

THE TOWER

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*The Mobile Resource Center
is two years old!*

Thank you for your continued
support for this important
outreach program.



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THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED SINCE LAST ALL SAINTS DAY

Terry Byers - December 15, 2022
 Joyce Lynn - December 24, 2022
 Jan Wade - January 4, 2023
 Mary Vise - January 17, 2023
 Mae Claxon - January 20, 2023
 Virginia Dick - February 3, 2023
 Kel Thrush - February 13, 2023
 Carol Gray - February 24, 2023
 Betty Stockdale - February 24, 2023
 Glenna Heinz - March 17, 2023



NEXT TOWER DEADLINE! June 15, 2023 at 5:00pm

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

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](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulchurchky), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulchurchky), and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/stpaulchurchky).

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!**

Two Years, Two Ministries, Building Community

Sara Ferebee, Director of Communications & Outreach



Our June Mobile Resource Center marks the two-year anniversary of our partnership with Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church's Open Door Community Ministry. As you know by now, St. Paul takes its bus, filled with everyday essentials such as clothing, shoes, and hygiene items, to Fourth Avenue UMC on the second Saturday of each month to distribute these much-needed items to those enjoying a meal at Open Door. While offering these items to the unhoused and in-need guests at Open Door meets some of their everyday physical needs, the bigger gift of our partnership has been the community building that has occurred. Each month, we encounter new faces and unique needs, but we also see lots of familiar, friendly smiles.

Throughout the month, as Resource Center volunteers sort through the generous clothing donations we receive from all of you (thank you!), one of us will undoubtedly hold up a purple shirt or scarf and exclaim, "Denise would love this!" And that item is set aside for our dear friend, who adores purple. Other times, it's "This would fit Donnie!" or "The young, stylish woman would probably like this." It is such a joy to grow in friendship with those we serve and are blessed by each month.



As our partnership enters its third year, we are looking at ways to expand our offerings by exploring some of the unmet needs of the population we serve. Some ideas we are considering are dental care, eye exams, haircuts, and spiritual support. On behalf of the Beyond the Walls team and the Resource Center volunteers, thank you for your continued support for this vital ministry!

MRC 2nd Anniversary Donation Drive!

To celebrate our anniversary, please consider purchasing one item from our wish lists!

If everyone reading this donates one item, it will go a long way in serving the needs of our guests at the Mobile Resource Center!

You can order from our Amazon or Dollar Days wish lists to have items shipped to the church, or drop off items in the donations bins at St. Paul.

Amazon wish list:

<https://a.co/hULmRMs>

Dollar Days wish list:

<https://tinyurl.com/34tb7hcv>

Some other needed items that can usually be found at a dollar store, include:

- Shampoo / conditioner
- 3-in-1 body wash
- Bar soap
- Vaseline
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Lotion
- Hand wipes
- Small bottles of laundry detergent

A list of current needs can always be found on the bulletin board near room 205.



Mobile Resource Center
at Fourth Ave UMC's
Open Door Community Ministry
Saturday, June 10
11:15am-1:00pm

You can sign up to volunteer here:
stpaulchurchky.org/mobile-resource-center/





Youth News!

Congratulations to our 2023 graduates!

Tyler Buchanan - duPont Manual / YPAS

Mary Kathryn French - duPont Manual

Riley McNerney - duPont Manual / YPAS

Avery Ramsey - Sacred Heart Academy

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for a great Youth Futures Sunday! We appreciate all of the support from the congregation! It's not too late to donate, you can go to our secure online [Giving](#) platform or scan the QR code to continue to support our Youth -->>



Fusion Trip

Please be in prayer for our group of students and adults that will be traveling to Carbondale (southern), IL and St. Louis, MO, June 10-15.



