

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.

We're assembling a worship choir for our three combined services in a few weeks. 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).

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 23

8:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 am Contemporary Family Life Service (Family Life Center)
9:45 am Sunday School Children's Education(A2), Youth, Faithful Remnants(Lib)
9:45 am Choir Rehearsal starts
11:00 am Yard Sale set-up begins
5:00 pm Youth

Monday, August 24 – Yard Sale collection begins 9am – 3pm M-F

7:00 pm Al-anon (A24)

Tuesday, August 25

10:00 am Pastor Mindi Time (Sanctuary)
10:00 am Prayer with Darlene (Family Life Center)

Wednesday, August 26

1:30-3:30 pm Nurses Graduation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, August 27

5:30-8:30 pm Nurses Graduation (Sanctuary)

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)

Offerings for the week of August 16, 2026

Current Envelopes (Budget is \$4,746)

\$ 2,771.90

Loose Plate (Budget is \$145)	\$	289.00
All Other Giving (Designated)	\$	783.00
Attendance (8:30 am & 9:45 am)		65, 54
Online viewers Aug 9		124

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.

We are in need of altar flower sponsors at the 8:30am service. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex. Available dates are August 30. Cost for the two vases is \$60. Please notate whether you will be taking the flowers with you or you want them donated to Mercy House.

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.

