Blessings my Sisters and Brothers!

It is indeed a pleasure to greet you in the name of Him who loves you best, Jesus the Christ. I pray all is well with you and your loved ones. I pray we are continuing to praise our Lord and Savior for who He is and for providing new mercies to us each day. I pray that we are keeping safe by wearing our masks and staying at least 6 ft from others. Continue to pray for our nation, our leaders, the sick, the protesters, St. Paul A.M.E. Church and pray for one another.

St. Paul Church Family you continue to follow the mandate of our Lord, to love one another. On behalf of your Lay Organization, thank you so much for all you have done and continue to do to spread God’s word and your love. When you received
information that several NCSU students and their families were displaced due to the pandemic, you did not hesitate to help. Thank you for providing personal and hygiene products, paper products, baby products and fresh vegetables to those families. Thank you for partnering with the YPD to bag and deliver personal and hygiene products to the residents at the A.M.E. Church Empowerment Center. Thanks to the Lay members who came to the Church to help during the drive thru to pass out masks and communion packets. Thank you for all you do.

Church Family, as you know, this is a PIVOTAL election year. As a community, we have the power to make the 2020 elections count for our children, our community, and our Church. It is our legacy! We cannot just make A difference; we can make THE difference. Young and old, rich, and poor, you and I, by bus or car must get to the polls to cast our votes on or before November 3, 2020.

Sister Carol Davenport, President - Lay Organization

Lay Organization News

Click Here to get the latest issue of The Lay Express by the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization, and stay informed on important event dates and empowering news!

News for our Youth

YPD - “Growing, Glowing and Going for Christ”

The YPD (Young People’s Division) performs community service at the Food Bank and delivers food to Seniors. They meet on the second Saturday of each month. Upcoming youth training programs and opportunities for leadership experiences will resume once the COVID-19 “Stay at Home” policy is expired. Please contact Mrs. Lola Houston Hager, YPD Director for more information. She can be reached at 704.305.9101 or by email at lyhousto@yahoo.com

2ND SUNDAY YOUTH WORSHIP

Attention parents and youth! If you are interested in participating the rotation of youth who led our worship services on 2nd Sundays, please contact the church office. Training is provided before students
are assigned a Sunday to participate. Call 919-832-2709 or email spamechurch@aol.com and let us know that you are interested.

COMPONENTS OF WORSHIP

Parents! a document "the components of Worship" will be posted on our forms/Resources page on our website that will help our youth follow along with our worship services. You are encouraged to help your youth to learn the Apostles' Creed, the Doxology and the Call to worship or Scripture Sentences as part of their Christian Education. A copy will also be emailed out but will remain on the Forms/Resource Page.

YOUTH WORSHIP

We hope that you are using the tools and information being email every week to make sure information our youth have access to worship information each week in addition to our virtual services at 8:00am and 11:00a. We take this opportunity to "Thank" Rev. Barbareta McGill who provides those resources each week.

JUNETEENTH RALEIGH 2021 TO BE HOSTED BY CITY OF RALEIGH AND ST. PAUL AME!

Take a moment to visit JuneteenthRaleigh.org, a new website to commemorate the importance of Juneteenth, and provide updates on Juneteenth 2021, to be hosted by The City of Raleigh, and St. Paul AME Church. The website was created by Sarah Moses-Atkinson, with assistance from Charles Wright. The recent approval by the Raleigh Wake County Commissioners to make June 19, 2021 a county holiday will certainly make this inaugural event a historic occasion.
Lay Members contribute to helping others during the COVID-19 Crisis

Summer Popsicles can boost your immunity! – Elderberry Pops

- 2 cups organic grape Juice
- 1/2 cup orange Juice
- 3 Tbsp elderberry syrup
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 2 Tbsp raw honey
- 1 tsp fresh ginger, grated

1. Add all ingredients into a large pitcher. Stir well to incorporate.

2. Pour into popsicle molds.
3. Add popsicle sticks and freeze overnight. When removing popsicles from the freezer, allow to thaw for a minute or two, or run the mold under warm water for a few seconds to help release popsicles.

See more recipes at this link – courtesy of Alternative Daily
June – November is Hurricane Season throughout the East Coast. Do you have a backup safety communications plan, in the event you lose power or internet for an extended length of time? **Click here** to view and/or download a helpful guide to start the conversation and plan.

“Live, by faith, today. Prepare, by faith, for tomorrow!”

– Pam Kelly

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Please contact Pam Kelly pamkellyrtpnc@gmail.com or Cecilia Johnson crj3227@gmail.com. Please self-prepare to submit articles (in MS-Word) and pictures by the following deadline dates, so that we have ample time to publish The Anvil by the 1st of each quarter! Thank you!

**Content submission deadline dates:**
- September 15th for 4th Quarter
- December 15th for 1st Quarter
- March 15th for 2nd Quarter
- June 15th for 3rd Quarter

Stay up-to-date with St. Paul AME Activities and Community Events - Visit our **Community Billboard** regularly!