

SAINT PAUL'S UMC



SEPTEMBER
2026

Welcome. Share. Serve.

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church are “*the prayerful and earnest efforts of the General Conference to speak to issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation that is in keeping with the best of our United Methodists traditions.*”¹ The General Conference is our worldwide decision-making body. It meets every four years. This tradition of speaking to the contemporary world began with the Wesley family, especially Wesley’s concern for the poor and abolition. In 1908, one of our predecessor bodies, the Methodist Episcopal Church (MEC), wrote the Social Creed, the first document of its kind by a church. It said that the MEC stands:

- For equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life.
- For the principles of conciliation and arbitration in industrial dissensions.
- For the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases, injuries, mortality.
- For the abolition of child labor.
- For such regulation of the conditions of labor for women as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community.
- For the suppression of the “sweating system.”
- For the gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practical point, with work for all; and for that degree of leisure for all which is the condition of the highest human life.
- For a release from employment one day in seven.
- For a living wage in every industry.
- For the highest wage that each industry can afford, and for the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised.
- For the recognition of the Golden Rule and the mind of Christ as the supreme law of society and the sure remedy for social ills.²

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UNITED
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2025–2028

INCLUDES *Our Social Creed*

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¹See General Board of Church and Society, 2020/20024 *Book of Discipline*, preface to the Social Principles.

²General Board of Church and Society, “Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2025-2028 (Washington, DC: Cokesbury, p9.)

A welcoming community
sharing Christ’s love in
service through relationships.

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Join us for worship
on Sundays! 10:00 am

The Social Gospel movement of this time was evangelical at heart and inspired by Jesus' preaching about the coming kingdom of God. They were acutely aware of the brutality of deplorable working conditions. This was before unions, 8-hour workdays, minimum wages and weekends off were the norm.

The Social Principles were adopted in 1972, four years after the merger with the EUB. The current edition integrates biblical and Wesleyan references throughout the text. There are clear recommendations for what individuals, churches and communities can do to respond to given social concerns. The Social Principles are divided into four sections: the Community of all Creation, the Economic Community, the Social Community, and the Political Community.

The Social Principles are not church law. No one will demand you sign a copy of the Social Principles to prove your loyalty to the UMC, John Wesley, or Christ. That approach goes against our belief that the Holy Spirit works within every individual to form us as Christians. Yet, the Social Principles are a call to faithfulness and social engagement that is bible-based and prophetic.

I will be leading a study on the newly Revised Social Principles on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm, September 15—October 6. You can get a copy of the Social Principles from me.

Take time to thank workers this month! Have a Blessed Labor Day!

Peace,
Pastor Josh



RALLY SUNDAY WITH ADULT EDUCATION AND A POTLUCK September 13th

The Membership Enrichment Team's survey done last year revealed an overwhelming love of potlucks by our congregation, so it seemed appropriate to hold one on our traditional Rally Day, the Sunday

after Labor Day. Do plan to bring a favorite dish and stay after the service on Sunday, September 13th for a time of good food and even better company.

Adult Education will also begin on Rally Sunday at 8:45 am (new time) and we will once again use the *Wired Word* format, which is a study of a current events from a scriptural standpoint. You'd be surprised how often the problems of today were similar to those faced centuries ago. Biblical truths have a way of solving some pretty knotty issues.

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SPEADING THE WORD

Mission Accomplished

Garlough School Drive

For the past few years, Garlough Elementary has asked donors to support the purchase of school supplies monetarily. Families do NOT buy individual school supplies for their students, instead, they pay a fee of \$30 per student for school supplies for the year. Consider funding one student for \$30 or 2 students for \$60, etc. If you would like to support the school supply drive, please note in the memo line of your check, "GEMS school supplies."

Garlough appreciates Saint Paul's support!



Neighbors Inc. Ask

As many of you know, Jude Rikala, a member at Saint Paul's, volunteers at Neighbors Inc and always graciously takes what is in the boxes in the fellowship hall (new location) to Neighbors.

Thank you, Jude!

As children head back to school, considering purchasing items for the food shelf that work well for after school snacks, such as applesauce and peanut butter, to help stretch grocery budgets. It will be uplifting and delightful for everyone to see the box full of food for Neighbors Inc and Jude will be happy transporting items for us. Let's fill up the box!



Support Emma Norton through Hamline Dining Hall at the MN State Fair!

Emma Norton is a partner with Hamline Church Dining Hall for the 2026 MN State Fair. The Hamline Dining Hall is the longest running food vendor at the MN State Fair, and one of the few spots with air-conditioned indoor seating for you to enjoy your meal. Stop by the Hamline Dining Hall for food or coffee and a portion of the proceeds will go to Emma Norton Services!





COMMUNITY

Events

JOYFUL NOISE PUPPET PRODUCTIONS

Calling all children and children at heart!

Joyful Noise Puppet Productions is coming to Saint Paul's United Methodist Church this fall. We are planning Friday evening entertainment once a month. Come and enjoy a few familiar (or not so familiar) stories told by our spectacular puppets. This is the perfect time to bring your grandchildren, neighborhood children or anyone who loves a good laugh. The production is free.