Summer Schedule:

June

6/4 - Senior Sunday & Fusion kickoff (choir sings)

6/7 - Putt Putt (family event)

6/10-6/15 - Fusion Trip

6/19-6/23 - Vacation Bible School & Project Serve

July

7/9 - Holiday World

7/10-7/14 - Music Camp

7/19 - Portland Promise Center Service Day

7/23 - Bats Game @ 6pm (family event)

August

8/13 - Back to School Bash Sunday

***All dates are subject to change. Updates will be in the St. Paul Youth weekly email!**

Youth & Faith Quilters

The Faith Quilters are happy to invite any interested youth to join us June 6, June 27, and July 18 at our meetings in room 100 from 10am to 2pm (or any part of that time they are available). The Faith Quilters will offer sewing instruction as the youth help to create Project Linus quilts. Email Karla Temple for more information and to RSVP at karla@stpaulchurchky.org.



Let's Go Putt Putt!

Wednesday, June 7 • 6:00-9:00pm

Join us at Putt Putt Fun Center (5720 Bardstown Rd.) in Fern Creek. We have reserved the pavilion so feel free to bring your dinner and eat at one of the picnic tables. St. Paul will buy rounds of golf. Elementary students (completed 5th grade) and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

St. Paul Families & Youth

**LET'S GO
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Wednesday 6/7
6pm - 9pm

Stay up to date on Youth events:

- Sign up for the Youth email [here](#)
- Check the Youth Instagram account @stp.youth

General Youth info can be found on the St. Paul [Youth Webpage](#).



Summer Sing & Sprint

Are your kids missing choir this summer? Bring your rising 2nd-7th graders (Joyful Song and Wesleyan Choirs, and any other 2nd-7th graders who want to sing!) for music time in the choir room and playtime in the gym or outside.

Wednesdays - June 21 and July 5 • 6:00-7:30pm

Summer Sunday School teaching opportunity!

We are looking for teachers for our K-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade Sunday School classes. If you enjoy coloring, crafting, and sharing the love of Jesus with kids - this is the perfect chance for you to get plugged in!

Please email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org if you are interested in helping on a specific Sunday (10:00-10:45am) or if you'd like to commit to a biweekly or monthly schedule.



Summer Music Camp!

July 10-14

9:00am-Noon

Performances on Sunday, July 16

Kids who are rising 2nd-7th graders won't want to miss this long-standing St. Paul tradition, a week of music, crafts, folk dancing, games, and more!

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23
9am-Noon



This year's VBS will take us back in time! We will learn how people lived during Jesus' time, and we will get to walk Jesus' path through Jerusalem to the cross.

Please sign up and tell your friends - we would love to see them in Jerusalem!

Ages 3-rising 4th graders
(those who will enter 4th grade in Fall '23)

Register online!

Go to our [website](https://www.stpaulchurchky.org) or scan the code >>>>>

Cost is \$10 per child.



With less than a month until Jerusalem Marketplace begins, we are gearing up for the excitement! Please register any kids you plan to bring at the link above!

Would you like to volunteer? Please email Tracy Martin at tracy@stpaulchurchky.org - we need 6 more adults and 8 more youth volunteers to ensure things run smoothly for our participants!

Project Serve

June 19-22 • 1:00-3:30pm

We are looking forward to a week of service projects with our tweens! Projects will include our very own Resource Center here at St. Paul, Smoketown Family Wellness Center, and ReCenter Ministries.

Project Serve participants are also invited to Vacation Bible School on Friday, June 23 from 9am-noon, where we will share about the projects we participated in during the week.

Rising 5th-7th Graders!

Register online!

Go to our [website](https://www.stpaulchurchky.org) or scan the code >>

Registration fee: \$10 per child.



If you are interested in joining us as an adult chaperone, please email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org!



Ministry Team Feature: Safety Team

The St. Paul Safety Team is composed of members of St. Paul whose ministry involves making our church a safer place to work and worship. Members have a diverse background: nurses, including one who taught nursing at Jefferson Community & Technical College, a medical doctor, a police lieutenant, a fire department sergeant and EMT, a special agent with the FBI (who also later taught criminal justice classes with the community college system), military veterans, a University of Louisville robotic retrieval system supervisor, private industry sector workers, a post office supervisor, and an accountant. One is currently assisting people in their travel plans.

Team members recently enjoyed a breakfast meeting at Cracker Barrel. Shown here (L-R, first row) Nancy Glass, Mary Buckner, Alice Abbott-Moore, and Debby Bloyd, (L-R, back row) Rod Kincaid, Tony Glass, Lee Buckner, Danny Bloyd, and John Smithers. Greg Tandy also attended (front right in second photo). Team members Harvey Hite and Elizabeth Wong were not able to attend.



