

Epistle



Saint Paul
Methodist Church

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Welcome to the Saint Paul Epistle

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9 AM -12 PM

1 PM- 5 PM

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9 AM - 12 PM



A Message From Our Senior Minister

Rev. James H. Harry

Hello Everyone:

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. I trust this edition of the Saint Paul Epistle greets you warmly. The word epistle simply means a literary form of writing, most notably, a letter. There are different literary genres included in the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. Of those 27 books, 14 are considered “epistles” attributed to the Apostle Paul. For the most part, these epistles are specific letters written to specific churches for a specific reason and deal with specific issues going on in the local church to which the epistle is written. When we read a Saint Paul epistle, we are eavesdropping in on a particular conversation the apostle is having with a specific church. This is precisely what our Saint Paul Epistle is meant to do.

This newsletter is an epistle, a letter, that is intended to relay specific information to you. In our Epistle, which is appropriately named for our namesake, Saint Paul, our Ministry Team members are reporting, inviting, sharing, informing, and announcing specific news and events to the members of Saint Paul Methodist Church [SPMC]. Our hope is that you use this letter to become immersed in the happenings of SPMC so that you are made aware of how your church is doing ministry and to provide you an invitation to grow in your faith by serving others in the name of Christ. I do my best to communicate with you regularly at Sunday morning worship, through my Rev. Jim Email Updates, and through the Saint Paul Epistle. I’m excited for you to read this edition of The Epistle and hear from your Ministry Team. I invite you to pay attention to what God is doing through your prayers, your presence, your financial gifts, your service, and your witness to God’s Presence in our lives together.

Rev. J.

From Our *MUSIC* Ministry



Hello from your new Music Director

Dear Beloved Church Family,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus.

It is good to be able to reach you all in our reinstatement of the Epistle this month. I wanted to take this as an opportunity to express my gratitude for the way this community welcomed Katelyn and me with open arms. The warmth and kindness we've received since we moved here is just a testament to the heart of the church and of Goldsboro, NC. We are so grateful to be part of such a warm community.

Music has a unique way of connecting our souls, bridging the gaps between our individual stories, and harmonizing us into one voice as followers of Christ. I came into this church and was inspired by the spirit of this community. There is a rich tradition of worship that thrives here, inside and outside of the church walls. Each week I've worked at this church I have been moved by the faith of the people at Saint Paul. I feel so blessed to be able to share my skills with you all in worship.

Coming Soon...Addition to the Website

There will soon be a new addition to the website under the Ministries area, Music! Visit our website to see all of the great music happening at the church. It will include information about our adult choirs as well as a new ministry we are introducing this month at the church.

The Saint Paul Chancel Choir

Our adult Chancel Choir has been meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. They have made strides since we started working together in the summer. I wanted to take a moment to outline some of the accomplishments they have made in such a short time.

- Singing an anthem in Sunday worship entirely acapella.
- Performing an anthem in parts, with a soloist, and an instrument.
- Singing for the 9am worship service for the first time.
- Doing all of that with only 9 members!

The heart of our Chancel Choir is exceptional. They work so hard each week to produce a high level of musical worship and exceed my expectations every time we perform together.

If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, please contact me directly. There are no auditions required, just a willingness to sing to the Lord in worship.

The Saint Paul Handbell Choir

Our adult Handbell Choir has been meeting on Wednesday nights from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. They have grown substantially as an ensemble since we began. We went from two members at the first rehearsal to eight ringers at the latest rehearsal! They have been

working hard learning handbell techniques and preparing service music for Sunday worship. Along with perfecting their technique, they are preparing to perform in the upcoming Christmas Cantata.

The Handbell Choir has many members who are new to music in general, and they are thriving in some rather intensive rehearsals. It makes me proud to be able to direct so many dedicated people. They are making strides in their skills and will soon be at the top of their game.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact me directly. There are no auditions required and you don't need to read music either, just a servant's spirit and a willingness to worship God through music.

****NEW** Saint Paul**

Lessons Ministry

I am excited to announce an exciting development in the Music Ministry at Saint Paul. In an effort to WORSHIP God through music, GROW the talent that lives within our congregation, and SERVE our community through performance, we are launching a brand-new ministry:

The Lessons Ministry.