Soon, we will prepare flyers that you can post or hand out.

There have been a number of people working behind the scenes to ready the puppets, the theater, and the storage and performance rooms. (see picture on page 10).

Now all we need is an enthusiastic audience!

Show dates:

Friday, October 23, 6:30 pm

Friday, November 20, 6:30 pm

Friday, December 18, 6:30 pm



Kathy Brooks and friends

OUTING TO THE SIBLEY HOUSE SEPT. 17th

10:00 am

Saint Paul's UMC is invited to a tour of the historic Sibley Site in Mendota on Thursday, September 17th at 10:00 am. Rhea Nyquist, a member and a tour guide at the site, will conduct the tour. If you plan to attend, kindly put your name and the number of people

attending on the sign-up sheet in the church narthex or call Rhea directly at 651-457-5623.



Attendees are urged to arrive about 15 minutes early at the Hypolite DuPuis House located at 1357 Sibley Memorial Highway, kitty-korner from the Lucky 13 Restaurant in Mendota. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and free for members of the Minnesota Historical Society, Dakota County Historical Society or Friends of the Sibley House.



COMMUNITY

Music Events

FREE CONCERTS



Thursday, September 10th, 6:30 pm

Free Concert at Saint Paul's to hear very talented folks! Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 pm!

Jennifer Grimm (vocalist) and Dan Chouinard (pianist) will be performing Thursday evening, September 10 at 6:30 pm. Just to note how talented she is, Jennifer has many credits to her name and this summer she is in a production at the Guthrie as well as singing at the Birdland Jazz Club in New York City! Dan Chouinard has a full calendar playing at many venues this summer such as Crooners Lounge, Loring Park Arts Center, Danish American Center and Hope Arts Center. Jennifer, supported by Dan, will be performing pop tunes from the 60's/70's/80's. This is a free community event, no parking hassle, no worries about tickets so share this with friends and neighbors!



Sunday, November 29th, 3:00 pm

Remember last year when we had such fun at our Advent Sunday concert with Christmas cookies following the performance? Well, mark your calendars for November 29th at 3:00 pm at Saint Paul's for another concert! Mark and Lisa Flora have been singing together since 1989. The singing duo features plenty of harmonies while Mark plays a Gretsch guitar and Lisa performs on an upright double bass. They are also in a popular 50s rock 'n' roll band called The Holy Rocka Rollaz and have traveled coast to coast performing in theaters, state fairs and private events. They created The Floras to accommodate the budgets for the many senior living, assisted living and memory care communities. We are fortunate to host them Advent Sunday. Oh, and we will have cookies again! You don't want to miss it!



GET READY,
GRAB YOUR MORAL COMPASS,
ON YOUR MARK AND GO

Pathfinders

PATHFINDERS pm

**TO START
SEPT. 24th**

1:00

The Pathfinders group will be resuming their monthly meetings on Thursday, September 24th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a week later than usual to accommodate those that wish to attend both Pathfinders and the previous week's tour of the Sibley House.

These monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month help provide participants with spiritual growth, deepening friendships and increased knowledge. All are invited to participate and it is a wonderful way to keep your fingers on the pulse of our church community. Come one,



Thank you to all who, over several days, cleaned out various rooms, closets, etc. in preparation for our puppet theater and freshened up the church!

So much was accomplished by this small, but hearty, group of volunteers!



Pictured (left to right)

Nancy Grinager, Helen Kuruvilla, Rich Brooks

Not pictured: **Kathy Brooks, Deb Curran, John Grinager**



Building the puppet stage
Pictured (left to right)

John Grinager, Mike Curran

Not pictured: **Rich Brooks**



SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION

Finance

it is
more
BLESSED
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ACTS 20:35

September marks a beautiful new beginning for us. As summer transitions into fall, we are stepping into a vibrant new church season. Our small groups are resuming, committees are meeting, and our sanctuary is filling up with familiar faces and fresh energy.

Just this week, a timely reminder appeared in an unexpected place. Driving past a fellow church along Highway 62, the sign outside boldly shared a familiar truth: **"It is better to give than to receive."**

This timeless wisdom centers our hearts perfectly for the months ahead. As we plan our new ministries and

look at our church finances for the upcoming season, we are reminded that giving is not just an obligation—it is a spiritual blessing. When we share our resources, we open our hearts to the joy of community, support our local missions, and keep our church doors wide open for everyone seeking hope.

Let's enter this new season with generous hearts, ready to experience the true blessing of giving.

Kae Lovaas Jewell
Finance Chair

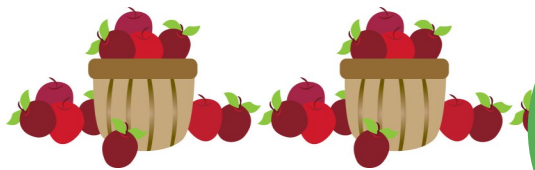
	<u>July 2026</u>	<u>2026 Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Gifts	\$ 16,508	\$136,203
Less General Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 17,470</u>	<u>\$132,396 *</u>
Balance	\$ (962)	\$ 3,807
Less Unpaid Apportionments	<u>\$ 2,066</u>	<u>\$ 2,066</u>
Balance After Unpaid Apportionments.	\$ (3,028)	\$ 1,741

*Budgeted year-to-date expenses are \$148,989. We have spent \$16,593 less than budgeted

Coffee With a Cause

Saint Paul's has always been generous supporting Garlough Elementary Magnet School. Our third quarter Sunday morning coffee donation will be sent to Garlough for fall programming needs. We always are so graciously thanked by Garlough administration for our partnership. Be generous!

