SAINT PAUL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



November 8, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Brian Humphries
Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.
Youth Director: Steve Watson
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 "I Ask the Lord" Duncan

*Processional Hymn "Majesty, Worship Hs Majesty" Hymnal no.176

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: The night is long, and the hour is late.
People: Yet we wait for the coming of the Lord.
Leader: The world does not always look as we hoped it would.
People: Yet we believe God is still making all things new.
Leader: Let us keep our lamps burning.
People: Let us keep hope alive.
Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us into a better world.
People: We come to worship with open hearts and expectant spirits.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray
All: God of hope, when the night grows long, keep us from surrendering our dreams. When the world disappoints us, teach us to love rather than turn away. Keep our hearts open, our faith alive, and our eyes fixed on the world you are making. 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 "Goodness of God" CC Winans
Allison Royster & Karsyn Miller

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

God of light, quiet the noise around us and awaken our hearts to your Word. Give us eyes to see beyond the world as it is, and imagination shaped by the world you promise. Teach us to wait with hope, to live with love, and to recognize your presence among us. Amen.

* Old Testament Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 NRSV (pg.205 OT)

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.

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 25:1-13 — NRSV (pg.26 NT)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — "The Dream of a Sleeping Bridesmaid" — Rev. Humphries

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.

<u>Sending</u>

*Closing Hymn — "Blessed Assurance" — Hymnal no.369

*Benediction — Choral response

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, and whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord. Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord; Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, thro' Christ the Lord.

Postlude — "Shepherd of Love" — Bock

Today's Servers:

Reader: Tommy Head's grandchildren Crucifer: Tommy Head's grandchildren
Acolyte: Tommy Head's grandchildren Children's Worship: Lauren Searcy

