

Church Calendar

Monday, October 13, 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, October 14, 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, October 15, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Prayer Group Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Remain Teachable (AA)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16, 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
6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

Friday, October 17, 2025

Office Hours: CLOSED
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, October 18, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers

Sunday, October 19, 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 Gaul – 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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*We welcome to the
water Avalani Love
Artiga & Family*

*"For the Joy of life and the life to
come with God's grace and
protection"*

October 12, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Vernon Kemp

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you
can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you
can, at all the times you can, to all the people you
can, as long as ever you can – John Wesley*



 **ST PAUL'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Beacon of The Valley

Please join us every **Thursday at 6:30pm** for Bible Study on Zoom! All worksheets and links are shared through Zoom to make it easy to follow along. If you would like to subscribe to our weekly Bible Study emails and meeting links, please reach out—we would love to have you join us in growing together in God’s Word.

PRAYER LIST

- 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.

James 5:16

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. AMEN.

Turn again to the Lord, for you are beloved of God and have been given many blessings. Rejoice in God's love for you. AMEN.

St. Paul's Choir

As we prepare to hear God's Word, let us open our hearts to receive what the Spirit is saying to us today. Just as God spoke words of hope to those in exile, encouragement to the faithful, and healing to those in need, may God now speak to us in ways that renew our spirits and strengthen our faith. Come, Holy Spirit, and make your presence known through the reading and hearing of your Word. Amen.

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

God calls us to live faithfully wherever we are planted—to build, to bless, and to seek the good of our neighbors. As we reflect on God’s Word today, may we remember that gratitude is not just a feeling but a way of life. Like the one leper who returned to thank Jesus, may our hearts be filled with praise, and our lives become living testimonies of God’s grace. Let all that we do be an offering of thanksgiving to the One who heals, restores, and sends us forth in love.

Pastor Vernon Kemp

III. Thanksgiving and Communion

Baptism/Christening

UMH #39

The Artiga family presenting Avalani Love Artiga to God, the church and family.

Reader: Connection to Christening: Just as the Israelites were called to build lives and seek peace in exile, the christening of a child marks the beginning of a spiritual journey in a world that may not always feel like home. It’s a call to nurture faith, community, and purpose, even in challenging circumstances.

"Today, as we christen this child, we are reminded of God’s call to seek peace and purpose (Jeremiah), to rejoice in His faithfulness (Psalm 66), and to trust in His healing and transformative power (2 Kings). Baptism is a sacred act of redemption (Psalm 111), a sign of dying and rising with Christ (2 Timothy), and a moment of deep gratitude (Luke). As this child begins their journey of faith, we pray they grow in grace, wisdom, and love, always returning to God with a heart full of thanks.”

Altar Call/Invitation to Discipleship

Liturgist, Kemi Alli

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. Lighting a candle is a sacred way to lift a special prayer, remember a loved one, or seek comfort and clarity during difficult times.

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist, Kemi Alli

God calls us to seek the welfare of the places where we live—to plant seeds of hope, to build up our communities, and to share the blessings we have received. Through our giving, we express our gratitude and take part in God’s work of healing and renewal in the world. Let us offer our gifts with joy and thanksgiving, trusting that God will use them to bless others as we have been blessed.

Let us now bring our offerings to the Lord.

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

****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, Kemi Alli

Faithful God, our source and sustainer, you call us to believe beyond what we see and serve without seeking reward. Take these gifts as seeds of trust, planted in hope and watered with gratitude. Even when our faith feels small, you multiply our offering into acts of healing, welcome, and justice. So, increase not only our faith, Lord, but also our willingness to serve—with humility, joy, and confidence that you are at work through every generous act. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

Announcements

New Life

Join us after the christening for a time of fellowship provided by the Artiga Family, as we celebrate the baptism of their beautiful baby girl, **Avalani Love Artiga**. Come and share in the joy, love, and community of this special occasion!

Prayer Group

Come and be part of our Prayer Group every **Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm**. Let’s gather in faith, lift one another up in prayer, and seek God’s presence together as a united family in Christ. All are welcome!

Community Love

Before this holiday season, we are starting a special campaign to support those in need who visit **St. Paul’s** or who are St. Paul’s Community. Many of our neighbors come by hungry or in need of assistance, and we would love to help make their holidays a little brighter. We are seeking donations of **\$10–\$25 gift cards** from any retailer or restaurant. Your contribution, no matter the size, will go directly to helping those in our community who need a helping hand. Please join us in spreading love and kindness this Christmas. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office or given during services. Let’s come together to share God’s blessings with those who need it most!

IV. Sending Forth

****Benediction**

Pastor Vernon Kemp

Go now into the world as people of faith and gratitude. May the God who calls you to build and bless give you strength for each new day. May the grace of Jesus Christ fill your heart with peace and thanksgiving. And may the power of the Holy Spirit guide you to live with compassion and joy. Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

****Closing Song**

“I’ve Got The Joy, Joy, Joy Down In My Soul”

St. Paul’s Choir