



St. Paul's Epistle November 2025

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's UMC,

As the Thanksgiving holiday fast approaches, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for each one of you. Thank you to each of you for the beauty and depth that you add to our church family, just by being your wonderful selves! Thank you also for the many ways you support and encourage one another, and for your ongoing commitment sharing God's love throughout our community. Sunday, November 30th marks the first Sunday of Advent, and we will begin our Advent Series entitled, *What Do You Fear: Insisting on Hope This Advent*. Please join us each week as we celebrate the reality that God's hope is all around us, even and especially in times of fear and uncertainty.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming activities and events:

Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 5:00-6:30PM- Please join us at Tabor Heights United Methodist Church, 6161 SE Stark St, Portland, OR 97215, for *Dancing Our Prayers*, a drumming and dancing service for the whole community, led by native young people from the Yakama Nation. This grace-filled, guilt-free, and relationship-centered service is a chance to learn and hear the stories and wisdom our native siblings have. *Dancing Our Prayers* focuses on conciliation, justice, and healing between the Christian Communities and Native America. This is a family-friendly event.

St. Paul's UMC Charge Conference- Sunday, November 23, 2025, immediately following worship service, please join us in the sanctuary or via zoom at St. Paul's UMC for our charge conference.

EPIC Churchwide Advent Study- Please join our East Portland in Connection (EPIC) congregations in our Advent devotional study. We will offer opportunities for in-person study and via zoom on Thursday, December 4th, 11th, and 18th. To attend in person, please join us on these dates from 10:00-11:00 AM at Tabor Space/Crema Coffee on Belmont. Or join us via zoom (link will be sent out soon) on these dates from 6:30- 7:30PM.

Christmas Eve Service Options- Please join us at St. Paul's UMC at 3:00PM or at Cherry Park UMC at 7:00PM. You are also welcome to attend Christmas Eve service at our neighboring EPIC congregations: Tabor Heights UMC at 10:00AM, Lincoln Street UMC at 8:00PM.

Please join me in offering a warm welcome to members of the Immigrant Mutual Aid Coalition (IMAC) who will begin sharing building space with us this month! IMAC provides mutual aid for immigrant families in Clackamas County and strives to reduce health disparities and equity gaps in our community. We are excited to begin ministry partnership with this organization!

As we move forward, I invite you to take time and give thanks for the many blessings that we share as the body of Christ. Let us thank God, not only for the abundance in our lives, but for the opportunities we are given each day to share those blessings with our neighbors. Let us stay encouraged in these challenging times and continue to remain open to the Holy Spirit's movement among us. Let's continue to find new ways to reimagine our faith together, in and with, our limitless God!

With deep appreciation for you,
Pastor Kamron

Stewardship: Together We Serve!

November is here. As I look out my window, the leaves are blazing with magnificent colors of red, orange, and yellow as I view them through the branches of my large green fir tree. A lovely sight. November brings lovely colors, but also chilly mornings, but recently warm sunshine has been mixed in with some much-needed rain. But November also means we are nearing the end of our calendar year 2025. As we near the end of this year it also means holiday time beginning with Thanksgiving in just a few weeks, then Christmas and finally best wishes for a Happy New Year and the arrival of 2026.

However, with the arrival of a New Year that means the Finance Committee and Governance Board of St. Paul's needs to prepare our financial budget for the coming year 2026. Initial preparations are already underway beginning with the theme for our Stewardship Campaign which is:

Together We Serve As Creators For St. Paul's.

By the time you read this issue of the November Epistle, hopefully you will have received a letter from St. Paul's with a portion of St. Paul's proposed budget for 2026. We anticipate having a fully prepared budget by November 14 th in preparation for our Stewardship Commitment Sunday on November 23.

In addition, as your Finance Chair for St. Paul's, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for being so generous in assisting others beyond St. Paul's doors. As of September 30, you have given a total of \$13,276.14. May God continue to bless each one of you as you have so generously given to assist others.

Barbara Maxwell,
St. Paul's Finance Chair

If you have not received a financial letter in the mail, please contact me at:
503-970-6655 or krblmaxwell@att.net



Housing Team Meeting Report

November 23rd is THE Sunday!

By now this should not come as any surprise. . . . Sunday, November 23rd is the all church conference at which we will vote on the proposal to establish affordable housing around our church. Before and during church will be the most available times for you to get the last minute questions answered. See you then!

Last of 6 Special Sundays of 2026

United Methodist Student Day Sunday **Sunday, November 30, 2025**

The last of the Six (6) Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church for this year 2025, will be received at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 30 for United Methodist Student Day. On this Sunday, you are invited to give a special offering to support scholarships for United Methodist students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. This includes programs like the Rev. Dr. Karen Layman Gift of Hope Scholarship, designated for undergraduates with at least three years of membership in The United Methodist Church. Your gifts serve as a practical expression of support, providing both financial assistance and spiritual encouragement. Watch for additional information in the up coming weeks.

Barbara Maxwell, St. Paul's Finance Chair.

Birthdays



11/7 - Cathy Hart

11/20 - Deloris Storment

11/28 - Gail Sexton Cole

Food Drive

Thanks for all your recent donations
From November 1st -
December 15th, the Wichita
Center will be collecting food
for special holiday meals.





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