

THE TOWER

— ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH —



Tony Fowler having a "pig" time during the last day of Vacation Bible School!

See more VBS and Project Serve pictures on page 5!

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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
 Jane Grise - June 12, 2023
 Tom Armstrong - June 13, 2023

MEMORIALS

In memory of Carter Reynolds
 from Ray & Betty Jo Fore

In memory of Lucy Bone
 from Graeme & Jane Donovan

In memory of Pauletta Matthews
 from Brad Matthews and Family

NEXT TOWER DEADLINE! JULY 20, 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](#), [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!**

KINDNESS & ACCEPTANCE

Tracy Martin, Director of Family and Children's Ministries



We just wrapped up an exciting week of VBS and Project Serve, and I am filled with gratitude for this church body! The way you showed up to help—through encouraging words, praying, donating craft supplies, helping decorate, teaching the kids each day—was unexpected and overwhelming. Unexpected kindness and overwhelming acceptance have been recurring themes since I began working at St. Paul earlier this year. I had never entered a United Methodist church before, and many of your traditions and vocabulary were new to me—but my time here has been a series of new and wonderful experiences.

I had worked here for over a month before I drove past the church at night and glanced over at the sanctuary. My assumption was that it would look like a big, dark building on the corner—but the opposite was true! It was an explosion of color and light and beauty. The stained glass was glowing, and it lit up the whole intersection. It was unexpected warmth on a cold evening, and it represents the unexpected kindness I've felt and witnessed since I landed at St. Paul.

It reminds me of when Paul told the Thessalonian church, "...encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). In the kids Sunday School class, we often discuss how much better things are when we work together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Just as Jesus tasked his disciples with preaching and teaching and healing, we are tasked with the same jobs—and we are all accomplishing these jobs together at St. Paul!

There is kindness and acceptance in the way you as a church family eat dinner together on Wednesdays and donuts together on Sundays. There is kindness and acceptance in the frequency and depth of shared prayer requests. There is kindness and acceptance in how your Resource Center provides clothes and food to people in need. There is kindness and acceptance in the constant presence of children's and youth choirs in your worship services, your decision to hold a festival each December for anyone who wants to attend, and even in the St. Paul logo, which could simply say "A United Methodist Church," but instead says "A United Methodist Community." A community is kind and accepting, and your desire to be both is evident in each of these ways and more.

You may have grown up or raised your family here. You might know everyone's names, backgrounds, and where they like to sit when they worship. You could be newer here and just getting to know people. If this church provides you with kindness and acceptance—through friendly smiles, sermons that challenge you, music that leads you to Jesus—then that is something to celebrate! There are many people outside this church body who are searching for what we have, and we can give it to them! Please bring someone with you to church this Sunday. Join the Mobile Resource Center team at 4th Avenue UMC on July 8. Tell the kids in your life about Music Camp, which begins July 10. Invite a friend to the Louisville Bats game on July 23. See which of your acquaintances is interested in our new adult Sunday classes. Inform the adults in your life about the upcoming SPAMS events. Perhaps they will be blindsided by kindness and acceptance, just as I have.

Special Sunday Summer Services

During July, we have two Sundays where we will express our unity in a unique way.

July 16 at 9am and 11am - Music Camp Performances at both worship services

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

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

Take us out to the ball game!

July 23 at 6:05pm

Louisville Bats vs. Columbus Clippers



Tickets are \$5/person. *We will pre-order the tickets.*

Please RSVP by Thursday, July 13.

Call the church office (459-1595) or sign up at the Information Center.

Military Appreciation Night and Kids Night - inflatables, free kids' meal for ages 12 and under, and kids get to run the bases after the game!

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.

Wednesday, July 5 • 6:00-7:30pm



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!

The week culminates in our musical production of "It's Cool in the Furnace," a musical about the epic story of Daniel and his friends, and God's faithfulness!

St. Paul Summer Music Camp 2023

July 10-14
performances on
Sunday, July 16

Cost: \$35.00. Register your child for Music Camp here:
stpaulchurchky.org/music-camp/

Or scan the code for quick access --->>>



VBS and Project Serve Wrap-Up!

