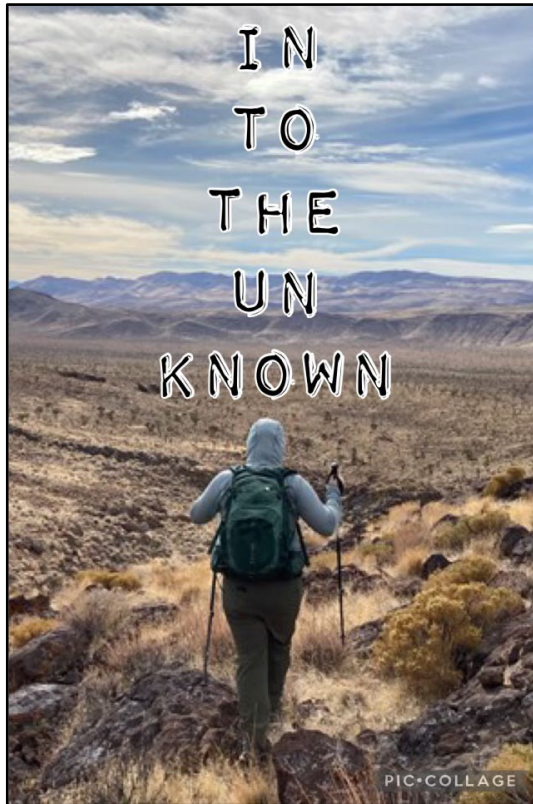




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A safe place to be authentic and to experience acceptance,
healing, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.



March 16, 2025

864-235-3494 - saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com

Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer
Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.
Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell
Sexton: Gary Putnam

Please silence your mobile device. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude "Worthy of Worship" York

*Processional Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hymnal no.117

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, I confess

People: that I've been a criminal.

Leader: I've stolen Your breath

People: and sang my own song.

Leader: And Lord, I confess that I'm far from innocent.

People: These shackles I wear I bought on my own.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, our scarlet sins had a crimson cost. You nailed my debt to that old rugged cross. An empty slate at the empty grave. Thank God that stone was rolled away. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us pass God's peace with each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" American Folk Hymn
Chancel Choir

Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward.

Following the children's sermon, we invite our K3 to 2nd grade children to follow the designated adult upstairs for a lesson and craft. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew. At the end of the Prayers of the People, the adult leaders will bring them back to the sanctuary and ensure they return to their parent/guardian.

Offertory

You can give online by using the QR codes below or by dropping your offering in the plate.



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*The Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Use the testimony of what you did with and for Moses, to help us walk through the wilderness we may face. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UM Hymnal #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Hymnal no.70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Sermon Scripture

Exodus 2:11-15

NRSV (pg.45 OT)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Wilderness to Wilderness"

Rev. Matthew Greer

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

"I Surrender All"

Hymnal no.354

*Benediction

Postlude

"Jesus, Lord to Me"

Nelson

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 03/06/2025	Amount
General Fund	\$32,869.03
Other funds	\$
Total Giving	\$32,869.03
General Fund Giving Goal per month	\$21,974.40
General Fund Giving Goal per week	\$5,493.60
General Fund Received this month to date	\$35,170.91

Today's Servers:

Reader: Tracey Biggers

Acolyte: Maddie Miller

Crucifer: Wesley Miller

Children's Worship:

Stay connected:

Saintpaulgreenville.org

Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;
 5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all who breathe a - way;
 6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)

MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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I Surrender All

Unison

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; all to him I
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; hum - bly at his
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; make me, Sav - ior,
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; Lord, I give my -
 5. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; now I feel the

free - ly give; I will ev - er love and trust him,
 feet I bow, world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en;
 whol - ly thine; let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 self to thee; fill me with thy love and pow - er,
 sa - cred flame. O the joy of full sal - va - tion!

Refrain (Harmony)

in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 take me, Je - sus, take me now. I sur - ren - der
 tru - ly know that thou art mine. I sur - ren - der
 let thy bless - ing fall on me.
 Glo - ry, glo - ry to his name!

all, I sur - ren - der all,
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,

REPENTANCE

all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Important Dates to Remember

3/14 – 2/23	Greenville County Spring Break	
Mon, 3/17	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 3/18	Men's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Wed, 3/19	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 3/20	Golden Girls Bible Study: Saint Paul	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Mon, 3/24	Office closed	
	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 3/25	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Sun, 3/30	Messy Church: Saint Paul	4:00pm

From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or matthewegreer@gmail.com)

Office Hours: We are open from 8:30am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:30 to 12:30 on Wednesday.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Ed Pool, 3/16; Whitney Feaster, 3/19; Raina Newman, 3/21; Steve Vaughn, Chris Cox, 3/22; Heather Storey, 3/23

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries this week.

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Thomas Brown, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Jere, Byington, Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Geno Cope, Connie Cox, Darrie Crabtree, *Patsy Crabtree*, Natalie Davis, **Teresa Franks**, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Dot Huff, Missy Huff, Stacy & Jeff Israel, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Larry Jones, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Alan Myers, Faye Mulligan, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Deirdra Simmons, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Alicia Terminato, Barry & Karen Thomas, *Lily Thompson*, friends serving in the Armed Services, first responders, and the leaders of the United States of America. (Bold = New, Italics = Currently in hospital or rehabilitation)

Upcoming Meetings



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 4/14 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Christine Hall, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, Debra Hampton, Janet Cook, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Matt. This is a closed meeting.



