

# St Paul's Evangelical Church

## The Messenger

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### From the Pastor's Desk

*May 8th is Mother's Day this year. The modern holiday was first celebrated in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War. She and another peace activist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe had been urging for the creation of a "Mother's Day For Peace" where mothers would ask that their husbands and sons were no longer killed in wars. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor this and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world."*

*The fifth of the Ten Commandments says, "'Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.'" Honoring your father and mother is the first commandment with a promise. In honoring them, in obedience to the Lord, we are ultimately honoring the Lord who entrusted us into their care.*

*My dad and mom are gone, but the other day, I ran across a note mom had written to me. She didn't say anything that is earthshattering—but I could almost hear her speak the words. A mother's voice and a mother's words, encouraging, instructing, loving, mark us forever. Sometimes distance separates families (or eventually death) and yet there is something about a mother that is inescapable and marks us for eternity. Take time to think about how your mom has made a difference in your life, what she sacrificed to care for you, how she spent many sleepless nights when you were sick and the countless hours of cooking and cleaning to make your home enjoyable. As you think of her, remember that she was a gift from the Lord Jesus to you, not a perfect gift, for she too was a sinner and needed a Savior. But, God used her to give you life, and direct that life. Give thanks to Him for her.*

### Church Events

May 11-16 – Pastor Steve is out of town.

May 15 – Guest Speaker, Jim Barnes, Evangelical Assn.

May 16 – Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 22 - Communion

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## From Mary Kay

*I feel that I have pretty much wrapped up what I have to write about God's purpose in creating women, but I want to add some excellent thoughts a couple of women whose opinions I truly cherish were gutsy enough to send me. I say that because, not surprisingly to me, most women's responses to me when I have asked them in what way do they believe God created them to "be what their husband lacked" in order that they could fulfill God's purpose in their life, tell me that they don't believe they have done a good job of that at all. I hear that, and I wish so much it were not so. I understand where it comes from...unfortunately all too often it comes from misunderstanding God's Word...which is often closely connected to how many preachers, writers and teachers of the scripture through history have presented men and women from the text. It is why I have urged you to make number one of your own purposes in life to know God through His written word, through His Word made flesh who dwelt among us, and through walking in step with the Holy Spirit of God within you. I did ask those I requested to share with me, if I could share their material with you, and both gave their permission. Here are some terrific words of wisdom for us all. The first is a young wife. The second has been married to her man over 40 years.*

*Gentleness: My husband's default is order and obedience. I temper his desire for order and obedience with a sort of gentleness. Color: Literally and figuratively speaking, I believe I bring color to his life. In a way that he brings steadiness and order to mine, I bring fun and spunk. From the decorations in our home...he, if left alone in a home would have the essentials and would have things only in white, gray, and perhaps some navy blue. There would likely be swords and knives displayed all over, and maaaybe a castle picture but not much else. I bring green in the live plants (which he rolls his eyes at), orange in one of my favorite rugs (which he also rolled his eyes at), a blue dining room...etc., etc. But I do think that I bring comfort to the home. I am not just referring to decor either, but warmth. For me it is not about collecting all the things to make a "perfect" space (though, I do fight against these desires on a regular basis), but it is about creating a warm space; a space that is inviting. So, things like opening the door in anticipation of company, offering a place to rest which is quiet at times and open to slow and perhaps difficult conversation, but also recognizing that often people may feel more comfortable when a home reflects their own: noisy with kids, laughter and tears, dishes in the sink or magazines and books on side tables (dare I suggest not stacked neatly, but open and scattered as evidence of having been in the process of being read). Allowing a space like this to naturally occur in some ways can make people feel more comfortable. So, I do think that I have created some of this in putting my foot down on the number of swords that I am willing to have hung (more than one or two may be sliiiiightly intimidating to some), but in the way that it takes two in a marriage, he has pushed me to relax my visions of "perfect hosting." I also help him get out of his shell. As much as his introversion wants to take over, I think others need to see his heart. My need for community pushes him to see and engage with others probably more than he would without me (whether he likes it or not). Prayer: God gives me insight on things to pray for. I think God has built marriage in a way that gives us ample opportunities to see one another's sin in all its messy glory. I can choose to see my husband's sin as an affront to me, or I can choose to see them as affronts to God and His ways. When I see them as against God, I can pray. When I pray, I first try to make it a habit of praying for myself first. That God would show me how I may be sinning first, and then I pray for my husband: that I may understand how to pray and have insight into what God may be trying to do in his heart. God's ways and answers are always better, and I consider it a privilege to enter into God's work in his heart. When I see prayers answered, it strengthens my faith in a way that would not have happened if I had thought I changed his ways based on my own profound and convincing words (\*read with a smirk\*). A second set of eyes: Now, my husband will roll his eyes at me telling this story, but I will forever cling to it as proof that I do bring something good to the table! Shortly after we moved into our new home, our garage door stopped working. It would open just 2 inches and then stop. Once I was able to tell him about our broken garage door, I walked out with him to inspect it. I didn't see anything obviously wrong right away, so I left him to do the dirty work of trying to figure out the actual problem. After tending to the kids a bit, I went out again to see if he had figured anything out. He had not. I looked a bit more and saw that at the top of the garage door there was a big round black thing that looked different on the right than it did on the left. So, I pointed this out to him and said something like, "Hey do you think it has something to do with the black broken thing? It looks different on this side than it does over there." He said something like, "Nah, that's nothing." I left again to leave him to do the fixing. I'm not sure if it happened that day or a day or two later, but he finally came back to me and said that I was right. It was indeed the broken black thing (a coil in case you are still wondering). Ha! Well, I pride myself on that day. But really, a second set of eyes does*

