

THE TOWER

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Music Camp Cast and Crew
July 2022
"Table for Five ... Thousand!"**

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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
Betty Atcher - April 18, 2022
Donna Stoess - May 13, 2022
Ron Sauer - July 21, 2022

MEMORIALS

For Donna Stoess
by Ruth Black
by Douglass and Jaculin Iler

For Betty Atcher
by Daniel and Anita Hall

NEXT TOWER DEADLINE! August 18, 2022 at 5:00pm

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

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.

STAY CONNECTED!



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.*



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!**

LOST SHEEP

Dr. Lori Elbert, Director of Koinonia Worship

Many are the plans in the mind of a person, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

– Proverbs 19:21

It was Friday and I was hurriedly working my way down my to-do list, which was as long as my arm. I was pleased with the progress I was making. It was about 11am and I was almost halfway done with my list. Then my phone rang and my plans were derailed as God rerouted my day.

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?" – Luke 15:4

You see one of God's lost sheep was about to cross into my life. She had grown up in a Christian family that still loves her, but she had walked away from God and the support of her family. In her words, "Somehow I just quit going." She has had a drug addiction problem for years and when things got hard in treatment, she left and came to Louisville with a guy who also wanted to leave. After that, things got worse and she ended up stranded with no phone, no identification, and no wallet.

But God arranged for my son's car to break down



right where she was going to be left abandoned by the guy – but not by God. We got connected with her, helped her catch her breath, find a safe place to spend the night, and reach out to people back home who would come and get her. But most especially, I got to look into her eyes and tell her that God loved her and knew she would need help today and sent us. I got to remind her that even though she had walked away from God, God had not abandoned her.

This is what we are called to do, to reach out to the hurting, the lost sheep, and point them back to the shepherd. Because she didn't just need a ride and a meal, although that was our point of connection – she needed the redeeming hope that comes from Jesus.

I am not writing this to be congratulated. I came into this encounter very unwillingly; and not getting that to-do list done made several things more stressful over the weekend. I am writing this as a reminder to myself, and to us all, that God IS actively moving to orchestrate events to gather in His lost sheep. God's prevenient grace is still flowing even in a world that denies its existence. And wonder of wonders, God is using us to do it.

Did You Know?

We are praying with you! The prayer ministry of St. Paul includes a prayer chain that is emailed out at the first of each week. You can also receive it by mail. The prayer chain is a list of prayer requests we have received throughout the week and in Sunday worship. If you have a prayer request or would like to receive the prayer chain, please email prayer@stpaulchurchky.org, call the church office, or visit <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/prayer-requests/>.



Vision Team Goal: Family, Children, and Youth Ministry

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14 NIV)

One of St. Paul's enduring strengths over the years has been our ministry to children, youth, and families. For those of us who have been here a while, we've seen countless bright-eyed 3-year-olds singing in front of the church for the first time. In what seems like just a few years, those little ones have grown up into poised young adults sharing their youth group experiences with the church before heading off to college. We have also seen the parents and grandparents of those kids watching with pride and perhaps a few tears. This is our church family, and we all want that legacy at St. Paul to continue.

One of the key goals of the Vision Team this year has been to help facilitate this ministry to equip, support and encourage families in the community to grow together in Christ. Our goal is that there would be 75 families actively involved in this ministry by the end of 2023.

As we look to the beginning of a new school year, we are incredibly excited to welcome Lorie Williamson as the new Director of Family and Children's Ministry. She has been part of our church family here at St. Paul for many years, and we have seen her children grow up here. Coming into this role, Lorie will be discerning direction for programming to align with the mission of the children's ministry, she will reconnect with families that haven't attended during COVID, and she will be listening to the needs of all of St. Paul's families.



Janet and Billy Sewell have been leading a thriving youth group throughout the past year, and we are so thankful that they have joined us as Co-Directors of the Youth Ministry. With 25 7th-12th graders attending weekly meetings, the youth have experienced many opportunities to grow in their faith and service this year. The FUSION choir and service project trip, Camp Loucon, and weekly hang outs this summer have kept that momentum going strong.



On July 17th, St. Paul was treated to a group of 36 kids performing as the culmination of Music Camp week, led by Karla Temple and Lori Elbert. This group of children included some new families, some of the 20 kids involved in children's choirs during the year, as well as some returning families. One of the parents shared, "It was a good time of reconnecting-not just for the kids, but for the parents."



