

St. Paul's Epistle May, 2026

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Pastor's Corner

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

I continue to marvel at the beauty of the Pacific Northwest! I am so grateful that even a short trip around the block allows me to experience all the colors of the rainbow found in the rich variety of flora and fauna that are gloriously abloom. What a gift!

Speaking of gifts, I am privileged to announce that St. Paul's has received a \$12,000.00 grant award from the Columbia District Church Extension Society that will allow us to continue in our housing ministry and to implement a new pastoral residency program. Thank you to the CDCES for awarding these funds and thank you to our St. Paul's community of faith for continuing in mission and ministries that benefit both our congregation and our neighbors. How wonderful!

I also want to take the opportunity to share some bittersweet news regarding two beloved members of our church family who are entering new chapters in their lives. First, Barbara Maxwell will be moving east in a couple of weeks to be closer to her family. We are so grateful for Barbara's steadfast leadership as chairperson of our finance committee, her guidance and long-time dedication as leader of the Friday book study group, her joyful participation in our small but mighty choir, and her innumerable contributions to the life and ministry of our church. Please plan on joining us on Sunday, May 10 th , when immediately following worship, we will honor and celebrate Barbara in conjunction with our Mother's Day Tea service. Please join us as we express our appreciation and wish Barbara well in this transition.





Additionally, it is my honor to announce that Scout Mauldin, our multi-talented church administrator, has been appointed by Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth to serve as the part-time pastor of Trinity UMC in SE Portland, effective July 1, 2026. We extend countless thanks to Scout for her dedication as our administrator, her expertise as our tech and production manager for Sunday worship, and for sharing her pastoral gifts as regular pulpit supply preacher. St. Paul's congregation has certainly been blessed in countless ways by Scout's many gifts, and we offer her our heartfelt congratulations, support, and continued prayers as she pursues her calling to pastoral ministry. We will celebrate Scout with a church potluck lunch following our worship service on Sunday, June 14th.

I am reminded in this moment of God's words in Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." This passage reminds us that even when we are faced with changes, God is actively working to create new blessings and opportunities where we may least expect them. Just as God promised to make a way in the wilderness, we can trust God with any uncertainties in our journeys forward. We trust that God will guide Barbara and Scout as they begin these exciting new life chapters, and we remain grateful for the lasting impact that they have had on our church and community. Let us embrace this season of change with hope, knowing that God's transformative power is at work in their lives and in the life of our congregation, guiding each of us every step of the way.

In other news, I am counting down the days until my upcoming wedding to Rev. Melissa Harkness! In just two and a half weeks, we will be married, and I am so excited and thankful! And distracted! But that is another story, and I certainly thank you for your grace and understanding with my scatterbrained self! Please plan to join with the congregations of Cherry Park UMC and Tualatin UMC for a vibrant Pentecost worship service. We are honored to welcome our Greater NW Episcopal Area Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Cedrick D. Bridgeforth, who will bring the sermon for this special day of Spiritfilled celebration. This worship service will be held on Sunday, May 24 th , at Tualatin UMC, 20200 SW Martinazzi Avenue, Tualatin, OR 97062, beginning at 10:00 AM. Following the service, Melissa and I invite you to join us in the fellowship hall for a celebration of our marriage. Come share in love, laughter, and community as we share this blessed moment in our lives. We look forward to worshipping together and celebrating the Spirit's movement among us!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kamron



May Birthdays

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

5/10 Barb Schmidt

5/11 Lida Evans

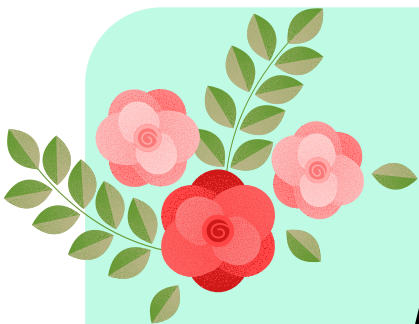
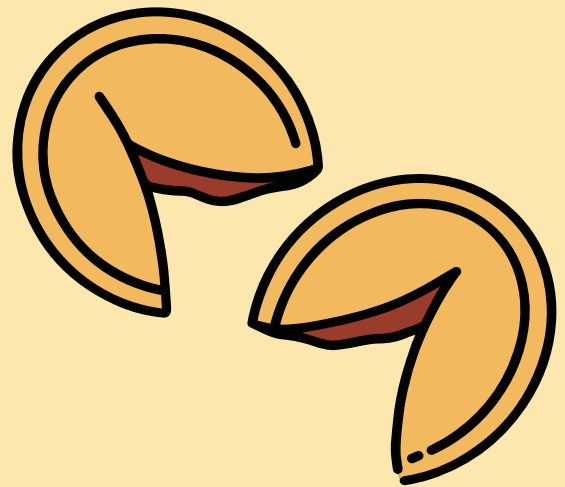
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5/18 Jessica Fox



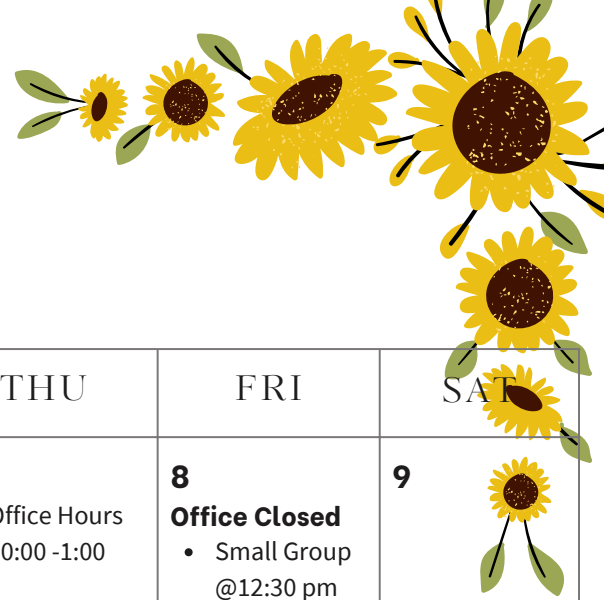
Wichita Center

Let's help our Asian neighbors prepare traditional foods they love - like rice noodles, soy sauce, or coconut milk during May and June for the Wichita Center for Family and Community.




HAPPY

Mother's Day



May, 2026

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