

# THE TOWER

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## DEATHS SINCE ALL SAINTS DAY 2020

Bill Dickinson - October 14, 2020  
 Meredith Garrett (Jones) - November 18, 2020  
 Sharon Horn - December 11, 2020  
 Cleve Iler - December 11, 2020  
 Helen Barrier - December 18, 2020  
 Don Bierman - December 24, 2020  
 Allan Morris - December 27, 2020  
 Dan Challman - January 13, 2021

## MARRIAGES

Charles Wesley Edwards, IV and Emily Freitas -  
 December 4, 2020

## MEMORIALS AND HONORS

### In memory of Bill Dickinson:

Jan and Nancy Krause  
 Sandra and Lindsay Dickinson  
 Martha Abbott and Alice Abbott Moore  
 Carter and Marilyn Reynolds

### In memory of Allan Morris:

Martha Abbott and Alice Abbott Moore

### In memory of Helen Barrier:

James and Elizabeth Traxel  
 Judith Burris  
 Richard and Linda Fergus  
 Hugh and Jo Spencer  
 Wilma, Mary Claire, Julia Couch  
 LOA Class  
 Sandra and Lindsay Dickinson  
 Martha Abbott and Alice Abbott Moore  
 Carter and Marilyn Reynolds

### In memory of Bob DeWeese:

Carl and Glenna Heimerdinger

### In memory of Don Bierman:

Hugh and Jo Spencer

### In memory of Richard Cook:

Thomas Mitchell  
 Sharon Landis  
 Allan Weiss  
 .....

### In honor of Ron Sauer

from Bob and Marilyn Helvey

### In honor of Ray and BJ Fore

from Malinda Grant

## DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT TOWER ISSUE

**Monday, February 15 at Noon**

Submit articles and/or pictures to  
 Sara Ferebee at [sara@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:sara@stpaulchurchky.org).



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Find updates on upcoming events, and  
 share your pictures and thoughts from  
 your favorite St. Paul Church activities.



## RETURNING TO LENT

LORI ELBERT, DIRECTOR OF KOINONIA WORSHIP



Our world has never been more unsure of what is true. We have learned to mistrust almost every voice we hear whether it is the news media, the proclamations of scientists, or the declarations and promises of politicians. For every voice that seems to scream the truth in one ear, there is an equal and opposite voice screaming in the other.

Our world has never seemed more unsettled. The way we have always lived our lives has been up-ended. The rites and rituals of both our churches and our culture have been disrupted, disregarded, and even desecrated. All the things we have used to give us a sense of normalcy have been pulled out from under us.

Life has never seemed more precious or more in jeopardy. We have never before, as a nation or culture, had to look in the face of our own mortality and helplessness. We have watched as a virus we cannot see and cannot really defend against has isolated us from the ones we love and even taken them from us before we are ready. We have watched as our brothers and sisters of color have had their lives taken from them by those who should have been protecting them. We have watched as unrest has burned like a wildfire from nation to nation.

And in the midst of all this, Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent have stolen upon us again. Lent, this season of preparation for Easter, comes to help us focus on what is true, on where our true foundation lies, and on the promise of Life's victory over death. As we take on the disciplines of Lent, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving (generosity to those in need), we will find ourselves drawn back to what is True: God is sovereign over God's creation:

*God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!  
God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. (Psalm 47:5-8)*

And God's love for us and all of creation is more vast than we can even fathom:

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17).*

When we rest in God's Truth we find our firm foundation in Christ, our Solid Rock.

*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. (Matthew 7:24-25)*

When we live in and out of the Truth of God's love for us and our hope of the Resurrection, our fear of death can be overcome and we can freely and boldly reach out to love and help our neighbor whoever that may be.

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)*

I pray that you and I will take up the Lenten Disciplines like never before. I pray we will make scripture reading and prayer a priority. I pray we will make corporate worship a central point in our lives, however it may happen. I pray we will make purposely reaching out to help and give comfort to those God places around us as natural as breathing. I know that when we do these things, God's Kingdom is being built here on earth as it is in heaven.

