## St. Paul's UMC Charge Conference

Please join us for our annual United Methodist Church Charge Conference on **November 14, 9:30 am at Lansing United Methodist Church**, Lansing, NY. Church Council members are strongly encouraged to attend, but all are welcome. Pastor Alicia promises that once again, she will make the Charge Conference fun and exciting!

## Lay Leadership Luncheon

On **Sunday November 15**, the Lay Leadership Team will host another all-church lunch after worship in the Memorial Rooms. Please join us as we offer an allergy conscious winter menu, an update on findings from our last gathering and a short presentation from our Stewardship Team.

## Save the date!

The annual online "Open Doors | Open Lives" auction will be **November 30 - December 5** this year! Preview the auction: Black Friday, November 27, Bid: Monday, November 30 - Saturday, December 5.
Auction website: 32auctions.com/opendoorsenglish2026
All proceeds of the auction support our adult ESL program and our students. Events like this auction go a long way in raising awareness about our school. We appreciate your generosity and help in spreading the word!

## *St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of November 1, 2026*

**Sunday, November 1**
10:30 am – Worship w/Communion
~Sanctuary
11:30 am – Coffee/Fellowship
~Memorial Rooms
11:45 am – Young Adults~Durham Room

**Monday, November 2**
7:00 pm – *Rematriated Voices*
~Memorial Rooms

**Tuesday, November 3**
7:00 pm – Local & World Missions
~Memorial Rooms

**Wednesday, November 4**
9:30 am – Coffee w/Pastor Alicia~Pastor's Office
7:00 pm – SPRC Meeting~ZOOM

**Thursday, November 5**
11:00 am – Crafting Group~Durham Room
6:00 pm – Festival Chimes rehearsal~Sanctuary
7:15 pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal~DR

**Sunday, November 8**
10:30 am – Worship w/FE~Sanctuary
11:30 am – Coffee/Fellowship~Memorial Rooms

# Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

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

## Sunday, November 1, 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.*

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

## GATHERING

**Gathering Music** "Sun of My Soul" by Peter Ritter — *Molly MacMillan, piano*

**Greetings and Welcome** — *Pastor Alicia Wood*

***Sharing Peace & Love with All**

**Centering Music** "Shepherd Me, Oh God" by Marty Haugen — *Grace Demerath, vocals; Molly MacMillan, vocals & piano*

***Call to Worship and Prayer** — *Pastor Alicia Wood*

We come to the table today to remember the cloud of witnesses.
**We are grateful that their lives are part of the fabric of Love Itself.**
We bring both joy and grief, just as the disciples felt at the thought of losing Jesus.
**All of our feelings are held in the love of God.**
One thing is true: no matter how different we may seem,
we all grieve those we have loved that are no longer with us.
**Help us to live in the compassionate truth that in this we are truly…**
neighbors,
**neighbors.**
Not "others."
**Not "others."**

***Opening Hymn** "For All the Saints" UMH #711, v. 1,2 & 4

**PROCLAIMING**

**A Message for All God's Children** *Pastor Alicia Wood*

**Special Music** "An Unclouded Day" *Chancel Choir*
J.K. Alwood arr. Roger Emerson

**Honoring Our Saints**

**Scripture Reading** John 16: 1, 12-13a, 20-22 (NLT) *Anna Eiring*
Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!
**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Grieving and Rejoicing" *Pastor Alicia Wood*

**RESPONDING**

***Hymn** "How Can We Name A Love" UMH #111

**Offering our Gifts to God**

**Offertory** "When I Get Where I'm Going"
by George Teren/Rivers Rutherford *Grace Demerath, vocals*
*Molly MacMillan, vocals & piano*

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

**Holy Communion** UMH #13-14

**GOING FORTH**

**Announcements**

***Closing Hymn** "Near to the Heart of God" UMH #472

***Benediction**

**Postlude** "Prelude No. 6 In A Major" *Molly MacMillan, piano*

by Robert Vandall

## -----PRAYERS----

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Jim Pirko.

We are thankful for God's healing in all of our lives. Please pray for Jodi Glazier; Sue Orzel's stepbrother, Rick Hardesty; Mary Lou Tenney; Mary and Matthew Boardman; Liren, Andrea and Andreanna Downing Zheng; Linda Yetter for healing and peace. 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!** Pease fill out the yellow Connect Card, place in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your visit.

## Children's Ministries

**Infants - Preschoolers** are invited to enjoy our new area located at the middle Sanctuary entrance. A parent/guardian is asked to stay with their children and still be part of the worshipping congregation.