On Sunday mornings, during Wesley Nights, and at special occasions such as Halloween Trunk-or-Treat nights and Christmas Eve services, you will see team members helping those in need of assistance, serving as ushers to welcome everyone, and looking out for safety concerns.

Team members have attended training sessions in responding to medical and high risk situations, deescalation techniques, legal issues, CPR, and operating defibrillators.

Below, Safety Team members greet worshipers, assist ushers, and check the alley entrances.



Visitor Breakfast!

Sunday, June 11 at 10:00am
McAdams Hall (room 120)



Are you a visitor to St. Paul?

Would you like the opportunity to get to know more about the church and to make new connections?

Join us for this friendly, informative breakfast!

Register online or call the church office (459-1595) to let us know you'll be joining us!

Scan the code for quick access. ---->>>>>



Pastoral Appointments

After Annual Conference, June 4-7, Rev. Darren Brandon and Rev. Dustin Woods will be returning to St. Paul to share with you in another year of ministry.



Congratulations to Pastor Dustin

Congratulations to Pastor Dustin who was approved for ordination as Elder at the upcoming Annual Conference in June.

If you would like to watch the ordination service online, you may do so at the conference website: www.kyumc.org

One-Service Sundays

During June and July, we have two Sundays where we will express our unity in a unique way. Both services come together to worship at 10am followed by a fellowship afterwards.

June 25 at 10am - Worship in the Sanctuary, followed by Lemonade on the Lawn

July 30 at 10am - Worship in the Sanctuary, followed by a Potluck Lunch in McAdams Hall

Please mark your calendars and join us for these celebrations of worship and fellowship.

United Women in Faith



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women) will meet Tuesday, June 13 at 10:00am in room 113. We are entering the last quarter

of this year's study. Our goal will be to work on widening what we consider our communities and look at how God wants us to live in a relationship with the world. In this program we will learn about systems that are not in line with God's love for her children. If time allows we will introduce the pledge service which financially supports our mission and discuss next year's programs.

Debbie Chambers Award

Congratulations to Deborah Chambers, recipient of Special Mission Recognition, awarded to her at the May 9, 2023 meeting of St. Paul United Women in Faith! Deborah received a gold oval lapel pin with a cross, and a certificate! A gift for ministries with women, children, and youth was forwarded to the United Women in Faith National Office.



Scout Trailer for Sale

Scout Troop 40 wishes to sell its trailer. This is a 6 foot by 12 foot double-axle enclosed trailer that we do not currently need and we do not anticipate needing in the near future. The trailer is ten years old and is in good condition. At present, it is parked in front of the white house on St. Paul's campus. We are asking \$3500 but this is not firm. If interested, please contact Bill Fenton at william.fenton@twc.com.

Vision Goal: SPAMS, St. Paul Adult Ministries for Seniors

By Glenda Young, SPAMS Coordinator

In the last part of 2021, I longed to be back in the sanctuary of St. Paul. Prior to the church pausing in-person activities, I would sometimes think on Sunday morning, "Maybe I will not attend church today." I usually did but was not as thankful as I should have been. During this period, I had a legitimate reason for not going to church, but I very much wanted to return to the sanctuary and to St. Paul.

So I made a commitment to myself and God that whatever I could do or was asked to do in getting St. Paul back to normal activities, I would do.

Pastor Darren, staff members, and the vision team, led by Ed Henson, were working on getting things restarted at the church. Then that call came from Jon Fleshman, a member of the Vision team, asking me to assist in reactivating SPAMS. I knew that this was a door I had to walk through, regardless of what happened. I had many thoughts about accepting this assignment - such as, "Glenda, you are too old; speaking and writing are not your cup of tea." However, to keep my commitment to self and most importantly to God, I knew I must walk through this door. So I accepted.

My first action was to have several informative conversations with Betty Matthews, who had served on the SPAMS committee for several years. My next step was to call Michele Hundley. As you may remember, SPAMS was a very successful program under her leadership. She was very supportive and sent me a lot of information about previous events. Thank you, Michele, for your help.

