

THE TOWER

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The St. Paul Mobile Resource Center in action at Fourth Ave UMC's Open Door Community Ministry!

The St. Paul Resource Center is our March Mission Focus. Details on page 7.

Find out how you can help!

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DEATHS SINCE ALL SAINTS DAY 2021

Carter Reynolds - November 18, 2021
 Tom Follacchio - November 18, 2021
 David Doyle - November 24, 2021
 John Robert "Bob" Lewis - November 30, 2021
 J.T. Johnston - December 10, 2021
 Glenn A. McCoy - December 12, 2021
 Dorothy "Dot" Kitchen - January 16, 2022
 Harold Fischer - January 19, 2022
 Debi Huff - January 19, 2022
 Ben Wadler - February 18, 2022

MEMORIALS

In memory of David Doyle
 by Madeleine Steele and the Lee Family

In memory of J.T. Johnston
 by Barbara Priddy

In memory of Glenn McCoy
 by Mark and Angela Brown

TOWER DEADLINE SCHEDULE!

March 2022: March 17 at 5:00pm

Submit articles and/or pictures to Sara Ferebee at sara@stpaulchurchky.org.



WEBSITE: The St. Paul website is our communications hub! To keep up with all the St. Paul news and activities, visit StPaulChurchKY.org. Bookmark it!



Connect with St. Paul Church on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Prayer Requests: Send prayer requests or sign up to receive the Prayer Chain by emailing prayer@stpaulchurchky.org or by filling out the form at the **St. Paul website**. *The Prayer Chain is emailed throughout the week as prayer requests are received.*

STAY CONNECTED!



St. Paul Weekly Email - Stay informed!

Stay informed about the news and happenings at St. Paul. Subscribe at our website or email info@stpaulchurchky.org.



Pastor Darren's Weekly Phone Message

Each Wednesday, Pastor Darren sends an uplifting phone message. To receive these calls, email info@stpaulchurchky.org or leave a message at 502-459-1595.



Worship Recordings: Our Sunday morning worship service is video-recorded. Find the recordings at StPaulChurchKY.org/sermons, or follow the link under **Recorded Worship Services!**

THE LENTEN JOURNEY

DARREN BRANDON, SENIOR PASTOR



What is Lent?

Lent is the 40-days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a penitential season, which means it is an opportunity to examine your life. Lent invites us to give our worries to God and listen for God's guidance during this journey. Specifically, there is an increased focus on getting ourselves in a place to hear and experience God. The spiritual disciplines of prayer, devotions, and sharing help prepare us to receive the new life that the resurrection of Jesus promises.

What Should I Give Up for Lent?

What if this year you decided to do more than just think about Lent, but decide to do something life-changing? Lent is a time to strengthen life-giving

habits and leave behind old self-destructive habits. One practice is to give up something for Lent: gossip, chocolate, the news, etc..... Lent is about letting go, but it is also about doing something courageous to help us grow spiritually and become better followers of Christ. When we grow deep in our commitment, we will also be a better friend, wife or husband, mother or father, neighbor, son or daughter, member of the church, etc.

It all begins on Ash Wednesday when we receive ashes and hear the words, "From dust you came to dust you shall return. Repent and believe the gospel." The promise we claim at the end is that God is "making all things new."

Ash Wednesday Prayer

by Robert Paul Fugarino

Lord, all year we try
to avoid dust and ash.

Dust is the homes we have failed to clean
and our broken dreams long abandoned.
Ash is the world engulfed in flames
and ancient bodies in unmarked graves.

Lord, all year we try to avoid dust and ash,
but here we are.
And here you are.
And it is Wednesday.
And we face reality.

And you insist dust and ash
be pressed to our flesh.
We are fragile failures one day
to be scorched by fire and snacked by worms.
Yet when it becomes too heavy,
you whisper in our ears true things
that are also sweet:

"It was into dust and ash
I breathed and you awoke."

Breathe again, Lord, and command
us fragile failures to walk on.
Lord, let us remember it all - dust and ash,
death and deliverance,
And especially you. Amen.

I want to personally invite you to make the beginning of Lent a priority for you and your family. Our sermon series is entitled "**Doing What Disciples Do.**" We are disciples today because Jesus invited us to "Come and Follow." Like the first disciples, he encourages us to let go to receive the

new life he has for us. Our relationship with Jesus connects us with a deeper sense of purpose in this new life. How would it be if Lent were more than just a season but became an opportunity for us all to renew our commitment to Christ?

