



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



June 7, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Brian Humphries
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 "O Mighty God" Smith

*Processional Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymnal no.127

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us into unknown places.

People: We come to follow where God leads.

Leader: Jesus calls ordinary people to his table.

People: We come to learn the way of mercy and grace.

Leader: God's promises are faithful and sure.

People: We will trust the One who calls us.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: God of Abraham and Sarah, you call people by grace and lead us into lives we cannot yet see. Gather us now around your presence.

Teach us to trust your promises, to follow Christ with courage, and to welcome others with mercy and joy. 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 Ed Pool, tenor

Offertory

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



*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.

Word and Response

*Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, open our hearts to your word and our ears to your call. Give us faith to follow where Christ leads, even when the way is uncertain. Speak to us today through the Scriptures, that we may live as your people. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

NRSV (pg.8 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*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.

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

NRSV (pg.9 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Who Qualifies?"

Rev. Brian Humphries

*Giving the Bread and Cup

The ushers will direct you to come forward in small groups and kneel at the altar rail. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice to eat and drink with your group. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may remain in prayer, then return to your seat via the outside aisles.

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

Hymnal no.593

*Benediction

Postlude

"Even So, Lord Jesus, Come"

Gaither

Today's Servers:

Reader: William Hall

Crucifer: Elliott Hall

Acolyte: William Hall

Children's Worship: MaryAnn Stephens

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at

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Saintpaulgreenville.org

Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 05/31/2025	Amount
General Fund	\$
Other funds	\$0.00
Total Giving	\$
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	\$9,277.05

PROVIDENCE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

Union

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I who made the stars of night,
I have heard my people cry,
I will make their darkness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I will break their hearts of stone,
I have borne my people's pain,
give them hearts for love alone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
Finest bread I will provide,
I will tend the poor and lame,
till their hearts be satisfied.

All who dwell in dark and sin
Who will bear my light to them?
I have wept for love of them.
I will speak my word to them.
I will set a feast for them.
I will give my life to them.

my hand will save.
They turn away.
My hand will save.

1.

Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Refrain (Harmony)

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

CALENDAR

Sun, 6/7	Worship	11:00am
Mon, 6/8	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 6/9	Fellowship Luncheon: Viva Villa	11:30am
	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 6/10	Women's Community: Wine House	7:00pm
Thurs, 6/11	Children's Cohort	6:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 6/14	Worship	11:00am
Mon, 6/15	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm

FROM PASTOR BRIAN

You can always reach me by phone at (864)542-3668 or by email at brianhumphries@gmail.com. I am on social media, but as your pastor I will not reach out to you; however, if you request to follow or friend, I will be happy to do so.

Office Hours: We are open from 8:30am until 11:00am Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and 8:30am to 3:00pm on Thursday.

SAINT PAUL CARES

Happy Birthday: Beth Rogers, 6/14

Happy Anniversary: Tommy & Carol Head celebrate 47 years together on 6/9. Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, Jere Byington, Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Geno Cope, Darrie Crabtree, Patsy Crabtree, Carol Head, Becky Hollifield, Sue Howard, Dot Huff, Missy Huff, Stacy & Jeff Israel, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Brent Kanipe, Bob Littlejohn, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Alan Myers, Faye Mulligan, Ed Pool, Lauren Roberts, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Lauren Searcy, Deirdra Simmons, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Barry & Karen Thomas, Lily Thompson, Amy Watson, 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)

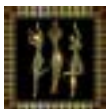
UPCOMING MEETINGS



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 6/8 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Janet Cook, Tommy Head, Lori Cheshire, Cole Pate, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Brian. This is a closed meeting.



Trustees: Will be meeting on 6/9 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, Stephanie Gamble, Chris Cox, Tracey Biggers, John Smith, and David Pool. All are welcome!



Golden Girls Bible Study Lunch: We will not be meeting in June and July. See you in August!



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 6/15 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, David Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Heather Storey, John Smith, and Pastor Brian. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 6/22 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Jeannine Cox, Christine Hall, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Stephen Newman, Carol Head, Bill Searcy, MaryAnn Stephens, Edna Patterson, Steve Watson, Mary Anne Terminato, John Smith, and Pastor Brian. All are welcome!



Children's Cohort: Will be meeting on 6/11 at 6pm.