What a wonderful week we had at VBS and Project Serve! At VBS, our kids traveled back in time to Jerusalem, where they learned that Jesus is king, Jesus showed God's love, Jesus loves us, Jesus died for us, and Jesus lives! At Project Serve, our tweens completed service projects at the Southeast Family YMCA, ReCenter Ministries, the St. Paul Resource Center, and Smoketown Family Wellness Center!

A BIG "thank you" to the following volunteers, without whom these events wouldn't have been possible: MJ Alt, Nancy Baker, Larry Beasley, Wesley Buchanan, Debbie Chambers, Hannah Cooksey, Karen Danko, Lori Elbert, Deborah Elbert, Peter Elbert, Sara Ferebee, Tony Fowler, Nancy Glass, Ellen Goulder, Stephanie Hair, Brennan Hair, Cullen Hair, Bob Helvey, Gail Henson, Amy Johnson, Caroline Keith, Shelly Krause, David Lipp, Patrick McFarland, Kayla Martin, Gwen Murphy, Annika Olsen, Karin Pulliam, Hayden Ramsey, D'Anna Switzer, Karla Temple, Deby Whittenberg, Elyse Wilcox, Emily Woods, Wesley Woods, Pam Wright, Genie Yockey, and Glenda Young.

St. Paul Church
Kids & Tweens

VBS and Project Serve by the numbers:

46 kids at VBS

10 tweens at Project Serve

20 families who do not attend St. Paul (63% of kids who attended!)

18lbs of mandarin oranges served

36 volunteers, including Cantor David Lipp from Adath Jeshurun

54 pairs of socks collected for the St. Paul Resource Center

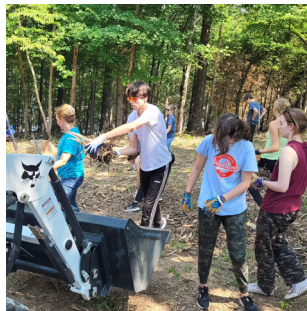
39 farm animal guests on Friday

1 custodian holding a pig





Youth News!



Summer Schedule:

July

7/6 - Portland Promise Center Service Day

7/9 - Holiday World

7/10-7/14 - Music Camp

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!**

Thank you to everyone who followed along on social media with our Fusion Trip journey! Through the course of the week we were able to lead services at First UMC Carbondale, prepare Little Grassy UMC Camp (similar to Loucon) for campers, clean & organize the Wesley Foundation at SIU for the summer, work at Herrin House of Hope (a soup kitchen that operates as a restaurant so their guests are served with dignity), work for Emmaus Homes (a program that allows adults with developmental disabilities to live independently), and sing at two senior living communities! It was a busy trip that couldn't have happened without the support of our St. Paul community. We appreciate everyone who sent a student on the trip, sent themselves as a designated adult, took the time to pray for our group, or helped fund our work through Youth Futures. Make sure you're at the one service on July 30th where our students will provide a firsthand account of this trip and how it affected them. We will also share a slideshow of additional pictures of both our mission work and our fun times. Huge thanks to our adults who decided to brave this trip, Zac Biddle, Grey Buchanan, Bruce Elbert, Niamh Lutes, Ellen Timm, Karla Temple, and Jim McFarland. We couldn't pull this off without you!



Summer Studies for Women of the Word

Need a mid-week boost for your mind and heart? All women are invited to gather on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. This summer, we'll use the daily reading from The Upper Room as our focus. We'll pray for those on the St. Paul prayer list and others, and we'll have great snacks and fellowship. Because of summer travel, this is a drop-in-as-you-can gathering.



In the Fall, we'll study the book of Mark using the *Genesis to Revelation* curriculum.

For questions, please contact Gail Henson 648-2201 or grhenson@gmail.com.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet Tuesday, July 11 at 10:00am in room 113. This month's program will focus on healing and the power of touch. Touch can be a form of knowledge and learning. Healing is a form of stewardship, love and relationship with one another. We will learn a breathing exercise and talk about healing.



