

Save the date for the preschool's annual fundraiser, The Bunny Hop. On Saturday, April 16th from 10:00-12:00 we will celebrate Easter with games, bounce houses, a silent auction, egg hunt and a sack lunch. Tickets will be on sale starting in mid March at the main church office and the preschool office. Contact the preschool director, Morgan Barry, [morganbarry@paumc.com](mailto:morganbarry@paumc.com), with any questions.



*The Promise*  
A PRESENTATION OF PARK AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**The Promise is coming!**

The dates are Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Make your plans to attend - new people are involved and new songs will be sung!  
We are planning a special presentation for PAUMC  
Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00AM.  
We want to see you there!

**Talk. Listen. Move. is back with 10 days of Prayer & Fasting.**

Join us beginning Monday, February 28th at 6:00am in the Fellowship Hall for a 45 minute or less service where we'll worship, hear a brief teaching, and spend time in prayer before the Lord on that day's theme. We're also encouraging you to fast at some point during the day.

TLM Prayer & Fasting will be at 6:00am on Weekdays and 9:00am on Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday TLM services will be at regular worship times at 8:55am in the Sanctuary and 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

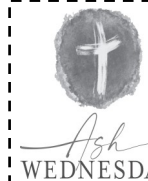
A Guide Book will be made available that will have a place for notes and help for what fasting is and how to do it.

As we lead up to the disaffiliation vote at our Church Called Conference on Wed., March 9th, we're examining our hearts and our role in the body of Christ with prayer and fasting. It is easy sometimes to disconnect our individual importance in the life of the church from our thought that the church is "some big entity" with a life of its own. The truth is, we are the church. We, not the buildings, determine if the church is giving, loving, and actively part of growing the kingdom of God. With the decision on leaving the UMC in front of our church, it is important for us as individuals to be spiritually ready to follow the Lord. The first eight days of TLM will be focused on individual development and the last two days will be focused on loving others. This will guide us through the process of voting and following the leading of the Lord.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE VOTE MARCH 9**

We, as retired clergy, do support the proposed recommendation of the Protocol Study Team and Administrative Council. On Wednesday, March 9th, 6:00 pm, members of Park Avenue Church will discuss and vote by written ballot either yes or no. Let us pray for God to guide us, and let us move forward together.

*David Jant* *J. Rene Nelson* *William C. Beasley*



Our Ash Wednesday service will be at **6:00am in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 2nd**. This service will include the imposition of ashes.  
Additionally, you are invited to join us for prayer and the imposition of ashes at **5:00pm in the Chapel**.

**MARCH 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Office Hours</b> The Church Office is open Monday - Thursday from 8am - 5pm.		1 6:00a - Talk. Listen. Move. 8:00a - Clothes Closet Open 9:00a - Parent's Morning Out 6:00p - Promise Rehearsal 6:30p - <i>Christian Believer</i> Study, part 1 7:30p - Young Adult Small Group 8:00p - College Small Group	2 6:00a - Talk. Listen. Move. 7:00a - Men's Bible Study 8:00a - Clothes Closet Open 9:30a - <i>Christian Believer</i> Study, part 1 10:00a - <i>Lineage of Grace</i> Study 10:00a - Indigent Care Interviews 3:00p - K-Kids 4:30p - UMW Executive Mtg. 5:00p - Imposition of Ashes 5:00p - Prayer Team Mtg. 5:00p - Family Night Supper 6:00p - Jubilate Bells 6:00p - Youth Bible Study 6:30p - <i>The Shelter of God's Promises</i> Study	3 6:00a - Talk. Listen. Move. 7:00a - Men's Bible Study 8:00a - Clothes Closet Open 9:00a - Parent's Morning Out 10:00a - Thursday Morning Circle	4 CONFIRMATION RETREAT	5 6:00a - Talk. Listen. Move. 8:00a - Clothes Closet Open 9:00a - Talk. Listen. Move.
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27 10:00a - <i>The Promise Performance</i> 3:00p - GriefShare 7:00p - <i>The Promise Performance</i>	28 8:00a - Clothes Closet Open 7:00p - <i>The Promise Performance</i>	29 8:00a - Clothes Closet Open 7:00p - <i>The Promise Performance</i>	30 7:00a - <i>Strike the Set</i> 7:00a - Men's Bible Study	31	<b>EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 8:30am - Traditional 9:45am - Traditional 11:00am - Contemporary	<b>Narcotics Anonymous</b> meets every night at 8:00pm  <b>AA</b> meets at Noon, Monday thru Saturday, and at 7:00pm Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. 2106 Slater Street