We on the Vision Team hope that this report will bring encouragement and excitement to our St. Paul family-we are growing and things are looking bright for the future! Please make plans to attend the Back to School Bash on August 14th. There will be informational meetings for parents of children and youth, as well as dinner, bouncy houses and lots of family fun!

For questions or comments regarding this goal, please reach out to Allison Olsen at suomeibraid@hotmail.com.

Join the St. Paul United Methodist Church Staff

We currently have two positions open.

Administrative Assistant extends hospitality through the church office by welcoming guests, answering phones and coordinating other duties in the office. The position is part time, includes generous Paid Time Off, and pension is provided.

Financial Administrator processes payroll, accounts payable, creates financial reports and other items related to the finances of the church. The position is part time, includes generous Paid Time Off, and pension is provided.

Applicants interested in these positions should send a letter of introduction and a resume to: info@stpaulchurchky.org

DOWNLOAD FULL DESCRIPTIONS HERE: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/job-openings>



Volunteer Opportunities at St. Paul

Help distribute Communion during the Koinonia Worship service

Sign up on the sign-up sheet in the gym or by emailing lori@stpaulchurchky.org.

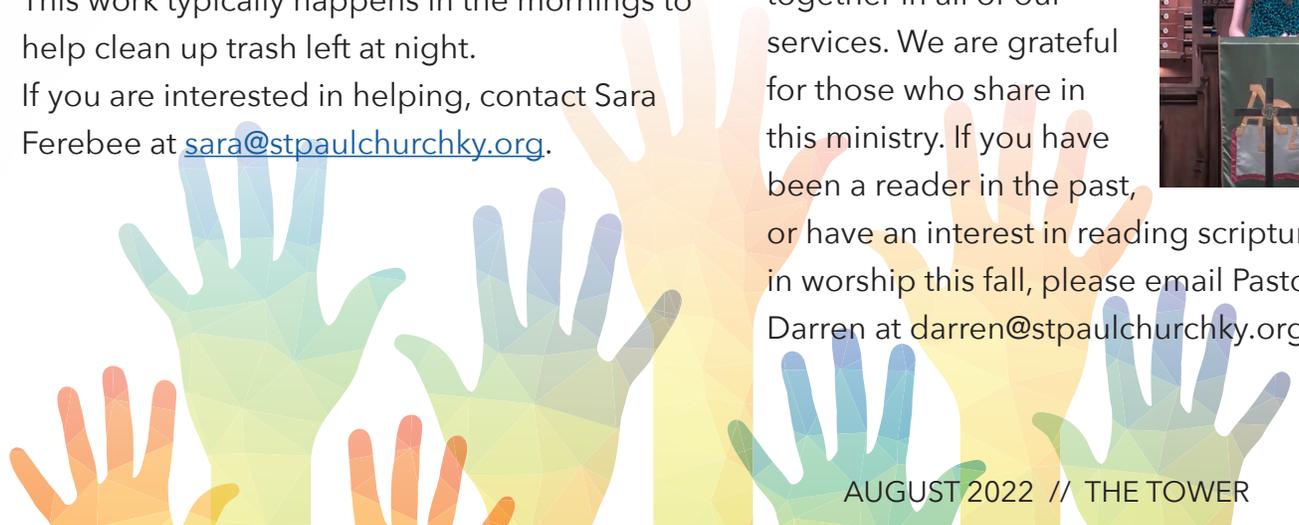


Campus Cleanup

We have a small crew of volunteers who help clean up trash around the St. Paul campus. All days are covered except Thursdays and Fridays. This work typically happens in the mornings to help clean up trash left at night. If you are interested in helping, contact Sara Ferebee at sara@stpaulchurchky.org.

Lay Reading Ministry

Each week in worship we read the scriptures together in all of our services. We are grateful for those who share in this ministry. If you have been a reader in the past, or have an interest in reading scriptures in worship this fall, please email Pastor Darren at darren@stpaulchurchky.org.



August Mission Focus: Open Door Community Ministry Donation Drive

During the month of August, St. Paul will be raising funds to support the work of the Open Door Community Ministry at Fourth Ave United Methodist Church, located at 318 W. St. Catherine Street, in the heart of Old Louisville.



The Open Door Community Ministry has been providing meals for those in need five days per week since the 1990s. Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, a group of dedicated volunteers prepare and serve lunch to 50-100 people in the Old Louisville neighborhood.



