

St. Paul's News July 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19

God's word to us in Isaiah is very direct. It calls us to be on the lookout for the new work that God is doing, the new creation that God is making. God is asking us in this word if we are watching for what will come next. Are you watching?

Sometimes, we as humans, have a tendency to drive from the rear view. We look back on things of the past and we wish that we could restore them. But, if we do that, if we focus on what used to be, can we perceive the new things of God? I don't think so!

God is doing a new work in our area right now. Each and every day, God is creating something new, and we are called to be on the lookout for it. We have a choice. God has given us free will. And we can use that free will to wish for what was or we can use that free will to hope for what will be and to watch for it!

I am excited as our new season in ministry begins. July 1 marks the beginning of my fourth year at St. Paul's. We have completed three years of ministry together. There have been times of great joy and times of sorrow. There have been times of excitement and times of frustration. But, in all times and in all seasons, God has been with us, helping us to see God's new work.

As we begin our ministry within the expanded cooperative parish (including St. Paul's, Republic Trinity, Melmore, Sycamore and Union Salem UMCs). What an exciting opportunity to look ahead and see what new thing God is doing!

One of the new things to look forward to is that we will begin having a joint newsletter. Pastor Amy and I will share information from all five churches. Please understand that you are welcome and wanted

at any event that any of the five churches host. We are Better Together! One of the members of Republic Trinity owns a printing company and they have offered to print our newsletters for us (at no charge). What a blessing!

Friends, we are in the perfect time to be on the lookout to perceive what new things God is doing. We are blessed!

Blessings,
~ *Pastor Charlene*



Thank you so much for celebrating my graduation! I have received so many cards and notes of congratulations. I am so grateful to be a part of St. Paul's UMC.

Sincerely ~ *Dominic Consolo*

Youth Group News

Youth Confirmation was a success!!
The profit from the laundry detergent sales was \$672.00, which went towards the youth's trip to the **Ark Encounter July 21-23**. Thank you for supporting our youth!
Youth group will not be meeting over the summer, we will start back up again in September. Have a great and safe summer youth fellowship.
~ *God Bless, Tevin and Heidi*

happy
birthday!

July birthday celebrations:

Janet Dutt: 7-5

Pat Curran: 7-18

If you are over 80 years old and would like your birthday listed so we can celebrate you, please let the church secretary know. Thank you!

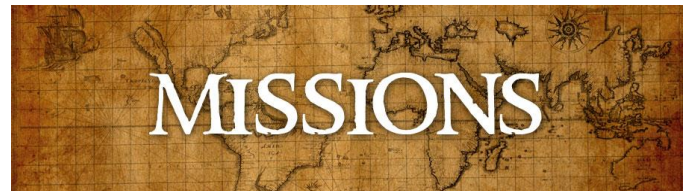


Pastor Charlene will be hosting Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, July 27th at Wall St. Pub & Grille-12:00 noon. Please RSVP to Pastor Charlene or call the church office.

To host Lunch Bunch: you select the restaurant, people RSVP to you and you make the reservations for the group.

Lunch Bunch is always the last Tuesday of every month.

If you would like to host Lunch Bunch, please call the church office so we can schedule for the rest of this year.



Greetings from the Missions Committee:
The Third Sunday Ingathering Office for June was \$60. On Sunday, July 11th there will be an envelope in the bulletin from UMCOR for a collection for the Peace with Justice program.
Kathy Daniel and I have joined the Better Together program as representatives from St. Paul's UMC. This group currently includes representatives from the Melmore and Republic churches, but it is our hope to also include representatives from the Sycamore and Union Salem churches. In addition to discussion of Open Houses for each church, we discussed the possibility of a combined newsletter and a calendar which contains the special events that each of these churches sponsor. There was also discussion of a Scripture Jeopardy event that might interest our younger disciples. There was a lot of ideas discussed. I will continue reporting on this group's activities in this area unless it becomes too cumbersome and requires an area of its own. As always, thank you Church for supporting our missions.

~ Denise Lawson for the Missions Committee

Just Married

Congratulations to Sarah Runion and Jose Daniel Gamez who were married on June 4, 2021, at the Miami-Dade courthouse in Miami, Florida. They met two years ago when they were both deployed at the “wall” in El Paso, Texas – so at least in this case the wall did not divide, but rather brought two soldiers together! Sarah is a Captain in the Army stationed in Fort Hood, TX and Dan is stationed at “South Command” in Miami, FL. Hopefully Dan will get to join Sarah soon in Texas but is now deployed in French Guiana, South America.

~ *Laura Wallrabenstein*

We are excited to announce that on the 12th of June 2021 Leslie and Benjamin Rozzell IV were married. During the private ceremony at St. Paul’s, we were happily surrounded by our children, Gabe, Ben V, Jady, Malayna, Aly, and Sofia.

Thank you for all the kind words and loving thoughts for our new blended family.

~ *Leslie Rozzell*

***Congratulations to both couples!
Praying God’s abundant blessings
over you and your households.***



Open House at Union Salem & Sycamore UMC Saturday, July 17th at 10:00 a.m.

The Open House’s will begin at Union Salem, then proceed to Sycamore. They will include tours, pictures, and oral histories from these churches.

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If you feel lead to participate in this ministry, please contact Pastor Charlene.

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If you have not tried any of the meals these ladies cook and put together, please try one!!!! They are delicious and made from scratch. The meals and soups are perfect portions for our senior community. Please contact the office to schedule time to pick-up meals. There are plenty!

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School 2021

August 1 - 5

6:00 - 8:30 P.M.



VBS is open for all children in preschool through the completion of sixth grade.

All teen helpers must have completed seventh grade or higher.

Contact Kyle Paxson or Brian Arnold for more information or if you'd like to help!

At Discovery on Adventure Island VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time on their quest for God's great light. They will become Explorers and discover how God's light shines on us and how we can reflect that light as we live each day.

**DON'T MISS OUR CLOSING CELEBRATION
ON AUGUST 5 at 8:00 P.M.**