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Jean Woske Maggie Windle Louis Leviton Jadan Pitcock Priscilla Cowart  
Kay Soutar Laura Hansen David Beaty Irene Bennett Phyllis Killgore  
Nancy Zeigler Todd Windham Mark Ridley David Arnold Cay Simmons  
Buddy House Betty Webb Mell Woodward Wanda Halter Dave Thompson  
Betty Becton Sharon Stalvey Shirley Dyer Cheryl Boyd Bud Gannaway  
Florence Bone Bob Jabon Julie Custer Richard Reissiger

ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS & THOSE WITH COVID

**Baptism was administered to:**

**Emilia Grace Scollin & Olivia Rainn Scollin**

Daughters of Ray & Alden Scollin

Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the 11:00 Contemporary Worship Service

**Mary Oliver Brantley** was born on January 26th, 2022. She weighed 7lbs. 8oz. and was 21 1/4 inches long. Her parents are Brady & Andrea Brantley.

**Births Noah George Rountree** was born on January 31, 2022. He weighed 5lbs. 8.9oz. And was 18.5 inches long. His parents are Eli & Alina Rountree.

**Rev. Fred Foster** entered immortality on February 4, 2022. We lift his family up in our prayers.

**Jane Hearn** entered immortality on February 6, 2022. We lift her husband, Jack, along with the family up in our prayers.

**Jack Edwards** entered immortality on February 18, 2022. We send our love and prayers to the family.

**Don Woske** entered immortality on February 21, 2022. We lift up his wife, Jean, and the rest of the family during this difficult time.

...is extended to Jake Jarnagin for the loss of his stepfather, **Kenny Dunn**, of Omega, GA. Prayers for your family during this time.

...is extended to Howard Beaty for the loss of his uncle, **Fred Beaty**, of Madisonville, TN. Our prayers are with you and your family.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES - Lynn Yost, Director**

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**Children's Sunday** will be May 1st.

**K-Kids:** No K-Kids on March 30th Or April 6th. Last K-Kids is April 27th.

**Vacation Bible School**-Mark your calendars! VBS will be June 6-10. *Online registration begins April 24, and closes May 15.* Contact Jennifer Sumner, Liska Hamm, or Lynn Yost to volunteer. Claim your spot now!

**Epworth Summer Camp (Camp Connect)** will be back at Epworth by the Sea this year! Camp Jekyll was amazing last year, but it will be good to be home. We will be taking our Park Avenue group the week of July 11-15. Registration is OPEN at [sgaumc.org](http://sgaumc.org), and all of the details you need will be there. Call me if you register your child, or if you have any questions.

**Associate Pastor Jamie Bone's Report**

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**Lisa Harper** is coming on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 6:30 to our church! If you purchased a ticket to see her when it was cancelled before COVID and did not refund your ticket, you already have your spot! If not and you would like to buy a ticket, they will be on sale beginning March 1, 2022. Tickets will be \$10.00 each. If you have not heard Lisa speak you are in for a treat! She is deeply devoted to God and a wonderful teacher that uses humor and her warm personality to lead her listeners closer to the heart of God. You will not want to miss her!

Park Avenue is hosting **IF:Valdosta 2022** Simulcast on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9am – 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10 each and will go on sale April 1, 2022. This is a great chance to come together and meet other believers as you listen and learn more about what it means to be a child of the Most High GOD! Speakers include, Jennie Allen, Bianca Olthoff, Jackie Hill Perry, Christine Caine, Matt Chandler, Sadie Robertson Huff, Katherine Wolf and so many more! You do not want to miss this great opportunity!