United
Women
in Faith

New Adult Sunday Classes Forming

Thanks to those who responded to our survey regarding newly-forming Adult Sunday classes. Of the six classes originally outlined, the following four classes received the most interest, so we will be working on formalizing these classes.

Guys and God

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

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.

UM 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.

Please keep an eye out for updates in the weekly email, Sunday bulletins, and August Tower for information on signing up. The first semester of classes will be August 20 through December 10 on Sundays, 10:00-10:50am.



Highlands Community Ministries Summer Sampler Tours: Stained Glass Windows

Join HCM on two Sundays this summer for educational and visual tours of stained glass windows at three of our member congregations.

Sunday, July 9, 2:00-4:00pm

Highland Baptist Church
1101 Cherokee Road

"Cloud of Witnesses" windows installed in 1972, designed and created by Robert Markert, display figural Biblical and historical faith leaders.



Sunday, July 23, 2:00-4:00pm (two locations, open house-style events):

St. Paul United Methodist Church and Chapel at the HCC

St. Paul UMC - 2000 Douglass Blvd.

St. Paul's windows, created by the Willet Stained Glass Company of Philadelphia, were installed in 1964 and tell the Bible Stories and the formation of the Methodist Church. Presentations and meditations on the windows will be offered throughout the event.

Chapel at the HCC - 1228 E. Breckinridge St. (originally Christ Evangelical now used by Unity of Louisville)

Original windows from the chapel construction of 1902. Learn about the history of stained glass and how it was incorporated into religious structures. Guided meditation times will be available as well.

Highlands Community Ministries Summer 2023 Back-to-School Drive

Each year, Highlands Community Ministries has a back-to-school drive to support students in our community. Each of the member congregations is assigned items to collect.

This year, St. Paul has been asked to collect

- **Backpacks**
- **\$25 gift cards to Walmart or Target**



Backpacks can be dropped off in the designated bins in the lobbies of either building.

Gift cards should be brought to the church office or dropped in the collection plate on Sunday mornings.

Please drop off your donations no later than Wednesday, July 19 at 2:00pm.

You may also make a financial donation either online (select "Highlands Community Ministries" from the Funds drop-down menu) or by check (payable to St Paul UMC, write "HCM Backpacks" in memo line) and we'll do the shopping for you!



Mobile Resource Center

at Fourth Ave UMC's
Open Door Community Ministry

Saturday, July 8

11:15am-1:00pm

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

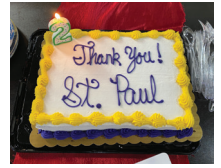


ATTENTION MEN!

If you look carefully at the lists of needed items for both outreach programs on this page, you will note that **MEN'S ITEMS** are badly needed. So it's time to clean out your closets and rehome some of those used-but-still-useful clothes and shoes you don't wear anymore. The unhoused and in-need men of our local community and/or our neighbors in southeast Kentucky will be grateful for your generosity! Thanks!

Thanks for your donations during our MRC 2nd Anniversary Donation Drive!

Those donations, along with donations from the VBS and Project Serve kids, will go a long way in helping those in need!



Currently, we have a special need for the following items:

- **MEN'S SHOES** (especially sturdy shoes and sneakers) in all sizes!
- Blue jeans, casual pants, and shorts (**especially for men**)
- Baseball caps or summer hats
- Men's belts in all sizes
- Women's bras in all sizes
- New underwear and socks always needed
- Gently-used, casual clothing always welcome
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Large shopping bags or reusable totes (larger Kroger delivery/pickup bags are useful)

For those who stop by St. Paul during the week in need of food, we could also use:

- pop-top cans of ravioli
- Vienna sausage (regular flavor)
- peanut butter or cheese crackers
- tuna/chicken (or tuna or chicken meal kit)
- energy bars
- other easy-to-eat-on-the-go foods
- bottled water or Gatorade
- Backpacks
- \$5 or \$10 Kroger or McDonald's gift cards

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



The United Methodist Mountain Mission truck will be at St. Paul to pick up donations on Tuesday, July 25. Please have your donations of clothing, household items, and furniture at the church no later than 2pm on Monday, July 24.