You will get a bigger lift from donating than the caffeine in your coffee!



GROWING IN FAITH
AND FRIENDSHIP

Small Groups

SMALL GROUPS

Places of connection,
growth, and support

Sunday Adult Education Beginning Sunday, September 13th, 8:45 am

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The Stitching Collective

Dust off your unfinished craft and head over to Saint Paul's. You will have plenty of friends to encourage your progress and admire your work. Quilting, embroidery, painting, beading, coloring or any other creative endeavor is welcome! If you haven't got a project, you are welcome to join us for the fellowship and inspiration.

We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays, from 9:30-noon in the Fellowship Hall at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church in Mendota Heights. There is no charge to attend, but we won't take the blame for the fortune you spend at the arts and crafts shop.

Fall meeting dates:

Wednesday, Oct 14, 9:30 am
Wednesday, Oct 28, 9:30 am
Wednesday, Nov 11, 9:30 am
Wednesday, Dec 9, 9:30 am

(We will not meet on dates close to Thanksgiving and Christmas).

Handbell and Chancel Choirs

Beginning September 9th, choir rehearsals start up again every Wednesday night – Handbell Choir at 6:00 pm and Chancel Choir at 7:00 pm. If you enjoy singing and want to be part of something that brings beauty and encouragement to our worship services, contact Lane Skoglund-Anderson for more information.

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A Study of the Revised Social Principles of The United Methodist Church

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TALK WITH GOD

Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS

Joys:

The birth of Rose, July 18

Deaths:

Darrell Butterwick, August 18

Health Concerns:

All homebound with health problems

Additional:

We pray for true peace in the Middle East: That local populations have self-determination. Where civilians and the vulnerable are protected. We grieve the lives already lost and the many yet caught in violence. We pray for a day when war is no more, when resources for unlimited war go instead to caring for those in need.

Missionary Alejandro Alfaro-Santiz, serving the Argentine Evangelical Methodist Church

Healing for complicated and fractured family relationships

For the lonely

For an end to violence and racism in our communities

Please contact the church office, 651-452-5683, with your prayers and concerns

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

“Growing Through Loss”, support for adults who have experienced a loss, will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church; 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd., Apple Valley; Tuesdays, Sept. 15 – Oct. 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Each session is complete in itself.

You are welcome to attend one or all. Suggested donation: \$5/session.

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| Sept. 15: | “Good Grief – An Overview” |
| Sept. 22: | “Music, Poetry & Stories from Grief” |
| Sept. 29: | “Blessed & Not Cursed” |
| Oct. 6: | “When the Ground Shifts: Grief’s Impact on Our Closest Bonds” |
| Oct. 13: | “Service of Remembrance” |



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

About Us

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Education: 8:45 am
(starting Sept. 13th)
Worship: 10:00 am
Communion: 1st Sunday of the month

LIVESTREAM VIDEO

WORSHIP

Available on Facebook
(www.facebook.com/stpaulsmn),
YouTube (St. Paul's UMC Mendota Heights) and the church's website,
www.stpaulsmn.org

CENTRAL LEADERSHIP

CHAIR: Deb Curran

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The office will be closed in
recognition of Labor Day,
Monday, September 7th.



Darrell Butterwick

January 2, 1930– August 18, 2026
Cards of sympathy may be sent to his
daughter in Minnesota:
Valerie Miller
175 Birchbridge Dr.
Brainerd MN 56401



Special Music, August 23, 2026

Guest Soloist: **Rachel Lacey** (Andrea Larson's sister)
and **Andrea Larson**



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship w/Communion <i>12:00 pm Nueva Esperanza Worship</i>	7 Labor Day 	8	9 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	10 6:30 pm Concert	11	12
13 8:45 am Adult Ed 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Potluck <i>12:00 pm Nueva Esperanza Worship</i>	14	15 3:00 pm Social Principles 4:45 pm PIE Night	16 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	17 10:00 am Tour of Sibley House	18	19
20 8:45 am Adult Ed 10:00 am Worship <i>12:00 pm Nueva Esperanza Worship</i>	21 6:00 pm 4H	22 3:00 pm Social Principles	23 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	24 1:00 pm Pathfinders	25	26
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Italicized events are conducted by outside groups renting space at the church.

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The People of the United Methodist Church®

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Thursday, September 10th, 6:30 pm!
Jennifer Grimm (vocalist) and
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Rally Sunday

w/Adult Education and a Potluck!

September 13th

Adult Education: 8:45 am (new time)

Worship: 10:00 am

Potluck: 11:00 am

