

The Epistle

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Grace and peace to
you in the name of our
Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.



We have been called, all of us, into some part and portion of the Gospel Mission. I have been fortunate over these last ten years to have been affirmed by the church in a call to serve the Gospel and my country through military chaplaincy. I am writing this letter with a heart full of gratitude and a mixture of emotions, as I reflect upon the journey of this past decade.

In many ways, to be able to do this at times seemed like a childhood fantasy come to life. At times it was life-giving. At other points it was grueling, realizing how many young men and women come from situations filled with challenges that seem never-ending. One thing is certain, over the past several years, it is a ministry I haven't done alone. Stephanie, my wife has been there as a rock supporting me with love and grace through it all. Sammy has missed his Dad, for weeks and months at a time. And the people of Peace Lutheran & St. Thomas Episcopal in Port Clinton, Ohio and you all here at St. Paul have graciously supported my dual role as an Army National Guard Chaplain and Pastor; thank you!

It has been an honor beyond measure to carry

out my ministry in the midst of our military personnel, offering spiritual guidance, comfort, and hope to those who stand up to serve. But after much prayerful consideration, I have come to the decision to resign my commission as a military chaplain, in early 2024, after a total of ten years of dedicated service. This decision has not been an easy one, but I know it to be right. Yet, I believe I am called at this hour to dedicate more time to our changing congregation and to my family.

I hope and trust that the skills developed and learned within the Army chaplaincy are transferable to our ministry at large, and I am excited to explore how these skills can continue to serve our congregation and community. It is with immense gratitude that I reflect on the support you and many have offered me during my time in the service. Thank you all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tony
Chaplain, Captain
Pennsylvania Army National Guard

Church COUNCIL

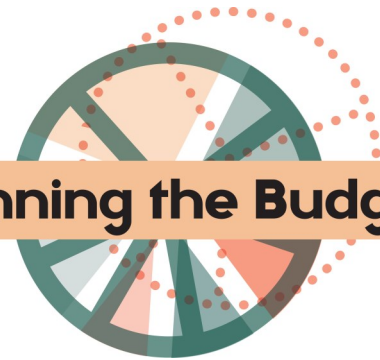
Council was unable to meet in August because they did not have quorum.

From the Piece Makers



Fall not only brings back the students to Morgantown, but it also brings back multiple colors in the landscape. One task Piece Makers perform is to take colorful pieces of cloth and arrange them into designs or patterns. Many individual tasks are needed to complete a quilt. We need lots of people to help. Come and join us on Fridays 10-2. If you cannot come every week, come those that you can. Enjoy the fellowship, help those in need, and serve the Lord.

Planning the Budget



Ministry Team Coordinators

Please submit estimated budgets for 2024 to the church office by September 20th.

Financial records for 2023 are available in the office for your reference

Sunday, September 3rd

is the first Sunday of the month

Prayers for Healing
Sunday



All who wish may come up to the rail after the service for prayers and anointing.



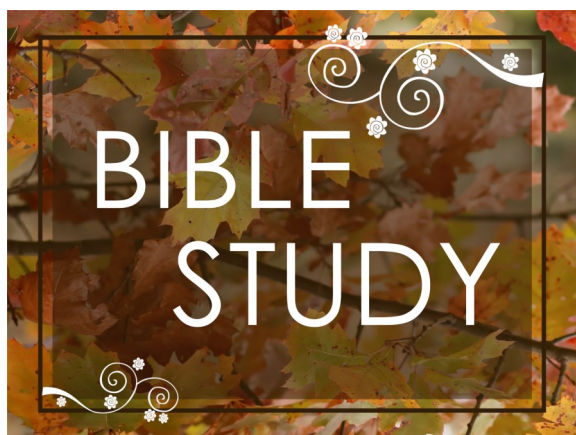
The Sunday School year begins with Rally Day festivities on September 10th.

Join us at 9 AM



Choir rehearsals resume September 10th; rehearsals are every Sunday at 9 AM. All ages, all skill levels are welcome!

