

Wednesday Evening Supper Club

The Wednesday Evening Supper Club will meet in the Memorial Rooms this **Wednesday, August 19 at 5:30 pm** and we would love for you to join us! Bring your own supper, beverage, plate/utensils. After supper, we will play an easy to learn board or card game. This is an informal gathering and a great time to invite a friend. RSVP to Cheryl McGraw, cherylmcgraw@cornell.edu, or drop in if you find yourself available.

Digital Newsletter Savings!

Our Fall digital newsletter will be coming out soon, please email, office@stpaulsithaca.org, your **newsletter articles by August 24**. We calculated that moving from print and mailed newsletters to a digital copy has saved the church approx. \$1,100 annually. We continue to find ways to reduce expenses as we increase our ministries at St. Paul's UMC.

Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendars now for a special visit to The Museum of the Earth, **Thursday, September 17 at 11:00 am**, sponsored by the Older Adult Ministries team. More details will be shared soon!

What's your favorite hymn?

On September 27 we will celebrate "The Rhythm of Our Faith" with our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir and your favorite hymns! Please be ready to share your favorite hymn and why on a special form that will be provided throughout August.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday, August 16

10:30 am – Worship~LL Dining Room
11:45 am – Coffee/Fellowship~LL DR

Monday, August 17

6:45 pm – Building Beloved Community
Bible Study~Pastor's office

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 pm – Church Council~ZOOM/
Memorial Rooms

Wednesday, August 19

9:30 am – Coffee w/Pastor Alicia
~Pastor's Office
5:30 pm – Wednesday Evening Supper Club
~Memorial Rooms

Thursday, August 20

11:00 am – Crafting Group~Durham Room

Sunday, August 23

10:30 am – Worship~LL Dining Room
11:30 am – Coffee/Fellowship~LL DR
11:45 am – Congregational Luncheon
~LL Dining Room



All: We are blessed and we will bless.

All are blessed. All are loved. All are one. How very good and pleasant it is.

All: Amen.

***Sharing Peace & Love with All**

Pastor Alicia Wood

***Opening Hymn**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH #400

PROCLAIMING

A Message for All God’s Children

Special Music

TBD

Sondra Wayman, piano

Scripture

Psalm 133 (NIV)

Arlene Hewitt

Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God!

***Hymn**

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

UMH #114

Message

“Anointed”

Pastor Alicia Wood

RESPONDING

***Hymn**

“Something Beautiful”

UMH #394

Prayers of the People

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

Offering our Gifts to God

Pastor Alicia Wood

Offertory

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”
arr. by F. Bock

Sondra Wayman, piano

***Doxology**

UMH #94

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Alicia Wood

Gracious God, you pour your blessing upon your people like dew upon the earth and oil upon the head, flowing beyond all boundaries we would draw. We thank you for the gift of unity—good and pleasant, beautiful and life-giving—meant not only for

us, but for the healing of the world. Receive these offerings as signs of our desire to live together in your love, to practice radical welcome, and to share your abundance with all your children. Let what we give today flow outward in compassion and service, that our life together may reflect your kingdom of peace, justice, and joy. Amen.

GOING FORTH

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH #89

***Benediction**

Postlude “I’m Goin’-a Sing *Sondra Wayman, piano*
when the Spirit Says Sing”
spiritual arr. by C. Mahonic

-----PRAYERS-----

We are thankful for God’s healing in all of our lives. Please pray for Jodi Glazier; Sue Orzel’s aunt Betty and stepbrother, Rick Hardesty. 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.

Mission of the Month: Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

Be a part of helping the least of these by contributing to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. This fund allows the pastor to assist people and ministries needing basic essentials: food, utilities, rent, and transportation. Please use the enclosed envelope, checks payable to “St. Paul’s UMC” and note “PDF” in the memo line. We appreciate your generosity and community support!

Full Church Council meets August 18 at 7:00 pm.

We need your voice as we plan for Fall 2026! The agenda includes the adoption of the Strategic Plan. Please look for details in our weekly Friday email for report due dates and whether we will be meeting in person.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782

MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

DENNIS
SM

558 We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Many Gifts, One Spirit

C G C F G C

1. God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2. God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3. Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,

E Am D7 G

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless-ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end-less love and light.

G7 C F C G7 C G7 C

In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis-ap-pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad-ows part, man-y gifts from one great heart.

Something Beautiful

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Some - thing beau - ti - ful, some - thing good;

all my con - fu - sion he un - der - stood;

all I had to of - fer him was bro - ken - ness and

strife, but he made some-thing beau-ti-ful of my life.

WORDS: Gloria Gaither, 1971
MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1971

SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL
Irr.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