Doing What Disciples Do

February 27, 2022

March 6, 2022

March 13, 2022

March 20, 2022

Invite

Encourage

Connect

Covenant

Upcoming Lenten Discipleship and Worship Opportunities



Ash Wednesday, March 2

Noon and 7:00pm services

Begin your Lenten journey with St Paul.

Join us for our Ash Wednesday Noon service in the sanctuary, followed by Ashes and a Blessing as an outreach to the Highlands and all who pass by that day.

Our 7:00pm service will take place in the sanctuary and will include the imposition of ashes and conclude with a fire pit where we offer to God those things that are hindering us and barriers to our spiritual growth.

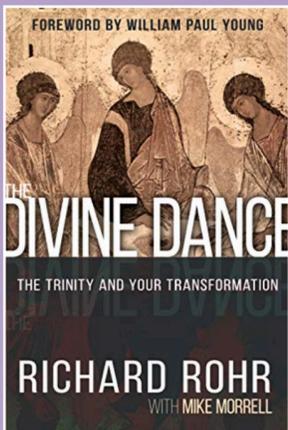
Marks of Discipleship

(A Wesleyan Perspective)

Sundays, 10:00-10:45am

March 6-April 12 in McAdams Hall

Explore key aspects of our United Methodist faith and the Wesleyan theological perspective we have inherited. The class will be led by several presenters, including Pastor Darren, Pastor Dustin, and Jane Donovan. All are invited to this mutual examination of what makes us who we are as United Methodists.



Lenten Wesley Night Study "The Divine Dance"

Starting Wednesday, March 9, the 7:00pm Wesley Night adult study class will be reading through and discussing *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*, by Richard Rohr. This book is an exploration of the mystery of the Trinity and its implications for Christian life and community.

Books are available for \$15 and can be picked up at church.

Contact Pastor Dustin for more information at dustin@stpaulchurchky.org.

FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL!

Fat Tuesday Dinner

March 1, 6:00-7:30pm
McAdams Hall

All are invited to celebrate Fat Tuesday with your friends and family at St. Paul Church! The Children and Family Ministry Team will be serving up authentic Louisiana cuisine at 6:00pm in McAdams Hall.



RSVP to Tori Brown, Director of Children's Ministry, at tori@stpaulchurchky.org by Sunday, February 27th.

Dinner Cost: \$7/adult, \$3/child, \$24/family cap

RETHINKCHURCH[®] photo-a-day

March

- 2 - FULL
- 3 - TEMPTED
- 4 - ALONE
- 5 - PROTECT
- 6 - CELEBRATE
- 7 - PRAY
- 8 - DAZZLING
- 9 - GLORY
- 10 - AWAKE
- 11 - GOOD
- 12 - CHOSEN
- 13 - CELEBRATE
- 14 - PRESENT
- 15 - SACRIFICE
- 16 - REPENT
- 17 - LIVING
- 18 - PLANTED
- 19 - LOOKING
- 20 - CELEBRATE
- 21 - WITH
- 22 - SHARE
- 23 - NEED
- 24 - FILLED
- 25 - ENOUGH
- 26 - COMPASSION
- 27 - CELEBRATE
- 28 - RAISED
- 29 - SERVED
- 30 - ANOINTED
- 31 - CARED

April

- 1 - KEEP
- 2 - ALWAYS
- 3 - CELEBRATE
- 4 - SENT
- 5 - BRING
- 6 - NEEDS
- 7 - BLESSED
- 8 - PEACE
- 9 - SILENT
- 10 - CELEBRATE
- 11 - PREPARED
- 12 - FOUND
- 13 - HERE
- 14 - AMONG
- 15 - REMEMBER
- 16 - BELIEVE

Easter AMAZED

SHARE YOUR PHOTO EACH DAY AND
TAG WITH #RETHINKCHURCH

LENT 2022 MAR 2 - APR 17



Highlands
Community
Ministries
grow. heal. play.

Lenten Lunch Series *Shadow and Light*

Thursdays during Lent

March 10 - April 7 • Noon - 1pm

Deer Park Baptist Church • 1733 Bardstown Rd.

