ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE

With Pastor Ryan Oswald
10:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 - 9:45am
Adults, youth, and children

MEETINGS

Life Safety	Oct 6	6:00pm
Trustees	Oct 8	6:00pm
EC	Oct 22	6:00pm



FROM PASTOR RYAN OSWALD

October has a way of reminding us that there is more to life than what we can see. The days get shorter, the shadows get longer, and everywhere we look, the season seems to lean into mystery. That makes October a fitting time for our new sermon series, Unbound: Finding Freedom in Christ.

Throughout this series, we are going to explore a simple but powerful truth: Jesus came not only to forgive our sins, but to set us free.

We will begin by talking about the wounds we carry and the promise that God "heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). From there, we will look at the difficult but liberating work of forgiveness, the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, and finally the reality of spiritual warfare and Christ's authority over darkness.

These are not abstract theological ideas. They touch the places where we actually live—the hurts we carry, the people we struggle to forgive, the moments when our strength runs out, and the fears that sometimes keep us awake at night.

My hope is that this series will help us discover that freedom in Christ is not merely something we talk about. It is something Jesus wants us to experience.

You do not have to pretend you are fine. You do not have to carry every wound alone. You do not have to fight every battle in your own strength.

Christ still heals.
Christ still restores.
Christ still sets people free.

I hope you will join us each Sunday in October as together we discover what it means to live Unbound.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ryan

Weekly Devotional and Sermons

Our weekly devotional and sermon text from Pastor Ryan is available on our church website. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the message throughout the week, revisit key scriptures and points, and grow closer to the Lord. Click here to view.

Dinner & Discipleship



Dinner & Discipleship resumes September 9! We are excited to continue offering **FREE** meals during our Fall Dinner & Discipleship season! Each week, we will collect donations to support various ministries and organizations.

Menu changes weekly

We are also looking for volunteers to help make this fellowship opportunity a success. If you would like to help with set-up, serving, collecting donations, clean-up, baking, or cooking, please contact Deacon Samantha Brensinger at stpaulsdnd@gmail.com or 717-306-8364.

DINNER	
CARRY OUT	5:00 - 6:15
DINE IN	5:30 - 6:15

...then stay for our nursery and children's activities, and adult Bible Studies!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

FOLLOWING DINNER

Digest the Message Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:30pm
Led by Deacon Sam Brensinger

Ladies Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:00pm (**-OR-** Thursdays 10:00am)
Led by Chaplain Glenna Jones

Young Adult Study
Wednesdays 6:15pm
Ages 18-35 and finished high school
Led by Kim Kiser and Kenzi Jones

PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST: Warren Grant, Janet Grant, Emily Harlow, Luther Ramsey, John Koch, James Neff, Cheryl Bennett, Joann Reid, Bob Paul, Jack Earhart, James Taliaferro, Sherry Ferguson, Gene Halterman

FRIENDS OF ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST: Shay Suter, Christian Brown, Maria Marston, Dena Wheelbarger, Wayne Harvey, Olivia DeVore, Robert Throckmorton, Terry Argenbright, Michael Cave, Sam Liggett

LITURGIST

Oct 4:

Oct 11: Mary Flint

Oct 18: *open*

Oct 25: Anne Clarke



The Prayerful Hearts Fellowship Group continues Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00pm in St. Paul's Chapel. This fellowship is open to all and anyone needing prayer.

