

Immigration and the Bible

FUMC and St. Paul UMC will be holding a joint study of IMMIGRATION AND THE BIBLE, by Joan M. Maruskin, on Wednesday, September 9, at 6:00 pm in FUMC's Café. Rev. Joan Maruskin is a retired clergy member of the Susquehanna Conference who was appointed for several years to Church World Service. Rev. Maruskin's book is available at Amazon in the kindle edition for \$.99. Mike Boryan will be leading the discussion.

We're assembling a worship choir for our combined services. It'll be a great way for attendees of both services to get to know each other. Time commitment will only be on Sunday mornings. If interested, please reach out to Jason Gochnaur (worshipteam@stpaulchambersburg.com) or Frank Heberlig (musicdirector@stpaulchambersburg.com).

Hymn Sing

There will be an old fashioned hymn sing here at St. Paul on Sunday, September 20th, 2:00 PM. All are welcome to come and request their favorite hymns to be played by Frank Heberlig and sung with the congregation.

St Paul Prayer Walk

One of the pieces of our new vision is to live like Jesus by being good neighbors to the people of Chambersburg. As we seek to live into this vision, Pastor Mindi will be leading a prayer walk in the community. The first prayer walk will be on Wednesday, September 23rd at 10 a.m. We will meet in the church parking lot and walk this first time through the neighborhood directly beside the church. This gives us an opportunity to be present in our community and go be where the people are. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mindi.

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 30

9:00 am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Sunday School Children's Education(A2), Youth
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:15 am Faithful Remnants (Lib)
5:00 pm Youth (Parlor)

Monday, August 31 – Yard Sale collection continues 9am – 3pm M-F

7:00 pm Al-anon (A24)

Tuesday, September 1

10:00 am Pastor Mindi Time (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm Nomination(Martha)

Wednesday, September 2

9:00 am Food Distribution

Thursday, September 3

6:45 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Sunday School Children's Education(A2), Youth
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:15 am Faithful Remnants (Lib)

Offerings for the week of August 23, 2026

Current Envelopes (Budget is \$4,746)	\$ 2,722.67
Loose Plate (Budget is \$145)	\$ 171.00

All Other Giving (Designated)	\$ 1,099.23
Attendance (8:30 am & 9:45 am)	68, 46
Online viewers Aug 16	121

HUNGRY HEARTS CLOTHING ROOM at FUMC

First and Third Thursdays of the month 1:00 - 3:30

Second and Fourth Thursdays of the month 3:00 - 5:30

Clothing Room Donations We are accepting gently used clothing, bedding, small appliances and kitchen essentials. Please place your items in the shopping cart in the office. Thank you for your support of the ministry.

St. Paul Book Club

As we begin a new season of ministry, living into our vision as a church, Pastor Mindi is launching a book club to help us build relationships around a shared interest. This book club will meet monthly, reading the chosen book before we gather. The first book club meeting will be on Saturday, September 26th at 4 p.m. in the Parlor. The first book will be "A Brilliant Night of Stars and Ice" by Rebecca Connolly. A sign-up sheet will be available at both services so we know how many to expect. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mindi.

Worship will be combined during the yard sale for missions on August 30th, September 6th and September 13th. Worship will be held at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. These services will combined traditional and contemporary elements each week we are together. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to unite and build relationships across our two services.

The committee on lay leadership (nominations) will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Martha Room to begin nominating leaders for 2027. If you have any interest in serving on any of our committees, please talk to Pastor Mindi.

NextGen ministries will begin on Wednesday, September 16th with dinner at 6 p.m. and classes at 6:45 p.m. This ministry is open to people of all ages, with our nursery open to our youngest participants, children and youth ministry classes and 3 adult classes.

The adult classes are as follows:

Great Prayers of the Bible: This fall we will be continuing a study that we began last spring, led by Wendy Freyer. It's called "Great Prayers of the Bible" by Dr. Ralph Wilson. It covers 11 prayers from both Old and New Testaments beginning with the Lord's Prayer and including prayers of Abraham, Moses, David, Paul, and others. By studying these prayers we hope to learn how to pray with courage and passion, to pray prayers that God will honor and answer, as we learn how to adopt God's own heart as we pray.

Adult Bible Studies: Fall Series: **Faith and Faithfulness** led by Darlene Coldsmith This is a 12-week study with focal passages from Hebrews, Jonah, and Hosea. Together we will explore the relationship between faith and faithfulness, two foundational traits of the Christian life. We will discover how together they shape the way we walk with God.

Gospel of John- led by Pastor Mindi. Our young adult and young at heart small group will continue reading through the Gospel of John, as we seek to discover what it means to more faithfully follow after Jesus.

Cooks Needed!

As we begin a new season of NextGen, we are in need of some volunteers to help cook our weekly meals. The meals have already been chosen for each week, so we simply need a volunteer to cook those meals. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex and FLC.

