

# ★ WEEKLY BULLETIN ★

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In Romans 8, Paul proclaims a stunning truth: “You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, by which we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’” We are no longer orphans or outsiders—we are beloved children of God. Adoption in Christ is not symbolic; it is real, relational, and transformational. It gives us a new identity and a permanent place in God’s family.

This adoption brings with it freedom from the weight of condemnation, where we are not defined by our past or shackled by guilt. In Christ, our verdict has been declared: forgiven, redeemed, and free. We no longer live under the heavy demands of trying to earn God’s approval—we live from His love, not for it.

And yet this freedom does not lead to passivity. It leads to a new kind of life—a life empowered by the Holy Spirit which doesn’t enslave us to law or performance but breathes new desires into our hearts. We begin to walk not by obligation but by grace, not in fear but in joy. The Spirit leads, and we follow, step by step.

John Wesley, 18th Century Anglican cleric, described the moment of his conversion by saying, “I felt my heart strangely warmed.” It marked a shift from striving to abiding, from knowing about God to knowing He loved him personally. May we, too, live with hearts warmed by the Spirit, not bound by fear or law, but set ablaze by grace. As a community of adopted children, let us live in the assurance of our Father’s love. Let us walk freely in the Spirit, joyfully in mission, and boldly in faith—confident that we are heirs with Christ and called to reflect His love in the world.



## Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: *A Heart Strangely Warmed*

Scripture: Romans 8:1-5, 14-17

## Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: *A Heart Strangely Warmed*

Scripture: Romans 8:1-5, 14-17

## Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: *A Heart Strangely Warmed*

Scripture: Romans 8:1-5, 14-17

# KATHY HOLLON RETIRING



After fourteen years of faithful service to St. Paul, Kathy Hollon is retiring from her role on our church staff on Friday, May 30. We'd like to extend our sincere gratitude to Kathy for her love of St. Paul and her service to our congregation and community. We pray for God's blessings as she moves into this different season of her life.

# WELCOME SHANNON LAND

St. Paul extends a warm welcome to Shannon Land, who joins the St. Paul staff as Executive Assistant to the Clergy Staff. Shannon brings with her a wealth of experience from the corporate world, along with a gregarious and joyful spirit that already feels right at home. We are excited for the gifts she will bring to our team and grateful for the ways she will support and strengthen our ministry together. Welcome, Shannon.

Shane Green (Sr. Minister)  
Carter Schondelmayer (HR/Personnel Chair)



## Father's Day Gifts of Love

This Father's Day, give a gift of love in honor or memory of a special father. This offering will go to the Wesley Glen Ministry, an organization that supports people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Bring to the Church Office to be received by Monday, June 9.

**Wesley Glen  
Ministries**  
Serving People With Intellectual  
and Developmental Disabilities

A stylized illustration of a red tie with white diagonal stripes, shown from the collar down to the knot.



## Family Night Supper To Go:

Enjoy hot, freshly-prepared meals with salad bar and dessert for TAKE OUT

ONLY this summer on:

June 25

July 9, 16, 23, 30

August 6

[stpaulcolumbus.com/supper](http://stpaulcolumbus.com/supper)

## PASTORS & PROGRAM STAFF

Rev. Dr. Shane Green  
Senior Minister

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.  
Associate Minister

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Church Administrator

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Director of Christian  
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Wayne Martz  
Director of Music Ministry

Laura Marvets  
Director of Youth Ministry

Cindy Shavers  
Financial Records &  
Administration



KIDMIN MOMENT



This week’s lesson teaches us about the early Christians. We’re here today because the early followers of Jesus kept spreading the Word even when it was dangerous. If the early Christians had not had the courage to continue spreading the good news about Jesus, we would have never heard the news! As Christians, we’re called to continue to spread the good news.

For VBS, ALL registration ends June 2. Due to planning, we are not able to accept registrations beyond that date. We appreciate your understanding!

Children’s church is now available during the 9:00 a.m. service. We are looking for volunteers over the age of 18 to be a second adult to help us comply with our Safe Sanctuaries policy. Please let Donna Hightower know if you are able and willing to serve on the rotation.

SPY MINISTRY



Hey SPY! We won’t have SNY this Sunday as we take a break for Memorial Day weekend. As we enjoy time with family and rest, let’s also take a moment to remember and honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice makes our freedom possible. We’ll see you back next week for a pool party at the Marvets place! Have a safe and meaningful weekend!

Mission Trip total payment is due June 8th (\$300).



### MAY SCHEDULE

MAY 4TH	SENIOR SUNDAY EVENTS
MAY 11TH	NO SNY / MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 18TH	LAST SNY OF SCHOOL YEAR - REFLECTION SUNDAY
MAY 25TH	NO SNY / MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
UPCOMING:	MARVETS POOL PARTY (JUNE 1) VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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## pool party!!!

