SMALL GROUPS DIRECTORY

St. Paul Church
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

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FAMILIES & CHILDREN

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Join us each Sunday morning for classes group by age: PreK, K-3rd and 4th-6th. Children explore missions, art, games, cooking, drama/storytelling, science and spiritual practices on the same lesson over a three-week period. This rotation style of teaching speaks to multiple intelligences and helps solidify important Bible stories to memory.

Ages 3-6th Grade
Sundays | 10:00-10:45am | 3rd Floor Children's Area

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children ages 3 through 3rd grades are dismissed from worship after the Children's Moment to experience age-appropriate worship in their own space. Children's Church takes place each Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month when children are encouraged to stay in worship and partake in communion with their families.

Ages 3-3rd Grade
2nd-5th Sundays | During worship services
3rd Floor Children's Area

CLUB 456

This group of 4th, 5th & 6th graders come together for opportunities in fellowship, faith formation & fun. Activities such as roller skating, bowling, and laser tag in addition to faith formation activities provide the perfect balance for relationship building with others and with God.

Grades 4, 5 & 6
Intermittent throughout the year

FAMILY EVENTS

Family events such as Parent's Night Out, Family Game Night, Mission Events, Extreme Games (kids vs parents) and Pajama Church are just a handful of events that happen throughout the year. Join us as we continue to watch this ministry grow!

Children and their families
Intermittent throughout the year

CHILDREN'S MUSIC GROUPS

MUSIC MILESTONES

This is not a performing choir, but rather a music readiness class. Preschoolers experience the joy of music as they experiment with different sounds their voices make, learn about beat and rhythm, play instruments, and learn new songs. Movement and music games are also a fun and vital part of this experience!

Age 3-Kindergarten
Wednesdays | 6:00-6:30pm | Room 306

JOYFUL SONG CHOIR

This choir sings in worship services monthly. They also are taught basic concepts of proper singing and music making. They work on pitch-matching, tone quality, while also allowing time for musical exploration through music games and instruments.

Grades 1-3
Wednesdays | 7:00-7:45pm | Room 306

WESLEYAN CHOIR

This choir sings in church monthly. Wesleyan Choir members learn effective singing technique, choral blend, music reading skills and a variety of choral anthems and hymns, as well as learning their important place in worship leadership. They also have fun with movement, music games and a variety of xylophones and rhythm instruments.

Grades 4-6
Wednesdays | 7:00-8:00pm | Room 302

CHILDREN & TWEENS CONTACT:

Lorie Williamson, Director of Family and Children's Ministries
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CHILDREN'S MUSIC CONTACT:

Karla Temple, Associate Dir. of Music Ministries
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YOUTH

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Contact: Janet and Billy Sewell

The Youth Sunday School hour is dedicated to service projects. Projects could include Resource Center sorting/ organizing, prayer beading, card making, managing the Common Cup coffee hour once per month, and more.

Sundays | 10:00-10:45am | Youth Center

YOUTH CHOIR

Contact: Karla Temple,
Associate Director of Music Ministries

The St. Paul Youth Choir includes our 7th-12th grade students who are committed to great singing and worshiping God. This continually expanding choir is for both beginning and advanced singers. The Youth Choir participates in worship frequently, usually once per month. They sing a variety of anthems, from classic to contemporary. The Youth Choir has toured various parts of the United States and even Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Sundays | 5:00-6:00pm | Choir Room

YOUTH GROUP

Contact: Janet and Billy Sewell

The St. Paul Youth Group is offered for students 7th grade through 12th grade to connect with God and one another. Through the school year, the youth group meets for activities, small group study, and a time of worship. The elements are integrated to help deliver a cohesive theme for the evening. This is a terrific place for youth to get connected with the youth ministry and bring friends who might be new to the church.

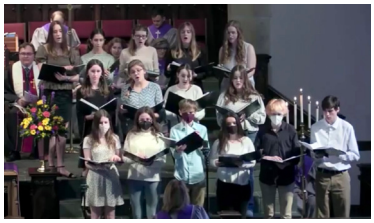
Sundays | 6:00-7:30pm during school year
Gym, Youth Center

WEDNESDAY YOUTH JAM & HANGOUT

Contact: Janet and Billy Sewell

Wednesday nights are a time for fellowship, continuing conversations from Sunday night, and Youth Band. All activities meet in the Youth Center. Youth Band helps lead Youth Group worship and gathers on Wednesday nights to jam together for fellowship and skill development. All instruments, vocalists, and skill levels are welcome.

