

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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I am pleased to announce that Rev. Meghan Gross is joining the St. Paul Staff as an Associate Minister. A recent graduate of Asbury Seminary and newly ordained in the Free Methodist Church, Meghan brings a passion for Christ and ministry. Though her primary focus will be with young adults, she will bless our entire congregation with her love and care. Over the coming weeks as she familiarizes herself with St. Paul, I encourage you to reach out to her with warm welcomes. I hope you will stop by to meet her. In addition, you can contact her at meghan@stpaulcolumbus.com.

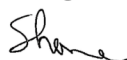
From Meghan:

Hello! My name is Meghan Gross, and I'm so excited to meet you and to do life with you. I am a Columbus native and grew up attending St. Luke School before graduating, then attended Columbus High School and Calvary Christian School. My call to ministry led me to study Scripture and pastoral ministry at LaGrange College during my undergraduate years. Most recently, I completed my Master of Divinity through Asbury Theological Seminary and became an ordained elder through the Free Methodist Church.

I enjoy spending my free time with my family, friends, and two dogs. I love a good hike, traveling, and spending my time doing performing-arts-related hobbies: writing songs, acting, and singing. I will gladly stop and talk for hours about Taylor Swift or High School Musical. I am a huge fan of both!

I can't wait to learn more about you all and to serve alongside you as we fulfill God's mission together in the world.

Welcome Meghan! We look forward to Growing the Faith of People.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

When Words Tell the Truth

James 3:1-12

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Midnight Songs

Acts 16:16-34

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

When Words Tell the Truth

James 3:1-12

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

On July 12, the church continues in the Pentecost season, observing the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost with red paraments. Red is used to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit, who came upon the disciples with power and boldness in Acts 2. It reminds us that God's Spirit is still at work today—stirring faith within us, giving us courage, and sending us out to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we worship surrounded by red, we are reminded that we are a Spirit-empowered church called to live and witness with passion and purpose.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Counselor Appreciation Dinner: We are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and love our camp counselors and leaders poured into the lives of our campers this summer. Their faithful service helped create meaningful opportunities for children to grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and experience God's love in unforgettable ways. While the week may have been exhausting, the impact is eternal. We look forward to celebrating and thanking our counselors at 6:00 p.m. tonight. Watch for an update on the dinner location.



PRAY FOR MISSIONS

Our **Multi-Generational Mission Team** will travel to Hayesville, North Carolina, July 26–30 to serve neighbors in need through home repair and hands-on ministry. Even if you aren't going, you can still be part of the mission! Pray for our team, encourage those who are serving, and ask God to work through our efforts to bless every family we meet. Your prayers and support are an important part of this ministry.

From July 25-31, **St. Paul Youth** will travel to Mashulaville, Mississippi, to serve alongside Adventures in Missions as they minister to families within the Choctaw Reservation. Our students will share Christ's love through home repair projects, community outreach, and meaningful relationships with families. As we serve, we will also grow in our own faith, discovering what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. We invite you to keep our youth, leaders, and everyone in your prayers as God works through this life-changing week of mission and service.

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KIDMIN MOMENTS

Our Story Today: A poor mother, owing money, was very worried that her two sons would be taken as slaves. She only had one tiny jar of oil left to sell. The prophet Elisha told her to gather as many empty jars as she could from neighbors. When she started pouring the oil, God miraculously kept it flowing until all jars were filled! The happy mother was able to sell the oil to pay her debts and save her family, reminding us that "God is great!"



KidMin Coming Up:

- **Mission and Art Camp** (full) is from August 7-9 at Pine Eden.
- **3rd Graders Acolyte Training** is on Sundays, August 9, 16, 23, and 30, 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **Promotion Sunday** is August 16, when 3rd Graders will be given a Bible during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.
- **Back to School Bash** is August 16 at 5:30 p.m. on the Quad.
- **6th Graders' Confirmation Kickoff Banquet** is August 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- **Cross Bearer Training** is Sunday, August 23, 10:10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

If your child is going into the third or sixth grade and you have not received an email from Donna Hightower, please contact her at donna@stpaulcolumbus.com.

SPY MINISTRY

THANK YOU TO OUR CAMP LEADERS AND COUNSELORS! You are amazing! Camp could not have been successful without your leadership.

Tonight we will have **Sunday Night Youth** at El Carrizo on Macon Road! Meet us from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a night of fellowship. Bring money for your meal.