*Free Soup Lunch and a Short Devotional by
Speakers from Highlands Congregations*

UMC Rethink Church invites you to join in their Photo-a-day Lenten practice. You are invited to share a photo showing how you perceive each word of the day. No explanation needed. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words. Post the image on your favorite social media platform and tag #rethinkchurch. More information here:

www.umc.org/en/content/lent-photo-a-day-2022

Wesley Night - Wednesday evenings!

MEAL - Wesley night meals will return on Wednesday, March 9.

But you don't have to wait to enjoy a meal with your St. Paul friends. Be sure to join us on Tuesday, March 1, for our Fat Tuesday Dinner! Details on page 5.

CHILDREN

-Children's choirs include: Music Milestones for children 3-5 years of age at 6:00pm, Joyful Song for grades 1-3 at 7:00pm, and Wesleyan Choir for grades 4-6 at 7:00pm.

-Children's Wesley Night Programs (through the school year):

- Kids Club - 6:15-6:30pm in the gym
- KICS & Tweens - 6:30-7:00pm, Room 309

YOUTH

-Youth Jam and Hangout from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Youth Center.

ADULTS

Our Wesley Night Lenten study begins on March 9. See details on page 4.

We hope to see you at Wesley Night in 2022!

* Event details subject to change based on COVID's evolution.

On-Campus Staff Hours

Darren Brandon: Mon-Thurs: 8a-3p,
Sunday: Worship.

Dustin Woods: Mon-Thurs: 8a-3p,
Sunday: Worship.

Jim McFarland: Mon & Tues: 9:30a-5:30p, Wed & Thurs: 10:30a-5:30p. Sun: Worship & Choir

Karla Temple: Mon: 10a-3p, Tues: 9:30a-3p,
Wed: Wesley Night, Thurs: 6-9p.
Sun: Worship & Choir

Lori Elbert: Tues: 9:30a-3:30p, Wed: 9:30a-2p,
Fri: 9:30a-noon. Sun: Worship and Youth.

Sara Ferebee: Mon - Fri: 9:30a-5:30p

Tori Brown: Mon: 11a-4p, Tues: 10a-3p,
Wed: 2-8p, Thurs: 11a-3p. Sunday: 8:30a-3:30p.

Jim Murphy: Mon-Tues: 9:30a-4:30p,
Wed: 9:30a-6p, Sun: 9:30a-12:30p

Bob Helvey: Mon-Wed: 10a-1p

Main Office: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 10a-1p



Altar Flowers

We are currently accepting sponsors for altar flowers for the 11am service. Please contact B.J. Fore (Betty.jo.fore@gmail.com or 502 458-2702) if you would like to sponsor the arrangements in honor of or in memory of someone. Cost is generally \$90 plus, depending upon the type of flowers ordered.



HABITAT HOUSE BUILD CONTINUES

Contractors and inspections at 3817 1/2 Oboe Drive are completed. On Thursday and Friday we will begin interior work. Ardo and her family are excited to be working on the next phase of their home. Contact Ray Fore at 458-2702 or papa.fore@gmail.com or sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084EA4A62BA6FE3-habitat> for future work days.

If you would like to help with providing lunch for the workers, please contact Glenna Heimerdinger at 777-2776 or purplgrl58@gmail.com.

St. Paul Resource Center Drive

March 1-31

ST. PAUL RESOURCE CENTER

Serving the Highlands and beyond



St. Paul's Resource Center began as an on-site outreach, inviting the unhoused or in-need population into our church building for a hot meal, showers, clothing, toiletries, shelf-stable food, and companionship. It was a thriving ministry, serving dozens of guests every week ... until the pandemic hit. When COVID-19 arrived on the scene, the St. Paul Resource Center was forced to cease operation, at least in its previous form.

Not to be defeated, St. Paul began sharing its resources with other ministries in the Highlands and beyond, while continuing to fulfill basic needs for those who stopped by the church requesting assistance. A year or so into the pandemic, when vaccines became available and things seemed to start opening up a bit, the Beyond the Walls team began discussing ways in which the St. Paul congregation could venture out into the

community to do some hands-on outreach. And the idea of the Mobile Resource Center was born.

Having previously supported the Fourth Ave UMC Open Door Community Ministry, providing donations and volunteers for their five-day-a-week food program, we reached out to propose our Mobile Resource Center idea, and they welcomed us with open arms.

