

Thank you for Serving!

	Today – May 24	Next Sunday – May 31
LITURGIST:	Claire Childress	Jim Mattox
USHERS:	Connie Bell & Tina Martin	Ronald & Geraldine Hollandsworth
ACOLYTES:	Owen Kersey	Ellie Johnson
SECURITY TEAM:	David Linkous & David Johnson	David Linkous & David Johnson
ALTAR TEAM:	Jim & Nancy Mattox	Jim & Nancy Mattox

This Week at St. Paul

Sun, May 24	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes Worship Service Youth Group	9:00AM-9:50AM 10:00AM 5:30PM-7:30PM
Mon, May 25	Memorial Day – Office Closed, No MCPS/Preschool No Lectionary Bible Study	9:30AM-12:00PM 6:00PM-7:30PM
Tues, May 26	Preschool 3’s Last Day of School Community Hand Bell Choir, RM 301 Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:00PM 7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, May 27	Preschool 4’s Last Day of School <i>The Chosen-Season 2 Episode 9</i> , JOY Classroom Chancel Choir	6:00PM-6:30PM 6:30PM-7:45PM
Fri, May 29	MCPS Last Day of School	

Next Week

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Mon, June 1	Baby Shop, Sort Donations Lectionary Bible Study, JOY Classroom	9:30AM-12:00PM 6:00PM-7:30PM
Tues, June 2	Community Hand Bell Choir, Rm 301 Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:00PM 7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, June 3	Chancel Choir	6:30PM-7:45PM
Thurs, June 4	Baby Shop, Pack Orders	9:30AM-12:00PM
Fri, June 5	Baby Shop, Pack Orders Activity Building Reserved, All Day	9:30AM-12:00PM 9:00AM-8:00PM
Sat, June 6	Baby Shop, Clients Pick Up Activity Building Reserved, All Day	9:30AM-12:00PM 9:00AM-8:00PM



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

220 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Memorial Day Sunday

May 24, 2026 Day of Pentecost Ten O’Clock

Please ask an usher for assistance for handicap access.

Please turn your cell phone off or mute during worship.

***Please stand for these acts of worship as you are able.**

As we gather in-person and online, we find ourselves standing at the intersection of two powerful realities: the sacrifice of those who gave their lives for freedom and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God bless you as we worship.

Gathering & Prelude

“Stand Up For Jesus”

George J. Webb

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Unison Opening Prayer

Liturgist Claire Childress

God of power and might, your Holy Spirit fell like fire on the first Pentecost, and today we ask you to light that same fire in our souls! We gather with happy hearts as we celebrate the birthday of your Church and the gift of your presence.

We lift our songs with thanksgiving for the freedom we enjoy in this place and in our land. We remember with deep respect those who laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May their selfless sacrifice inspire us to live out the radical, unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

Break down the walls that divide us and unite us as one body in your love. Holy Spirit, blow through our worship today like a rushing wind! Stir our hearts and renew our minds! We pray in the powerful, life-giving name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

*Hymns

Liturgist Claire Childress

♫697 *“America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)”*, vv. 1-3

♫393 *“Spirit of the Living God”*, 1st time w/piano, 2nd time a cappella

*The Apostles’ Creed 881

Traditional Version

Liturgist Claire Childress

Lighting of the Memorial Candle

Claire Childress, Owen Kersey

We light this candle in memory of all died in military service for our country.

Anthem

“Arms of God Medley”

Russell Mauldin

Children’s Story *(Children may go to Children’s Church afterwards.)* Pastor Mike Derflinger

Please join our children in their unison prayer. **Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the brave men and women we remember this Memorial Day weekend. We thank you for their sacrifice. Today, we ask that your Holy Spirit blow through our hearts like a mighty wind. Give us the courage to be peacemakers in our schools, our homes, and our world. Help us honor the past by sharing your love today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Worship Attendance May 17, 2026				
In-Person Adults	Children's Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
67	11	16	128	222

May Stewardship

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR MAY \$32,500. We have five Sundays in May.
May Offering Counters: David Johnson, Sabrina Porter

TOTAL MAY STEWARDSHIP	05/17	Total
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$3,050	\$12,114.10
General Fund – Online Giving	\$1,631.19	\$3,404.61

SPECIAL OFFERINGS MAY	05/17	Total
Communion Offering (Life Recovery Group)	\$20	\$520
Baby Shop	\$	\$90
Facility Use	\$	\$200

St Paul envisions

**“Growing into a most Vibrant, Joyful Christian Community,
Unified in Loving Service to our Neighbors, for the Glory of God.”**

--Vision Statement, approved by Church Council, 2018--

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Church Website: www.stpaulvaumc.org

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 3:30PM

Our Church Staff

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PRAYER LIST – Team Luke is our Caring Team this week

SPUMC Congregation, *friends, family members and neighbors*

Cancer Patients: Gary Sparks

Rob Bedford, Kathy G. Davis, Jamie Epperly, Jan Jackson, Matt McCoy, Susan Perry, Marvin Steele

Parkinson's: Jim Clark

Alzheimer's: Roger Woolwine

Kenny J.