Some urgent needs listed at the UMMM website include:

- Underwear and sleepwear
- Men's clothes
- Socks
- Household items
- Furniture
- Purses
- Whatnots/Electronics
- Men's shoes

Roll Out Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer

At the July 30 Church Family Potluck!

With a theme of summer fun, you're encouraged to dress for a summer picnic, create a table centerpiece with a summer theme, and bring summer fare!

St. Paul will provide the main course; to have enough food, please make a reservation by signing up at the Information Center (2nd floor) or calling 459-1595. If you are vegetarian or vegan, please let us know.



What? Church Potluck!
When? July 30 at 11:00am, following our One-Service Sunday worship service at 10:00am
Where? McAdams Hall
What should you bring?
It helps for us to divide up dishes alphabetically, by last name:

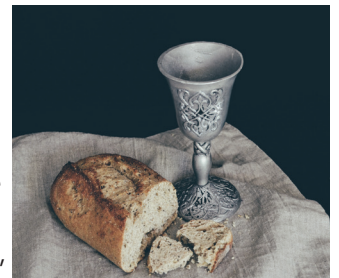
A-G: dessert or bread (we have lots of cookies; think pies, cakes, ice cream)
H-O: side dish
P-Z: summer salads (fruit, green, potato, slaw, bean, pasta)

Communion Available for the Sick or Homebound

Would you like to receive communion at home? Participating in the sacrament of the Table connects us to the body of Christ and to each other. Starting this July, home communion will be available to those who are sick or homebound, so please let us know if that's something you'd like. We'll offer this service the first week of the month.

Pastor Darren Brandon has trained a group of men and women who are available to serve you in your home, rehabilitation facility, assisted living facility, or wherever you live. If you would like to be trained, please contact Pastor Darren Brandon.

We'd like to serve you in this sacred sacrament; just let us know if you would like to receive communion. You can reach out to the pastors, Darren Brandon at darren@stpaulchurchky.org or Dustin Woods at dustin@stpaulchurchky.org, call the church at 459-1595, or contact Gail Henson with Congregational Care at 648-2201 or grhenson@gmail.com.



SPAMS

(St. Paul Adult Ministry for Seniors)

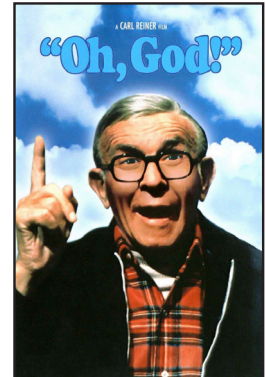
POTLUCK AND A MOVIE

Thursday, July 27

12:00pm-3:00pm

Join the SPAMS for a potluck lunch and a movie!
We'll enjoy lunch together at noon, then we'll watch
"Oh, God," starring George Burns.

Please sign up at the Information Center.



Save the Date for these future SPAMS events!

Watch future issues of The Tower, bulletins, and weekly emails for details.

Games Day!

Thursday, August 24 at Noon
We'll play a variety of games, such as Rook,
Canasta, Pitt, Bingo, and Mexican Train

Entertainment by Darlene Schultz and Son
September (Date TBD)

Lunch at the Talbot Inn in Bardstown
October (Date TBD)

**"A Christmas Carol: The Musical" at Derby
Dinner Playhouse**
Friday, December 8

Work for St. Paul!