To help Open Door continue this important work, St. Paul will be collecting funds to assist with the costs of food, maintenance, and equipment repair/replacement.

You may donate by writing a check payable to St. Paul UMC, designating "Open Door Community Ministry," or donate online at our secure [Giving page](#), accessible from the homepage at www.stpaulchurchky.org (Choose "Other" and type in "Open Door Community Ministry"). Or scan the code for quick access >>>>>>>



Mobile Resource Center Saturday, August 13 11:00am-1:00pm

at Fourth Ave UMC's Open Door Community Ministry

Current Resource Center Needs!

- Summer clothing for men and women - *We especially need men's shorts*
- Summer hats / baseball hats
- Sturdy men's shoes are always needed *(all sizes)*
- Handkerchiefs or bandanas *(useful as a head covering or to wipe one's brow)*
- Sunscreen & insect repellent *(trial sizes are most useful)*
- New socks and underwear are always needed.
- Small handheld or clip-on fans *(battery- or solar-powered)*
- Bottled water or Gatorade
- Trial-size laundry detergent

Sign up to volunteer or access our Amazon and Dollar Days wishlists here:
<https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/mobile-resource-center/>

Wesley Nights Return This Fall!

Wednesdays, beginning September 14

Our evenings of weekly fellowship begin again on Wednesday, September 14, 6-8pm. This is such a great time to connect with other members of your church family and deepen relationships. Dinner is served from 6-7pm, followed by activities for all ages including: children's choirs, kids club, youth jam/hang out, and adult study opportunities.

Watch for more details in upcoming communications!



SCOUTS STARTING UP IN THE FALL!

Cub Scout Pack 40 welcomes boys and girls, K-5th grade. This year's activities will begin with a Parents' Night on Thursday August 25, 6:00-7:15 in the Family Life Center. (Kids are welcome that night too!)

Questions? Contact Christa Hanson at (312) 286-3521 or christangray@gmail.com.

Scout Troop 40 is for boys ages 11-17. Visitors are welcome at any meeting, Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 in the gym.

For questions, please contact Charles Robinson at (502) 338-4287 or charliewrobinson@gmail.com.

(While the current troop is entirely boys, we have been discussing starting a girls troop. If you are interested in getting involved in a girls troop—as a scout or as a leader—please contact Mr. Robinson.)



NEW DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are delighted to share that Lorie Williamson has answered the call to join the St. Paul staff as the Director of Family and Children's Ministry. Lorie has been part of the St. Paul family for a long time including a time on staff. Please see her bio that's included in today's bulletin. She will begin with a limited schedule for July and then be here full-time beginning August 1.

More about Lorie

Lorie, a native of Louisville, originally came to St. Paul with her family nearly 18 years ago after moving back to Louisville from Los Angeles, CA. She and her children have been active members of the church since then. She has served at St. Paul throughout the years as Soprano Soloist in the adult choir, Children's Choir director, and a previous stint as Director of Children's Ministries from 2010-2014. Lorie has undergraduate and graduate degrees in music and has taught privately and in the classroom in both

the Louisville and Los Angeles Catholic School Systems. Most recently, she served as Director of Children's Ministries at 2nd Presbyterian Church and is thrilled to be able to return to St. Paul in that capacity as well. Lorie shares her home with her daughters Elise (20), Sierra (18), and Loren (14), dogs Tammy and Brandi, cat Ella, and Beta fish Vance. Some favorite pastimes are playing Scrabble, badminton, swimming, hiking, going to concerts, and taking the dogs for walks while eating Popsicles. She is extremely excited to be back "home" and is looking forward to learning about God's love with each family in new and exciting ways.



Youth News!



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

Fall Schedule:

8/14 - Back to School Bash
8/21 - Regular Youth
8/28 - Regular Youth
9/4 - No Youth (Labor Day Weekend)
9/11 - Regular Youth
9/18 - Regular Youth
9/25 - Regular Youth
10/2 - No Youth (Fall Break) - We will have some sort of fun activity and/or service project this weekend so watch your emails!
10/9 - Regular Youth
10/16 - Regular Youth
10/23 - Regular Youth

10/26 (WEDNESDAY) - Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat
10/30 - Youth Bonfire
11/6 - Regular Youth
11/11 - 13 - Fall Retreat @ Loucon
11/20 - Regular Youth
11/27 - No Youth (Thanksgiving Weekend)
12/4 - Regular Youth
12/11 - Regular Youth
12/18 - Progressive Dinner
12/25 - No Youth (Merry Christmas)

Schedule subject to change. Sign up for the Youth email, check the Youth social media channels, or keep an eye on the St. Paul website to stay informed.