Next, I contacted the previous SPAMS committee. The members were Betty Matthews, Ray Fore, and Deby Whittenberg - small in number but large in church experience at St. Paul. I spoke with Pastor Darren, and he suggested we hold our first event in April 2022. So I contacted Sara Ferebee, St. Paul Director of Communications and Outreach, and she took charge of publicity, and what a great job she did and is still doing.

There was another person who stood with me in planning the first event. It was Carmaleta Combs, who has since returned to Texas. We had many hours of conversations about what might and might



not work for this event. The church staff, led by the loving and creative Karla Temple, offered musical entertainment, as well as a skit, written by Lori Elbert, about a Wednesday night Zoom Bible study. It

was hilarious (watch it at the St. Paul [website](#)). Jim Murphy also entertained us with many humorous jokes, and SPAMS participants Jon Fleshman and Kathleen Mynhier offered poetry recitations.



During the remainder of 2022, the SPAMS took a cruise on the Mary Miller Steamboat, enjoyed a potluck and musical entertainment by Paul Penny, toured the Thrive Center and Schimpff's Confectionery, and saw "White Christmas" at Derby Dinner

Playhouse. We also launched an ongoing wellness class for seniors, led by Angie Dortch.



In January 2023, the SPAMS diaper drive for MIHOW (Mothers and Infants Health Outreach Workers) collected 2,465 diapers, 3,360 baby wipes, and other generous donations for this valuable program at Henderson Settlement in southeastern Kentucky. Our March event was a potluck and entertainment by the St. Paul Strummers.

In April 2023, our event featured entertainment by the Wesleyan Choir (4th-6th graders), led by choir director Karla Temple and Jim McFarland on the piano. Thank you, Wesleyan Choir; you did a great job. And thank you for using the stage in McAdams Hall; I can remember when we used that stage a lot for programs held there. Also, I want to thank the parents of the singers for allowing their children to participate in this program. Finally, our thanks to Betty Jo, Janet, and Ray Fore for preparing and serving a delicious dinner for the event.

SPAMS, continued

We have planned events for SPAMS through December of this year, which Sara will be telling you about in future church publications and communications channels.

I wish to thank Jon Fleshman for making that call and for the support he has given to me personally. I think Jon believes anything can be accomplished if you try. He is also a great bus driver. I will add that Jon was not well acquainted with me when he made that call. He is now!

Last but not least was the great support SPAMS received from you, the members, by attending and volunteering to assist SPAMS where needed.

Since I have received so much support from the church for doing SPAMS, I have made another commitment to the Lord. Wherever volunteers are needed for the church, I will make every effort to be there.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming SPAMS events!

Watch for more information on these events in future issues of the Tower and other church publications.

June

Belle of Louisville cruise
Friday, June 23
Details below.

July and August

These months are still being planned, so watch future issues of the Tower and Sunday bulletins.

September

Mrs. Darlene Schultz and her son will offer a musical program.

October

Bardstown - Boone Tavern

November - No program this month

December

A Christmas Carol: The Musical
at Derby Dinner Playhouse
Friday, December 8
\$37.00 - Bus will leave at 11am

SPAMS (St. Paul Adult Ministry for Seniors) CRUISE ON THE BELLE OF LOUISVILLE

Friday, June 23

11:00am-3:30pm

Join the SPAMS for a relaxing cruise on the historic Belle of Louisville!

The cruise takes place from 1:00-3:00pm.
Board the bus at 11:00am; bus leaves at 11:30am.

Price for ticket is \$23.00.
Food - Concession stand



New Adult Sunday Classes Forming

We are made for relationship, whether in family, friendships, or a church body. God blesses us when we live in community. As Paul wrote in his Letter to the Romans, chapter 12:4-5,

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

A loving Church community encourages and consoles one another sharing a deep and abiding love for God and one another.

The recent COVID-enforced isolation disrupted established communities and left me longing to return to my church community. During the pandemic, the St. Paul staff pivoted and adapted well to various forms of outreach using social media. However, it wasn't the same as meeting face to face with my study class. In classes, there are spontaneous side discussions, sharing deep concerns and joys, and sharing the word of God to better understand the life that He has set our feet to.