Now, every second Saturday of the month, we take the St. Paul Mobile Resource Center on the road to set up shop and serve guests at Fourth Ave UMC. For several months, we set up the Mobile Resource Center on the sidewalk in front of the church, but we have now moved indoors, and it just keeps getting better. Each month, we serve an average of 65-90 people.



Here's How You Can Help!

Volunteer!

We need about 14-16 volunteers each month to help at the Mobile Resource Center. Volunteers help load and unload the bus, set up the Resource Center, and assist guests in finding what they need.

To volunteer, sign up at here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084ea4a62ba6fe3-mobile>



Questions? Contact Sara Ferebee, Director of Communications and Outreach, at sara@stpaulchurchky.org.

Our next Mobile Resource Center will take place on Saturday, March 12 11am-1pm

Donate!

We need a regular supply of NEW underwear, socks, toiletries, and other items to support both Resource Centers. To simplify your donations, use our Amazon or Dollar Days wish lists, which you will find at the St. Paul website under Serve: Resource Center:

<https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/the-resource-center/>





ZOO



scavenger hunt

Sunday, March 13 • 12:30-3:30pm

“Lions & tigers & bears, oh my!”

Join us for a WILD time at the Louisville Zoo as we explore all of God’s creatures in an exciting Bible scavenger hunt! The winning family of the scavenger hunt will receive a trophy, certificate, and a \$10 Amazon Gift card!

We will board the St. Paul bus at 12:15.

Tickets: Adult - \$12.00; Child - \$9.00; Senior - \$9.00

Register here:

www.stpaulchurchky.org/zoo-scavenger-hunt/



Vacation Bible School is coming!

June 27-July 1 • 9am-12pm

Step back in time to where Jesus walked to the Cross!

Smell the fresh, warm bread; weave a basket of reeds; make clay pots... Can you hear the music echoing through the Marketplace? Engage all senses as you transport to a different time and a fresh experience—and walk with Jesus today!

T-Shirts can be purchased for \$15 each! Register before May 23rd and receive 20% off your T-shirt!



Register by June 1st, 2022 at 12:00 pm!
Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or visit this page:
<https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/vbs/>



VBS Volunteer Sign Up:

We are so thankful for the many Ministry Partners (volunteers) who sacrifice their time and energy to lead our kiddos to Jesus. We have opportunities to serve, ranging from leading crafts to building the stage set the week before VBS. We have many spots available for high school students! In fact, serving at VBS is a great way to serve as a whole family! VBS is NOT possible without you! Please come and join our crew as we pour into the lives of children in our community, building a firm foundation of faith!

Free Breakfast & Coffee each morning!

Childcare is available for volunteers’ children, ages birth through 3 years old.

Sign up here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/vbs/>

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Saturday, March 26

2:00-4:00pm

Children (5th grade and under)

Egg hunts will be age specific.



Free event! No RSYF needed! Bring your Easter basket!



Easter Eggstravaganza Donation Drive!

Help the Easter Bunny at St. Paul by donating items off the Children's Ministry Easter Eggstravaganza Donation list! All items will automatically be sent to St. Paul! Thank you so much for your support and generosity!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2N0HO206IHKW4?ref=wl_share

Project Serve

June 20-24 • 6:00-8:00pm

Project Serve is a week-long camp where we do service projects around the church, help with VBS, and enjoy lots of fellowship.

Project Serve is free and it's for rising 5th-9th graders.

We will spend the week doing service projects, playing games, and having fun!

A Social-Distanced Dinner will be served each night.

Register Here! www.stpaulchurchky.org/project-serve/

We could use a few items for our Project Serve week!

If you'd like to donate some items, our wish list can be found here:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/X2NZOW0ZS5Y9>



Questions about our children's ministry events?
Contact Tori Brown, Director of Children's Ministry,
at tori@stpaulchurchky.org.

Youth News!

Confirmation 2022

If you are 7th grade or older you are invited to participate in this year's Confirmation class. We are excited to have Rev. Dustin Woods leading Confirmation this year. Classes will be Wednesday nights beginning March 9, and Confirmation Sunday will be May 1. If you or your student are interested in joining Confirmation classes please email youth@stpaulchurchky.org or dustin@stpaulchurchky.org prior to March 2nd.

