



koinonia {koy-nohn-ee'-ah}  
(n): community, communion, fellowship  
(v): to share, to contribute, to be one

## ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024 | 9:00am SERVICE

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 20; Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: Knowing and Not Knowing  
Rev. Darren Brandon

### TODAY'S SONGS

Sing, Sing, Sing  
His Mercy Is More  
As It Is in Heaven  
My Soul Longs For Jesus  
Fairest Lord Jesus  
Build Your Kingdom Here

### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Worship Team  
Lay Reader: Julie Roberts  
Communion Servers:  
Mary Ann Buckner  
Lisa Whitehouse

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

#### Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Please pray for the 40 kids and 29 volunteers signed up for VBS, and for the 14 tweens and 8 volunteers signed up for Project Serve next week!

Pray that our hearts would be welcoming to all the kids and families who will be impacted! Pray that the truth of God would sink deep into their hearts and that the impact of these programs would last a lifetime. Pray that the volunteers would have opportunities to share the love of God with each child. Pray above all else that the Lord is glorified through VBS and Project Serve!

## YOU MAY GIVE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

by placing them in the offering plates as they are passed. Baskets are on the front pews as you come up for communion and on the table by the cross for our Good Samaritan Fund.

**CONNECTION CARDS** may be placed in the offering plates or fill out an online card using the Flowcode to the right.



## LAY READER SCHEDULE

June 23: One Service Sunday 10:00am  
June 30: Psalm 130 – Angela Horton  
July 7: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 – Jimmy Switzer  
July 14: Music Camp

## CHILDREN

**CHILDCARE** is available for infants through pre-k from 8:45am-12:15pm in room 200.

All children are invited to participate in worship by choosing worship materials from the Children's Worship Cart located in the Narthex.

**TO ADULTS WITH KIDS:** Relax! God put the wiggle in children, and you don't need to suppress it in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it might be easier for your kids to see and hear. If you need to leave the service at any point, feel free to do so - but please come back! We want you and your kids to feel welcome and cherished.

**TO OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH:** the presence of children is a gift and a reminder that our faith is alive! Please welcome our kids and give a smile of encouragement to their adults.

## THIS WEEK: JUNE 16–22, 2024

### TODAY

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (Common Cup)  
9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship - Traditional  
(Sanctuary)  
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

### MONDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm  
9:00am-12:00pm VBS (Gym)  
1:00-4:00pm Project Serve (Common Cup)  
5:30pm AA Meeting (100)

### TUESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm  
9:00am-12:00pm VBS (Gym)  
12:00am Fatih Quilters (100)  
1:00-4:00pm Project Serve (Common Cup)  
7:00pm AA Meeting (100)  
7:00pm Scouts (Gym)  
7:30pm DBSA (110, 113)

### WEDNESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm  
9:00am-12:00pm VBS (Gym)  
1:00-4:00pm Project Serve (Common Cup)  
10:00am Women's Bible Study (113)  
10:00am Guided Meditation (Zoom)

### THURSDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm  
9:00am-12:00pm VBS (Gym)  
11:00pm SPAMS Cruise on Mary Miller  
Steamboat  
1:00p Project Serve (Common Cup)  
6:00pm AA Meeting (111)

### FRIDAY

Office Closed  
9:00am-12:00pm VBS/Project Serve  
(Gym)

### SATURDAY

10:00am AA Meeting (100)  
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Women of the Word Fellowship – Wednesdays at 10am, room 113

Vacation Bible School (Age 3 - Rising 5th Grade) – June 17-21, 9:00am-Noon

Project Serve (Rising 5th-7th Grades) – June 17-21, 1:00-4:00pm

SPAMS Cruise on the Mary Miller Steamboat – June 20, 11:00am-3:00pm

One-Service Sunday and Celebration of Dustin and Emily Woods - June 23

Movie on the Lawn – July 3

Music Camp (Rising 2nd – 7th grades) – July 8-12

SPAMS Red, White, and Blue Party - July 11

Mobile Resource Center - July 13

Youth Service Day – July 17

Bats Game (Church wide event) – July 21

Highlands Community Blood Drive - July 22, 12-5pm

Youth Afternoon at the Park – July 28

Youth Trip to Holiday World – August 4

Mobile Resource Center - August 10

Back to School Bash - August 11

SPAMS Bingo and Soup - August 22

Be sure to check the Tower and [www.stpaulchurchky.org](http://www.stpaulchurchky.org) for more info on these and other summer events still to be announced.