When we returned to church, the once noisy and crowded hallways were oddly dim, silent, and deserted. Now that we're back, we long to personally connect with church members. To that end, we are offering four new Adult Study Classes this August.

Of the six class descriptions outline below, we will begin by offering the four classes that receive the most registrants. Let us know your class preference by filling out the [form](#) at our website or at the Information Center at St. Paul. I strongly encourage you to consider joining a Sunday Adult Class. It will help you find a community within St. Paul and help you feel more connected to the church.

- **Guys and God Sunday School Class** - A men's studies class. Men address the many problems in the World and examine the effect of these problems on their souls. It is a deliberate look at what men believe about God, themselves, and the Church.

- **Connections Sunday School Class** - A women's studies class. Women strive to develop an authentic connection to God and others by studying various authors to find out what matters most, connecting to God.
- **Being a United Methodist** - A class open to all to develop clarity about what it means to be a United Methodist. Materials to be studied include UMC Social Principles and books by a leading UMC author, Adam Hamilton. The intent is to help you better understand what United Methodists believe. Course materials will include UMC's Book of Discipline, Social Principles, and Hymnal.
- **United Women in Faith, Circle of Friends** - The Mission of UWIF is to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.
- **Animate Practices Journal** - **Animate** is an introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith, why they are important, and how we can take part in them today. Sessions feature stimulating perspectives on various topics by Christian thought leaders. The Journal includes prompts that allow participants to creatively practice each discipline.
- **UMC Family** - A class for parents to discover God's intentions and plans for families. This is an opportunity for parents to share stories and support one another as they navigate family life.

It is my fervent hope that there will be more offerings each year. Should you have specific ideas for other Study Classes, I encourage you to reach out to Rev. Brandon, Rev. Woods, or myself and we will see about making it so. Again, please fill out the Adult Class Interest [form](#) at our website or at the Information Center to let us know which of these six classes interest you most!

Your Friend in Christ,

Amy Johnson
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June 2023

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Guided Meditation

Wednesdays, 10:30am, Zoom

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA Groups

Mondays at 6:00pm & 7:30pm, Tuesdays at 7:30pm, Thursdays at 6:00pm, Saturdays at 10:00am & 8:00pm, Sundays at 8:00pm

- GLI AA Meeting

June 8, 6:00pm, McAdams Hall

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:30pm, Rooms 110 & 113

FELLOWSHIP & CLASSES

United Women in Faith

Tuesday, June 13, 10:00am, Room 113

Men's Group

2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00pm, Common Cup

Youth & Faith Quilters

Tuesdays, June 6 & 27, 10:00am, Room 100

Women of the Word Bible Study

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

Women's Discernment Group

Thursdays, 10:00am, Zoom

Guitar Club

Sunday, May 21, 6:30pm, Room 113

SPAMS Cruise on the Belle of Louisville

Friday, June 23. Bus leaves at 11:30am

OUTREACH

Resource Center Assistance

Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00am-1:00pm

Available to those in need of basic necessities.

Mobile Resource Center

Saturday, June 10, 11:15am-1:00pm,
Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Putt Putt Family Event

June 7, 6:00-9:00pm, Putt Putt Fun Center
in Fern Creek

Youth Fusion Trip

June 10-15

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23

Project Serve for Tweens

June 19-22

Summer Sing & Sprint

Wednesday, June 21, 6:00-7:30pm

Scouts

Boy Scouts, Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Gym

Eagle Scouts Ceremony & Reception

June 3, 2:00pm, Sanctuary, McAdams Hall

SPECIAL EVENTS

Visitor Breakfast

Sunday, June 11, 10:00am, McAdams Hall

One-Service Sunday

June 25, 10:00am, Sanctuary

- followed by lemonade on the lawn

MINISTRY TEAMS

Beyond the Walls Team Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 7:00pm, Parlor

Eagle Scout Ceremony

On Saturday June 3, Troop 40 will celebrate our latest Eagle Scout, Frank Leezer. Frank is the 188th Eagle in the hundred year history of our troop. The ceremony will be at 2:00 in the Sanctuary. All present and former scouts are welcome!

