

Church Calendar

Monday, May 12, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
7:30 p.m. – to 8:30 p.m. AL-Anon

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Women's Farsi Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Pacific Discussions (AA)
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Balance & Mobility Classes

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Remain Teachable (AA)
Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Thursday AA

Friday, May 16, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
7:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. – Youth Al Anon
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – AA Group (Farsi)

Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – El Nido Children's Night

Sunday, May 18, 2025

10:00 a.m. – In-Sanctuary Service & Live Streaming

Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
Bishop in Residence

Rev. Garth Gilliam
North District Superintendent

Rev. Vernon Kemp
Pastor

Jacqueline Tringov
Music Director

Eloisa Mondragon
Administrative Assistant

St. Paul's - Leadership Team

Diana Bruno - Administrative Chair/ Lay leader
to Conference

Deborah Davies – Staff Parish Relations Chair

Linda Graul – Finance Chair

Donald Metzger – Team Member

Jackie Adams – Team Member

Marianne Crosby – Team Member

Evelyn Arnold-McJimpson – Team Member

Vacant - Trustee Chair

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<https://www.youtube.com/@saintpaulschurch7968/streams>

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May 11, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Vernon Kemp

Our Mission is to be: The Beacon of the Valley

Lighting 'The Way' of Jesus

Growing Disciples and Community in God's Love and

Sending the Hope and Joy of Jesus into the World

 **ST PAUL'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Beacon of The Valley

Mother’s Day

Color: White
May 11, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Theme Ideas

This Sunday’s scriptures speak to divine care, healing, and eternal hope. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, calls us by name and holds us securely in his hands. From the healing of Tabitha (Acts) to the comforting vision of the Lamb as Shepherd (Revelation), to the assurance of never being snatched away (John), the message is clear: we are never outside of God’s loving reach.

**Indicates to stand if able

Prelude “My Tribute” Jacqueline Tringov

I. Invitation and Gathering

Gathering Words Pastor Vernon Kemp

**Processional “Bless The Lord” TFWS #2015

**Call to Worship Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

L: Come! Let us worship and praise God.
P: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.
L: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.
P: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.
L: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.
P: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God’s love and bounty.
L: Surely God’s mercy accompanies us on our journey.
P: And we will dwell in God’s house forever. AMEN.

**Praise Song “Bless That Wonderful Name” St. Paul’s Choir

**Opening Prayer Liturgist, Effie Baidoo
Holy One of the morning, we come together to remember who we are and whose we are. Open our hearts to the nudging of your Spirit that moves among us, empowering us to listen, to nurture, and to care for all creation. Give us eyes to see when you break into our lives through all you have made and wash us once again in your life-giving waters. Amen

Music Selection “Victory In Jesus” St. Paul’s Choir

II. Proclamation and Response

Prayer List

- Bill Lashbrook
- Bonnie Jay
- Tom Lawler
- Carmen Bornn-Vincze
- John & Shirley Hawkins
- Mildred Porter & Family
- Virginia Perry
- Ronald Lowe & Family
- Alicia Hance
- Richard Dennison
- Al Huck
- Kyrus Austin
- Maxwell
- Jacqueline Tringov
- Ellie Harison
- Bert & Charlene Taylor
- Marianne Crosby
- Kim Crane-Anglin
- Joan Goodwin
- Pattye Anderson
- Marilyn, Miracle
- Henry Wright-Lindo
- Sylvia Haywood
- Donna Beers
- Kira Taylor

Prayers in remembrance of Mila Evangelista’s mom who just transitioned home.

Church Family Please keep in prayer the family of Rev. Dr. Afrie Songco Joy, who faithfully shepherded our congregation from July 1994 to June 2000. May Gods comfort and piece may be will all who are suffering due to her passing. Memory and honoring her life and legacy.



If you are seeking prayer and would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please contact the office no later than Wednesday noon via telephone or email.