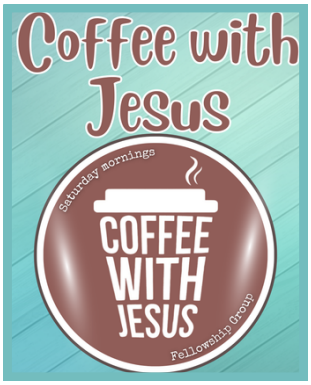


Bible Studies at St. Paul's

Men's Bible Study
Mondays 6:30pm, Coffee Bar
Led by Chad Brown

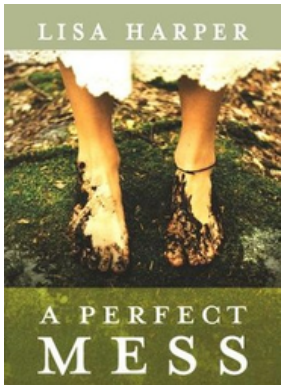


Coffee with Jesus
Saturdays 9:00am, Coffee Bar
We'll enjoy coffee, light breakfast items (donuts, muffins, and bagels), a time of devotion, prayer requests, prayer, and fellowship. Come be refreshed and encouraged as we grow together in faith!

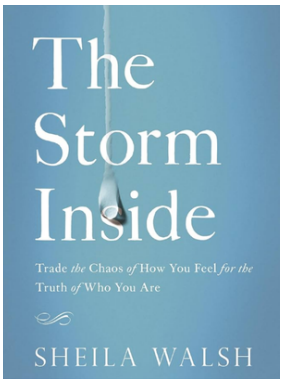


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Join us for a deeper discussion of this week's sermon and message.

Young Adult Study
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Ladies Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:00pm, Coffee Bar
-OR-
Thursdays 10:00am, Coffee Bar
Led by Chaplain Glenna Jones
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Women of all ages are welcome.
Books available in the church office.



Stitch One, Prayer Too

Do you love to knit, sew, crochet, or enjoy other forms of needlework? Looking for fellowship while you work or need a little help with a project? Join us for Stitch One, Prayer Too, a welcoming time of creativity, conversation, and connection.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 12:30pm





FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

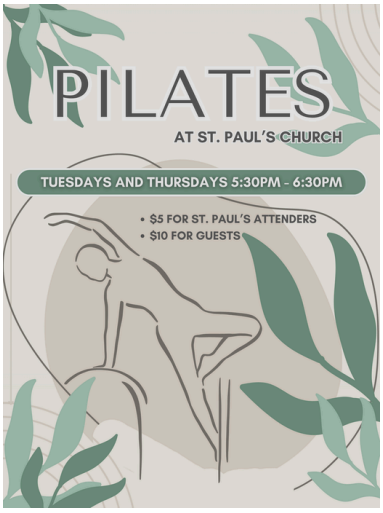
VALLEY MISSION:
Coffee, cereal, Poptarts, individual oatmeal packs, flour, sugar, boxed mixes

MARQUIS MEMORIAL UMC FOOD PANTRY:
Canned vegetables and canned meat

LIBRARY HOURS

Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:30am
Sundays: 9:30 - 10:00am, 11:00 - 11:30am

Pilates: Fit for Service



Join us on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm** in the Family Life Center for "Fit for Service" Pilates class with instructors Jocelyn Jazwinski and Sharon-Ann Tolley.

- St. Paul's attendees are $5.00 a class
- Spread the word, bring a friend, their cost $10.00 a class.

ALCOLYTE

Oct 4: Naaman Oswald & Kyla Ramsey

Oct 11: Ella Parks & Daaven Oswald

Oct 18: Katherine Hibbitts

Oct 25: Naaman Oswald & Daaven Oswald

Family Harvest Party



Fall fun is coming to St. Paul's!

Join us on **Saturday, October 24, from 1:00–3:00pm** for our Family Harvest Party!

We'll have

- Carnival games
- Cake walk
- Candy
- Hayrides
- Photo station

Admission is FREE!
Ages: Birth through 5th Grade
Drop in anytime between 1:00–3:00 PM. Wear your costumes!

In addition, we will need donations of candy and Little Debbie Cakes. Please feel free to place candy donations in the bin in the narthex and find a sign up sheet to donate boxes of Little Debbie Cakes. All donations are appreciated!