What is The Lessons Ministry?

The Lessons Ministry is an initiative aimed at fostering musical talent within our church community. We believe that music has the power to inspire, heal, and bring people closer to God. To support that vision, we are offering music lessons in vocal and instrumental performance. This ministry is open to all ages and will only be accepting donations. That means all lessons are provided free of charge.

Why Music Lessons?

Music has the incredible ability to connect us to the spirit of God. By offering lessons, we aim not only to enhance the skills of our members but also to encourage a deeper connection with God through the learning of sacred music and the development of musical skills. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced musician, these lessons

are tailored to nurture your abilities and ignite your passion for music through God's grace.

How Can You Participate?

- **As a Student:** If you or your family members are interested in learning music, whether it's voice or instrument lessons, simply sign up! Lessons will be provided by skilled and experienced instructors within our church community.
- **As a Mentor:** Are you proficient in a musical instrument or vocal techniques? We invite you to share your expertise and passion by becoming a mentor. Your guidance can shape budding talents and create a lasting impact.
- **As a Supporter:** If music holds a special place in your heart but you're not looking for lessons, consider supporting this ministry through your donations. Your generosity will enable us to provide instruments, learning materials, and a nurturing environment for our learners.

How to Get Started

To enroll in lessons, offer your mentorship, or make a donation, please reach out to Holton Johnson at: (228) 731-6590 or music@stpaulgoldsboro.org. Your involvement will contribute to the growth of this ministry and the lives it will touch.

From Our MUSIC Ministry

(continued)

Closing Statement

I am immensely grateful for the support and enthusiasm I have encountered at Saint Paul Methodist Church. I have already grown exponentially since I arrived here, and I hope to help others do the same. It is clear to me that there is a rich community of faith here at Saint Paul, and I am glad to be a part of it. I am eager to continue on this new journey with you all not only as your Music Director but as a fellow Christian in pursuit of spiritual growth.

Peace be with you.

Holton Johnson
Music Director



What's Been Happening At Saint Paul?

**Ushers Are Back at Our 11am
Worship Services**



**Back To School Blessing of the
Backpacks for Kids & Teachers**



**Kathy Lies
Guest Pianist**



**Special Music at 9am & 11am
Sunday Worship Services**

WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

10-Week Sunday Small Groups



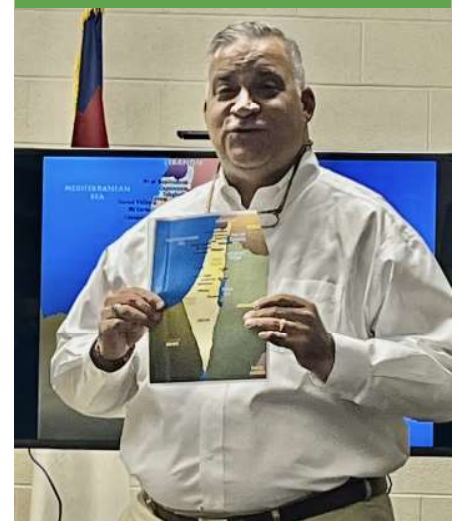
Titus 2 Women's Ministry



Backpack Buddies Food Collections



Thursday Night Bible Study



Sunday School Classes For All Ages



Carver Heights Butterfly Garden



From Pastor Rick Winders

Grace and Peace to you.

The Fall season is upon us, and some great things are taking place within the Youth Ministry at Saint Paul Methodist Church. Our youth are focused on living out the Saint Paul mission to Worship, Grow, and Serve. The vision of the Saint Paul Methodist Youth Ministry is to encourage youth to Worship God with their lives all week long, to Grow in their faith and as a community of believers with their peers, and to Serve their church, community, and others. This first semester of the youth ministry year has been prayerfully and intentionally planned so our Youth of Saint Paul can worship together, grow closer to each other and to God, and experience God's grace through serving others.