*sometimes help! He can do it 90% of the time on his own. He is fully capable and obviously smart enough that he would have eventually come to this conclusion independently, but perhaps God gave him me in order to learn how to work alongside someone else and appreciate another set of eyes. “Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman.” 1 Corinthians 11:11*

## **A Word about Evangelism**

Jesus said, “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Mtw. 4:19. There is a command (“Follow Me”) and a promise (“I will make you fishers of men”). If you are not becoming a fisher of men, then you are not following—the two (the command and the promise) are inseparable. As you follow Jesus, you increasingly become like Jesus—and since He had a heart ‘to seek and to save that which was lost,’ He wants to develop within you a heart to seek and to save those that do not know Jesus in a personal way. But fishing is more than a desire—it is a skill. Charles Trumble wrote a classic book on evangelism and tells the story, “‘Fishin’ Jimmy seemed to have the idea for which the Master Fisherman stood . . . may suggest both the method and the purpose of the Great Commission. Fishing requires patience, knowledge of the interest of his fish, knowledge of the bait that will attract fish, faith in things unseen, skill, delicacy of touch, refusal to be discouraged, unlimited perseverance, conviction that he has not yet exhausted the possibilities of his art . . . all these and more make the true fisherman. And it is important to note that not a single one of these essentials is beyond the power of any one to attain.”

## **Book Recommendation**

I ran across a gem of a book, “A Small Book about Why We Hide” by Edward Welch. How Jesus rescues us from insecurity, regret, failure and shame. He begins, “We all have voices that tell us we are never enough. If we measure up in school, we don’t in sports or attractiveness or anything else. We always have voices, around us and in us, that assure us we are, indeed, substandard—or average, which feels just as bad.” If you can identify with that, then perhaps this book is for you. It is set up as a 50-day journey, read a page or two each day. You can get it on Kindle for \$9.99 which is a lot cheaper (and more helpful) than going to a psychologist.

