



Saint Paul United Methodist Church
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The Epistle

News For The Weeks Of
September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2025

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Return Services Requested

a 6 week bible study on
GALATIANS

the glory of
GRACE

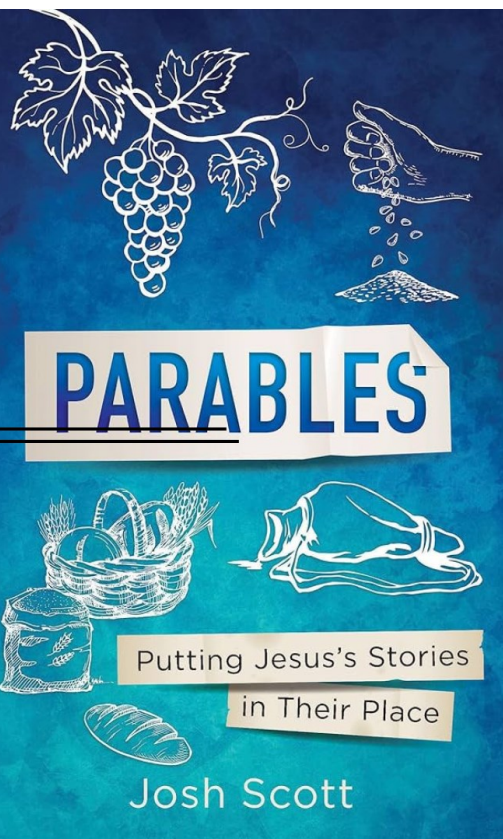
Thursdays at 10:30am
Starting on August 28th
Saint Paul UMC

SAVE THE
DATE

Fall Small
Group Study

Tuesday nights
at 6:30pm

September 30-
November 4



Volunteers for September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2025

Communion Assistants	09/07	Paula Fernandez, Kay Cox, Henry Calhoun
Worship Greeters	09/07	Eileen Byers, Mike Byers, Nancy Curry, Jim Harrison,
	09/14	Marsha Milford, Michele Bishop, Jim Hampton, Marian Hampton
	09/21	Kathy Angle, Candice Thomason, Carol Sanders, Judy Lamb
	09/28	Darrell Querin, Judy Querin, Sam Foster, Jane Foster
Worship Ushers	09/07	Fern Powell, Kay McBee
	09/14	Rick Harward, Henry Calhoun
	09/21	Bob McFarland, Ray Parker
	09/28	Guy Davis, Kemp Sigmon
Liturgist	09/07	Wanda Steele
	09/14	Bob McFarland
	09/21	Susan Wingo
	09/28	Lee Owens
Offering Depositor	09/07	Chris Boyett
	09/14	Kay Cox
	09/21	Shany Ezell
	09/28	Hamp Lindsey

Altar Guild - September: Eileen Byers, Mary Page Yarborough, Amy Schanen, Nancy Curry, Michele Bishop, John Fowler

Caring Casserole Volunteers - September: Jane May, Marsha Milford

The Pastor's Pen

Looking Ahead

This fall, our church will gather for **Charge Conference on October 29th at 6pm**, an annual meeting that is both a celebration of ministry and a time for planning the year ahead. Charge Conference is the place where we, as a congregation, give thanks for the ways God has been at work among us, review our mission and ministry, and look forward with hope to the new year. It is also the time when we elect new leaders to guide us into the future.

The **Nominations and Leadership Development Committee** will be prayerfully at work over the next few months discerning who God might be calling to serve in leadership at Saint Paul in 2026. In the United Methodist Church, leadership is not simply about filling positions—it is about recognizing the spiritual gifts of people in our congregation and connecting those gifts with opportunities to serve. Some roles are visible on Sunday mornings, while others work quietly behind the scenes. Each role matters deeply to the life and witness of the church.

As we enter this season of discernment, we invite you to pray with us. Ask God to stir up new leaders, fresh vision, and a willingness to serve. Perhaps God is calling you to step into leadership—or perhaps you see gifts in a fellow church member that would bless the church if shared more fully. If so, please reach out to me!

Together, we will celebrate at Charge Conference the leaders who have faithfully served this past year, and we will commission new leaders to carry us forward. May we enter this season with gratitude for all God has done and expectation for all that God will yet do among us.

Peace,

Pastor Megan



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY Eileen Byers Office CLOSED	2 11:30 Elsie Greer Circle	3 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	4 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study	5 10:00 Threads of Agape	6
7 A Way Home 7:30 UMM 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members Dinie Koller	8 A Way Home	9 A Way Home Jean Long Bobby Metts	10 A Way Home 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	11 A Way Home 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study Bill Duncan	12 A Way Home Diane Farley Abby Hampton	13 A Way Home
14 A Way Home 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members Henry Calhoun	15 10:30 Blanche Greer Circle	16 11:30 49ers	17 10:00 Anne Ratliff Circle 6:30 Choir Rehearsal Marlene Wasness	18 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study Ed Purdy	19 10:00 Threads of Agape Lee Owens	20
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 SPRC Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members Marilyn Glasgow	22 Newsletter Deadline Nadia Davis	23	24 6:30 Choir Rehearsal Richard Petty	25 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Meal	26 Marie Harley Bonita Cash	27 Marge Petty
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members JoAnne Calhoun	29	30 6:30 6-week Bible Study				

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on September 7th for the glory of God by Marian and Jim Hampton in honor of Abby Hampton’s 18th birthday.



Narthex Flowers are given on September 7th for the glory of God by Shirley Lee in memory of Francis Lee’s birthday.

Altar Flowers are given on September 21st for the glory of God by Zach and Vanesa Davis in honor of Nadia’s 5th birthday.

	July27	Aug.3	Aug.10	Aug.17	Aug. 24
Received	\$1,609	\$8,381	\$4,523	\$7,171	\$4,377
Non-Restricted	\$0	\$2,025	\$11	\$0	\$0
Restricted	\$99	\$186	\$300	\$0	\$361
Total	\$1,708	\$10,592	\$4,834	\$7,171	\$4,738
Sunday School	20	23	23	29	26
Worship	77	81	96	98	94

“A Way Home”: We are delighted to announce that Saint Paul UMC will, once again, serve as a host church for families in Spartanburg who need temporary shelter. Our host week begins on Sunday, September 7, and concludes on Sunday, September 14. Volunteers are needed to help as overnight hosts, room set-up and breakdown, hygiene items, etc. Thank you in making these sweet families feel especially welcomed, cared for and loved at Saint Paul!

Epworth Work Day Offering, Sunday, September 14: Sunday, September 14, is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children’s Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to “Give a Day’s Pay” to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church’s ministry to children, remember Christ’s command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church’s ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

The 49ers will meet this month on the THIRD Tuesday (instead of the SECOND Tuesday), September 16 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.

Our Fellowship Meal in September will be on Thursday, September 25, at 5:30pm in Poston Hall. Please join us for delicious food and great fellowship!

Save The Date! There will be a Church Workday on Saturday, October 11, at 9:00am.

Save The Date! Also, Pastor Megan will have a Blessing of the Pets on Saturday, October 11 at 3:00pm!

*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, October 20th. Thank you!