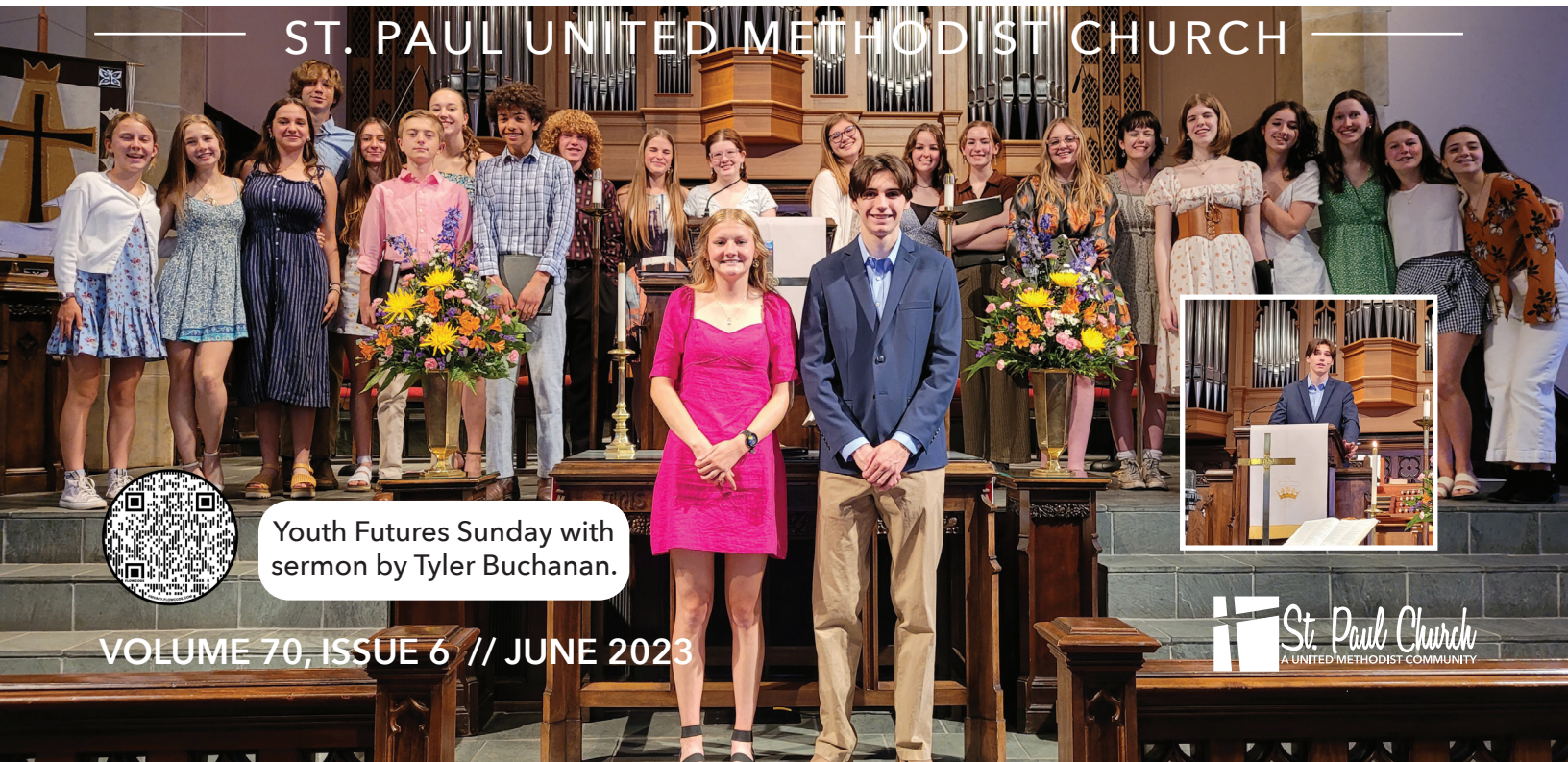
Currently, the main church office hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-2:00pm. The main office is closed on Fridays. This schedule will remain in effect until a new Administrative Assistant has been hired.

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