Sunday June 1st

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

THE MARVETS' HOUSE!

HIBACHI FOR DINNER!

BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL!

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sunday, May 25**
- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)
  - 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)
  - 9:30 AM Weekly Communion (M250)
  - 10:00 AM High School Youth SS Class (Y104)
  - 10:00 AM Middle School Youth SS Class (Y106)
  - 10:00 AM New Life SS Class (Y102)
  - 10:00 AM Seekers Class (M234)
  - 10:00 AM Wesley/Miller-Wilson Class (M232)
  - 10:00 AM Wildwood Class (M150)
  - 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)
  - 2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

**Monday, May 26**  
Memorial Day - Office Closed

**Tuesday, May 27**  
9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M234)

**Wednesday, May 28**  
9:00 AM CHS Retirement Brunch (M220)

**Thursday, May 29**  
9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)

**Friday, May 30**  
Kathy Hollon Retires





## TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children

First Called Christians (Acts 11:19-30)

Anchor Point – I can help spread the good news.

Say the Bible verse together:

"They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone." (Acts 2:47)

Questions for family discussion:

- How do you think the disciples felt when people started calling them Christians?
- How would you feel if you had to meet with your church friends in secret?

Prayer:

God, we're thankful for the early Christians who continued to spread the good news. We have so many things to be thankful for, including your tremendous love for us. Help us to find ways to continue to spread the good news. Amen.

## ★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

## STEWARDSHIP 283

### SERVING THIS WEEK

- 8:30 Acolytes :TBA
- 11:00 Acolytes: TBA
- Cross Bearer:TBA

### ALTAR GUILD:

- Chapel: Grace Bailey
- Delivery: Jenny Badcock

### USHERS:

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Mike Mayhew (Lead), Homer Shuler, Guillermo Cornavaca, Mack Jenkins, Frank Tommey, Wade Harper

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Rebecca Hardaway King** by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

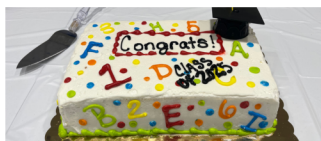
The Rosebud in the Chancel area today is given in honor of the birth of **Henry Alexander Pound "Hap" Saunders**, born on April 19, to Lucy and Cameron Saunders.

This summer, we look forward to a sermon series by Rev. John Fugh, Jr., entitled **What My Soul Needs to Hear**. Rev. Fugh will be preaching truth to your hearts through the Psalms during the 8:30 a.m. worship services in the Chapel each Sunday. This series begins June 8.

In early 2026 next year, St. Paul will offer special programs for married couples. **Strengthening Our House** will begin in January and will include a marriage retreat and subsequent Sunday sessions at St. Paul. You do not have to attend the retreat to attend the sessions. To learn more about the retreat, see [stpaulcolumbus.com/events](http://stpaulcolumbus.com/events) or email [donna@stpaulcolumbus.com](mailto:donna@stpaulcolumbus.com).



Preschool Graduates 2025



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# ★ ORDER OF WORSHIP ★

May 25, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**The Chiming of the Hour**

**The Welcome & Announcements** .....Mrs. Grace Bailey

**The Choral Call to Worship** .....*We Have Met to Worship*

**The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar**

**The Prelude**.....*Preludium in G, by G. Boehm*

**The Hymn of Celebration**.....*Spirit of Faith, Come Down (#332)*

**The Affirmation of Faith** .....*The Apostles' Creed (#881)*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from  
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**The Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, Amen.*

**The Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer**.....Mrs. Bailey

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**The Hymn of Preparation.....***Take My Life, and Let It Be* (#399)

**The Leader:** *Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.*

**The Offertory Prayer.....**Mrs. Bailey

**The Offertory.....***America the Beautiful*, Austin Lovelace

### **The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all  
creatures here below: praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Scripture Lesson.....**Romans 8:1-5, 14-17 (pp. 918-919)

**Leader:** *The Word of God for the People of God.*

**Congregational Response:** *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Passing of the Peace**

**Leader:** *The Peace of Christ be with you.*

**Congregational Response:** *And also with you.*

### **The Welcome and Registration of Attendance**

**The Children's Moment.....**Mrs. Donna Hightower

*(Children ages K4-2nd graders are invited to go to Children's  
Church immediately after the Children's Sermon, room M235;  
children 3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents.)*

**The Anthem.....***Feed My Lambs*, arr. N. Sleeth

**The Sermon.....***A Heart Strangely Warmed*, Rev. Dr. Shane Green

**The Hymn of Consecration.....***Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (#334)

### **The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World**

**The Choral Benediction and Amen.....***3-fold Amen*

**The Postlude.....***Intonation on America*, by A. Fedak

### **The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him**