# Lenten Offerings



## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17

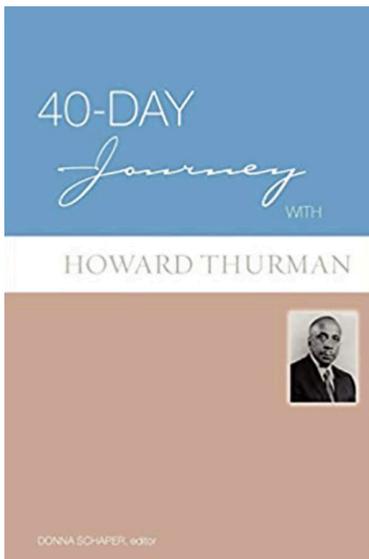
Midday Drive-Through Ashes: 11:15am-12:30pm

Evening Service with Ashes: 7:00-7:30pm

**Midday Drive-Through Ashes:** We will offer drive-through ashes from 11:15am-12:30pm in the small parking lot off Douglass Blvd. We invite you to stop by St. Paul to receive an individual container of ashes for your family, along with a blessing and a liturgy you can use to impose the ashes yourself.

**Evening Service with Ashes:** At 7:00pm, we will offer a **30-minute, in-person, outdoor Ash Wednesday service** with music, a message, and fire pits to keep us warm. Individual containers of ashes will be distributed. The service will be live-streamed on Facebook Live. *In the case of inclement weather, the in-person service will be canceled and we will live-stream a service from the sanctuary. Please email [genie@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:genie@stpaulchurchky.org) if you plan to attend the outdoor service to help us plan accordingly.*

*Due to Covid restrictions, pastors will not impose the ashes but will offer a blessing.*



### Lenten Book Study

“40-Day Journey with Howard Thurman”

Begins Sunday, February 21 at 11:00am, via Zoom

You are invited to a weekly Zoom spiritual formation/discussion group using the text 40 Day Journey with Howard Thurman. The book provides brief quotations from the writings of pastor, author, and Christian mystic, Howard Thurman, as well as related daily Scripture verses, questions to ponder, journal and prayer prompts.

Send book order requests to Cullen Hornaday, [cullen@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:cullen@stpaulchurchky.org) by February 7. Cost: \$13

Books can also be ordered from Barnes and Noble or Carmichael's.

Zoom link here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/lenten-book-study/>

**For Kids! Lent Blessings Boxes and Fat Tuesday Drive-Through Event!**

**Details can be found on page 10.**

# VISION SUMMIT

On February 27 and 28, members of St. Paul UMC will participate in a church-wide Vision Summit. The goal is to build clarity and consensus through a fun, positive process that involves church leaders in the congregation. This work follows the Healing and Wholeness Service held last month, in which we acknowledged the hurts of the past and turned a new page. St. Paul UMC is alive in spirit and united in God's love and our love for each other.

We will come out of the process with three documents pertaining to the church's ministry. We will articulate a clear mission statement that will be the cornerstone for the other documents being created. The three documents we'll be working on are:



**Mission Statement** (with results, target audience, and how)

**Core values** are the fundamental beliefs of a person or organization, which

- dictate behavior and shape the culture,
- help people understand the difference between right and wrong (or what we are and what we aren't),
- help churches determine if they are on the right path and fulfilling their goals,
- support the vision,
- reflect what the church values and the essence of the church's identity,
- communicate clearly what we want the world to know about St. Paul,
- are things that we believe in at our core and shouldn't change.

**Three-year goals** (with 1-year benchmarks)

The participants will be members of clergy and staff, the church leadership, ministry teams/committees, key volunteers, as well as all the members of the Strategic Renovation Team. Ministry Architects will assist the church in setting forth a vision for our church. More details will come soon.

## Blood Drive Update

Thanks so much for those who served our community by donating blood on Sunday, January 17. We had a nice turnout and collected at least 26 units. Red Cross continues to do COVID antibody testing so that is an added perk for donors.

Our next drive is scheduled for Sunday, April 11, 9:00am-1:00pm.

Thanks again & Be Positive!  
Ruth Ann Whitehouse



## Movie and Discussion with Coke Memorial United Methodist Church February 20 at 1:00pm, via Zoom



The weekend of February 19-20, Coke Memorial and St Paul will have a joint virtual event as we continue to build relationships and understanding. You are invited to view the movie, *A Question of Faith*, which addresses the themes of forgiveness, justice, mercy, prayer, racial tension, and

the life-giving interconnections we all share. The movie is available to watch on Amazon Prime Video and other platforms for \$3.99. We will also share the video on Zoom on Friday, February 19 at 7:00pm. (Be sure to have a box of tissues handy!) On Saturday, February 20 at 1:00pm, everyone is invited to a Zoom discussion of the themes of the film. Guiding questions and prompts will be offered. As we seek unity and healing in a time of divisiveness, our shared faith provides the way forward. (You are welcome to join the discussion even if you have not seen the movie.)

