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Pastor's Thoughts

Dr William Wyman has been Music Director for Saint Paul United Methodist Church since September 9, 1979! We have been blessed with his tremendous talent and ministry for 41 years. Now it is time to honor him and his years of service as he and Tami retire and move into the next season of life's adventure.

If you have ventured down the tunneled hallways of the basement, you might have found the choir room. It is one room which holds the choir library, the robes, the music director and accompanist. Our amazing choir needs a new space. We would like to honor Dr Wyman's ministry here by upgrading our choir facilities with the Wyman Choral Suite. Bill has longed for improvements to the area, and we hope this will be a fitting and lasting legacy to him.

The vision adds separate robing rooms for our male and female singers; a separate music library room and an office space for the choir director. The Property Committee has some beginning drawings through conversations with Bill's input. While we do not yet have specific details or costs, we want to extend the invitation to begin receiving your financial gifts in Dr. Wyman's honor. If you would honor Dr. Wyman's 41 years of ministry here in this way, please indicate so on your gift or contact Sherry Waldman, our Finance Manager at the church office.

Jane



Bill Wyman's Headshot from the September 9, 1979 St. Paul News



Mid-Week **CONNECT** Begins August 21!

Way of Prayer

**Begins August 21 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Chapel**

It is said that prayer is so primal an urge for humankind that we are born into the world praying. Yet, something so natural and seemingly so easy comes hard at times. The Way of Prayer is a 10-week, small-group study about the nature and practice of prayer. Honor the ways you were taught to pray while expanding your understanding to include new ways to pray. Topics covered include: How Do You Pray?, Images of God, Praying by Heart, Music, Our Bodies, Contemplative Prayer, Praying with and for Others, Prayer & Social Transformation. Led by Rev. Jane Florence.

Psalms

**Begins August 21 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Office Conference Room**

The Psalms has been one of the most beloved books of the Bible for millennia. In this Bible study we will take a closer look at the Book of Psalms as it spans the fullness of the human experience, and explore how it informs our speech and dynamic relationship with God. Led by Pastor Jed Linder.

Social Principles of The United Methodist Church

**Begins September 11 at 6:30 p.m.
in room 145**

Since the beginning of the movement, Methodists have been practicing an active and engaged love with the world around us. In this 3-week class we will be taking a look at the social principles that guide this embodied love. Led by Barbara Jo Burns.

Leadership Workshop with Dr. Marilyn Moore

Begins September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Leadership is not about titles, status, or roles. It's not running for office, or chairing a meeting, or issuing directives. Leadership is, as author Brene Brown writes, "learning and unlearning that requires brave work, tough conversations, and showing up with your whole heart." In this 6-week leadership workshop, we'll use Brown's newest book, Dare to Lead, and consider the ideas of vulnerability, living into values, braving trust, and learning to rise. This is a unique opportunity to develop your leadership skills with educator and civic leader Dr. Marilyn Moore. If you've ever wondered how you might make your own corner of the world a better place, this class is for you.

August 21:
Grilled hamburgers, french fries, tossed green salad, green beans, and brownies.

August 28:
Chicken noodle casserole, cole slaw, mixed vegetables, and cheesecake.

All Church Picnic

**September 15
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
at Cooper Park**

Mark your calendar for our annual all church picnic! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