Chancel Choir: The Chancel Choir is currently on their summer break. Please consider joining the chancel choir in the autumn!



Bible Study: We are exploring the Gospel of Mark every Thursday at 2:00pm in person at Saint Paul (except the third Thursday of the month). Let's discover the Gospel of Mark in new and profound ways—whether side by side or online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: We will gather for lunch on 6/9 at 11:30am at Viva Villa on Main Street in the West End (near the ball field). Come join us for lunch, laughter, and fellowship!



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY: Ladies, come join us on 6/10 at 7pm at Wine House, located at 475 Haywood Road, Suite 8 in Greenville. We will have an evening of excellent conversation, laughter, and fun.



We want to celebrate all the campers going to camp the week of July 12. All campers and their families are invited to lunch following the worship service on July 12. The menu will be hot dogs, chips, dessert, and drink. We want to give the campers a great sendoff as families caravan to Asbury Hills following lunch.



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: Join us on Sunday, 6/21, at 10am in the social hall for a Father's Day Breakfast to celebrate dad! Please RSVP by 6/15 using the link in your weekly update or at: <https://forms.gle/7LgCcMScUffDqxqS6>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible School will be **July 26-30**. This is a changed date. Please update your calendars.



We are looking to form a **WELCOME COMMITTEE** at Saint Paul. We need two people each week to help our parishioners and newcomers by greeting people, giving newcomers a welcome bag, showing people where to find the bulletins for adults and children, setting up and cleaning up the coffee and tea bars, and getting a visitor card completed by newcomers.

This could be on a monthly or weekly rotation based on the number of people willing to volunteer to help. If you are interested or want more information, please contact the office or Pastor Brian.



Summer Sunday School

We are reimagining Sunday School for the Summer. May 24 through August 9 we will have intergenerational Sunday School. Everyone; children, youth and adults; will meet together at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

We will study some Psalms, the story of Jonah and some favorite parables. When your family is in town make plans now to join us for a time of discussion and activities as we grow our faith and connections with our Saint Paul family. Members of the Children's Cohort team will be leading the sessions.



Dear Saint Paul,

Thank you for the Bible that you gave me upon my graduation from Greenville High School.

As I look back on my years growing up here, Saint Paul has been more than just a church - it has been a family that encouraged me, prayed for me, taught me, and cared for me. Whether in Sunday School, Worship Service, or Youth Group, the relationships I have built here will stay with me for the rest of my life.

As I look toward the future, I will always carry with me the lessons, friendships, and faith foundation that this church has provided. Thank you for being such an important part of my journey and for helping me grow into the person I am today.

Sincerely,

Collins Cheshire





School Supply List

Our Pack the Backpack Event will be Sunday, August 9. Below is a list of the school supplies we will begin collecting in June. Please place school supplies on the bench in the narthex. Donations to the School Fund will be accepted and we will do the shopping for you. Thank you for supporting this mission.

- Notebook paper
- 3 ring binder
- Marble cover Composition book
- Spiral bound notebook
- Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- Crayons (Crayola 24 pack size)
- Washable Markers (Crayola)
- Colored Pencils (Crayola)
- Scissors (Fiskars blunt tip)
- Ink pens
- Highlighters
- Expo dry erase markers
- Glue sticks
- Pocket folders
- Headphones/Earbuds
- Pencil Pouches/Pencil Boxes



We want to support our campers during their week at Asbury Hills Camp by sending notes of encouragement and support to them. Below is a list of those who will be attending Asbury Hills Camp this summer. If you would like to write notes to the campers, please bring them to church on or before June 26. Place notes in the designated box in the narthex. The church will mail the notes to the camp. Please write to all the campers so no one feels left out. Thank you for supporting our children and youth.

Please write the first and last name of child/youth along with if they are Elementary, Jr. High or Sr. High on the outside of the note.

Elementary

Ellison Hall
Maggie Humphries
John David Knobloch
Olivia Newman
George Stephens

Sr. High

Camille Pool
Henry Stephens

Jr. High

Anna Cheshire
Lucas Clippard (friend of William)
Jacob Cox
Tommy Dzieziejko (friend of Jacob)
Ripley Elmore (friend of William)
William Hall
Fowler Roper
Taylor May Stephens
Sammy Raiden (friend of William)