

Mission of the Month: Blue Cabinets

Community members have set up blue outdoor food cabinets across the region. These cabinets are regularly stocked with non-perishable food and household items, and are open to anyone, 24/7. *“Take what you need, leave what you can.”* Non-perishable, shelf stable items are best: cereal, tuna, pb, jelly, sugar, powdered milk...**we are encouraging donations of breakfast items (cereal), bar soap and deodorant.** Donated items can be placed in the blue container in the hallway outside the Sanctuary doors.

United Methodist Summer Camps

UNY UMC Camps & Retreat Centers are still accepting summer campers. If you are interested in attending camp, register online or contact Pastor Alicia, St. Paul's would love to support you. Our closest camp is now Sky Lake and there are three other camps to choose from, <https://skylakecenter.org/summer-camp/2026-summer-programs/> or <https://www.unyumc.org/crm>.

Join us at the Ballpark!

The 45th annual “United Methodist Night” at the ballpark game is the Syracuse Mets vs. Omaha Storm Chasers on **Thursday, August 6 at 6:35 pm, Syracuse’s NBT Stadium.** Tickets cost \$18 and need to be purchased by July 15. **TODAY** is the last day to sign up at the table in the Narthex. Checks made payable to SPUMC, “Baseball Game” in the memo line.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday, July 12

10:30 am – Worship~LL Dining Room

11:45 am – Coffee/Fellowship~LL DR

Wednesday, July 15

9:30 am – Coffee with Pastor Alicia

~Pastor's office

5:30 pm – Wednesday Evening Supper Club

~Memorial Rooms

Monday, July 13

4:45 pm – Lay Leadership Team~Zoom

Thursday, July 16

11:00 am – Crafting Group~Durham Room

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 am – Staff meeting~Zoom

7:15 pm – Trustees~Zoom

Sunday, July 19

10:30 am – Worship ~LL Dining Room

11:45 am – Coffee/Fellowship ~ LL DR



Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

"A Compassionate Community Led and Transformed by the Spirit."



Sunday, July 12, 2026 - 10:30 am Service

We welcome you, trusting that this time of worship will open our hearts to experience the Spirit's movement among us. Together, we seek peace, health, and wholeness as we gather in God's presence.

Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream music, ONE LICENSE #A-728210. Sermon series comes from "I've Been Meaning to Ask..." @ sanctifiedart.org.

**Indicates a standing portion of the service, please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music

"Olivet; Kingsfold"
by C. Callahan

Sondra Wayman, piano

Greetings and Welcome

Pastor Alicia Wood

Centering Music

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Alicia Wood

Holy and Living God, you are...

the tie that binds!

We give you thanks that you have brought us together in order to create...

the tie that binds!

Be with us in our learning, our worshiping, our fellowshiping that leads to...

the tie that binds!

We are yours, walking in the way of Jesus,
living in the Spirit so that we might be for the world...

the tie that binds!

Let all God's people say, Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Amen!

***Sharing Peace & Love with All**

Pastor Alicia Wood

***Opening Hymn** “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” UMH #383, v 1-4

PROCLAIMING

A Message for All God’s Children

Special Music “Be Thou My Vision” *Sondra Wayman, piano*
by Nathan Corder *Grace Demerath, French horn*

Scripture Isaiah 64:8-9 (NIV) *Dwight Mengel*
Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God!

Hymn “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” UMH #382

Message “The Tie That Binds” *Pastor Alicia Wood*

RESPONDING

Hymn “Kum Ba Yah” UMH #494, v 1-3

Prayers of the People *Jami Breedlove-Crouch*

Offering our Gifts to God *Pastor Alicia Wood*

Offertory “Morning Has Broken” *Sondra Wayman, piano*
by L. Shackley

***Doxology** UMH #94

***Unison Prayer of Dedication** *Pastor Alicia Wood*

Living God, you meet us this day with grace that frees and a Spirit that gives life. We cling to that good news with grateful hearts. As we bring these gifts, we set our minds on you—not on fear or self-interest, but on the life and peace you promise. Shape us by your Spirit to live generously, to seek the good of our neighbors, and to share in your work of healing and reconciliation. Receive these offerings as signs of our attention being fixed on Christ and our lives opened to your renewing

power. We give thanks; we give ourselves, and we trust your Spirit to lead us. Amen. (based on Romans 8:1-11)

GOING FORTH

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** “Change My Heart, O God” TFWS #2152 (2x)

***Benediction**

Postlude “Standing in the Need of Prayer” *Sondra Wayman, piano*
by C. Marohnic

-----PRAYERS-----

We are thankful for God’s healing in all of our lives. Please pray for Jodi Glazier. For **Prayer Chain** requests, please contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch, lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org.

If this is your first visit with us today, we are thrilled that you are here! Please fill out the yellow Connect Card, place in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your visit.

Coffee with Pastor

Coffee (or Tea) with the Pastor meets on **Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am in the Pastor’s office**. Join Pastor Alicia for a short devotional, followed by a conversation about how our faith intersects with the news or issues of the week. No RSVP necessary, just pop in!

Beat the Summer Heat

In July and August our Worship and Coffee/Fellowship time will be in the *cool, lower level* Dining Room. This gives us a chance to worship in a more intimate space and pray it brings us closer as a church family.

Thinking of Membership at St. Paul's?

A new member class will gather this August. Please contact Pastor Alicia, pastor@stpaulsithaca.org, if you have any questions or are interested in learning more about membership at St. Paul's UMC!

Community Engagement Planning Meeting

We would like St. Paul's to become more involved in community events. If you would like to be a part of the planning and/or participation, please join us on **July 20 @ 6:30 pm** in the Pastor's Office or email pastor@stpaulsithaca.org.

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” UMH #383, v 1-4

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new,
our God is making all things new.

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” UMH #382

1 Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.

2 Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.

3 Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!
Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

4 Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!

“Kum Ba Yah”

UMH #494, v 1-3

Kum ba Yah

1 *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord,
 2 Some - one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's cry - ing, Lord,
 3 Some - one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's sing - ing, Lord,
 4 Some - one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's pray - ing, Lord,

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord,
 cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's cry - ing, Lord,
 sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's sing - ing, Lord,
 pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's pray - ing, Lord,

kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

*Come by here

Change My Heart O God

Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true; Change my heart, O God,

may I be like You. You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and

ma - ke me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true;

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You. Change my heart, O God,

make it ev - er true; Change my heart, o God, may I be like You.