A key aspect of our Saint Paul Youth ministry this semester is to focus on serving others. Serving others should be more than a habit; it should be second nature to a disciple of Christ. This fall our youth will serve the church by assisting with our Saint Paul Children's Ministry. The youth will also serve the community by planning, packing, and delivering Thanksgiving meals to families in need in the Carver Heights School District.

In addition to serving our church and our local community, the Saint Paul Youth Ministry is looking forward to serving others on a regional level. On October 22nd at 5:00 p.m., we will have a 2024 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Summer Mission Trip Youth and Parent Meeting. This



Upcoming Youth Events:

October 22
***Summer Service
Project Meeting for
Parents & Youth***

October 28
***Serving Your
Church at the
Family Fall Festival***

November 4
***Matt Maher
Concert in
Fayetteville***

meeting will be for parents, youth, and anyone interested in serving with us in the region of Central Appalachia. The Appalachia Service Project, better known as ASP, was founded by Methodist Pastor Tex Evans in 1969. Since 1969, ASP has repaired more than 19,000 homes in the Central Appalachian region and worked through more than 440,000 volunteers who gathered there from around the nation. I am excited to share with parents and our youth about this ministry and service opportunity through the ASP. This amazing opportunity will allow our youth to give hope to the hopeless and experience God's grace through serving others.

Let's not forget the words of Peter found in 1st Peter 4:10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Pastor Rick Winders
Associate Minister

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YOUTH@Saint Paul





From Our CHILDREN'S Ministry

As we return to the sacred pages of our Saint Paul Epistle, I am humbled to share that this past August marked one year as the Children's Director of Saint Paul. I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey together.

Before examining the current endeavors of our Children's Ministry, I want to emphasize that our mission for the children is a collective one. We are blessed with an extraordinary Children's who pray, dream, and execute the Children's Ministry's programs and events. The Children's Committee has formulated a mission for our children that stresses the importance of intentionality in our approach. I often say to our team that we must make this journey full circle and connect the dots for our children. It's about more than just instructing and setting an example. It's about providing them with opportunities to engage in ministry, as we did by providing a missional opportunity during VBS. By encouraging their involvement in helping and serving others outside of our church, and allowing them to discuss and plan, we made it a personal and meaningful experience. Their enthusiasm is a testament to the success of this approach. Our children raised an impressive \$5,000 in just one week for two different local non-profit organizations.

The Book of James beautifully articulates, "For the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" [James 2:26]. This profound verse encapsulates the essence of what we strive to convey to our children. It reflects our commitment to nurturing their faith and guiding them



in their walk with Christ. Our mission is not only to teach them but also to equip them with the tools to breathe life into their faith through meaningful actions.

This leads me to a crucial point: We aim to nurture the seeds we've sown by connecting the ideals of service and community. Our goal is to teach them about Jesus, encourage them to ask profound questions, and have them fully engaged, not out of obligation, but out of genuine desire to serve others.

In today's fast-paced and often distracting society, maintaining their focus during our Sunday school and the new Pathfinders program on Sunday evenings can be challenging. While we don't wish to entertain, we acknowledge the responsibility to capture their attention and use the limited time we have effectively to share His Word. Our prayer is that the moments we spend with them plant seeds that will one day yield a bountiful harvest. We fervently hope that our efforts bring glory to our heavenly Father and align with His divine plan.

We invite you to join us in prayer for our children that they may receive and embrace the truth without being led astray. Please also remember to lift up our Children's Committee, that we may stay focused on our mission, undistracted by worldly concerns. Let your prayers foster the spiritual growth of our children.

We appreciate your time in reading about the Children's Ministry, and we look forward to sharing more about our ongoing work with the children in the coming months.

Blessings,

Mary Catherine Kelley
Director of Children's Ministry

Saint Paul Kids



Saint Paul HOSPITALITY

Holy Baptism

Virginia Catherine Buckman



Virginia Catherine Buckman, daughter of Edmund and Virginia Buckman, was baptized on Sunday, July 30, 2023, in the Saint Paul Sanctuary by Rev. James H. Harry. Paternal grandparents are Vicki and Buck Buckman. Maternal grandparents are Becky Mayo and the late Dr. George E. Mayo, III.