Back to School Bash!

St. Paul Church

Kids & Tweens

Sunday, August 14

4-8pm

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- 4:00pm** KICS/Tweens Meeting (Youth Center)
 - 4:30pm** Kids/Youth vs. Parents Dodgeball
 - 5:00pm** Dinner is served
 - 6:00pm** Youth Parent Meeting (Youth Center)
 - 6:00pm** Youth v Kids Water Wars
 - 7:00pm** Cornhole Tournament

Join us for dinner and fun as we kick off the 2022-2023 school year!

Burgers provided for dinner. Please bring a side dish to share!

Big Mike's Shaved Ice Truck will be on site for dessert!

The 2022-23 registration form will be available soon at the [St. Paul website](#).



Don't miss the bouncy house, inflatable obstacle course, and yard games!

Sign up for the St. Paul Retreat to Recharge and Renew

Saturday, September 24 • 9:00am-5:00pm

"Be still and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10

When can you just be still? Our busy, often anxious, lives rarely provide time for rest and renewal. Even in doing good, we are fighting schedules and responsibilities every day. Our minds and souls need rest, and sometimes, we just have to schedule it.

With that in mind, the St. Paul Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Team is planning a Fall retreat for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Mount St. Francis Retreat Center on Spirituality from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. It is a lovely property, just 15 minutes from downtown Louisville, in Mount St. Francis, IN.



There's no cost for the event, and you can learn more and sign up at this link: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/fall-retreat/>



Marilyn Stoner is putting together an agenda to guide us through a gentle day of reflection and discussion, along with creative activities like

journaling, drawing, and time for quiet. We will also explore nature as the center includes 400 acres of hiking trails, through trees, over bridges and around lakes. Rev. Dustin Woods and Debbie Wesslund are joining Marilyn in serving as guides for the event.

We hope it is a time for reflection and renewal, letting go of difficulties of the past and embracing the beauty of God's world and of the life we have been given. As the event gets closer we will provide more details, including plans for lunch and asking for participants to bring snacks to share.



To learn more about the Mount St. Francis facility, please visit:

<https://mountsaintfrancis.org>.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding the event, feel free to contact Marilyn at marilynstoner@fastmail.fm, Dustin Woods at dustin@stpaulchurchky.org, or Debbie at dwesslund1@icloud.com.

FAITH QUILTERS

In search of a mission and purposeful belonging?

Have basic machine sewing skills?

Consider St Paul's Faith Quilters.

Since 2003, this small group has made and contributed 1,615 unique quilts to children in crisis. Distribution is accomplished through Louisville Area Project Linus to local hospitals, child advocacy

centers, build-a-bed programs, and special needs such as weather disasters.

Some Faith Quilters meet at church and sew in fellowship once a month (3rd Tuesday, 10am-2pm) AND some sew entirely at home. Most had never made a quilt before joining the group. *Gentleman sewists welcome!*

Please contact Marg Suffill at msuffill@berry.edu or 502 473-0578.



SPAMS (St. Paul Adult Ministry for Seniors)

AUGUST POTLUCK LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT

Louisville Musician **Paul Penny**



Thursday, August 25

12:00-2:00pm in McAdams Hall

**Join the SPAMS for lunch and entertainment by
Louisville musician Paul Penny.**

Paul Penny is a Louisville musician who has performed with many different groups over the years, including the Paul Penny Band, The Carnations, The Monarchs, The Sultans, The Tren-Dells, Wolf Brothers, Cosmo, Jerry Cox, and numerous other bands. He and his bands have opened for numerous world-famous groups, and he has contributed his talents to other musicians' recordings as well. This man has a big, beautiful, booming voice that God gave him, and he uses it for all of us. Paul will have available some of his CDs for purchase, \$10 each.

Please bring a side dish to share. SPAMS will provide the meat.

Please sign up at the Information Center (2nd floor) by Tuesday, August 23!

Cost: \$5.00

If you have questions, please contact the church office at 502-459-1595.

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Making Prayer
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Church Picnic!



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