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### The Epistle

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News For The Weeks Of October 24, & 31, and  
November 7, & 14, 2022

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*Return Services Requested*

### Winthrop Chorale & Chamber Singers

Come one! Come all! Join us for an uplifting evening of choral music brought to us by the Winthrop Chorale and Chamber Singers! Mark your calendars for the night of Tuesday, **October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.**

Hosted here in the Saint Paul UMC Sanctuary, this group of collegiate musicians will present a concert of **HOPE** with a quality of fine musicianship rarely experienced in our area. We sure hope to see you there!



### Saint Paul UMC Fall Festival: October 22, 5:00 to 7:00pm

Join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship! There will be a Bounce House, Carnival Games, Prizes, Dinner and More! It's FREE and Open for ALL! We hope to see you there!

Note: If you would like to be one of our volunteers to help us make it happen, please feel free to call the Church Office and let us know (864-582-4040). Thanks!

## The Pastor's Pen

I love fall, and as I write this it finally seems to have gotten here. But in my mind, fall begins in early October, so how can we already be looking at the end of October? Where has time gone? How can November be just around the corner? When we hear the word *November* one thought immediately pops into our minds — Christmas shopping, right? Ok, I'm just kidding.....sort of.

Before we leap to December, let's stop and enjoy November. November means to most of us that Thanksgiving is upon us. For the children, youth, and college students this means a welcome break from classes. For adults, it means a few days off from work, and a great deal of work preparing and/or consuming mountains of food. And some time during that day, we will hopefully find a few moments to reflect on what we are thankful for.

In looking for a verse about giving thanks, I came across I Chronicles 16. David is king of Israel in Jerusalem. He has set up a tent to serve as the Temple. On the day the ark of the covenant is brought into this tent, he appoints a choir to sing a psalm. As it is not a "regular" psalm, I thought I would share some of it with you:

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works.  
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.  
Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles,  
and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Israel,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.  
He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.  
Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded.  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

In this psalm David reminds us to recall all that God has done for us. Something I encourage you to do all the time. But earlier I was cautioning us about not running ahead to the next holiday. So, while the entire country will celebrate Thanksgiving on November 24<sup>th</sup>, I want to remind you of another thanksgiving holy day — November 6<sup>th</sup>. On that day we will be celebrating All Saints' Sunday. A time to remember the lives of the saints who have walked among us and have passed away in the last year. A time to be thankful for their lives and to be especially thankful for the way they have touched our lives. I hope you will make a special effort to join us that Sunday.

Some day soon, I hope you will sit down and take a minute to think about the people who have been important in your life. Who were your role models growing up? Who was important in developing your faith? What teacher inspired you? Who made a difference in your life? I hope you will then take some time to compose a thank you note or email and let them know they touched your life. Truly give thanks for them this Thanksgiving, for they are God's gift to your life.

Peace,

*Jeremy*



## Altar & Narthex Flowers

**Altar Flowers** are given on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Glory of God by Delton and Carrie Vereen in honor of their daughter, Clarissa's, 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Narthex Flowers** are given on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Glory of God by Cyndi Hutchens in loving memory of her son, Colby Wilson's, Birthday.

**Altar Flowers** are given on October 30<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Bob and Connie Muzzy in honor of Ann Karegeannes who did so much for the Altar Guild and Saint Paul UMC.

**Altar Flowers** are given on November 6<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Marilyn Glasgow in memory of all the Saint Paul Saints whom we have lost this past year.

## Financials & Attendance

	September 18	September 25	
Received	\$5,024	\$11,640	
Non-Contributed	\$98	\$0	
Restricted	\$1,998	\$420	
Total	\$7,120	\$12,060	
Sunday School	45	55	
Worship Service	126	113	
	<u>October 2</u>	<u>October 9</u>	<u>October 16</u>
Received	\$9,326	\$13,543	\$7,399
Non-Contributed	\$800	\$516	\$1,172
Restricted	\$373	\$536	\$536
Total	\$10,499	\$14,595	\$9,107
Sunday School	37	46	39
Worship Service	131	114	105

