

January 9, 2025



MISSION STATEMENT

*Called into community by the Spirit, we worship our Creator in the reformed tradition.
We proclaim God's love by welcoming all seeking to know and serve Christ
and to join us as we share His love in the community.*

VISION STATEMENT

*Continuously creating a vital congregation of faith, open to all,
as we worship God, and boldly answer Christ's call to service.*

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15am

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15am

**Happy
New Year!**

Note from the Editors:

Happy New Year!! New calendar year, new church year, and this month is also the Chinese New Year at the end of the month! That said, based on the number of resolutions you shared, it seems like we are not a community of new year's resolution makers 😊. To summarize Pastor Kim's sermon from December 29, one great new year practice is to pray over your calendar, planner, and year, and give it to God to know that things will unfold as they will and our Almighty is loving us no matter what happens from there. Or, if something goes wrong, as I saw on a poster in a high school hallway this week, just yell PLOT TWIST and keep going (and give it to God where the plot twists). Praise be for the new year and all it has in store for each of us.

News from Session:

For 2025, helping lead the Ministry Units, the following elders will be assigned to each unit as listed below. If you would like to join any of these ministry groups as a volunteer or have questions for any of them, meetings are posted on the church calendar and please reach out to one of the elders or deacons noted below.

Ministry of Administration and Personnel (MAP) - Pam Jones
Ministry of Membership and Fellowship (MMF) - Sheila Moskowitz, Gayle Downen
Ministry of Christian Education (MCE) - Gary Crownover
Ministry of Finance and Stewardship (MOFS) - Lee Boteler, Joann Goss
Ministry of Building and Grounds (MBG) - Rich Hartung, Matt Gobla
Ministry of Mission and Outreach (MMO) - Cleve Dixon
Ministry of Worship (MOW) - Cleve Dixon (liaison)
Nominating Committee - Lee Boteler

Also, several men in the congregation have suggested that they would be interested in starting a Men's Fellowship gathering, perhaps meeting once a month. It could be a morning breakfast, a lunch or an evening get-together just to share experiences and learn more about each other. It might evolve into an opportunity to hear guest speakers on topics of interest or perhaps field trips. If you are interested in such a fellowship opportunity, please contact either Deacon Bill Jones (Joneswm43@msn.com) or Elder Dave Goss (dave@dcgoss.com).

News from the Deacons:

For the Deacons, 2025 Ministry Unit Representatives will be:

MAP Ora Brown
MMF Deanna Gordon, Terrie Russell
MCE
MOFS Louella Grgic
MBG Karl Graber, Chuck Daldry, Don Allensworth
MMO Ellen Ingram, Bill Jones
MOW Sarah Hall, Judi Garvey

News from the Office Angels:

We will be having Elderberries at the Olive Branch Grill, 6583 S Parker Road at 11:30 , January 16. This is in the NW corner of Parker and Arapahoe.



Please contact Judi at (303)-257-9691 or judigarvey@yahoo.com. The last couple of months we had to add tables. It was great having everyone but we need to be more diligent about letting the host know whether we are or are not coming.

Please let Judi know whether you are or are not going to be able to come.

Thanks and I look forward to seeing as many as possible to start the new year!

Ellen and Judi

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL [MAP]

MINISTRY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS [MBG]

Rich Harting and Don Allensworth have been working hard the last few weeks to replace the hot water tank in the upstairs janitorial closet which provides hot water to the upstairs restrooms. The old unit failed earlier this year, and we could not install a new one until after the restoration of the building was complete. However, as with many plumbing projects, this has not been easy. They are hopeful to have everything ready to go by early January, if not sooner. Please be patient.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP [MOFS]

To date, 49 pledging units have been received for the stewardship year of 2025 from our membership! Most gratifying, there were 19 commitments for 2025 of time or talent in direct support of St Paul's ongoing missions; these missions are really the lifeblood of the church and ensure that our fellowship is able to serve others in the greater world. Additionally, almost \$156,000 was pledged towards the approximately \$264,000 that the church needs to remain solvent in our 2025 budget. This expression of stewardship is an indication of our congregation's faith, both in the workings of Christ through the church and the presence of the Lord in our life.

