon, Jim & Marian Hampton
	08/10	Kathy Angle, Candice Thomason, Carol Sanders, Judy Lamb
	08/17	Kay McBee, Bob McFarland, Sam & Jane Foster
	08/24	Darrell & Judy Querin, Lee & Larry Owens
Worship Ushers	08/31	Lois Reinhardt, Kay Cox, Linda Hodge, Suzanne Seager
	08/03	Bob McFarland, Ray Parker
	08/10	Guy Davis, Kemp Sigmon
	08/17	Rick Boss, Mike Byers
	08/24	Ray Parker, Phil Womble
Liturgist	08/31	Jay Hampton, Sam Foster
	08/03	Deb Schumann
	08/10	Chris Boyett
	08/17	Zach Davis
	08/24	Paula Fernandez
Offering Depositor	08/31	Jean Ogden
	08/03	Sam Foster
	08/10	Hamp Lindsey
	08/17	Kay McBee
	08/24	Zach Davis
	08/31	Bob McFarland

Altar Guild - August:
Kay McBee, Susan Owens, Pat Campbell, Judy Womble,
Kathy Rogers

Caring Casserole Volunteers - August: Judy Womble,
Diane Remeta

The Pastor's Pen

What a great summer we have had at Saint Paul! We kicked off the summer with our Helping Hands ministry providing a meal for the unhoused at First Presbyterian. We started June with Vacation Bible School and the opportunity to teach 60 children just how loved they were by Jesus. And in July we all rallied together to host homeless families through A Way Home. We did all of this incredible work, while also worshipping together and spending the summer recognizing the importance of awe in our lives and in our faith. I am extremely grateful to serve a church that has a mission minded heart and a willingness to serve their community!

As fall approaches and school starts back we hope you will join us for Back to School Sunday on August 10th, and a new worship series starting on August 17th ... **The Disruptive Grace of Jesus.**

Jesus is not always comforting—sometimes, he is confrontational. His words unsettle, his actions provoke, and his invitations humble us. This series explores how Jesus challenges the status quo, dismantles false peace, heals with power and compassion, and flips the social script. As followers of Christ, we are invited not just to be comforted by his presence—but also to be changed.

What an incredible gift God has given us to be challenged, renewed, and transformed. God is constantly calling us to be people who, as Paul says in the book of Galatians have been given "love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control". These qualities are a result of the Holy Spirit working in a believer's life, demonstrating the transformation that is constantly taking place in our lives.

Which leads me to my last announcement: starting on August 28th we will return to Thursday morning bible study at 10:30am. Our first study back will be Galatians: The Glory of Grace. During this study we learn about how Jesus died to take the curse and consequence of humanity's failure into himself to bring redemption. Now, through Jesus, the offspring of Abraham, God's blessing can finally come to all people, regardless of their ethnicity, social status, or gender.

I can't wait to kick off a new season with you!

Peace,
Pastor Megan



August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Day—CLC Workday 10:00 Threads of Agape	2 Susan Owens
3 7:30 UMM 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Church Planning Comm. Mtg. 1:00 Pickleball for Members	4 Mark Edward Gentry	5 Shirley Lee JoAnn Brown	6 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	7 Lisa Müller	8 Cyndi Hutchen Peyton Ravan	9 Vernon Brown Rosie Bain
10 <i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 4:00 End-of-Summer Ice Cream Social	11 Don Wasness Allen Lassiter	12 6:00 Board of Stewards Meeting	13 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	14 Judy Lamb	15 10:00 Threads of Agape	16 Nell Davis Chris Fenner
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	18 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting	19 Jason Traxler	20 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	21 Gregory Koller	22 Sam Foster Audra Omer	23 Jean Ogden
24 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	25 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting	26 Mike Byers Brenda Ethington	27 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	28 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Meal	29 Liam Cooke	30 Jean Ogden
31 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members						

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on August 3rd for the glory of God by Deb Schumann in memory of my younger sister, Denise Kollmar Pumfrey.



Altar Flowers are given on August 10th for the glory of God by Tiffany Bain in honor of Rosalyn’s 4th birthday.

Altar Flowers are given on August 17th for the glory of God by Jane May in loving memory of her daughter, Melanie May Hoffer.

Narthex Flowers are given on August 17th for the glory of God by Mike and Eileen Byers in honor of their Anniversary.

Altar Flowers are given on August 24th for the glory of God by Rick Boss in honor of 46 years of sobriety.

Altar Flowers are given on August 31st for the glory of God by Susan Nodine in memory of her parents.

	June 29	July 6	July 13	July 20
Received	\$6,912	\$10,744	\$4,082	\$16,661
Non-Restricted	\$79	\$12	\$0	\$0
Restricted	\$83	\$22	\$125	\$50
Total	\$7,074	\$10,778	\$4,207	\$16,711
Sunday School	15	15	24	22
Worship	85	89	77	92

*If you would like to put church-related information in the Newsletter, please send an email with your “blurb” to churchsecretary@stpumc.org before the Newsletter deadline date, September 22nd. Thank you!

The 49ers will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 9 at 11:30am in Poston Hall. The church will provide the chicken and tea. Please bring your favorite side dish to share and come and enjoy the fun with us! We can’t wait to hear about everyone’s summers.

Save the Date!
End-of-Summer
Ice Cream Social!!!
When? August 10th
What Time? 4:00pm
Where? Saint Paul UMC
Gym/Canteen



It’s almost time for our end-of-summer homemade Ice Cream Social! Make (or bring) your favorite ice cream or cookies for everyone to enjoy! We hope to see you there as we spend this special time together and hear all about everyone’s summers!