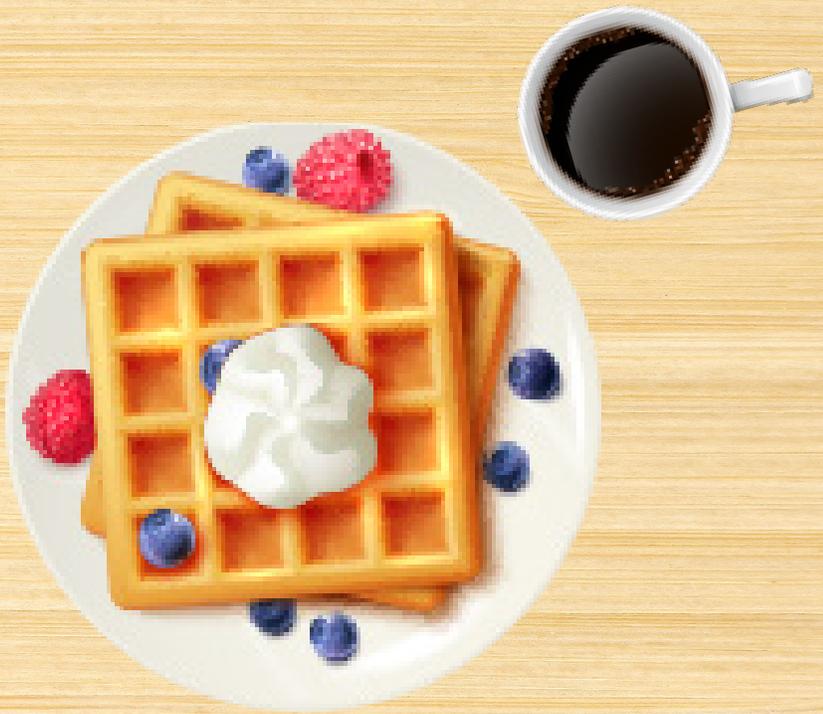


Bring A Friend Waffle Breakfast!

August 11 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saint Paul members are encouraged to bring a friend with them to either service and enjoy a waffle breakfast featuring The Waffle Man during the faith education hour!

Stay tuned on social media and email to share/forward the invitation to friends in the Lincoln community. The more the merrier!



Joys and Concerns

Sympathy to the friends and family of:

- Bev Brittenham, Mother of Rich Brittenham, who transitioned to new life on July 26, 2019.
- Sherry Jackson, sister of Rich, who transitioned to new life on July 27, 2019.

Celebrations:

- Owen Yardley, UNL Chief of Police, who retired after a 40 year career in law enforcement.

Baptism:

- Blaike Everleigh, daughter of Jenna Sealey and Mitch Bargmann, dedicated July 14, 2019.

New Members:

- Heather Stauffer, by UMC transfer
- Martha Nelson, by UMC transfer

Please let the church office know of death and births that we may share in your joys and concerns.

August Worship

August 4

- Jed Linder preaches on deliverance
- Psalm 40

August 11

- "Sweet Baby Jesus!"
- Luke 12: 49-56
- Backpack Blessing

August 18

- "Faith is a Verb"
- Hebrews 11
- Teacher Blessing

August 25

- "Misbehaving Church"
- Luke 13: 10-17
- Volunteer Recognition

Nebraska Football Parking

Do you need a safe and reliable place to park on Nebraska football game days? Help support Saint Paul Youth Ministries by reserving your spot in the Saint Paul garage. Cost is \$120 for the season. Parking is available 2 hours before kickoff until 1 hour after the game. To reserve your space please contact Mitch at mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org or (402) 477-6951. Thank you for supporting the Youth Ministries program here at Saint Paul. Go Big Red!

Adult Classes and Opportunities

Days of Awe and Wonder

Begins September 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Through the final book by Marcus Borg, we explore the miraculous and the wonderful. Reflections invite us to keep an open mind and question assumptions and certainties in our religious journeys. Led by Dave Moore.

Holy Envy

**Begins September 10 at 5:30 p.m.
at Crescent Moon Coffee**

Holy Envy is the story of a Christian minister who lost her way in the church and found a new way in the classroom... teaching about world religions. This is not a primer on the faiths of the world, but questions, worries, concerns, and wonders that arise when we accept the invitation to investigate all the wonders before us. This is a 6-week study led by Steve Griffith.

Wednesday Morning Book Group

August 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Room 122

We will discuss the novel Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. This was one of the 2018 3 finalists for the OBOL. Come join us for coffee, cookies and a lively discussion. For more info or questions, contact **Judy Jensen at (402)-420-6370.**



Grateful Together UMW Group

Saturday, August 3

Food Distribution at First Presbyterian Church at 18th & F Street.
Set up starts at 9:30a.m.
Food Distribution starts at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 27

Regular/Planning meeting
The Mill at Innovation Campus
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 6

Friendship Home Safe Quarters Drive. We want to form one or more Saint Paul teams. Please contact Mary Brittenham at (402) 326-2631 to join our team. All Saint Paul Friends are invited to join our team!

UMW Unit Meeting

**Thursday, September 4
10:30 a.m. in the Dining Hall**

The program will be on the problem of "Mass Incarceration". The presenters will be Jan Hauser and Stacey Brandenburg who work with women offenders at the Nebraska correctional facility for women at York. Lunch will be served following the speakers.

UMW Wesley Group

Tuesday, August 27

11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room

Reminder- we will have lunch first and then we will be treated with a visit from Rev. Jane Florence. We will conclude with our business meeting.