Harvest Dinner: Chili Cook-Off & Welcoming New Members

You're invited to join us for our Harvest & Welcome New Member Dinner on Wednesday, November 4 at 5:00pm! This dinner is for everyone in our St. Paul's family—not just our new members. This year, we'll be having a Chili Cook-Off with two categories: With Spice and Without Spice. Not bringing chili? No problem! You're welcome to bring your favorite fall soup, stew, or dessert. St. Paul's will provide baked potatoes, cornbread, and all the toppings. Please sign up at the Coffee Bar.
There will be no Bible Study that evening. If you need a ride, Bob Paul has graciously offered to pick you up. Just let us know ahead of time. We look forward to gathering together and welcoming our new members as a church family!



SERVE



Bison Bites: Thank you for all your help and donations to Bison Bites! We are currently **pausing donations**, as the coordinators want to ensure all food received so far is distributed to children in need, and that no food perishes beforehand. Thank you again for your generosity!



Coats for the Cold: We will begin collecting new or gently used coats in **October** so recipients will be able to wear them by Thanksgiving. Please check your closets for coats you no longer wear. A "new" coat is like a warm hug! Last year, St. Paul's clothed a lot of people at Valley Mission, Dixon Preschool and People Places foster care.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC): Operation Christmas Child returns to share God's love with children around the world! Through this outreach, shoeboxes are filled with small gifts, school supplies, and personal care items, then delivered to children as a reminder that they are loved and cared for. Each shoebox is an opportunity to share hope, joy, and the message of Jesus!

Shoebox pick up date: October 18
Shoebox drop off date: November 15

Mowing Schedule

Zero Turn

Oct 5: Abbott Graham
Oct 12: Bill Jones
Oct 19: Bo Flint
Oct 26: Bryan Lyle

Small Riding

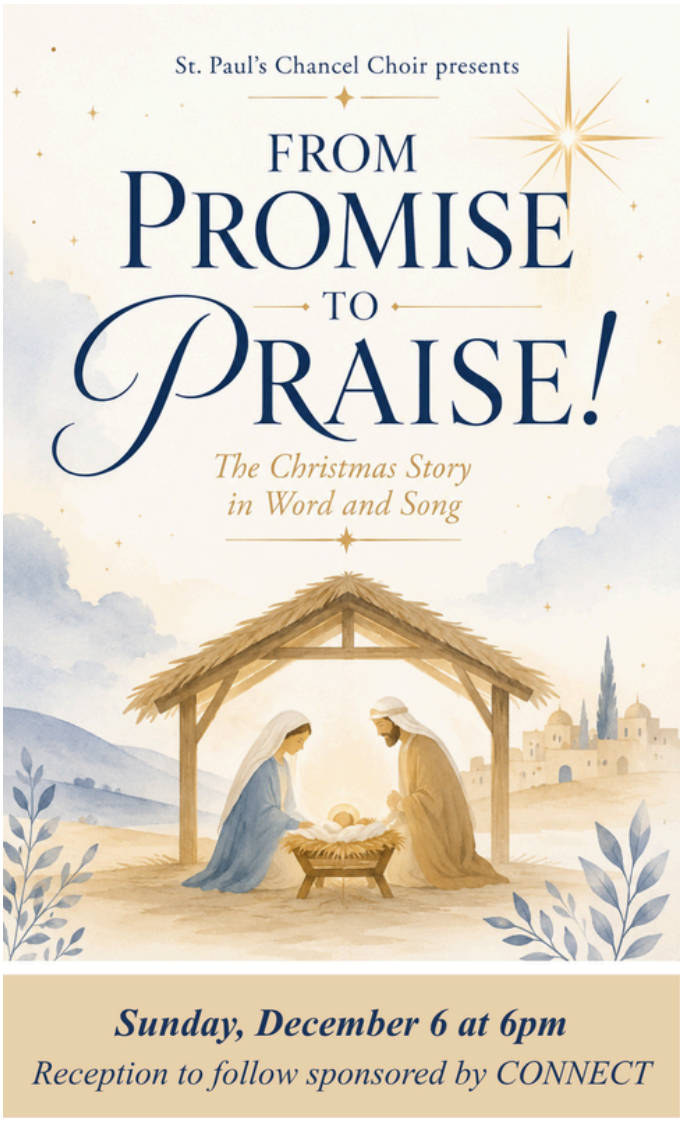
Oct 5: Ray Norcross
Oct 12: Robert Walters
Oct 19: Burk Hershey
Oct 26: Doug Harris

