

St. Paul's Epistle February, 2026

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Pastor's Corner

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

As we step into February and look ahead to the season of Lent and Easter, I am filled with gratitude for each one of you, and for our mission and ministries at St. Paul's UMC. I am excited about what's in store for the next few weeks!

This year during Lent and Easter, please join us for our sermon series, Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News This Lent/Easter Season. Drawing from a study by Sanctified Art, LLC, we'll explore how we can be "good news" people, even when the world feels heavy with bad news. Join us each Sunday at 11:00 AM as we remember together that the good news truly is good news!

I am also excited to announce that on February 16th, we will begin studying *When God Became White: Dismantling Whiteness for a More Just Christianity*, by Grace Ji-Sun Kim. There will be multiple opportunities to join this study: If you are already a member of the Monday evening book study group, or the Friday afternoon book study group, you will be able to study with your group. We will also be sending out a couple of options for dates and times for a Zoom class, and possibly an in-person class if there is enough interest. Leaders will be provided with guides and resources, and our sessions will be organized as follows:

- Session 1 - Week of February 16th - Foreword and Introduction
- Session 2 - Week of February 23rd-Chptrs 1 and 2
- Session 3 - Week of March 2nd-Chptrs 3 and 4
- Session 4 - Week of March 9th-Chptrs 5 and 6
- Session 5 - Week of March 16th-Chptrs 7 and 8
- Session 6 - Week of March 23rd-Chptrs 9 and 10
- Session 7 - Week of March 30th-Whole Group Discussion (more details to come on this session!)

Please go ahead and purchase your books and/or let me know if you're interested and I will order a book for you.

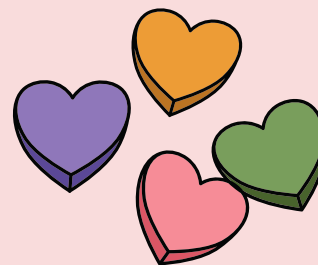
You are cordially invited to attend a Pancake Brunch and Ash Wednesday Service at Cherry Park UMC on Wednesday, February 18th, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. We will enjoy pancakes and fixings together and then at Noon we will move into the sanctuary for a short Ash Wednesday service, including dispensation of ashes. Please join us.

Cherry Park UMC is located at 1736 SE 106th Ave, Portland, OR 97216. One more thing to add to your calendar! On Sunday, May 24, 2026, we invite you to join the Cherry Park UMC and Tualatin UMC congregations for a joint Pentecost worship service. We are honored to welcome our Greater NW Episcopal Area Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Cedrick D. Bridgeforth, who will share the sermon. The service will take place at Tualatin UMC, 20200 SW Martinazzi Avenue, Tualatin, OR 97062, beginning at 10:00 AM. After the service, Rev. Melissa Harkness and I warmly invite you to a celebration of our marriage in the fellowship hall. We look forward to coming together for worship and sharing this joyful occasion with you all!

Peace and grace, Pastor Kamron

Happy Birthday

2/02 Katie Young
2/07 Nancy Duncan
2/11 Fred Leach



THANK YOU!

What a surprise! Thank you to Barbara Maxwell for her kind words and the Choir's Song of Praise (thanks to Mike for writing song). The ice cream cake was wonderful, thanks to Lynn and Wendell. It has been my pleasure to serve as your treasurer at St. Paul's. Special thanks to Linda Cook for assuming this position now. It takes many hands to make the work go smoothly. Thanks to all of you for being servants. And thank you again for honoring me. I truly appreciate all that was said and done. Blessings to all of you!



Judy Huey



Thank you to so many friends and co-workers from St. Paul's. For your love and good wishes for my recent 100th birthday. It was wonderful to see many of you at the Open House at the Springs on the 18th. My warm wishes, love and prayers are with each of you at St. Paul's.

A Message from Rose Martin

A Time To Celebrate 2025!

St. Paul's Financial Celebrations!

As Finance Chair for St. Paul's, I would like to share the following financial report for this past year, 2025. These figures were shared during the worship service on Sunday, January 18. For those who could not attend the service, please read the wonderful financial response we had for this past year. For those who were present, you might want to look at the positive numbers once again.

St. Paul's Total Income: **\$148,057.38**

Difference In A Year: An increase of \$2,805.89
2025: \$148,057.38
2024: \$145,251.49

Net Income: **\$ 4,461.42**
Income 2025: \$148,057.38
Expenses 2025: \$143,595.96
Net Income: \$4,461.42

Apportionments: Our Apportionments of \$19,837.00 were paid in full. You, the congregation, gave \$15,098.46 to our apportionments. The remaining balance came from our reserves.

Designated \$\$\$: You supported organizations such as 6 Special Sundays, UMCOR (UM Committee on Relief), California Fires, Ukraine, Feed The Children and others for a total of \$7,099.74.

Last, **We Celebrate You!:** Last, We Celebrate You is the combined total of all of your financial gifts to St. Paul's. Those combined gifts are:

- o Pledges, Regular Giving, and Other Income for a total of \$148,057.38
- o Apportionments: \$15,098.46
- o Designated Gifts: \$7,099.74
- o Your Grand Total: \$170,255.58

For the above financial gifts, We say: **Praise God for His many gifts to us.**

Barbara Maxwell, Finance Chair



February, 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Ed Class @10:00 am • Worship @ 11:00 am • AA @ 7:30 pm 	2 <p>Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Group @7:00pm 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Hours 10:00- 1:00 • AA @ 12:30 pm 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Hours 10:00 - 1:00 • Quilt Group @ 12:00pm • Choir @ 7:00 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Hours 10:00 -1:00 	6 <p>Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Group @12:30 pm 	7
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Ed Class @10:00 am • Worship @ 11:00 am • AA @ 7:30 pm 	9 <p>Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Group @7:00pm 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Hours 10 - 12 • Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 • AA @ 12:30 pm • Finance @4:00 • Governance @ 4:45 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Hours 10:00 - 1:00 • Quilt Group @ 12:00pm • Choir @ 7:00 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Hours 10:00 -1:00 • Linwood NHA @ 7:00 pm 	13 <p>Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Group @12:30 pm 	14 
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Ed Class @10:00 am • Worship @ 11:00 am • AA @ 7:30 pm 	16 <p>Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Group @7:00pm <p>President's Day</p>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Hours 10 - 12 • AA @ 12:30 pm 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Hours 10:00 - 1:00 • Quilt Group @ 12:00pm • Choir @ 7:00 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Hours 10:00 -1:00 	20 <p>Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Group @12:30 pm 	21
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The February Lunch Bunch will move to Oregon City for our meeting this coming month. We will meet at 11:30 On Tuesday, February 10th at the Rivershore Restaurant, 1900 Calamette Drive, Oregon City

If you are single and interested in lunch with a great group of people on the bank of the Clackamas River, just give Marilyn Weaver (503) 702-1536 a call.

We would love to have you come.