Turn the Page

Monday, August 5

7:00 p.m. in room 145

We will discuss This Blessed Earth which is the 2019 One Book One Nebraska selection by Ted Genoways. Ann Cerveney will lead. **On September 9**, we discuss Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave by Erica Armstrong Dunbar and led by Lynne Fritz.

Youth Ministries

Middle School Summer Retreat

August 24-25

On the Summer Retreat students will experience a variety of exciting and fun individual and team challenges at Camp Fontanelle. This retreat experience is open to all Middle School youth (grades 6th-8th) Included in this weekend retreat is small group conversations, debriefing and time for personal reflection and spiritual growth. It is through the spirit of cooperation in which participants are not only experiencing an activity together but also given the opportunity to apply new insights to real life situations and to grow in community together. Cost is \$50 per participant. For more information or to register your youth email mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org or register online at www.saintpaulumc.org.



Confirmation Orientation

**August 18
from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

we will be hosting a Confirmation orientation and light breakfast in Room 225 for any and all interested middle school students (grades 6-8th) and their parents/guardians. At this time we will discuss specific requirements for 8th grade students, schedule of events and classes, meet our Confirmation instructors in addition to taking an in depth look at weekly course materials. For more information about the Confirmation program beginning this fall please contact Mitch Connelly by email at mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org



Mitch Connelly | Director of Youth Ministries

Register for Youth Ministry events on the weekly connect card, on the Church Center App, or by emailing Mitch Connelly at mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org.

Children and Family Opportunities

Kids for Christ Fall Start-Up

August 18 at 9:45 a.m.

This year, we will be using A Joyful Path curriculum series that will help children learn how to follow the path of Jesus in today's world. Preschool age children will meet in Room 221 and Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet in Room 224. After large group time, kids will break into smaller age groups. If you have any questions about Kids for Christ, please contact Cathy Link at 402-477-6951 or clink@saintpaulumc.org



KIDS

FOR CHRIST

Volunteers needed



Join in the excitement of our Kids for Christ Sunday School program. The following volunteer positions are now open!

Preschool leader and assistants, K-2 grade leader and assistants and 3-5 grade leader and assistants.

These positions can rotate every Sunday! Come and help one Sunday a month for our future leaders of Saint Paul! We're going to have a great year! Curriculum and supplies are provided! If you are willing to volunteer your time, please contact Cathy Link at 402-477-6951 or clink@saintpaulumc.org.



Midweek Connect for Kids

Begins August 21

from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on Wednesdays from in room 221! We will kick off the year with fun and fellowship then begin the series, How to Be with Your Attitude. Mark your calendars for the first family night on September 4.

Back-to-School

Backpack Blessing

August 11

**8:45 and 10:45 a.m.
services**

We will have the Blessing of the Backpacks at both services to get us all ready for school. All children, youth and young adults are invited to bring their backpacks and school bags for a blessing.

Grown-ups are welcome too! Bring your work bag, attaché or briefcase for a blessing!



Cathy Link

Director of Children and
Family Ministries

Register for these events on the weekly connect card, on the Church Center App, or by emailing Cathy Link at clink@saintpaulumc.org.

New Sunday Morning Classes from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Getting to Know Us

Begins August 4 in Paine Parlor

If you are new to Saint Paul or if you've been visiting here for some time, this is the time and place to learn more about who we are. Rev. Jane will be leading this 4-week class and will be touching upon some of the most vital aspects of our church and its ministry. All are welcome to attend all or any of the sessions:

August 4 - Are we a Bible-based church?

August 11 - Worship and Sacraments

August 18 - Spiritual doesn't mean religions

August 25 - Where did the UMC start? Who 'runs' the church?

Faith and Culture

Begins August 18 in the Office Conference Room

Join our new pastor, Jed Linder, for a two-week class looking at the various ways that faith engages with culture, and how we might understand our role, and the church role in the crossroads.

Romans

Begins September 8 in the Office Conference Room.

We will explore Paul's epistle to the Roman church to learn how his instructions helped them to lead Christian lives. In addition, we will examine how those directions apply to us as individuals and as a community of faith. A study Bible will be very helpful. Led by Pat Staver.



Jed Linder

Associate Pastor

Register for all adult classes on the weekly connect card, on the Church Center App, or by emailing Jed Linder at jlinder@saintpaulumc.org.