Bible Study class is held every Tuesday at 10 AM





The Classical Conversations class will be using our green space (and often, our basketball hoop!) again this school year. Please be careful when you drive through our parking lot on Thursdays



Fun Raiser

An evening of fine food, drink, music, games, and an auction, all included in your ticket

Saturday, October 14th, 2023

WVU Erickson Alumni Center

Tickets available at EBMON.org/FunRaiser

Following funeral services at St. Paul, it has been a tradition to have a reception for families and guests in the Fellowship Hall. In order to facilitate preparations, guidelines have been updated, and regulations from the Monongalia County Health

Department are now displayed in binders in the



kitchen. Some procedures have been simplified in order to accommodate the wishes of the deceased's families. We are looking for additional members of the Bereavement Committee to assist when the need arises. Help can be in the form of preparing food, setting up the room, assisting with serving, or cleaning up. If you would like to help with this mission, please see Sara Bishop, Julie Sandolini or Grethe Myles.

LUTHERAN MOUNTAINEER BACKYARD BRAWL TAILGATE

SEPT. 16, 2023 | 12 NOON - COUNTRY ROADS

Parking Lot of St. Paul Lutheran Church
309 Baldwin St. Morgantown, WV

\$15 parking spot for St. Paul's Parking Lot Ministry
Email chaplain@lutheranmountaineer.org to reserve your spot

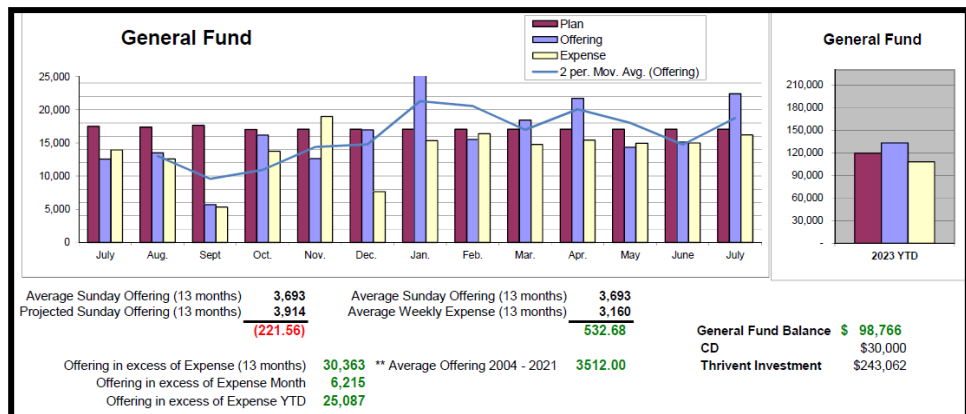


We provide hot dogs, burgers + sweet tea
You bring a potluck side to share + BYOB

Serving in September

SERVING ST PAUL September 2023	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	USHER	ACOLYTE	COUNTERS	BROADCAST
3rd 10:00 AM	M. Haas	L. Naumann	L. Springer	E. Naumann	C. Henry L. Naumann	S. Setley
10th 10:00 AM	S. Setley	M. Grimm	S. McEwuen	S. Setley	J. Bouquot J. Sandolfini	C. Wertz
17th 10:00 AM Holy Cross	S. McEwuen	B. Parsons	B. Graham	Sandolfini	D. Stiles B. Graham	M. Boroff
24th 10:00 AM	M. Grimm	M. Kirkpatrick	D. Custer	Sandolfini	S. Kirkpatrick L. Stevens	S. Setley

Treasurer's report for July 2023





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10:00 AM Piecemakers	2
3 10:00 AM Worship Service	4	5 10:00 AM Bible Study	6	7 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	8 10:00 AM Piecemakers	9
10 Rally Day 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir 10:00 AM Worship Service	11	12 10:00 AM Bible Study	13	14 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	15 10:00 AM Piecemakers	16 12:00 PM Lutheran Mountaineer Tailgate
17 Holy Cross 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir 10:00 AM Worship Service	18	19 10:00 AM Bible Study	20	21 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 PM Council	22 10:00 AM Piecemakers	23
24 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir 10:00 AM Worship 3:30 PM Circle of Friends	25	26 10:00 AM Bible Study	27	28 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	29 10:00 AM Piecemakers	30 8:00 AM Lutheran Men At Eat'n Park

To add a name to the prayer list, please call the office at 304-599-0620.

There is also a book for prayer requests in the narthex (entry).

Please check the prayer list for names which you have submitted, and let the church office know if a person can be taken off the list. Names will be removed after they have been on the list for 90 days. Please contact the church office to reinstate a name.

Reminder: Deadline for October newsletter is September 25th!!!



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