Elizabeth "Libby" Grace Cauley



Elizabeth "Libby" Grace Cauley, daughter of Ivey and Beth Cauley, was baptized on Sunday, September 24, 2023, in the Saint Paul Sanctuary by Rev. James H. Harry. Proud siblings are Davis and Lynne Cauley. Paternal Grandparents are Chris Cauley, Linda Cauley, and Roxie Cauley. Maternal Grandparents are Harrell and Linda Overman. Maternal Great-grandparents are Becky Bevell and Pat Bevell and the late Gary Bevell.

Saint Paul HOSPITALITY

Birth Announcements



**William "Warren"
Phillips**

William "Warren" Phillips, son of Chip and Mary Katherine Phillips, was born on September 6, 2023 weighing 8lbs 13oz. Big brothers are Charles and Perry. Proud Grandparents are David and Bethany Perry and Becky and John Jaskey and Pam Phillips.



**Archibald "Archie" Branson
Vickory**

Archibald "Archie" Branson Vickory, son of James and Elle Vickory, was born on September 8, 2023 weighing 8lbs 6oz. Proud big brother Dub Vickory.

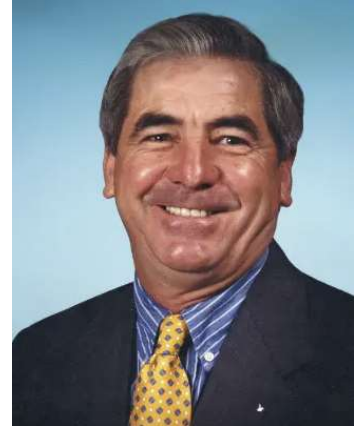
Celebration of Life

Gary Verne Bevell, 84, lovingly known as Gary, was born on March 1, 1939, in Boydton, Virginia. He peacefully passed away in Goldsboro, North Carolina, on Saturday, September 30, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and dedication. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Allen John Bevell and Gladys Ellen Hite Bevell, a son, John Manual Bevell as well as his brother, John D. Bevell, and sister, Jeanette B. Arnold. Their memories will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved them.

Gary's journey began in Boydton, where he grew up attending Boydton Baptist Church and receiving his education at Boydton Elementary School. He was in the second graduating class of Bluestone High School class of 1957. After graduation, he lived in Chase City, VA, and Selma, NC before eventually settling in Goldsboro, NC, where he found his permanent home. Gary was the proud owner and operator of Wayne Auto Salvage for over 50 years, Bevell Pull it Yourself Used Auto Parts, EZ Bait & Tackle and well as co-founder of ReNu Life. He was a former Boy Scout Leader as well as a Mason. Throughout his career, he displayed an unwavering commitment to his work and earned the respect of his peers and customers alike.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife Pat Lavin Bevell, and his children Dale Bevell and wife Laura, Dwayne Bevell and wife Heather, Lorenda B. Overman and husband Harrell, Tamara H. Toner, Tonia M. Harrison, and Amanda W. Ostrander and husband Steven He was a devoted father to his children, and is remembered fondly by his former wife, Rebecca N. Bevell. His siblings, Jewell B. Fields, and Glenda B. Smith, were a constant source of love and support throughout his life. He was also blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought immense joy to his life: Beth O. Cauley and husband, Ivey, Betsy O. Roberson and husband, Ryan, Dave Overman

and wife, Vennie, Ryan Bevell, Joshua Bevell, Jaden Bevell, Maddox Bevell, Nicolas Toner, Abigail Toner, Olivia Toner, James Toner, Camden Ostrander, Mazzy Ostrander, and Maxwell Ostrander. His great-grandchildren, Wade, Logan, John Rex, Brooks, Quinn,



Adellynn, Josie, Davis, Lynne, and Libby. Gary's memory will also live on in the hearts of so many friends and co-workers as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services to honor and celebrate Gary's life will be held at St. Paul Methodist Church, where a memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023, in the sanctuary. A reception will immediately follow the service in the fellowship hall where the family will receive friends. His cremains will be lovingly placed in the memorial garden at the church, a final resting place that symbolizes the peace he found in his faith. Gary will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his dedication to his family, and his unwavering love. May his soul find eternal rest, and may his legacy continue to inspire all those who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorial contributions to be directed to St. Paul Methodist Church, 204 E. Chestnut Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530, to ReNu Life, P.O. Box 1017 Goldsboro, NC 27533 or Scholarship Donations can be sent to ARA Scholarship Foundation, 9113 Church St., Manassas, VA 20110 (in memory of Gary Bevell) Donations also accepted through Venmo. @ARAScholarship (in memory of Gary Bevell). Services are entrusted to Seymour Funeral Home and Cremation Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.seymourfuneralhome.com.