Zoom invitation for both the movie viewing and discussion:

Topic: Movie Night/ Discussion with Coke Memorial - *A Question of Faith*

Time: Friday Feb. 19, 7-9pm & Saturday Feb. 20, 1-2pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86300707283>

Meeting ID: 863 0070 7283

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86300707283>

## Save the Date!

# REAL Good News

## Local Action for Climate Care

*A Virtual Conversation*

### Saturday, March 13 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join the members of REAL, the Renewable Energy Alliance of Louisville, to learn more about what Louisville is doing for the sake of our climate.

*Watch for details in the March Tower and at the St. Paul website.*

# STAY CONNECTED!

**VIRTUAL WORSHIP:** Did you know the Facebook Live service is posted to the St. Paul website each week? If you can't be with us at 10:00am on Sundays, via Facebook Live, you can watch the service at a later time at [stpaulchurchky.org/sermons](http://stpaulchurchky.org/sermons), or follow the link from the homepage under Recorded Worship Services! We've also restarted our [St. Paul podcast](#), where the sermon will be available each week.

## Weekly Phone Message from Pastor Darren

During this time of separation due to the coronavirus, Pastor Darren has been sending out an uplifting message by phone on Wednesday mornings. To receive these calls, please send an email to [info@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:info@stpaulchurchky.org) or leave a message at the church office at 459-1595.



## St. Paul Weekly Email - Stay informed!

Each Friday, St. Paul sends an email to hundreds of recipients with information about all the news and happenings at the church. If you would like to receive these emails, please send us an email at [info@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:info@stpaulchurchky.org).



**Prayer Requests:** Send prayer requests or sign up to receive the Prayer Chain by emailing [prayer@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:prayer@stpaulchurchky.org) or by filling out the [Connection Card](#), which you can find under the Worship tab of the St. Paul website.

## Video Production Camps for Kids

HCM and Beargrass Media are continuing their collaboration to make available the ever popular Video Production camps, where students in 3rd - 8th grades learn how to write, record, edit, and publish videos, including animation.



### Beargrass Media and HCM 2021 On-Line Video Camps

4 options to choose from:

**After-School Video club Mondays at 4 PM February through April**

**2-day Spring Break Video Club (9 AM – 4 PM April 1 – 2)**

**1-week June Video Camp (9 AM – 4 PM June 7 – 11)**

**1-week July Video Camp (9 AM – 4 PM July 12 - 16)**

Details and sign up at:  
[www.beargrassmedia.com](http://www.beargrassmedia.com)

(We will return to in-person video camps when it is safe to do so according to health guidelines.)

Students will learn how to write, record, edit, and publish videos On-line format with a mixture of group video calls, one on one video tutorial calls, student "video assignments", files transferred back and forth between students and instructors, and quality finished videos produced. Students will use phones, tablets and computers owned by families (Although we have some loaner equipment as well.)



The camps are done virtually and online and will meet in-person when it is safe to do so, according to health guidelines.

The following camps are scheduled through the Summer of 2021:

February - April: After-school Video Club on Mondays at 4pm

Spring Break: Two-day Video Camp, April 1-2 from 9am - 4pm

June 7-11: One-week Video Camp, 9am - 4pm

July 12-16: One-week Video Camp, 9am - 4pm

A smartphone, tablet, and/or computer is required (some loaner equipment may be available).

Visit [www.beargrassmedia.com](http://www.beargrassmedia.com) for fees, registration, and to see videos from previous camps.

# Monthly Mission & Outreach Updates

The members and friends of St. Paul support various ministries throughout the year, and we wanted to offer a brief update on some of our recent collections and donations drives.

## Waller-Williams Thanksgiving Boxes

We delivered 130 Thanksgiving boxes to Waller-Williams, allowing students' families to enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal together!



## Waller-Williams School Christmas Stockings

In December, 121 students at the Waller-Williams school received Christmas stockings, thanks to the generosity of the St. Paul community. Santa's elves told us they were a HUGE hit!