Life Safety Team

Team Recruitment: The Life Safety Team is looking to grow its membership. If you are interested in learning more about our mission or would like to join, please speak to a Team member or pick up an application at the ushers' desk in the Narthex.

Secret Sister

Secret Sisters kicks off this month! Remember to keep your Secret Sister in your prayers throughout the month. If you would like to leave a note, card, or small gift, please place it in the mailbox by the entrance doors, along the wall near the coffee bar. And don't forget to check for anything your Secret Sister may have left for you! We'll celebrate our Secret Sister Reveal Party on **Saturday, December 5th**, in the FLC.



Christmas Cantata

Join Us for Our Christmas Cantata! 🎶

Celebrate the joy of the Christmas season with us on December 6 at 6:00pm for a beautiful evening of music and worship.

A reception will follow the cantata.

Do you receive our weekly email? It's filled with upcoming church events, meetings, and ways to get involved! To sign up, scan the QR code or click here. You can also contact the church office, and we'll add you to the list!

Relay for Life

🎗️ Join St. Paul's Crusaders Against Cancer! 🎗️
St. Paul's Crusaders Against Cancer Team is officially registered for the 2027 Augusta County Relay for Life!

📅 Saturday, September 11, 2027
📍 Augusta Expo, Fishersville

Would you like to join our team? We'd love to have you! To register, visit Augusta County Relay for Life and scroll down to St. Paul's Team. Fundraisers will be announced soon!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sam Brensinger, Amy Francis, or Barbara Bishop.
Together, we can make a difference in the fight against cancer!

Upcoming Picture Directory

Early next year we will be doing a new picture directory, to make this happen we will need volunteers to help in various ways. More information on how you can help will be coming soon!

Thank You Notes

To our St. Paul's Family, Words seem so inadequate in expressing our gratitude for the outpouring of love shown us during the illness and passing of Pattie. The food, cards, phone calls, and expressions of concern were all so very much appreciated. Pattie is where she wants to be, and we're sure she's at The Gate giving all that enter a big smile, a big hug, and saying to each, "I prayed for you." Thank you, St. Paul's. - Lou Phelps

Dear St. Paul's Church Family,
Thank you, Glenna, and We Care for the beautiful red and yellow carnations. The flowers were so beauitful. - with love in Christ, Christie Null

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October

1 Marilyn McGonigal
3 John Cline, Alex Caldwell, Jr.
4 Angela Smith
6 Huck Crabtree
8 Cindy Stuart
12 Kerri Fitzgerald
13 Gloria Sams
16 Michael Austin, Missy Huffer
17 Morgan Lyle
18 Bobby Woodfin III
21 Rob Woodfin, II
23 Clarence Forsyth, Jr.
25 Tamara Ambler
26 Kristin Shreckhise, Marcie Johnson
29 Juanita May

Anniversaries
8 Linda and Burk Hershey



November

1 Jonah Corbin
2 Margie Strickler
5 David Eagle
6 Abby Ludwig
8 Amanda Glover
11 Bill Jones, Judy Marks
12 Betty Wine
14 Doris Hayes
17 Joann Reid
20 Jason Melton
23 Randy Kiser
24 Marina Clarke English
25 Joe DiMeo
27 Pat Trippel
28 Ray Pitsenbarger, Alan Westmoreland
29 Linda Earhart
30 Clinton Cline, Wayne Corbin

Anniversaries
5 Jim and Linda Taliaferro
16 Eric and Sarah Blackwell
22 Gene and Sandra Halterman
25 Jack and Linda Earhart