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

James 5:16





May Birthdays



5/1 - Lorenzo Evangelista

5/1 - Pheleta Santos

5/1 - Teddi Davis

5/4 - Kemi Alli

5/4 - Ellie Mondragon

5/ 8 - Pastor Vernon Kemp

5/ 8 - Montana Shane

5/12 - Gil Goodwin

5/13 Gwendolyn Smith

5/15 - Yolanda Peterson

5/17 - Evelyn Whitman

5/21 - Mila Evangelista

5/22 - Nia Stephens

5/25 -Coni Balogh

5/26 - Afsatu Metzger

5/30 - Linda Graul



Prayer of Confession

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

Anger, hatred, anguish blare at us from the newspapers, media. The shouts of hurt and pain harden our hearts, merciful God. We cannot bear the hurts, so we turn away. We hide and want the hurt to disappear. When we hear the words of the Psalmist singing about the green pastures, still waters, our souls long for this place of peace. We think that it can be found outside ourselves, yet this is a reminder of the peace and hope that your love offers us from within. We know that we will have struggles and hard times, but help us, Lord, to place our lives in your care, to trust in your comfort and guidance. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your compassionate love. Heal us again and place us on the right path. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Music Selection

“Bless The Lord”

St. Paul's Choir

Words of Assurance

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

Do not fear! You can place your trust in God, for God will lead you, comfort you, protect you. You are not alone to face all the difficulties of life. God is with you and will lift you up. Rejoice, for you are loved by God.

Mother Tribute

Music Selection

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

The Shepherd calls us each by name, restores our souls, and leads us beside still waters. Held in His Hands and secure in His grace, we share His peace with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you all

Mother Tribute

Music Selection

“Isn't She Lovely”

Zoe Shyngle

Invitation to the Word

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

Come now to still waters and green pastures. The Shepherd is calling—speaking our names with love and purpose. Let us listen for His voice in the Word, that we may be renewed, comforted, and sent forth in grace

Music Selection

“Lord, You're Mighty”

St. Paul's Choir

****Scripture Readings**

1 Corinthians 13:4 – 7, Proverbs 31:31

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to the Word

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

We have heard the voice of the Shepherd, calling us to life, to love, and to follow. Guided by His hand and held in His grace, we go now to serve, to share, and to walk in His peace.

Music Selection **“What a Mighty God We Serve”** St. Paul’s Choir

Song of Preparation **“I Sing Praises to Your Name”** TFWS #2037

Sermon **“Kindness and Compassion”** Diana Bruno

III. Thanksgiving and Communion

Altar Call/Invitation to Discipleship

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

If you would like prayer, you may kneel at the altar and a prayer warrior will pray with you. You are also welcome to light a candle.

Music Selection **“Amazing Grace”** UMH #378

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

The Good Shepherd leads us with love and provides all we need. Let us offer our gifts with grateful hearts, that others may know His care through us.
Now is the time for us all to offer our tithes and gifts to Almighty Christ by placing them in the Love Offering box. Those who are worshiping with us online, you may mail your offering or send it via Zelle using our email. St. Paul’s is most grateful to each of you for your financial support.

Music Selection **“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart”** St. Paul’s Choir

****Doxology** **“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”** UMH #94
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

****Offertory Prayer**

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

Gracious Shepherd, we offer these gifts in gratitude for Your constant care and abundant grace. May they be used to spread Your love, bring comfort to the weary, and lead others to the hope and peace found in You. Amen.

Announcements

🌸🌸Mother’s Day Brunch🌸🌸

Sunday, May 11th | Following Worship Service

Join us as we give thanks to God for the incredible gift of mothers and all who nurture us with Christ-like love. After our Sunday worship, we invite you to stay for a special Mother’s Day Celebration as we honor the mothers and mother-figures in our church family. After our Sunday worship, we invite you to stay for a special Mother’s Day Celebration as we honor the mothers and mother-figures in our church family. There will be a lovingly prepared lunch and a time of fellowship as we reflect on the joy, strength, and grace that mothers bring into our lives. Come and be part of this sweet time of celebration, gratitude, and community as we lift one another up in the spirit of God’s love.

Bible Study

We are excited to begin planning a new Bible Study gathering at St. Paul’s, and we’d love for you to be a part of it! If you are interested in joining, please contact Ellie or Pastor Kathy. We are hoping to set a regular meeting time and would love your input. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, spiritual growth, and drawing closer to God together as a church family. Come be part of something meaningful—let’s grow in the Word, in faith, and in community!

Fitness Classes!

We are excited to announce that exercise classes have officially started! Please join us every Tuesday at 11:00.am for our stability and mobility classes. If you have any questions or want to sign up, please contact the office

IV. Sending Forth

****Benediction**

Pastor Vernon Kemp

Go forth from this place with your eyes wide open as you journey into the wider world. Love God and see Christ in each person you meet. Give thanks always and do not withhold love from any, for we do not know who may yet turn to the light

****Closing Song**

“Shalom”

UMH #666

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Acts 9: 36 – 43

Psalms 23

Revelation 7:9 – 17

John 10:22 – 30