*"I was in awe of the support we received this year from St. Paul's. During a time of financial struggle and loss of connections for so many, St. Paul's helped more than ever before. It seems like every year, you all continue to do better. I had the pleasure of giving out the food boxes and delivering the stockings as well. In a year of virtual meetings, it was amazing to see the students' eyes light up in person when receiving their packed stockings. The individualized touch of each one was incredible.*

*The food boxes continue to be a patent favorite every year! This year, when lots of programs shut down their Thanksgiving and holiday dinners, it was even more needed.*

*Thank you everyone at St Paul's for your continued support of our students and families."*

- Nick Brown, Student Support Worker, Waller-Williams Environmental School

Nick shared that one 5th-grade student mentions on a weekly basis how nice his stocking was. Numerous grateful parents have sent Nick messages as well. Here are just a couple:

*"I'm so glad you were able to come through especially with COVID-19. And we will have a Merry Christmas because he would be happy and if my kids are happy I'm happy and I don't need to get a thing."*

*"Thanks Happy new year and may God bless you for you help in making our Christmas special!!"*

## Blanket Louisville Drive

We collected 45 blankets for Blanket Louisville, an organization that distributes blankets to the unsheltered in Louisville. They received many requests for blankets in 2020, even through the summer months as members of the unsheltered community avoided the communal living of shelters during the pandemic.



## Smoketown Family Wellness Center (SFWC) Book Collection

As part of our emerging relationship with SFWC, we invited St. Paul members and friends to purchase specific books from Carmichael's Kids (which offered us a 20% discount). So far, we have donated **57 culturally relevant books** to their collection.





# Stop Human Trafficking

*Third Annual Conference*

## POSTPONED TO 2022!

Due to the challenges presented by the pandemic, the "Stop Human Trafficking Conference" committee has decided to cancel this year's conference. It will be rescheduled for February 12, 2022. However, we will proceed with our donation drive for Esther's House, an organization that supports survivors of human trafficking, during February. See details below.

## Every Month a Mission

### February Focus: Women of the Well - Esther's House

Women of the Well is a survivor-led ministry that provides support and a safe place (**Esther's House**) for women to recover from the trauma of domestic violence and human trafficking. In recent years, St. Paul has developed a relationship with Women of the Well, highlighting their work at our Stop Human Trafficking conference and supporting them with hands-on engagement through monthly outings and resume-writing classes. Learn more about Women of the Well here: [www.wowky.org](http://www.wowky.org).



*During the month of February, St. Paul will be collecting the following items to support Esther's House:*

#### *Cleaning supplies:*

Sponges, magic erasers, Bleach and Lysol  
Dish soap, antibacterial soap and spray, laundry soap

#### *Paper goods:*

Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, and plates

#### *Office supplies:*

Paper and ink (or office supply store gift card)

#### *Household items:*

Washable pillows, twin sheets, and full sheets

#### *Gift cards to any of the following:*

Walmart, Target, Kroger, Home Depot, Ace, Lowe's, Dollar General, Family Dollar, Redbox, Krispy Kreme, and restaurants that offer carry out.

## Drop-off options!

- **DROP OFF** items at St. Paul - Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00am-1:00pm.
- **CURBSIDE** drop-off - February 28, 1:00-2:00pm - parking lot behind church.
- **PICK-UP** - Contact Sara at [sara@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:sara@stpaulchurchky.org) if you need to arrange a pick-up.

**Deadline: Sunday, February 28**



St. Paul will provide an update on in-person KICS+Tweens activities following JCPS's decision and will provide an update if/when one becomes available. We hope to restart in-person gatherings soon with our new Director of Children's Ministry!

Worship Packets: Pick-up every 4th Sunday from 3:30-4:00pm or 5:30-6:30pm. If you can't pick up, your packet will be mailed or dropped off at your home. Questions? Email [tori@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:tori@stpaulchurchky.org), check the St. Paul Kids Facebook page ([facebook.com/stpaulchurchkids/](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulchurchkids/)), or check the church website ([stpaulchurchky.org/kids/](http://stpaulchurchky.org/kids/)).

