



St. Paul's Connection

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Every father should remember that one day his children will follow his example, not his advice. **Unknown**

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April Financial Report

Beginning Balance: \$

Ending Balance: \$

Average attendance:

Worship Services

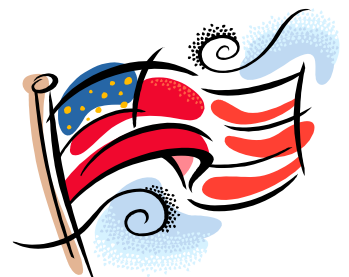
8:30 am – Early Worship
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship Service

Church Office

The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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Notes from Rev. Nancy

**Let me share that despite last month's column about her visiting us, Cheryl "Charito" Avery will instead hope to visit our area in the fall and share news of Project Chacocente.

Usually at this time of the year, I am really looking forward to the summer—this year is not an exception. The summer experience in the church brings unique opportunities and a change in schedules to allow for different ministries to happen.

Instead of 'office' time, it might be a week at Summer Youth Celebration with the youth of the church and the Annual Conference for worship, praise and fun, or it might mean being at the church later in the evening because it is 'EGYPT' VBS week.

Another day might mean giving up the computer tool for a hammer or paintbrush as the youth work in the Wheeling area on their mission trip. Instead of my Bible Study class I might find myself having a "Playcation" day with anywhere from 15 –30 children! We have a great time with crafts, games and even some water fun.

Summer brings vacations, outings, activities picnics and much more for all of us, me included. But in the midst of all our journeys, travels, and fun, remember that God is not taking a vacation. Keep in mind that God is always there for you whether you are on the beach, in a cabin, driving, flying, playing or working.

Along with that, keep in mind that in order for your church to be in ministry to the children in Playcation Days or at Children's Camp...in order for your church to send workers out into the mission fields...in order for your church to have youth go and grow at SYC...

Your church will need you to be faithful to your church financial giving and to offer your support to the church through volunteering to help with events, meals, activities and ministries. Summer is a great time to invite people to join you for the church picnic to meet church family friends or to bring the neighbor children to VBS. It will be all the better with everyone's help and support.

Blessings, Rev. Nancy

Summer Youth Plans

June 21—25 is the highlight of many of our youth' summer with Summer Youth Celebration at WV Wesleyan. It is a week of friends, fun, worship and music.

Praises fill the chapel, laughter fills the air, voices are lifted in joy unto Christ their Savior. At present we have 19 youth attending, along with 4 adults serving on staff. Please keep everyone in your prayers for a great week.

We will follow up later in the summer with our mission work trip, this time to Wheeling's House of the Carpenter, one of our conference mission agencies. The youth will stay there and work in the northern panhandle doing home repair work. At present there are 7 youth confirmed to go with Pastor Mark and Rev. Nancy on this trip. We hope to add a few more youth and would love to also add at least one more adult. We are also planning some fun in the Wheeling area and possibly a side trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park.

All of these events cost a significant amount of money which the youth strive to raise, but we can use your support and help too. Scholarships are wonderful ways to help as well as supporting the fundraisers! Let's show our youth we care about their faith development and their outreach ministries..

SUMMER PLAYCATION DATES

Wednesdays—June 30, July 28, August 18

10am—2pm

Crafts, games, music and fun with lunch provided for ages 4—5th graders

**Helpers are needed—youth and adults

SPRING HEIGHTS BOUND

Once again several of our youth and children will enjoy the out of doors with summer camp at our conference camp center in Spencer WV. Maureen Miller will also spend significant time there working as a volunteer with the camps. We lift her up in our prayers as we do those attending camp. Thank you to the UM Women for their support of these children/youth.

Eliza, Louisa and Owen Smith, Cassie Stewart, Lauren Shanholtzer, Hanna Fuller, Luke and Colleen Miller, Nash Hawley

IRON CHEF Competition #3...The winners are...The MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS!

The secret ingredient was "EGG" and both teams did a fantastic job with the meal, having to prepare a breakfast item, entrée and dessert using that secret ingredient as well as decorating and presenting their meal. The 3 judges had a hard time deciding between the delicious baked chicken and the 'Spanish' egg/meat burrito but the latter with all the fixings won. Both teams 'catered' to judge Rev. Nancy's love of strawberries to try to win her vote!