Wednesdays | 6:00-8pm during school year
Youth Center



YOUTH GROUP CONTACT

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YOUTH CHOIR CONTACT

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YOUTH BAND CONTACT

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ADULT MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR

Contact: Dr. Jim McFarland,
Director of Music Ministries

The Chancel Choir sings at our 11:00am Traditional service. The choir presents a wide range of anthems from the classics to spirituals to contemporary pieces.

Thursdays | 7:15-9:00pm | Room 302

BELLS OF ST. PAUL

Contact: Dr. Jim McFarland,
Director of Music Ministries

The Handbell Ensemble is a part of the traditional worship service several times throughout the year. The Bells of St. Paul is a fun, collaborative ensemble at St. Paul. This group is open to all adult musicians.

Wednesdays | 8:00-9:00pm | Room 303

ORCHESTRA

Contact: Dr. Jim McFarland,
Director of Music Ministries

St. Paul Orchestra are a part of the Traditional service throughout the year. This inter-generational group is always in need of instrumentalists. To find their current schedule, contact Dr. Jim McFarland.

See Dr. McFarland for details.

KOINONIA WORSHIP BAND

Contact: Dr. Lori Elbert,
Director of Koinonia Worship

The Koinonia Worship Band leads worship at the 9am Koinonia Service. The group does a variety of styles of music.

Practice at 7:30am before Koinonia service.

CHANCEL CHOIR, HANDBELLS, AND ORCHESTRA CONTACT
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KOINONIA WORSHIP BAND CONTACT
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ADULT GROUPS

Sunday Morning Groups

ALDERSGATE
Contact: Ray Fore
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A study of contemporary books written primarily by Methodist authors and pastors. The class also offers socials throughout the year and mission projects.

Sundays | 10:00am | Room 319

RESILIENT FAITH
Contact: Dr. Julia Mitchell
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The Resilient Faith Sunday school class meets between worship services. Through Scripture and various book studies, we explore examples of suffering and hope as we aspire to have resilient faith. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and discussion.

Sundays | 10:00am | Parlor (Room 219)

EXPLORATIONS
Contact: Jason Ramsey
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A themed group that typically begins with a presentation on a book followed by small group discussion. This class also plans various social activities throughout the year.

Sundays | 10:00am | Room 110

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (LOA)
Contact: Kathy Mynhier
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This class comprises individuals from all walks and stages of life. Our structured, Bible-based lessons are varied, never dull, lecture and discussion oriented, and use the talents of outside speakers. We have a heart for charity and outreach and love to socialize. The class is equal parts married and single, always looking forward to welcoming new members.

Sundays | 10:00am | Chapel (Room 217)

SERENDIPITY
Contact: Bob Helvey
bob@stpaulchurchky.org
Our class is made up of older adults (60 and up) but we welcome anyone who wants to study scripture in an interpretive way. In other words, we look at different modes and slants rather than deciding that "this is the only way to read or hear it." We have spent most of our time in the New Testament but refer back to the Old Testament often since many of Jesus' words are recitations. Although we have some structure, we are open to prayer and discussion on needs as they come up and/or current events.

Sundays | 10:00am | Room 111

VINE & BRANCHES
Contact: Denny Edge
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A study group facilitated by a rotation of members focused on reading books of the Bible. The class periodically hosts potlucks and service activities.

Sundays | 10:00am | Room 100

SUNDAY MORNING FORUMS
Contact: Darren Brandon
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Occasional discussions highlighting our ministry partners or topics of interest to the church family.

Meets periodically throughout the year

ADULT GROUPS

Small Groups

CHRISTIAN ACTION GROUP
Contact: Paul Wesslund
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Christian Action is group of St. Paul members who focus on making positive changes important to the church and its congregation. It has three primary areas of attention: the climate crisis, the United Methodist Church's doctrine on gay marriage and ordination, and racial justice. The group seeks to live its Christianity by engaging difficult issues in its communities and in the world, in ways that represent St. Paul as vibrant, effective, and inviting.

Occasional In-Person or Zoom Meetings and Email Discussions

FAITH QUILTERS
Contact: Marg Suffill
msuffill@berry.edu
This mission-minded group meets once a month to create quilts together. These quilts are blessed and sent to Project Linus to be distributed to children experiencing trauma.