Administrative Assistant - Are you looking for a part-time work opportunity that includes 13 paid holidays, generous Paid Time Off, competitive salary and friendly people? If so, then St. Paul's Administrative Position may be just what you are looking for. When you are ready to apply, send a cover letter and resume to info@stpaulchurchky.org. We are currently accepting applications and will schedule interviews once the candidates have been selected. You can read the job description here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/job-openings/>



Kentucky Annual Conference, June 4-7, 2023 - Highlights

Graeme Donovan, June 20, 2023

Disaffiliations

On Sunday evening, June 4, 2023, after the opening worship service of this year's Annual Conference, a further 286 churches had their disaffiliations from the UMC ratified by the Conference. Together with the 77 churches that disaffiliated in 2021 and 2022, a total of 363 churches have left the Conference, almost half the UMC churches in Kentucky.

Before the vote was taken to ratify the latest round of disaffiliations, a service of lament and blessing took place. Bishop Fairley preached a passionate sermon on Love, saying among many other things, the following:

"One thing we can always believe and be assured of is the love of God. We must show the love of God – this is not multiple choice: we don't have an option in the matter. I pray that love will lead us as a people called United Methodist in acts of piety and social justice, and that's not an option either."

"We grieve those we love, and there would not be grief unless we loved."

Quoting John Wesley, he reminded the Conference delegates to "Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God." And he observed that everyone present, whether disaffiliating or staying, bore no animosity towards one another; "Enemies do not sing as you have sung tonight, together."

After the service, Bishop Fairley called the Conference to order to receive the report of the Board of Trustees on the disaffiliating churches¹, and for the vote on ratification of the disaffiliations. One speaker urged the Conference to vote NO, arguing that many individual church decisions to disaffiliate had been made based on misinformation and fear. A second speaker urged the Conference to vote YES, arguing it was important to acknowledge and honor the discernment process undertaken so painstakingly and often with pain, in so many churches.

A total of 545 delegates voted to ratify the disaffiliations: 489 YES and 56 NO.

The next morning (Monday, June 5) began with an exhilarating worship service, designed to usher in a new spirit of optimism and forward thinking in the remaining UMC in Kentucky. With rich hymns (led by musicians from the awesome orchestra of Madisonville First UMC), liturgy, and an inspiring sermon from Bishop Fairley², the Conference began its hard work on the many changes needing to be made in the Conference as a result of disaffiliations. The service commenced with the Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" (UMC Hymnal 451), followed by affirmations from Psalm 24:7, and Zechariah 2:10-11; then drew on the words of John 13:33-35, one of Jesus' last messages to his disciples – "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Bishop Fairley declared, "You know, I've always loved the morning, particularly with sunrises, because it reminds me that after the evening is gone and the night is over, that somewhere in the watches of the night Jesus Christ has watched us as we slumbered and we slept. And then he wakes us with the blood running warm in our veins. And sometimes God will remind us of that in a beautiful way. He will paint the sky – as if God is painting on a new canvas. So, I know what it means when the Scriptures say, "New are God's mercies every day." In the day – today – God is giving us a canvas. What will we paint on it, as United Methodists?" He emphasized that love, piety, and social holiness were not optional, and that Jesus Christ is not the embodiment of dogma, but of love. The hymn "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (581) led into a moving communion service, accompanied by the singing of "One Bread, One Body" (620), and closed with the Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" (593).

There followed separate briefing sessions for the Laity and Clergy. Then a group of three participants in the Young Adult Leadership Lab (Tess Welch, Eliza Love, and Erin Rice) enlivened the Conference with a moving meditation on a passage from Nehemiah 8. After being sent by the Persian king Artaxerxes in 444 BC to lead the rebuilding of Jerusalem, Nehemiah set about repopulating the city. He called for a gathering in the public square at the Water Gate in Jerusalem of Israelites who had returned from their captivity and exile, for the reading by Ezra the Priest and Scribe of the scriptures that proclaimed God's gracious offer of relationship. And the people rejoiced as the scriptures were read, day after day in the public square, marking the ending of their long exile, and a new beginning in their own land.

The first Business Session, Monday afternoon (June 5) began with a meditation on gratefulness by Brother David Steindl-Rast, which can be found at www.gratefulness.org.

The Conference received and affirmed the Consent Calendar, which contained most of the more than 65 reports from Conference Agencies and Connectional Ministries. These reports were circulated to delegates prior to the Conference, and were taken as read in the vote of affirmation.