Good job to all the youth that participated. Thank you to Chris Brisendine for working with them again, to kitchen helpers Terah Burdette and Brenda Tyler along with judges Steve Boggs, Dave McClanahan and Nancy White

Pre-School News

Our St. Paul's Pre-School celebrated their closing presentation on May 28th with all the students joining in song and fun. Thank you to teachers Juanita Boggs and Cheryl Ord for a terrific year. The pre-school is presently registering for next school year—2, 3, and 4 year olds. Call the office for information and forms.

JUNE'S JUMP INTO SUMMER

Dinner with Auction & Entertainment

Saturday Evening, June 5

5-7pm meals served

Cost: \$6 Adults and over age 10; \$3.50 for age 10 & under

This youth fundraiser will feature a delicious spaghetti meal with special entertainment and our annual Silent Auction of gift certificates, donated items and much more. Please support the youth and plan to be here that Saturday night for your evening meal and date night!

Sermon Schedule

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

The Sundays after Pentecost is the longest of the seasons of the Christian Year. During this time, we celebrate the work of the Spirit of Jesus in the life of the Church.

Beginning with the Second Sunday after Pentecost (June 6, 2010), Pastor Mark will begin a series of messages on the passages from the Book of Psalms of the Revised Common Lectionary called "A Summer with the Psalms." (For more information about the Revised Common Lectionary, visit the following page on the Internet: <http://www.commontexts.org/rcl/index.html>.) These passages speak of the joys and struggles of humanity as well as the sovereignty and majesty of God.

June 6, 2010— Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 146

Theme: The psalmist praises God for God's help.

June 13, 2010— Third Sunday after Pentecost

(Conference Sunday)

8:30—*Mary Colley*

11:00—*Jim Fugate*

June 20, 2010— Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

(Father's Day)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 42

Theme: The psalmist longs for God and his help in distress.

June 27, 2010— Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 77

Theme: The psalmist recalls God's mighty deeds during a time of personal crisis.

Children's Worship Schedule

June 13—Donna Lowe/Michelle Willey

June 20—Rev. Nancy White

June 27—Katie Stewart

Acolyte Schedule

June 6

(8:30) Lauren Shanholtzer and Bailey Coleman

(11) Owen Smith and Halee Ord with Megan Bailey (B)

June 13

(8:30) Nash Hawley and Bryce Coleman

(11) Sydney Houck and Cassie Stewart with Carly Smith (B)

June 20

(8:30) Piper and Raven Vance

(11) Autumn Smith and Madi Ord with Emily Tyler (B)

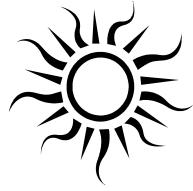
June 27

(8:30) Josh Meadows and Lauren Shanholtzer
(11) Aaron Fuller and Louisa Smith with Dakota Lacy (B)

June Events

- 3 Board of Trustees, *Bob Woods Room* [7:00 p.m.]
- 5 UMYF Dinner and Silent Auction, *Gym* [5:00-7:00 p.m.]
- 6 David Wells at the 8:30 and 11:00 services of worship
- 10-13 Session of the West Virginia Annual Conference
- 12 United Methodist Men, *Church Gym* [8:30 a.m.]
- 14 Staff Meeting, *Bob Woods Room* [11:30 p.m.]
- 17 Get Together Dinner, *Church Gym* [6:00 p.m.]
- 20 Father's Day
- 21-25 Summer Youth Celebration
- 27 Evangelism Team, *Bob Woods Room*, [4:00 p.m.] | Welcome Back Dinner, *Church Gym* (5:30 p.m.)
- 30 Playcation (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Health Check



**June 1-7, 2010 is
National Sun Safety Week**

Prevent sunburn Use plenty of sunscreen labeled SPF 30 or above. Children can sunburn quickly, even on a cloudy day. Just one serious sunburn during childhood can increase a child's chance of skin cancer later in life. Use sunscreen on all bare skin, including the ears and top of the head where the hair parts. Reapply sunscreen as directed on the bottle. Information provided by Sunsafetyalliance.org.

United Methodist Men



The men's breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am.

United Methodist Women



Circle 1—7:00 pm at church—

Circle 2—6:30pm at Margie Hudnall's home

Circle 3—7:00 pm at church – with Joyce Fisher hosting

Circle 4—1:00 pm at Connie Whittington's with Mary Newman hosting

St. Paul's Mission Teams

AGEE's Angels would like to invite you to come out to our 2nd Annual "Angels for a Miracle Walk" on Sunday Sept 19 at the Valley Park in Hurricane. Same day registration begins at 1pm with announcements and the walk to begin at 2pm.