Trustees: Will be meeting on 4/8 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are John Sprinkle, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, Stephanie Gamble, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 3/17 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, David Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Dot Huff, Edna Patterson, Stephanie Gamble, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 3/24 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Heather Storey, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Stephen Newman, Christine Hall, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Debra Hampton, Mary Anne Terminato, and Pastor Matt. New members are welcome to attend. All are welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events

YOUTH GROUP: We will not be meeting again until 3/30 due to spring break.

GOLDEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY: We will gather for our March meeting on 3/20. We will discuss the Chapter Jesus and John.

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11; 9:51-55

Mark 3:13-19; 9:38-40; 8:27-30

Matthew 26:36-46; 20:20-28

John 19:25-27; 20:3-10

1 John 4:7-16

Revelation 1:10-18

At the last meeting we decided our next study would be *Fierce* by Jennifer Cowart. We will probably start this in the fall. We will have one more chapter in our current book and then we generally do not meet in the summer. In May we will have an independent devotion and discussion.


Bring your drink and lunch and join us for fellowship, conversation, and study. If someone would like to bring a dessert, please let me know.

MESSY CHURCH: We will be hosting a Messy Church on 3/30 from 4 to 5:30pm with a hamburger dinner starting at 5:30pm. Please mark your calendars to join us. We will also need some volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Matt or Eugenia Vicars. To sign up for Messy Church, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/xtqxKz5EWevLCgar5>

EASTER EGG HUNT: We will be partnering with Parkside Church to have an Easter Egg Hunt on 4/5, time to be determined, at the Sterling Center football field. We are looking for volunteers to purchase fillers for the eggs and volunteers for manual labor to fill the eggs. We have sent out an email with the Amazon wish list. If you would like to volunteer your time, please let Pastor Matt or the office know. We need all items ordered before the end of March.

FILL THE BACKPACK: We have sent out an email with the link to the Amazon wish list for this event on 8/3. Also, we will need volunteers on the day of the event. This is a great service to our community and your help is greatly appreciated.

GIVING AT SAINT PAUL: You will notice on our online giving page with Realm, that there are many funds being left open all year. We understand that some of us would prefer to budget for different opportunities throughout the year, so we have kept these funds open for donations the entire year to help. If you use our PayPal or Flocknote options, you can always specify the fund you wish to give to in the notes or memo lines. Open funds are General Fund, Capital Fund, Summer Camp, School Missions, Missions, Staff Bonuses, Memorials & Honorariums. Also, if you are giving to Memorials & Honorariums, please be sure to include the person's name and if you would prefer the donation to go to another fund other than the General Fund.



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March 30th 4:00-6:00

**PARKSIDE CHURCH & SAINT PAUL UNITED
METHODIST PRESENTS**

THE HUNDRED YARD EGG HUNT

**AT THE STERLING FOOTBALL
FIELD ON APRIL 5TH FROM
11AM TO 1PM**

egg hunt

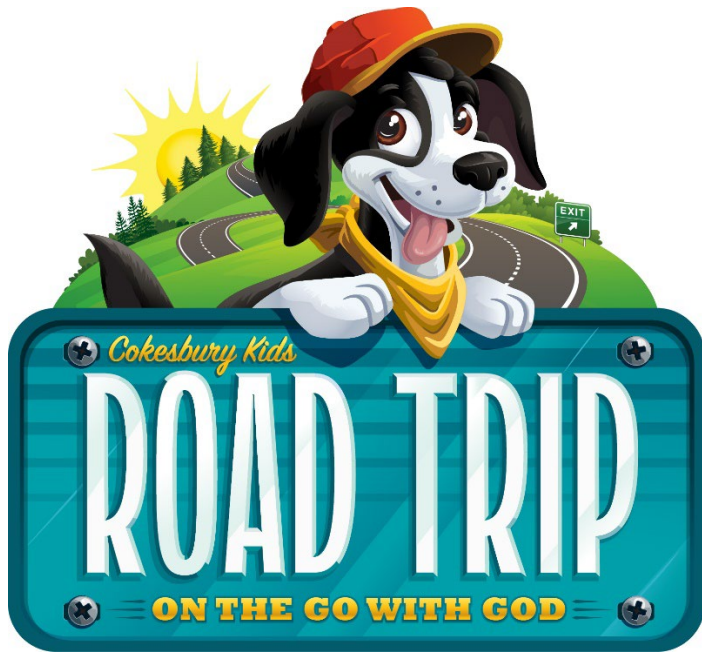
inflatables

hotdogs

cotton candy

popcorn

photo opportunities with The Bunny



Saint Paul UMC VBS

We are inviting all children to Road Trip VBS- where we will be
On the Go with God!
We will learn that God is with us all the time.

The party begins Sunday, June 15 and goes to Thursday, June 19.
Each evening campers will gather in the fellowship hall at Saint Paul UMC

6:00-6:20 pm: Dinner served.

6:30-8:00 pm: Program

Children entering K4-Fifth Grade are invited to attend.
Registration coming soon!