We invite all to join the St Paul commitment as we celebrate our past joys and accomplishments, and our challenges and planned achievements in 2025!

Thank you,
Ministry of Finance & Stewardship

Pledge cards will be sent upon request or can be picked up at St Paul.

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Sunday School Restarts January 12th at 9:00 for All Ages!

SPY Revival!

St Paul Youth (SPY) (middle and high school students) will be restarting this winter.

Keep watching here for planned activities!

And watch for updates on our website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/spy-stpaulyouth/home>



Souper Bowl of Caring will be on Sunday, February 9th

The St Paul Youth will be collecting money and canned goods for our food pantry.



MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]

Ministry of Worship invites you to please come join us in taking down the Advent and Christmas decorations this **Saturday morning, January 11 at 9:00 a.m.** Perhaps not as much exciting as putting them up, but equally important. And it goes quite quickly if we have plenty of hands to do the work. Come join the fun!



MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We are excited to start our new year with some fun fellowship activities!

Sunday, January 12th: REGULAR FELLOWSHIP HOUR on National Hot Tea Day.

We will gather in our Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. Everyone is welcome to bring a sweet or savory finger food type dish to share. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided.

At this time, we enjoy visiting each other and catching up with all that's new in our lives!



Friday, January 17th: GAME & CRAFT NIGHT. We will meet in our Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8pm. At this event, all are welcome! Invite your friends and family members of all ages to join in on the fun!



If you like, bring your favorite game. Several games can be played at the same time, around different tables. Or, if you are a crafter, bring your current project that you are working on.

Potluck snacks to share are enjoyed by all. We hope you will be able to join us!

Sunday, January 26th: Potluck Luncheon & Congregational Meeting. We will gather in our Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. If you can bring a luncheon dish to share, it will be enjoyed by all!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, February 22nd: **BINGO FAMILY FUN NIGHT!** (More details to follow soon.)

NOTE: Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the church? We would love to have you join our committee! Or, if you want to help occasionally, that's great also! Just speak with Sheila Moskowitz or Gayle Downen, MMF co-chairs, or MMF committee members: Terrie Russell, Deanna Gordon, Ruby Strong or Cathy Walter.

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

From Sunrise Elementary:

Thank you for your support, this year's holiday shop was a huge success and so much fun! Every kiddo was able to choose 2 gifts each to give to a loved one. Below is a picture of the shop before it became destroyed by the kids 😊. We plan to do this again next year and will reach out if there is anything else we need support with. It is so amazing that your congregation has chosen Sunrise and what you do to help. Thanks again! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.



St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)

STPPC Food Pantry News 1/6/2025

Thank You!!
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Thank you, St. Paul Presbyterian Church, for supporting our food pantry. Your monetary gifts, donations, volunteer hours, and prayers are helping serve the hungry in our community. **You are amazing!!!**

December STPPC Food Pantry Finances:

Dec. 9 FBR Purchase	\$1,294.81		
Dec 16 FBR Purchase	\$1,241.19	\$2,536	Total Dec. Exp.

Tuesday Distribution

12/3	57	12/10	47
12/17	71	12/24	64

On Christmas Eve, STPPC Food Pantry gave out our regular boxes, plus gift bags with miscellaneous items from Shirley, dishrags knitted by Jeanne, candy canes, soap, and \$10 gift cards from the deacons. It was a cheery distribution on Tuesday the 24th with lots of volunteers and Cleve's Santa hat.

The STPPC Food Pantry cart has wonderful items to select from the past month. Any items that are not in our regular box are put in a cart for our clients to select one item from. Items include spices, nuts, hot chocolate, raisins, baby food, Maisie's knit hats, etc. You are welcome to add to our cart.

January is PERSONAL ITEMS month. The pantry will collect soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, women's personal items, shampoo, and other personal items.

Each month, the pantry will collect select types of items. But your donations of any type are appreciated at any time.