## Upcoming Events

<b>Every Sunday</b>	Pickleball for Members 1:00-3:00pm UMYF 4:30pm (unless otherwise noted)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Each Month (except July)</b>	UMM Meet-up 6:00pm (January 2023 meet-up will be Jan. 8)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month</b>	Blood Pressure Checks ~11:15am
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month (not July &amp; August)</b>	Elsie Greer Circle 12:00pm-2pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Each Month (not July &amp; August)</b>	Blanche Greer Circle 10:00am-12pm
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month</b>	49ers 11:30am in Poston Hall
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month</b>	Anne Ratliff Circle 10:00am-11:30am
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month</b>	Threads of Agape 10:00am-12:00pm
<b>October 18, 25, November 1, 8</b>	Fall Bible Study 6:30pm
<b>October 22</b>	Saint Paul UMC Fall Festival 5:00pm
<b>October 25</b>	Winthrop Chorale Musical Group 6:30pm
<b>October 31</b>	Halloween
<b>November 5</b>	United Women of Faith 11:00am
<b>November 6</b>	All Saints Sunday Service 10:00am
<b>November 9</b>	Charge Conference 6:30pm
<b>November 23, 24</b>	Office CLOSED in recognition of Thanksgiving on November 24 <sup>th</sup>

## Volunteers for October 23, & 30, and November 6, & 13, 2022

Communion Assistants	11/06	Darrell Querin Delton Vereen
	10/23	Lillian Hudson, Judy Lamb
Worship	10/30	Jim & Marian Hampton
Greeters	11/06	Peter & Linda Hamel
	11/13	Dan & Linda Cooke
	10/23	Bob McFarland
	10/30	Zach Davis
Liturgists	11/06	Roland Smith
	11/13	Lee Owens
	10/23	Bob McFarland, Sherrill Bland
Ushers	10/30	Guy Davis, Delton Vereen
	11/06	Jay Hampton, Sam Foster
	11/13	Rick Boss, Mike Byers
	10/23	Phil Womble
Sound System	10/30	Jim Hampton
	11/06	Guy Davis
	11/13	A.D. Page, Jr.
	10/23	Rebecca Parrish
Offering	10/30	Guy Davis
Depositors	11/06	Chris Boyett
	11/13	Bill Duncan

**Altar Guild - October:** Laurie Wilson-Chair; Suzanne Seager, Sherrill Bland, Mark Parker; **November:** Page Candler, Linda Hamel-Chairs; Abby Graham, Kadi Traxler, Bob Powell (Inactive)

**Communion To Shut-Ins** - We are resuming communion delivery to our shut-ins and we need your help! Following COVID, we have many more shut-in (homebound) members who need our attention.

Delivering communion to homebound members does NOT take a lot of time or effort. You just need to be available for a short time, approximately 10 minutes of face-to-face time.

Thank you for your consideration in helping out our shut-in members! If you would like to volunteer, please email the Church Office at churchsecretary@stpumc.org or call 582-4040 and give your name, contact phone number and email address.

## Children & Youth Birthdays

<b>October 23</b>	Madison Cooksey
<b>October 24</b>	Clarissa Vereen
<b>October 31</b>	Devin Purdy
<b>November 15</b>	Quinn Scales
<b>November 20</b>	Tripp Graham

## Birthdays

<b>October 21</b>	Donna Gurganus
<b>October 26</b>	Page Candler, Stephanie Davis
<b>October 27</b>	Mark Seager
<b>October 31</b>	Andy Horton, Barrett Hardy
<b>November 2</b>	Pat Hutchens
<b>November 6</b>	Jorge DaSilva
<b>November 7</b>	Mary Parker
<b>November 8</b>	Abby Graham
<b>November 9</b>	Patsy Campbell
<b>November 11</b>	Bob Powell, Lisa Stamm
<b>November 12</b>	Marcy Frye
<b>November 13</b>	Ben Graham
<b>November 16</b>	Nancy Owens
<b>November 22</b>	Ann Karegeannes, Lisa Pappas
<b>November 26</b>	Kermit Williams, Maryellen Horton, Tom Lowrimore
<b>November 29</b>	Judy Womble, Elizabeth Fenner

\*If you would like to put church-related information in the next Newsletter, please send an email with your "blurb" to churchsecretary@stpumc.org by November 14, 12:00pm. Thank you!