In early March, 2023, Bishop Fairley had appointed three teams – made up of clergy and laity – to focus on District Realignment, Stewardship and Finance, and Connectional Ministries: all three of them responses to the new realities for the Annual Conference going forward following the disaffiliation of churches from the Conference. The work of these teams led to a series of reports in the first business session:

- Appointment of the Rev. Dr. Kimberly Pope-Seiberling as the new Director of New Church Development (NCD), which will be an essential initiative to rebuild a United Methodist presence in areas where growth will work best in Kentucky, and where it has been lost by disaffiliations.
- Appointment of the Rev. Dr. Tina Patterson, as the new Director of Connectional and African American Ministries. This provides leadership for the work of Strengthening the Black Churches, inaugurated several years earlier.
- A presentation by the Rev. Adam Sparks on the three key areas NCD and the conference are initially targeting: suburban Cincinnati in the Northern Kentucky District, the Cadiz area in western Kentucky, and a revitalization project involving Fuente de Avivamiento in Lexington – with more initiatives to come.
- Kim Keller, Chair of the Conference's Council on Finance and Administration, and the Rev. David Garvin, Conference Treasurer, gave a first reading of the 2024 budget, reflecting the new financial realities of the Annual Conference, along with a revised budget for 2023. The latter adjusted expenditures downward by 26% from levels approved earlier, and used about 15% of apportionment-related funds received from disaffiliating churches, to fill the remaining deficit. For 2024, the budget trimmed expenses a little more, and used a further 25% of the apportionment-related funds received from disaffiliating churches, to fill the remaining deficit. Among other things, the Conference will reduce the number of District Superintendents from nine to five, with eight Districts being combined into four³.
- Commencement of balloting to elect new delegates to next year's General Conference, and Jurisdictional Conference. The Conference elected four new Lay delegates (Tess Welch, Sarah McGinnis, Lesley Williams, and Larry Miller); and three new Clergy delegates (John Hatton, David Garvin, and Jay Smith). These elections are Provisional, and await ratification by the South-Eastern Jurisdiction to which the Kentucky Conference belongs.
- Standards of the UMC.
- Continuation of balloting to elect new delegates to next year's General Conference, and Jurisdictional Conference.
- Video reports on the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW), Gammon and St. Paul Theological Seminaries, Wesley Manor and Wesley Village, Emergency Response Ministries in Eastern and Western Kentucky, Africa University, the Clergy Financial Well-Being Initiative, the Livermore UMC Breakfast Ministry, and the National Archives of the UMC at Drew University.
- Reports from the Communications Team, and the Board of Pensions.
- A report from Rev. Dr. Tina Patterson, the new Director of Connectional and African American Ministries.
- A Report on the Kentucky Children's Homes, by the Director, Rev. Julie Love.
- Collection of the Mission Offering, which totaled \$23,000 by the end of Conference, but may rise higher in subsequent days.

Wednesday, June 7

Highlights from the third and final day of the Conference were the following:

- Adoption of a budget of \$4.5 million for 2024, with a Conference apportionment rate of 10%.
- Adoption of the Nominations Report, listing the leadership of the Conference and its many committees and agencies.
- A report by the Rev. Tami Coleman on elected Delegations to the July Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, NC, and the April 2024 General Conference in Charlotte, NC.
- Adoption of a Resolution to establish a Task Force to focus on Evangelism.
- Announcement that next year's Annual Conference, June 10-12, 2024, will be in Covington, Northern KY.
- Memorial Service for pastors and spouses who died during the previous year.
- Honoring of Retirees and Appointments of Pastors to new Charges - see list here: <https://www.kyumc.org/newsdetail/2023-2024-appointment-list-17450113>

1 See the Board of Trustees Report with the list of disaffiliating churches here: <https://www.kyumc.org/ac2023DocumentstoDownload>

2 See the video of Bishop Fairley's sermon: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8CI7DL_uVE

3 The Heartland District, in which St. Paul is included, will be combined with the Bluegrass District, with the Rev. Dr. John Hatton remaining as Superintendent of the combined Districts.