My thoughts:

**Next Week: One Service Sunday**

**One Service 10:00am – Sanctuary**

**Livestream at 10:00am on Facebook**

Sermon: *Authenticity in Paradox* | Rev. Dustin Woods

Scriptures for the Week: 1 Samuel 17:1-49; Psalm 9:9-20; Mark 4:35-41

Lay Reader: Cathy Miller – 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Acolytes: Josephine Dock and Estella Groves

Check the St. Paul Website ([stpaulchurchky.org](http://stpaulchurchky.org)) for more information on these and other activities or scan the QR code to the right for quick links to lots of Next Week in Worship



Prayer requests can be sent to [prayer@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:prayer@stpaulchurchky.org).

Sign up for the St. Paul weekly email and Tower newsletter at the website (bottom of homepage) or by emailing [info@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:info@stpaulchurchky.org).

## SERVE

**Resource Center Needs** | *Men's casual shoes-all sizes*, men's gently-used t-shirts (especially XL and larger), men's jeans and shorts, baseball caps/summer hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, readers, Bibles. Note: Please be sure your donations are CLEAN and do not have holes, tears, or significant stains.

**Habitat Methodist Build** | Habitat for Humanity is planning a "Methodist Build" for October. St. Paul will partner with St. Matthews UMC and other United Methodist churches. Our first step is to raise our share of the cost of construction. Please consider a generous contribution. Raise the Roof dates are October 10-12. The partner family is Innocent and Uwimana and their 6 children; They are natives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo by way of a Refugee Camp in Uganda.

**Blood Drive** | Monday, July 22, 12-5pm, Youth Center | We all have the power to do something good for someone else. Sign up to give blood and help save lives. Schedule your appointment today! [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Sponsor Code: stpaulumclouky

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Vacation Bible School** (for age 3 through rising 5th graders) | This week | Mon.– Fri. 9:00am-noon | Come dive deep into the word of God to build a strong faith! | \$10/child. Register at [www.stpaulchurchky.org/vbs](http://www.stpaulchurchky.org/vbs).

**Project Serve** (for rising 5th-7th graders) | This week | Mon.– Fri., 1:00-4:00pm | Lock-in Thursday night, pick-up at noon on Friday | Tweens will enjoy a week of service and fun, including a lock-in at St. Paul on Thursday night! We will volunteer at Portland Promise Center, St. Paul Faith Quilters, Smoketown Family Wellness Center, and the St. Paul Resource Center! \$20/child. Register at [www.stpaulchurchky.org/project-serve](http://www.stpaulchurchky.org/project-serve)

**Kids Music Camp** (for rising 2nd-7th graders) is July 8-12, 9am-noon, with performances July 14 | \$35/Child Register at <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/music-camp/>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school isn't just for kids! We have numerous classes available for adults as well. Grab a donut and coffee from the Common Cup, then head to one of the classes at 10:00am. All classes are open to new participants; feel free to visit a different class each week to find your fit. You can learn more about our current classes here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/sundayclasses/>

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

The United Methodist General Conference took place April 23-May 3. We have added a page to our website with links to several resources where you can find information on the legislative proposals presented and the resulting votes. Please visit this link: [stpaulchurchky.org/general-conference/](http://stpaulchurchky.org/general-conference/). Sometime after Annual Conference, there will be an opportunity for St. Paul to come together for discussions about the decisions made during General Conference.

## One-Service Sunday and Church Picnic to Celebrate Rev. Dustin and Emily Woods' Ministry

**Next Sunday, June 23 | Worship at 10:00am (Sanctuary); Picnic at 11:00am**

Please join us for food, fun, fellowship, and to celebrate and show our appreciation for Dustin, Emily, Wesley, Maxwell, Thomas, Jonathan, and Rosemary Woods. We will have activities for all ages.

Please sign up to help cook, prepare a dessert, set up, or clean up. A sign-up poster will be available each Sunday in the reception areas. You may also email [betty.jo.fore@gmail.com](mailto:betty.jo.fore@gmail.com) to indicate how you would like to help. More details on specific needs can be found in the June Tower and the website.

We would like to collect a Love Offering. If you would like to participate, please mail or drop off a check, made out to St. Paul UMC, or give online (choose "Love Offering" from the Funds drop-down).

Please bring a card to the picnic to express your love and appreciation for their time at St. Paul!

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