## **Verse for May**

*For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous,  
And His ears attend to their prayer, 1 Pet. 3:12*

## **A Word about Confirmation**

Confirmation Class will begin May 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday evening, 5:30-7pm and continue (roughly) every other week through the summer. We have 14 who have signed up and Pastor Steve invites you to pray for him and for them, that this time will be a time of real spiritual growth and development. The goals are: 1) to develop habits that will encourage spiritual growth—just like people need fundamental skills for any endeavor of life, there are foundational skills for the Christian life; 2) Give an overview of the Bible; 3) Help each have a basic understanding of major doctrines of the Bible (What is the Bible? Who is God? How is a person saved? What is church and my role in it?) One of the illustrations we will use is the Navigator Wheel—picture of the Christian life:



Christ must be at the center of the Christian’s life. Then there is Prayer and the Word (When we read the Bible we are listening to God, when we pray we are talking to God—there is a conversation). Fellowship is our relationship with other believers—we are to build them up in their faith. Witnessing is our relationship with those that have not yet trusted in the Lord Jesus. All of these ‘spokes’ must be in the wheel or the Christian life doesn’t ‘roll.’

## Memorial Day, May 30, 2022



We will soon observe Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. It was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It began as a somber day of remembrance—a day when Americans went to cemeteries and placed flags or flowers on the graves of our war dead. It was a day to remember ancestors, family members, and loved ones who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

If you visit St. Paul's Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend, you will see an American flag on the 38 gravesites of those who have given part of their lives to our country in military service. All but five have wartime service—2 in the Union forces in the Civil War, 8 in WWI, 16 in WWII, 6 in Korea, and 1 in Vietnam. None of them died while on active duty. The two Civil War veterans are John Reuszer (1842-1906), who served 1861-1864, and Christian J. Hossmann (1832-1900), who served 1862-1865.

Christian Hossmann's name was on the constitution organizing our church February 14, 1863. The names of two other founders on that constitution, who also served in the Civil War, are Christian Haldiman, serving 1864-1865 and Emmanuel Kubli Jr., serving barely three months in 1862.

Haldiman and Kubli are buried in Kubli-Chapel Cemetery along with two other veterans of the Civil War—John Studer and Christian Wyss. Studer, born in 1840, died in 1864 at age 23, but I could not find a record of the cause of death. Mr. Wyss was born Mar 7, 1834 in Bern, Switzerland, and according to another Union veteran's obituary in the March 4, 1937 California Democrat, he was fatally wounded in the "Battle of Jefferson City," in October 1864 while

part of a scouting party sent from a Union camp near the old fairgrounds to locate some of the Confederate Troops of General Sterling Price.

In May of 1968 Congress voted to change Memorial Day from May 30 to the last Monday of May as part of making four holidays into convenient three-day weekends beginning in 1971. The effect of this change is that now too many people "celebrate" the three-day weekend without more than a casual thought to the purpose and meaning of the day. We may decorate the gravesites of our ancestors, but do we honor all the veterans who gave their lives for America since 1775?

Take time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, and also remember all the other veterans of military service. In addition to the flags, some traditional observances of the day are special flag-raising ceremonies, wearing red poppies, visiting memorials, parades, memorial services at the gravesite of a veteran, informally pausing for a moment of silence at 3:00 p.m. for a "National Moment of Remembrance" or listening to Taps to remember and honor those who have died in service to our country.



--Submitted by Mary Haldiman

## Save the Date



Planning continues in preparation for Vacation Bible School in 2022. "Food Truck Party" is scheduled to be held at St. Paul's/Grace UMC, Monday-Thursday, July 11-14 from 6:30-8:55 each evening. Children ages 4 through completed 6th grade are invited to get on a roll with God. Check your monthly Messenger as more information on registration becomes available.



## *Congratulations, Graduates!*



JHS Kindergarten: Marcy Haldiman

JHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Hudson Clay, Owen Gentsch, Olivia Meisenheimer, Samantha Wilson

California 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Margaret Heimericks

JHS Seniors: Tanner Gentsch, Chayce Klund, Ginna Meisenheimer, Madelyn Rutledge

Valerianna Gentsch, Westminster College; Matt Oerly, Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine, UMC College of Veterinary Medicine

# St. Paul's Evangelical Board Meeting

Monday, April 18, 2022

The April Board Meeting was called to order by President Ben Marshall and opened with prayer led by Pastor Steve Watson. Those in attendance were Ben Marshall, Kathy Reimler, Nancy Haldiman, Lucas Heimericks, Pastor Steve Watson and Sandee Eschenbrenner. Mark Oerly was not available.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The motion was made by Kathy Reimler and seconded by Lucas Heimericks and passed by vote of the Board.