3rd Tuesdays | 10:00am | Room 100

GUIDED MEDITATION
Contact: Marilyn Stoner
marilynstoner@fastmail.fm
A meditation group focusing on dealing with stress, and healing of the mind, body, and spirit through the awareness of God's ever-presence and compassion.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 10:30-11:45am | Zoom

GUITAR CLUB
Contact: Bob Helvey
bob@stpaulchurchky.org
Guitar Club is a newly-formed group that offers musicians an opportunity to gather for fun and fellowship while playing music together. Open to all and not limited to guitars.

PRAYER BEADS
Contact: Kim Smith
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This group makes prayer beads for those in need of compassionate care, as well as for new St. Paul members. Protestant prayer beads are a beautiful and tangible way to express love. They are taken on pastoral home and hospital visits, as well as to Hosparus and people on the prayer chain. Donations of old beads and crosses are always welcome and can be given new life as prayer beads. No experience necessary.

3rd Sunday | 1:00pm | Common Cup

SPAMS (St. Paul Adult Ministry for Seniors)
Contact: Glenda Young
gkyoung1@bellsouth.net
We are a vital group of seniors who meet once a month for service, fellowship, and outreach. Our activities alternate between trips, which usually include a meal, and catered lunches at church with entertainment or lectures. Lunch activities are typically held in McAdams Hall with lunch at noon and guest presenter at 1:00pm. Trip departure times vary depending on location. We do not meet in December. January and February are reserved for service projects.

Meeting dates/locations vary. More info at:
www.stpaulchurchky.org/seniors/

YOUNG ADULT GROUP
Contact: Dustin Woods, Associate Pastor, dustin@stpaulchurchky.org, or Ann Jirkovsky, ajirkovsky@bellarmine.edu
The Young Adults group is a work in progress. Activities in the past have included some fun outings to various area restaurants and some games and devotions held at church. If you would like to be part of the Young Adults Group or are interested in being part of the planning team, contact Pastor Dustin or Ann Jirkovsky.

ADULT GROUPS

Men's Groups

MEN'S GROUP
Contact: Dustin Woods, Associate Pastor, dustin@stpaulchurchky.org

The St. Paul Men's group's purpose is to invite participants to walk alongside one another in the Christian faith. Members of the group "watch over one another in love", listen to each other's experiences, have Christian conversations, and build relationships with one another. The group is open to all men.

Every Other Monday | 7:00pm | Common Cup

DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION EVENTS

EXPLORING ST. PAUL
Exploring St. Paul is a class for those interested in learning more about St. Paul Church. These classes happen periodically throughout the year.

OTHER OFFERINGS
Wesley Night studies and occasional studies during the Sunday school hour provide additional opportunities to explore our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the year, St. Paul offers a variety of spiritual formation opportunities. Check the church website or the current issue of the Tower newsletter for more information on upcoming events. Some examples of our spiritual formation programming include:

Topics in christian living, labyrinth walks, spiritual retreats, and healing services.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MOBILE RESOURCE CENTER
Contact: Sara Ferebee
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The Mobile Resource Center offers clothing, shoes, toiletries, and other necessities to guests at the Open Door Community Ministry at Fourth Ave. UMC.
www.stpaulchurchky.org/mobile-resource-center/

Second Saturdays | 11:00am-1:00pm
Fourth Ave UMC, 318 West St. Catherine St.

Women's Groups

KALEIDOSCOPE
Contact: Betty Jo Fore
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A diverse group of women of all ages who meet monthly for fun, fellowship, mission, and support. Typically, this group features a different speaker every month.

First Tuesdays | 7:00pm | Youth Center

WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY
Contact: Gail Henson
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A friendly, lively Bible study discussion group for women, based on the Genesis to Revelation commentary series.

Wednesdays | 10:00-11:30am | Room 113

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT
Contact: Cullen Hornaday
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A discernment group that supports and honors each of our spiritual journeys and callings as followers of Christ in the world. We are committed to welcoming all people into spiritual growth, being open-hearted, and seeking God's presence. Discussions based on books, articles and podcasts. Currently reading The Wisdom Jesus.

Thursdays | 10:00am-noon | Zoom

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Contact: Anna Selle
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A group that supports local, national, and global missions via readings, discussions, prayer, and giving.

Planning to resume in April 2023

Don't see what you're looking for?
Have an idea for a new group?

Contact Rev. Dustin Woods
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Group details subject to change, due to Covid restrictions. Reach out to group contact if you have questions about a group's status or meeting times.

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