**Children's Choirs:**

Music Milestones Play and Learn (for ages 3-5) meets by Zoom, Wednesdays 5:30-6:00pm. Choir for grades 1-6 meets by Zoom, Wednesdays 6:30-7:30. Our choir times are fun and interactive, with lots of movement and play, Bible time, music, learning and sharing! All kids are welcome! Contact Karla Temple for Zoom info: [karla@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:karla@stpaulchurchky.org).

**Lent Blessings Box Pick Up**

*Lent 2021 Emerging: Preparing to fly again.*

Join St. Paul Children's Ministry in this Lenten season of discovering Jesus. We will use our labyrinths in our Blessings Box to explore who Jesus was and who we are going to be as we emerge and "fly" again! We will look at six dimensions of Jesus but there are so many more. I wonder what we will discover. I wonder what you will discover in our Lenten time together.

Pick up your Lent Blessings Box at our Fat Tuesday or Ash Wednesday drive-through events at these times:

- Fat Tuesday, February 16, 6:30-7:30pm (event details below)
- Ash Wednesday, February 17, (11:15am-12:30pm and 7:00-8:00pm)

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*Fat Tuesday*  *Drive-Through Celebration*

Join the St. Paul Kids & Tweens for a fun night of celebration, king cake, and live jazz music as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. Every person in attendance will receive a slice of king cake! Kids and tweens will also receive a goodie bag! Don't forget to come dressed in Mardi Gras masks and costumes!

You can also pick up your Lent Blessings Box! (these can also be picked up on Ash Wednesday, see page 4 for details)

Questions? Contact Tori at [tori@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:tori@stpaulchurchky.org)

*King Cakes and Live Jazz!*

*February 16*  
*6:30-7:30pm*



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# YOUTH NEWS!

## Youth Group Zoom meets Sundays at 5pm!

All 7th-12th graders are invited. Email Mary Paige for the link!

**Confirmation 2021 begins February 7 via Zoom!** All 7th graders and older who have not been confirmed are invited to participate in classes to prepare for Confirmation Sunday on April 11. Please be in prayer for these young people as they begin this journey. To sign up, email [marypaige@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:marypaige@stpaulchurchky.org). Schedule is below!

- February 7 - Parent Informational Meeting - 11:00am
  - Pick up your learning materials after meeting during drive-through communion until 12:30pm
- February 14 - Prayer - 11:00am
- February 17 - Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00pm
  - Check out the weekly email for more info!
- February 21 - The Bible - 11:00am
- February 28 - Jesus - 11:00am
- March 7 - Ways We Experience God - 11:00am
- March 14 - Worship - 11:00am
- March 21 - Following Jesus and Church Membership - 11:00am
- March 28 - No meeting - JCPS Spring Break
- April 4 - No Meeting - Easter
- April 11 - Confirmation Sunday
  - More information will be provided as it becomes available.

## ST.P YOUTH



**Youth Futures is coming March 14 and 21! Please begin to prayerfully consider how you can support our youth program.**

**We are still selling face masks with our logo on them for \$5 a piece! Please text/email Mary Paige to place your order.**



To stay up-to-date on Youth events, please make sure you are:

- subscribed to our mailing list
- added to the [St. Paul Youth Facebook Group](#)
- following @stp\_youth\_group on Instagram
- following @stpaulmc\_youth on Twitter

**Youth Choir:** High school ensemble practice TBD. If you have questions, contact Karla Temple at [karla@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:karla@stpaulchurchky.org).

## Camp Loucon!

As in previous years, St. Paul will pay half of your summer Camp Loucon experience. This is covered through a separate Loucon budget that the church has set aside to help our families in sending their kids to a place where we know God sets their hearts on fire. St. Paul will cover Tier 2, half of your total cost (for all of your children that go; not just youth), but we DO NOT cover any of the "extras" like water sports that cost extra money.

Camp is always more fun with your friends! If you'd like to go together, plan on going during the following times:

- Sr. High (incoming 9th through outgoing 12th) are going to Sr. High 2 which is the week of June 13
- Jr. High (incoming 7th and 8th) are going to Jr. High 2 which is also the week of June 13.

For St. Paul to cover your cost, you will pay the deposit, then send Mary Paige your statement, and she'll tell you how much more you need to pay. If you have any questions, email [marypaige@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:marypaige@stpaulchurchky.org).

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Around 250 people have received their 2021 Star Word! Plus, hundreds of youth in a United Methodist church in Kenya will receive Star Words, thanks to the reach of our Sunday online worship services!

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