Fusion Trip - Save the Date!

Mark your calendars, Fusion is a go for June 4th - 8th! We are working on details now and will give you more info once we know more!

Like everything else, this is subject to change based on safety concerns and we will keep everyone updated.

Winter/Spring Schedule:

March 6 - Regular Youth
March 13 - Regular Youth
March 20 - Regular Youth
March 27 - No Youth Group (JCPS Spring Break)
April 3 - Youth Hangout after Church; No Youth Group (JCPS Spring Break)
April 10 - Regular Youth
April 17 - No Youth Group (Easter)
April 24 - Regular Youth
May 1 - Regular Youth
May 8 - No Youth Group (Mother's Day)
May 15 - Regular Youth
May 22 - Senior Banquet



Weekly schedule:

Sunday mornings: 10:00-10:45 - Service Projects
Sunday evenings: 6:00-6:30 - Meal; 6:30-7:00 - Group activity; 7:00-8:00pm - Group worship with lesson and small group time. Please remember to bring your refillable water bottle and Bible every week!
Wednesday evenings: 6:30-8:00pm - Youth Jam & Hang-out

To stay up-to-date on Youth events, please:
- subscribe to our mailing list - at the bottom of the St. Paul Youth webpage:
www.stpaulchurchky.org/youth/

- join the [St. Paul Youth Facebook Group](#)
- follow [@stp_youth_group](#) on Instagram
- follow [@stpaulumc_youth](#) on Twitter



Billy and Janet Sewell Hired as Co-Directors of Youth Ministry for St. Paul

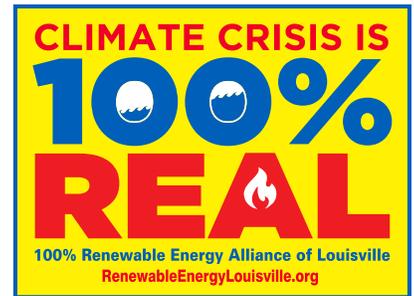
As many of you are aware, St. Paul has been searching for a person to fill the role of Director of Youth Ministries for the last several months. We are pleased to announce that Billy and Janet Sewell have been hired to fill this role as Co-Directors! Billy and Janet have been serving as our Interim Youth Directors for the last nine months and have done an amazing job. Whether it's leading regular youth events, retreats, "Gronk" nights, or special events, Billy and Janet provide fun, relational, and formational opportunities for the kids in a safe and supportive environment. They are very much loved by the youth and their families and have been an integral part of the youth ministry here at St. Paul for the last decade. We are excited to welcome them onto our staff and for the leadership, support, and consistency that they will continue to provide for our youth.

Welcome Billy and Janet!

REAL Good News

Local Action for Climate Care

A Virtual Mayoral Candidate Forum



Wednesday, March 23 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join the members of REAL, the Renewable Energy Alliance of Louisville, as we hear from several of Louisville's mayoral candidates.

Participating Mayoral Candidates:

Bill Dieruff
Rev. Tim Findley
Skylar Graudick
Craig Greenberg
Chantrael Hall
Philip Molestina
David Nicholson

Moderator: Tom Fitzgerald

Register for this free Zoom event:

<https://tinyurl.com/5atcz5yh>

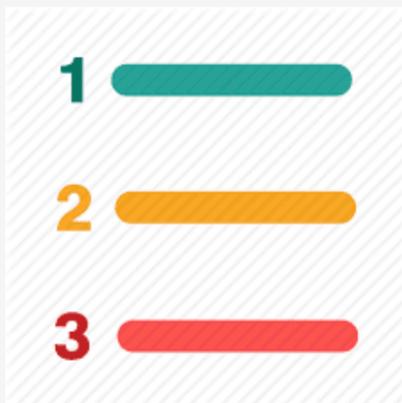
Music by John Gage

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HCM's "3 Big Things"

Please share these 3 big things happening at HCM with your Congregations:



1. Emergency Assistance Program served almost 600 folks with Christmas Gift Cards and Blankets
2. HYR has over 400 children playing Winter Sports!
3. HCM Board begins a new Strategic Planning process soon to see how we can strengthen our organization working with our congregations and the community.

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Our Faith Quilters have been working hard all year, making quilts for Project Linus. The Blessing of the Quilts will take place during both worship services on Sunday, March 13.

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