Kathy Reimler presented the March Treasurer's Report. The motion to accept the report and approve the payment of the April bills was made by Lucas Heimericks and seconded by Nancy Haldiman and passed by vote of the Board.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Cabinets: The Schoenthal family (per Bryan) has agreed to pursue the creation of a plaque indicating these new cabinets were gifted through Dorothy's Memorial Fund. FYI: We remind you that Debi Baumert is gathering old church records to store in these new cabinets. If you have any records or are aware of where any are stored, please contact her ASAP. Thanks for your cooperation.
2. Stained Glass Windows: Jenice Taggart and Mary Haldiman have been working together compiling the background and history of our stained-glass windows. It was decided to combine this information with a photograph of each window and, upon completion, have it made into a bound booklet.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Special Offering for Ukraine: After discussing the idea of an additional Special Offering that was not previously presented to the congregation, the following was agreed on by the Board. Kathy Reimler made the motion to have a "reverse" Special Offering where only designated funds will go to Ukraine through the Billy Graham's Samaritan's Purse organization. Undesignated funds will go into the General Fund as usual. This Special Offering will occur Sunday, June 12th and envelopes marked "Ukraine" will be provided in each bulletin for your convenience. The motion was seconded by Nancy Haldiman and passed by vote of the Board.
2. 2022 Mission Trip: Instead of an "out of state" trip this year, it was learned that Camp Aurora is in need of some deep cleaning and also has several work projects needing attention. Thus, Camp Aurora is now scheduled as this year's Mission Trip. The dates are to leave Friday afternoon on May 20th and return Sunday, May 22nd. The itinerary includes working Saturday and a float trip on the Niangua River on Sunday including a riverside devotional time. Sara Rohrbach has agreed to cook and chaperone. Additional adults are encouraged to volunteer and assist the "mission trippers" on this weekend. Talk to Ben Marshall or Seth Rohrbach to volunteer.

## PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report including activities, mileage, expenses and visitations. He also presented the Board with a list of Confirmation attendees and an outline of the Confirmation Class Schedule. Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, May 4th and continue every other week 'til completed. Classes begin at 5:30 and go to 7:00 PM. A prayer team from our congregation has agreed to pray for these classes, the students, their parents and Pastor Steve. If you would like to participate, please advise Pastor Steve. Also, if you would like to share your testimony or an experience at one of the classes, again please contact Pastor Steve.

Pastor Steve will be gone from May 11th through the 16th. Jim Barnes of the Evangelical Association will be our guest pastor on Sunday, May 15th.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Jamestown Rural Fire Protection District sent a note and donation thanking the church for use of our Fellowship Hall.

Ben advised that our next Board Meeting will be Monday, May 16th. The motion to adjourn was made by Lucas Heimericks and seconded by Nancy Haldiman and passed by vote of the Board. The meeting was closed by all reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandee Eschenbrenner

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 11th thru May 16th	Pastor Steve out of town
Sunday, May 15th	Guest Pastor/Jim Barnes/Evangelical Assn.
Monday, May 16th	Board Meeting/7:00 PM
Sunday, May 22nd	Communion

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Elaine Ernst	2 Randy Glenn	3	4 Jayden Klund Audrina Schoenthal Tristan Schoenthal	5	6	7 Tyler Dowell
8	9 Isabelle Rohrbach	10	11 Gene Cassil	12 Stephen Oerly	13	14 Paige Fain
15 <b>Guest Pastor, Jim Barnes, Evangelical Assn.</b>	16 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	17 Nicholas Schoenthal	18	19 Sandra Eschenbrenner Walt Imhoff Gatlin Marshall	20	21
22 Communion  Special Offering - Matt's Campers  Wilma Knierim	23 Denny Dietzel	24	25 Lexi Baumert Evan Croy	26 Owen Gentsch Rachel Brickey Lisa Porter	27	28 Julie King
29	30 Jarrett Gorman	31	May 11-16, Pastor Steve will be out of town			