On Monday evening, in the course of a striking Worship Service, with sublime music from the Madisonville First UMC orchestra, an Ecumenical Greeting from The Very Reverend William F. Medley (Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro), and a stirring oration from retired UMC Bishop James Swanson, two candidates were commissioned as provisional members preparing for ordained ministry as Elders, and three candidates were ordained as Elders, among them Dustin Woods from St. Paul UMC.

Tuesday, June 6

Highlights from the second, full day of work sessions, were the following:

- A series of short presentations on discipling activities including campus and retreat ministries, the Isaiah project that supports ministry interns, UMC ministries at institutions of higher education, with reminders of the UMC's commitment to justice ministries, and of the importance of never separating personal piety from social holiness/social activism.
- Adoption of a Resolution affirming the Doctrinal

You may watch a recap video from the Kentucky Annual Conference here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9BaPIHc9Io>

July 30, 2023

OFFERING OF HOPE

— for 5th Sunday —

DONATE TODAY



"I look back and see
how God used KyUMH
to lead me down a
path of healing."

Buffy
former resident



Thank you for praying
for our youth and staff!
Give for 5th Sunday
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Sunday, July 30

Your faithful prayers and support are vital to KyUMH's ministry to 800-1,000 youth and families each year.

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SCAN TO DONATE

Highlands Community Blood Drive Wednesday, July 19 • 1:00-5:00pm

Sign up today!



Scan the code or go to
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to schedule your appointment.

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Thank you to those of you who have donated blood in the past at St. Paul United Methodist Church. There's plenty of fun to map out this summer. Just remember the need for blood doesn't take a summer break. The Red Cross encourages donors to make blood donation part of their summer bucket list to help overcome a concerning donation shortfall in recent weeks. This drive has pledged 22 units to our hospitals and, as of this writing, only 4 donors have registered. We still need 30 more heroes to ensure enough blood is collected. Invite your friends and family to donate too. Donors will receive an exclusive Shark Week T-shirt, while supplies last! PLUS, get a chance to win a private shark dive at Long Island Aquarium in New York!

July 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

July 13, 6:00pm, McAdams Hall

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance

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

FELLOWSHIP & CLASSES

United Women in Faith

Tuesday, July 11, 10:00am, Room 113

Men's Group

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

Youth & Faith Quilters

Tuesday, July 18, 10:00am, Room 100

SPAMS Potluck and a Movie

Thursday, July 27, 12:00-3:00pm, McAdams Hall

Women of the Word Bible Study

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

Women's Discernment Group

Thursdays, 10:00am, Zoom

OUTREACH

Resource Center Assistance

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

Available to those in need of basic necessities.

Mobile Resource Center

Saturday, July 8, 11:15am-1:00pm,
Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Summer Sing & Sprint

Wednesday, July 5, 6:00-7:30pm

Youth Service Day at Portland Promise Center

Thursday, July 6

Youth Trip to Holiday World

Sunday, July 9

Music Camp

July 10-14, performances on July 16

Scouts

Boy Scouts, Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Gym

SPECIAL EVENTS

Highlands Community Blood Drive at St. Paul

Wednesday, July 19, 1:00-5:00pm

HCM Summer Sampler at St. Paul

Sunday, July 23, 2:00-4:00pm

Louisville Bats Game

Sunday, July 23 at 6:05pm

United Methodist Mountain Mission Pickup

Tuesday, July 25

One-Service Sunday

July 30, 10:00am, Sanctuary

Church Potluck

Sunday, July 30, 11:00am, McAdams Hall

ADMINISTRATIVE

Worship Staff Meeting

Tuesdays at 10:00am, Youth Center

Full Staff Meeting

Tuesdays at 11:00am, Youth Center

Currently, the main church office hours
are Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-2:00pm.
The main office is closed on Fridays. This
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Administrative Assistant has been hired.

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