## St. Paul's UMC Mission of the Month: Code Blue

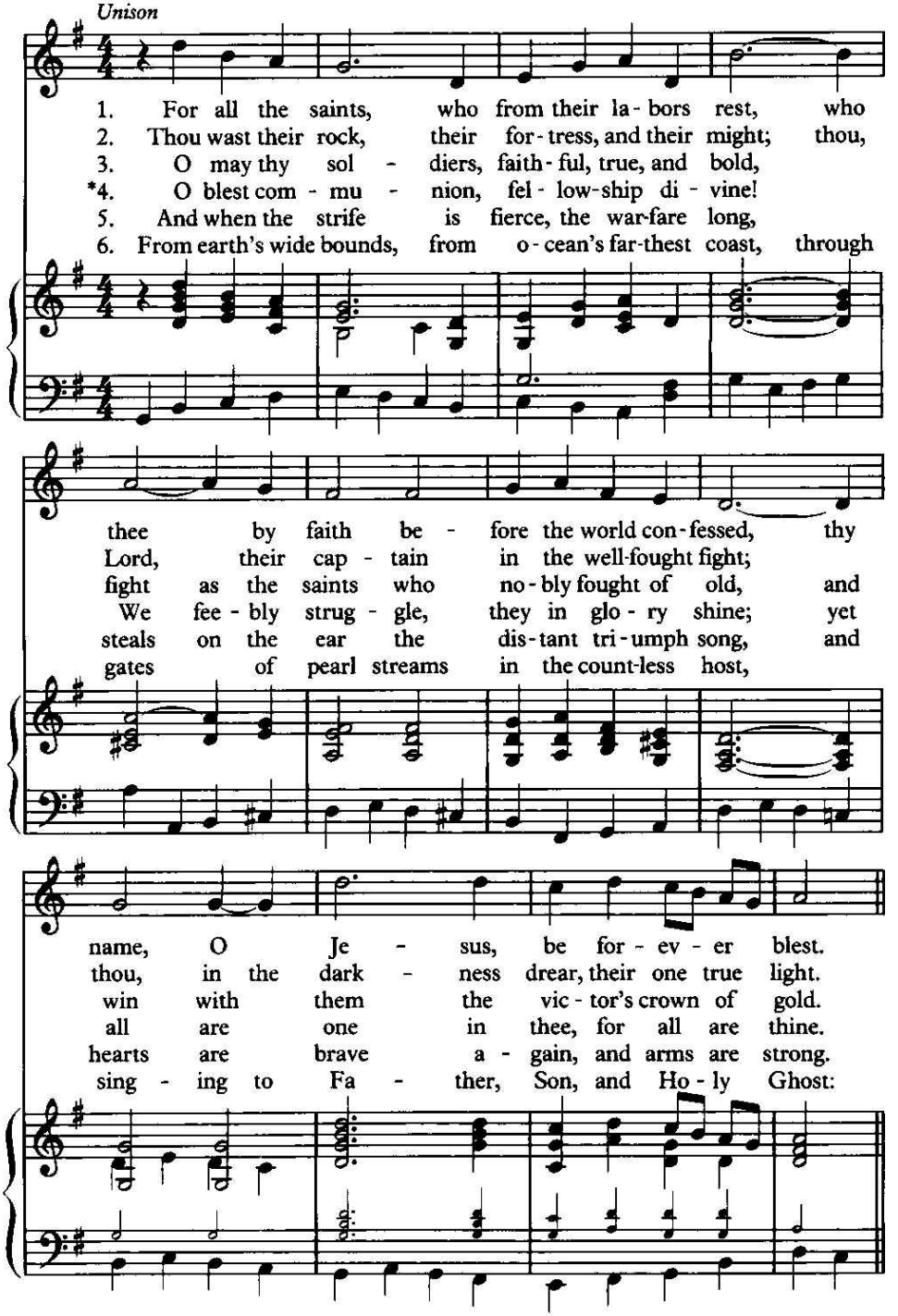
Code Blue is a New York State–mandated emergency program that ensures overnight shelter when the forecasted temperature with wind chill is 32 degrees or below. Generally, a Code Blue season runs from October through April. Volunteers of America offers Code Blue emergency shelter services for Tompkins County. This month we are requesting prepared breakfast items: cereal, breakfast bars, instant oatmeal, single fruit cups, to support the Tompkins County Code Blue program.

## Pastor Alicia Travels to D.C.

Pastor Alicia will be concluding her Rest. Work. Play Cohort in Washington D.C. on November 5-8. Please pray for her and the cohort while in D.C. two days after the midterm elections. This portion of the cohort is "Play" or learning to hear others stories and tell your own story well. Pastor Alicia will share with you all she learned this year about seeking a life and work balance.

# 711 For All the Saints

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WORDS: William W. How, 1864 (Heb. 12:1)
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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# How Can We Name a Love 111




WORDS: Brian Wren, 1973
MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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hold us who wait be - fore thee near to the heart of God.