We will have **SPY Sports Wednesday**. Check for texts to come.

For those going on the Mission Trip, we'll have the **Mission Trip Training for Youth** on July 18. This will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. that Saturday, room Y210.

Sunday, July 12

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)

9:30 AM Weekly Communion

10:00 AM Bridges SS Class (M235)

10:00 AM Foundry Class (Y101)

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)

10:00 AM Middle and High School Youth Combined SS (Y106)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

5:00 PM SNY Dinner (Off Campus)

6:00 PM Camp Counselor Appreciation Dinner (Off Campus)

Monday, July 13

1:30 PM CRWS Sports (Quad)

Tuesday, July 14

1:30 PM CRWS Sports (Quad)

Wednesday, July 15

12:00 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

1:30 PM CRWS Sports (Quad)

6:00 PM SPY Sports Wednesday (TBA)

Thursday, July 16

1:30 PM CRWS Sports (Quad)

Saturday, July 18

10:00 AM Mission Trip Training for Youth Attending (Y210)

Our Camp Verse:

**"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9**

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children

Elisha and the Widow's Jars (2 Kings 4:1-7)

Anchor Point – With God's help, we can do great things. Say the Bible verse together: "Let those who love your saving help say again: God is great!" (Psalm 70:4)

Questions for family discussion:

- Why do you think the woman did what Elisha told her to do?
- How do you think she felt when the oil kept coming out of her little jar?
- In what ways is it hard for a single parent to care for his or her children?
- How can you help your parents/guardians this week?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for helping the woman and her children. Help us to have the faith to believe in your promises. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: TBA
- (11:00) Acolytes: Mary Elyce Klinger and Reiner Klinger
- Cross Bearer: Ruthie Springer
- Acolyte Helper: Sara Carver

ALTAR GUILD

- Delivery: Mimi Copelan and Susan Middlebrooks

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Travis Miller (lead), Bret Coffman, Barber Wilson, Robert Hiers

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving of our Altar Guild volunteers who arrange and deliver flowers each month, including **Lynn Pugh, Beth Thomas, Mimi Copelan, Susan Middlebrooks, Caroline Laney, Amanda McPherson, Becky Baker, and Jenny Badcock.**

The flowers in the Illges Chapel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Gene Bunn's birthday** and in honor of **Carol Henderson's birthday**, by Sharon Bunn.

One Rosebud in the Chancel is in honor of the June 16, 2026 birth of **William Benjamin "Schley" Saunders**, son of Lucy and Cameron Saunders.

Another Rosebud in the Chancel is in honor of the June 17, 2026 birth of **Charlotte Ruth Blackburn**, daughter of Catherine and Colby Blackburn.

May the Lord bless these little ones with love and fill their lives with happiness and peace.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Altar Guild

In memory of **Buford King**
• by Karen and Ron West

Building Fund

In memory of **Pat Walters**
• by Karen and Ron West

Music Fund

In memory of **Sally White**
• by Karen and Ron West

Music Suite Renovation

In honor of **Jill Honeycutt**
• by Karen and Ron West
In memory of **Bettye Spence**
• by Betty and Buddy Roberts



Use the QR code in pledge or support of St. Paul. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Prelude.....*The Call*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams
baritone, Hunter Mullen; Adleyn Scott

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Call to Worship

Leader: *If any lack wisdom, let them ask of God, who gives generously to all.*

Congregational Response: *We come seeking the wisdom that comes from above.*

Leader: *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.*

Congregational Response: *We come with humble hearts, ready to receive His grace.*

Leader: *Let us worship the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy.*

Congregational Response: *To Him be all praise, honor, and glory.*

The Hymn of Celebration.....*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (#430)*

The Affirmation of Faith*The Apostles' Creed*

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.

The Pastoral Prayer with the Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. Fugh
Hymn of Preparation.....*Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (#420)
The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Fugh
The Offertory.....*You Raise Me Up*, by Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland
baritone, Hunter Mullen; Adley Scott

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.....James 3:1-12
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
(After the Children’s Moment, children ages K4-2nd graders are dismissed to go to Children’s Church, Room M235; children 3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents.)

The Anthem.....*My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord*, by Florence Price
baritone, Hunter Mullen; pianist, Adley Scott

The Sermon.....*When Words Tell the Truth*, Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Hymn of Consecration.....*O Jesus, I Have Promised* (#396)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Benediction

The Postlude.....*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*, arr. John Carter
Adley Scott

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him