Paine Parlor

Begins September 8 in Paine Parlor

Relevant topics of interest are selected by class members who take turns providing leadership for discussion and study. Subjects range from current issues, developments and ministries in the United Methodist Church, theology, and spiritual growth. Class meets weekly in the Paine Parlor.

Chapel Class

Begins September 8 in room 143

This long-time group focuses on a variety of topics including various Bible Studies and current events. The class begins this fall with a study on Peter. Led by Jay Funk.

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

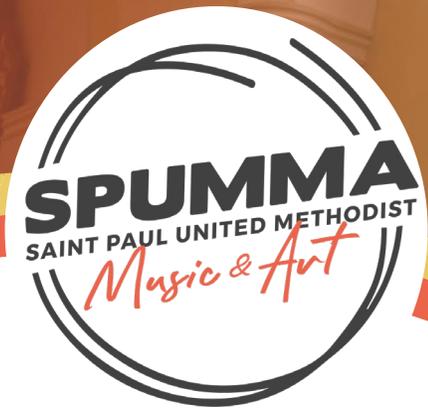
Begins September 8 in the Chapel

Join the pastors to study Marcus Borg's book which "takes the Bible seriously without taking it literally." Examine scripture from Genesis to Revelation through lens of context and historical metaphor to gain new perspectives on our sacred text. Discover how this timeless wisdom speaks to our contemporary lives and informs our theology. Led by Pastors Jane Florence and Jed Linder.

The Soul of Money

Begins October 13 from 9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Lynne Twist's powerful book *The Soul of Money: Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Life* challenges us to examine spending and priorities. We will divide the study into four parts: 1) Love, Lies, and a Great Awakening; 2) Scarcity and Sufficiency: The Search for Prosperity; 3) Sufficiency: the Three Truths; and 4) Change the Dream. 4-week class led by David Lux.



Chancel Chat

Bring a Friend

According to the “American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language”, a friend is “a person whom one knows, likes and trusts.” Sunday, August 11 will give you a chance to share worship with the Chancel Choir. As I have done in the past, I am asking those who are around to come in a sing in this service. Pastor Jane Florence has set this Sunday as bring a friend Sunday. I have asked the choir to invite a friend to sing with us in this service. We will have a grand time worshipping together with our friends sharing in the experience. Come and check us out this Sunday. See how many new faces are singing with us!

The other Sundays of the month will feature special music provided by singers and instrumentalist. It will not be long before we are back with you each Sunday. I hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer with opportunities to recharge and refresh.

Bill Wyman
Director of Music

Just Mercy: Issues in the Criminal Justice System

October 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Dr. Cynthia Willis-Esqueda, associate professor at UNL in the Department of Psychology and the Institute for Ethnic Studies, will lead a discussion based on the book *Just Mercy* and extending to current issues in the criminal justice system.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

saintpaulumc.org/volunteer

Sign up to share your time and talents. You can make a difference!

Saint Paul Church Directory

PICTURE SIGN-UP



August 27-30
2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(plan on 30-45 minutes)

Saint Paul UMC
1144 M St Lincoln, NE

Our church family album just won't be the same without you! Sign up to be included in our church directory and receive your complimentary 8x10 portrait, a FREE Family Directory, and Mobile Directory.

How do I register for an appointment?

Online sign up dates: July 13-14
Visit: www.saintpaulumc.org

In-person sign-up dates: July 27-28, August 3-4, 10-11

For assistance, contact
Patty Bohart at (402) 429-8147
or Brent Comstock at communications@saintpaulumc.org

No purchase required!

Golden Weds

Sunday, September 29

Saint Paul celebrates all couples who have been married 50 years or more. We will celebrate you with recognition during services and a special luncheon following the late service. If you have provided us with your marriage date you will be receiving a special invitation in early September. If you are unsure that we have the proper information, please give the church office a call (402) 477-6951.

Pioneer Sunday Sunday, September 29

We will recognize all members, who have achieved membership in The United Methodist Church, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Methodist Church or Saint Paul United Methodist Church for 50 or more years. Please contact the office (477-6951) with your confirmation or joining date. Those reaching 50 or 75 years, during 2019, will receive a membership pin. All will be recognized during worship services.





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RETURN SERVICE
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Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Children's Music 6-6:30 p.m.

WORSHIP 6-6:30 p.m.

Classes

(children, youth, campus and adult)

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Praise Team 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir 7:30-9:00 p.m.