Health Issues: Wayne Bishop, Bob & Scottie Dickenson, Ed & Sandra Hayes,

Barry & Sherri King, Jim Simpkins

Amos Blair, Jerry Dowdy, Mike & Caren Gallimore, Mike Lee-LG Salem, Phyllis Osmond (niece of Judi Eanes), Cliff Thompson (nephew of Judi Eanes)

Hospitalized: Deborah Johnson (David Johnson's mother) massive stroke, Jim Williamson at Roanoke Memorial

Recuperating from Surgery at Home: Cam Mallory

Praises: Skip Fenton finished treatments and is now cancer free

Grieving: *Family of Jean Britt*

If you wish to place someone on the prayer list for prayer only, please contact the church office, or write their name on the attendance pad with "prayer" after their name. If a person would like to receive ministry from our caring teams (cards, phone calls, visits, food, etc.) please list an address/phone number for our caring teams. Thank you!

Birthday Celebrations this week – Jace Thompson on May 24th; Arthur Hamrick on May 26th; Tara Kersey on May 29th; John Eanes and Carolyn Long on May 30th. **Happy Birthday to all!**

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this week – Elliott & Jessica Petry on May 28th; Tom & Susan Marchi on May 30th. **Happy Anniversary to all!**

A Mission for Families. In honor of Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 5, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is partnering with several area churches to support the Montgomery County Baby Shop. *The Baby Shop is a free local mission, based at St. Paul, that helps expecting mothers, parents, and others who care for young children. As part of this partnership, the Baby Shop shares secure gun storage information with all of their clients!* Help prevent gun violence by strengthening the systems that support families from the start. Most desired clothing items are 5T girls' shorts and shirts and 2T-5T boys' shorts, which can be new or gently used; diapers and wipes are always welcome. Drop off your items in the box on the Fellowship Hall stage anytime between **May 31-June 21.**

Please remember our members and *neighbors* in assisted living:

Kroontje Health Care Center, 1000 Litton Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Ruth Boothe, rm 308, Cell: 919-906-5097

English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Wayne & Dolores Brockenbrough, Apt.217

Margaret Woolwine, rm. 235

Commonwealth Senior Living, 201 Wheatland Ct., Christiansburg, VA 24073

Bonnie Cochran, rm. 208

Mary Childress, rm. 113

328 Fieldstone Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Kathy Davis

(540-250-2163 - mail cards to Rachel Link, 1534 Catawba Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060)

3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Marg Modlin

Manchester Commons – Woodside Place, 6351 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505

Roger & Brenda Woolwine, Brenda's Cell Number: 540-320-0986

And our dear friends and neighbors:

650 N Jefferson St., Apt. 218, Roanoke, VA 24016

Former Pastor: Rev. Art & Willie Wingfield

Week 4 (May 25 – 29): Supporting Loved Ones: Connection Is a Powerful Form of Care

- Understanding serious mental illness helps you respond with empathy and confidence.
- Feeling heard and respected can be deeply supportive. Listening with compassion makes a difference.
- When someone you love is living with a serious mental illness, steady presence and compassion matter most.
- Maintaining healthy, clear boundaries protects both you and your loved one.
- Caring for yourself matters. Seeking support when you need it helps you show up with steadiness and compassion.

ALL Ladies are invited! Grandmas, Moms and daughters, please join us for good fellowship and food as we support a St. Paul mission outreach to our community. No wrapping needed.

Needed items are listed below.

5T girls' shorts & Shirts

2T-5T boys' shorts

(new/gently used)

Diapers & Pull Ups for

20+ lbs.

Wipes

**Montgomery County
Baby Shop**

Baby Shower

Sunday, June 7 at 2pm

St. Paul UMC Fellowship Hall

**Needed items: 5T girls' shorts & shirts and
2T-5T boys' shorts (new or gently used),
diapers & pull-ups for 20+lb, and wipes.**

Worship in June:

Sun. 6/7: Holy Communion, Graduate Recognition Sunday.

Sun. 6/14: Community Handbell Choir, last choir anthem, awards handout.

Sun. 6/21: Father's Day, Men's Sunday, all-male choir sings, the United Methodist Men have the service, and our Nurture Team hands out gifts.

Sun. 6/28: Tom Bell is our Guest Preacher, Community Handbell Choir plays at Good Shepherd Baptist, and Nurture Team meets after our service.

Mark Your Calendar:

Sat. 6/13: Car Wash 9:30-2:00 to benefit Life Recovery Groups, at Saint Paul.

Mission Trip July 12-18 to Western NC. Contact Todd: todd.fitch@concast.net

VBS July 20-23 at C'burg Pres., 6:00-8:15pm. Details to come.