Prayer Requests:

- Jonie took a bad fall on November 25 in a parking lot. She had no broken bones but has endured terrible pain and continues to struggle with healing and pain reduction.
- Continued prayers for Gayle Fidler. She has had a terrible time finding out what her malady was, but has finally found a physician who has helped her and she is starting to feel some better.
- Prayers for all of the McMullens and Girards....Michelle and family are traveling to Tennessee for a memorial service for her mom and to visit her dad who remains in Hospice.
- Prayers for Brian Sheridan for warmth, safety, and his mental health. He needs the right person to cross his path to encourage him to seek help.
- Prayers for everyone who is/has been sick recently with so many viruses and winter illness making the rounds.

Some pictures to reflect on our Advent and Christmas season, from the Deacon's chili supper, services, new members, and more! Thank you to our Deacons for a delicious chili meal! Thank You to Kathleen Hall for leading us in Bunco! Thank you to Sarah Hall for leading our wreath making workshop! So much fun was had by all!



Staying Connected

Streamed & Recorded Services:	https://stppc.org/worship/
Ask for a Prayer Request:	Email prayer-network@stppc.org or pastor@stppc.org
Join Prayer Network Email List:	Send email w/subject "Join List" to prayer-network@stppc.org
Food Pantry volunteer signup:	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084faaa629a1ff2-fpvolunteer
View Church Calendar:	https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/
Add to Church Calendar	Send request to office@stppc.org
Submit to the Newsletter	Send request to newsletter@stppc.org

St. Paul Presbyterian's YouTube Channel

Scan this code with your smartphone to go to our YouTube channel or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmOQ>



Offerings and Donations

You may mail a check to:	St. Paul Presbyterian Church 18901 E. Hampden Ave. Aurora, CO 80013
Online Donation options:	https://stppc.org/donations/
In person donations:	Sunday during Worship or office during office hours

Hours

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Please note: Our church office is run by volunteers. We appreciate your patience when we step away from the desk. If you reach voice mail, please leave your name/number, and who you are trying to reach so we can return your call. Thank you!	
We recommend calling before you come! We are not going to cover bad weather days and risk our volunteers driving and walking on ice.	

Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday, January 21st at noon	Thursday, January 23
Tuesday, February 4th at noon	Thursday, February 6th

Please send submissions to newsletter@stppc.org

January Celebrations

If you have a birthday or anniversary in January we wish you the happiest of days!

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Dave Goss	01/01
Hali Wimbush	01/02
David Cho	01/02
Mia Gordon	01/07
Emily Reh	01/08
Cassie Parra	01/09
Ginger Norman	01/14
Christopher Smith	01/19
Mark Hopkins	01/25
Zane Capobianco	01/31
Freddy Ticoalu	01/31

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Kay & Mike Cary	01/29

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, we apologize.

Please leave a note in the church office, email office@stppc.org, or call the church office at 303-693-3434 so we can make sure your birthday, anniversary, and other important information is recorded.

Refrigerator Reminder Page

Submit all calendar dates to office@stppc.org

Full Calendar (all churches and activities) at: <https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/>

THURS	1/9	6:00 pm	Session Meeting
FRI	1/10		Office Closed
SAT	1/11	9:00 am	Removal of the Christmas Greens
SUN	1/12	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:15 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		11:15 am	Food Pantry
		11:30 am	Fellowship Sunday
MON	1/13	9:30 am	Food Pantry Setup
TUE	1/14	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
		1:00 pm	Agape
WED	1/15	7:00pm	Choir
THURS	1/16	11:30 am	Elderberries
FRI	1/17		Office Closed
SAT	1/18	9:00 am	Books and Brunch
SUN	1/19	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:15am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		after worship	Food Pantry Box Packing
		11:30 am	Ministry of Worship
MON	1/20	9:30 am	Food Pantry Setup
			Martin Luther King/Inauguration
TUE	1/21	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		Noon	St Paul News submission deadline [newsletter@stppc.org]
WED	1/22	7:00 pm	Choir
THURS	1/23		St. Paul News publishes