**Clothes Closet** needs volunteers. If you are interested in helping out please call Jamie in the office.

Interested in teaching a Bible study? LAMP (our local homeless shelter) is interested in having a weekly Bible study. Call Jamie for more details.

**MUSIC MINISTRY - Kathy Wright, Director**

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Greetings to all! Thank you to the Chancel Choir for their willingness to be so flexible the last couple of years! It has definitely been an interesting time and the Chancel Choir has thrived. I am thankful for each of them and the way they made adjustments. They continue to be effective leaders in worship, sharing from their hearts and sharing their talents. THANK YOU, CHANCEL CHOIR!!

We certainly are counting on seeing you at the Promise 2022! While we are doing 5 performances, we hope our church will come Sunday morning at 10:00AM - this is a special presentation for our church! Make your plans now!

Love you all,  
Kathy Wright

**WELCOME PAUMC'S NEW MEMBERS**

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**11:00am Contemporary Worship Service**

ZACH DAW - Zach joined by Profession of Faith and was baptized.

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**

**11:00am Contemporary Worship Service**

RAY SCOLLIN - Ray joined by Profession of Faith.

**STUDENT MINISTRIES**

**Dane Boruff, Director**

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Hey y'all!

I can't believe we are already halfway through the semester! I just wanted to touch on a couple of things happening in the month of March:

Confirmation retreat will be March 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at Epworth by the Sea. Please be in prayer for our students as they explore their faith and build relationships with one another in the process!

I also want to encourage all of our students to participate in the "Talk. Listen. Move." prayer and fasting event that will take place this month. You are never too young to begin exercising the spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting!

Finally, The Promise is back! We will not have Sunday Night Worship on March 27<sup>th</sup> due to the evening performance that will take place at the same time, but we would love all of our students to attend one of the five showings!

Contemporary Worship Pastor: Brooks Mooneyham

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**CHURCH VOTE ON CONDITIONAL DISAFFILIATION**

On **March 9th at 6:00 pm** we will have a Church Conference in the sanctuary for a very important vote on whether Park Avenue should conditionally disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church.

For the past 2 years, we have explored what is best for our church in light of the deep, theological divide within our denomination, and the continued violations of our Book of Discipline. It has become abundantly clear that our denomination has moved and continues to move in a non-Biblical, progressive direction.

The presenting issue for 50 years has been human sexuality (biblical definition of marriage and ordination of self-avowed practicing LGBTQ+ persons). But, the real and much bigger issue in remaining in the UMC involves our doctrine and theology as Wesleyan Methodists, and particularly, the authority of scripture.

Some of those issues are:

1. Is Scripture the Word of God? Is it authoritative?
2. Is Jesus the Son of God? Is He the Messiah?
3. Was He born of a virgin?
4. Was Jesus without sin?
5. Did the resurrection of Jesus Christ really happen? Was He resurrected in body form?
6. Should we remove confession from our communion liturgy?
7. Should we stop talking about the Cross because it is offensive?
8. Do we really need to believe in the Trinity?

The vast majority of Methodists across the globe believe that it is time for our denomination to split. It's going to happen, leaving the post-separation UMC (progressive), and a new traditional Methodist denomination.

Our Protocol Study Team and Administrative Council have unanimously recommended that Park Avenue disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church by following the provisions of the Book of Discipline and the South Georgia Disaffiliation Policy.

None of us are excited about leaving the UMC. But, the truth is that the UMC has already left us and is moving in a strong progressive direction that is contrary to the foundation in faith that Park Avenue was founded on.

**All members** of Park Avenue UMC will have the right to vote on March 9th either yes or no. If you have questions about the status of your membership, please call the church office before March 9th. You must be present to vote! No absentee ballots are allowed.

Blessings & Much Love,

February 23, 2022

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