2023

GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY THE SAINT PAUL METHODIST MEN



October 28th
SATURDAY

AT 1PM PER PLAYER \$60



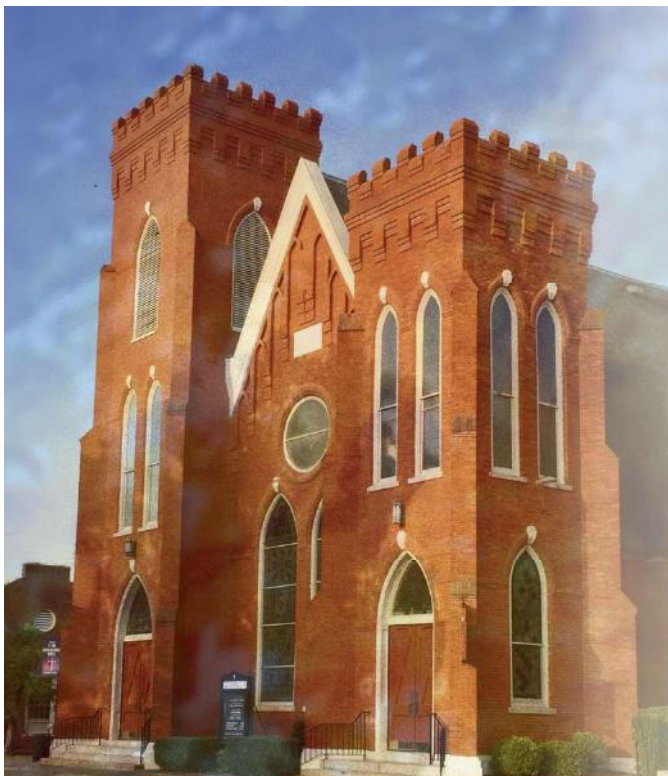


Saint Paul Methodist Church
Worship • Grow • Serve

Family Fall Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 @ 5PM-7PM

THE BIG DROP

GAMES, FOOD, & FUN WITH A SPECIAL KIDS STORY TIME TO FOCUS ON DROPPING EVERYTHING TO FOLLOW JESUS

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140th Anniversary Celebration

COME HOME

Sunday, October 29

11:00 AM - 140th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service
Join us for this time of special music and worship. ****Bring your outdoor chairs** for seating under the tent in our Saint Paul Parking Lot.

12:00 PM - Potluck Lunch with BBQ and Fried Chicken. ****Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!** Special gospel music during this time of fellowship.

SAINT PAUL METHODIST MEN

METHODIST MEN'S
MEETING WITH
DINNER &
FELLOWSHIP
SEPTEMBER 26
6 PM



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Tickets are \$40 each.
Limited seating available.
Sign up online.

YOUTH CONCERT NIGHT

Matt Maher
AND Jon Reddick

The
Stories
I Tell
Myself



NOVEMBER 4TH

Join us for a special Youth Concert Night in Fayetteville, NC to see Matt Maher and Special Guest Jon Reddick in concert for their "The Stories I Tell Myself Tour."

We will meet in the Saint Paul parking lot at 3:30pm on Saturday, Nov 4th for dinner at Moe's Southwestern Grill in Fayetteville followed by the concert at The Village Baptist Church.

WWW.STPAULGOLDSBORO.ORG/YOUTH-CONCERT

Drop off in the Narthex by October 29.
Thank you for your giving hearts!

November is Backpack Buddies Month at Saint Paul



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Please help us supply food for 27 children at Carver Heights Elementary School who are food insecure at home during the four weekends in November. We are asking you to bring the below specific list of individually wrapped items in double-bagged plastic grocery bags and drop them off in the church Narthex by October 29.