The Praise Team will provide music and there will be a silent auction, concessions and activities for the kids. All proceeds from this year's walk will be donated to The Cure Starts Now in honor of Keileigh Cummings. You can pre-register by filling out the registration form and returning it to the church office or you can register and pay online at www.thecurestartsnow.org/westvirginia.

The first 300 registrants receive a packet with a t-shirt. We encourage families, small groups and co-workers to register as a team. The team with the most family members registered will receive a catered dinner for up to 15 people and the medical office with the most workers registered as a team will receive a catered lunch for up to 15 people

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out at the walk, please see Shawwna Bowles or Carolyn Hawley.

Thursday Get-Together Dinners

As part of our focus on the family of St. Paul's, we are planning 3 Thursday Dinner nights to bring together persons of the church family. There will be a COVERED DISH DINNER at 6PM at the church followed by some fun activities and devotional time.

It is a time to

GET TOGETHER

GET RE-ACQUAINTED

GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Pastor Mark and Rev Nancy will be present to share in these times. Each family of the church, whether a family of 5 or 1, will receive an invitational letter listing which of the three evening get-togethers they are to try to attend. This will enable us to 'mix up', meet new people, and share in new ways.

You are encouraged to bring a covered dish to the meal—remembering that up to 40 church 'family' members are invited to each of the 3 dinners. The church will provide the drinks and paper products. We hope that you will feel this is an important time for your family and the church family this summer.

Other Stuff

Congratulations Graduates

We recognized our High School graduates on May 16 with flowers and a gift from their church family. They were invited to share their journey with decorations in church windows and an insert in the bulletin. Thanks to each one for their participation.

Jake Bowles, son of Shawna Bowles—Winfield HS; WV State University

Christopher Means, son of Blaine & LaJeania Means—Nitro HS; Vocational Technical School

Chad Pennington, son of Jim & Linda Pennington—St. Albans HS; US Army Reserves, basic training in July.

Katie Stewart, daughter of Dave & Sandy Stewart—Nitro HS; WVU

Kyra Waugh, daughter of Lee & Ruth Waugh—Nitro HS; West Virginia Wesleyan College

Kayla Amos—WV State University (December 09)

Mandy Estep Eggleton—WV State University (December 09)

Brian Gordon—West Virginia University

Emily Hannings—West Virginia University

Hillary Kernen—WV State University (December 09)

Monthly Member Task

For 2010, Pastor Mark has challenged us to Reach In and Heal the Body of Christ at St. Paul's Church. Romans 14:19 says in the *New Living Translation*, "So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up."

In an effort to reach in and bring healing, the Leadership Council encourages you to send a card to one or more of our members and friends who are celebrating a birthday in the month of June.

The Council also encourages you to participate in the summer "Get to Know You" dinners. See this newsletter for more information.

Keep an eye out for the next Monthly Member Task in the July issue of the church newsletter.

YOUTH SUB SALE

Wed., June 16

Provided in the newsletter is an order form for the sale. You may return the form to the church by June 14 if you wish an order. Individual orders will be available for pick up at the church after 11am on Wednesday.

We also encourage anyone with a business or working in an office as far away as downtown Charleston or Teays Valley to print and take orders for us. We will deliver by noon to your offices/work.

We need youth/adult help to prepare as well as capable drivers to help with deliveries. Please tell Rev. Nancy if you can help.

June Tidbits

Birthstone: Pearl, Moonstone, Alexandrite

Flower: Rose

Astrological Signs: May 21/June 20 - Gemini , June 21/ July 22 – Cancer

June 1 is the 152nd day of the year (153rd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 213 days remaining until the end of the year.

Flag Day - June 14

In the United States, **Flag Day** is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

We Americans are proud of our nation, our culture, our people and our flag that represents all of those things. So raise your flag on Flag day and show that American spirit!

First Day of Summer - June 21

About Father's Day – June 21 [Third Sunday in June]

The idea of Father's Day was conceived by Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington, while she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was left to raise his six children on a farm.

A day in June was chosen for the first Father's Day celebration—June 19, 1910, proclaimed by Spokane's mayor because it was the month of William Smart's birth. The first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued in 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Father's Day has been celebrated annually since 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it permanent.

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Christian Sympathy is extended to...

Shawna Bowles and family, Shelly Frye and family along with their parents Eddie and Judy Raines upon the death of Judy's brother, Tom of Nitro.