Backpack Buddies Food List: 2 meats (Chef Boyardee, Macaroni & Cheese, etc.); 2 breakfasts (oatmeal, cereal, Pop Tarts); 2 vegetable cups; 2 fruits cups; 2 drink boxes; 5 snacks (Goldfish, cookies, pudding cups, raisins, etc.)



All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 5

MEMORIAL TINTINNABULUM

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Our Ushers are back! Serving in the role of an Usher is an act of Worship. Our Ushers greet and welcome guests, provide guidance and assistance to visitors, and serve in the worship services during times of offering and communion. We invite everyone, men, women, and youth, to sign up to serve as an Usher at least once a year. Sign up online, drop your name off in the Offering Box, contact the Church Office, or let Rev. Jim know when you can serve. No experience necessary!



**SIGN UP
ONLINE**



GET PLUGGED IN

Ushers are needed during our 11am Worship Service. Join us in this act of Worship!

***Sign up online at: www.stpaulgoldsboro.org/saint-paul-usher
For more information, contact Rev. Jim at: jimharry@me.com***

Events This Fall

OCT 22 | Sundays at Saint Paul

9am: Worship Service, 10am: Sunday School for All Ages,
10:30am: Chancel Choir Warm Up, 11am: Traditional Worship & Livestream,
4pm: Pathfinders Kids, **5pm: Youth & Parent ASP Mission Project Information Meeting**

OCT 23 | 6:30pm: Scouts meeting

OCT 25 | 5:30pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

OCT 26 | 7am: Men's Morning Bible Study, 6pm: Methodist Men's Meeting,
7pm: Thursday Night Bible Study with Rev. Jim

OCT 28 | 1pm: Golf Tournament hosted by Methodist Men, 5pm: Family Fall Festival

OCT 29 | 11am: 140th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service, 12pm: Potluck Lunch
with special gospel music performed, **Backpack Buddies Month Drop-off Deadline**

NOV 1 | 5:30pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

NOV 2 | 7am: Men's Morning Bible Study, 7pm: Thursday Night Bible Study with Rev. Jim

NOV 4 | 3:30pm: Youth Concert Night

NOV 5 | All Saints Sunday

9am: Worship Service, 10am: Sunday School for All Ages,
10:30am: Chancel Choir Warm Up, 11am: Traditional Worship & Livestream,
4pm: Pathfinders Kids, 5pm: Youth@SaintPaul Fellowship

NOV 6 | 6:30pm: Scouts meeting

NOV 8 | 5:30pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

NOV 9 | 7am: Men's Morning Bible Study, 7pm: Thursday Night Bible Study with Rev. Jim

NOV 12 | Sundays at Saint Paul

9am: Worship Service, 10am: Sunday School for All Ages,
10:30am: Chancel Choir Warm Up, 11am: Traditional Worship & Livestream,
4pm: Pathfinders Kids, 5pm: Youth@SaintPaul Fellowship

NOV 13 | 9am: Butterfly Garden Work Day at Carver Heights

NOV 14 | 10:30am: Methodist Women's Faith, Hope, & Charity Circle Meeting

NOV 15 | 5:15pm: Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal,
6:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

NOV 16 | 7am: Men's Morning Bible Study

NOV 19 | Sundays at Saint Paul

9am: Worship Service, 10am: Sunday School for All Ages,
10:30am: Chancel Choir Warm Up, 11am: Traditional Worship & Livestream,
4pm: Pathfinders Kids, 5pm: Youth@SaintPaul Fellowship

NOV 20 | Deck Saint Paul, 6:30pm: Scouts meeting

NOV 23 & 24 | Church Office Closed

NOV 26 | Christ The King Sunday

9am: Worship Service, 10am: Sunday School for All Ages,
10:30am: Chancel Choir Warm Up, 11am: Traditional Worship & Livestream,
4pm: Pathfinders Kids, 5pm: Youth@SaintPaul Fellowship

NOV 28 | 5:30pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**OCTOBER
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH**

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**Rev. James H. Harry
Pastor Rick Winders**