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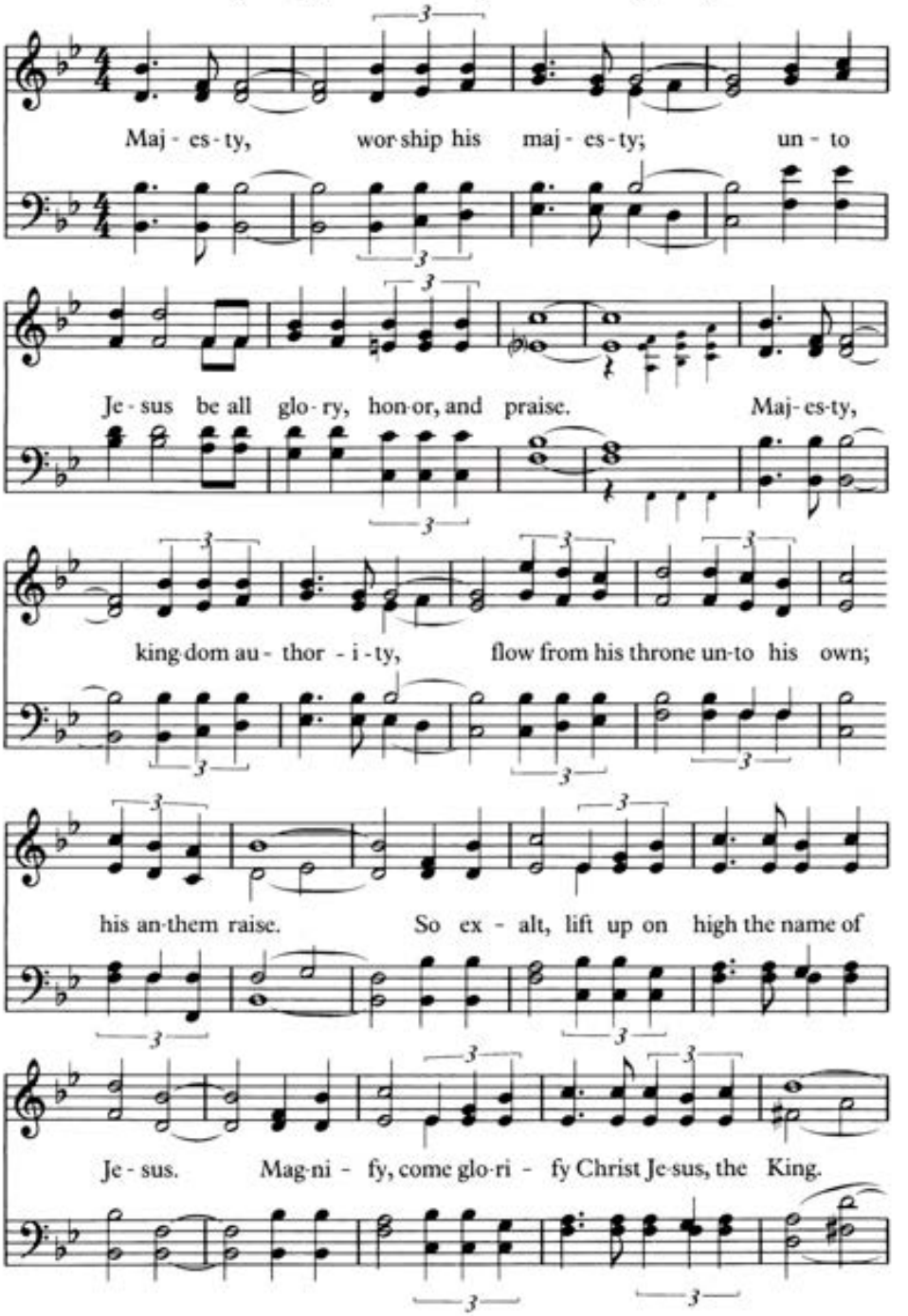
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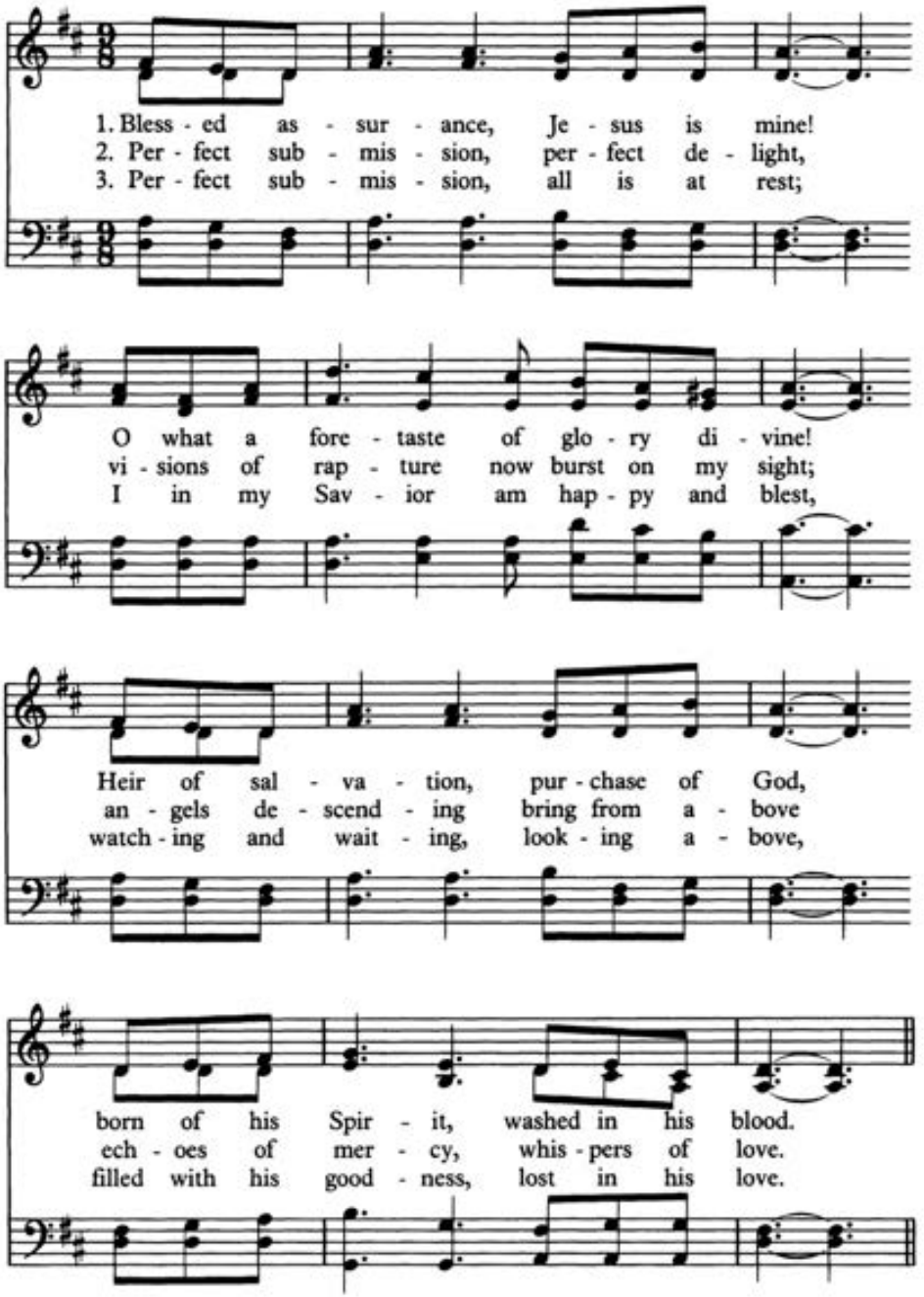
Giving for 11/01/2025	**Amount**
General Fund	$3,631.39
Other funds	$107.34
Total Giving	**$3,738.73**
General Fund Giving Goal per month	$23,363.78
General Fund Received this month to date	$3,631.39
Current month percentage of goal met	15.54%
Received for the Month of October	$11,107.62
Percentage of budget met for September	47.54%
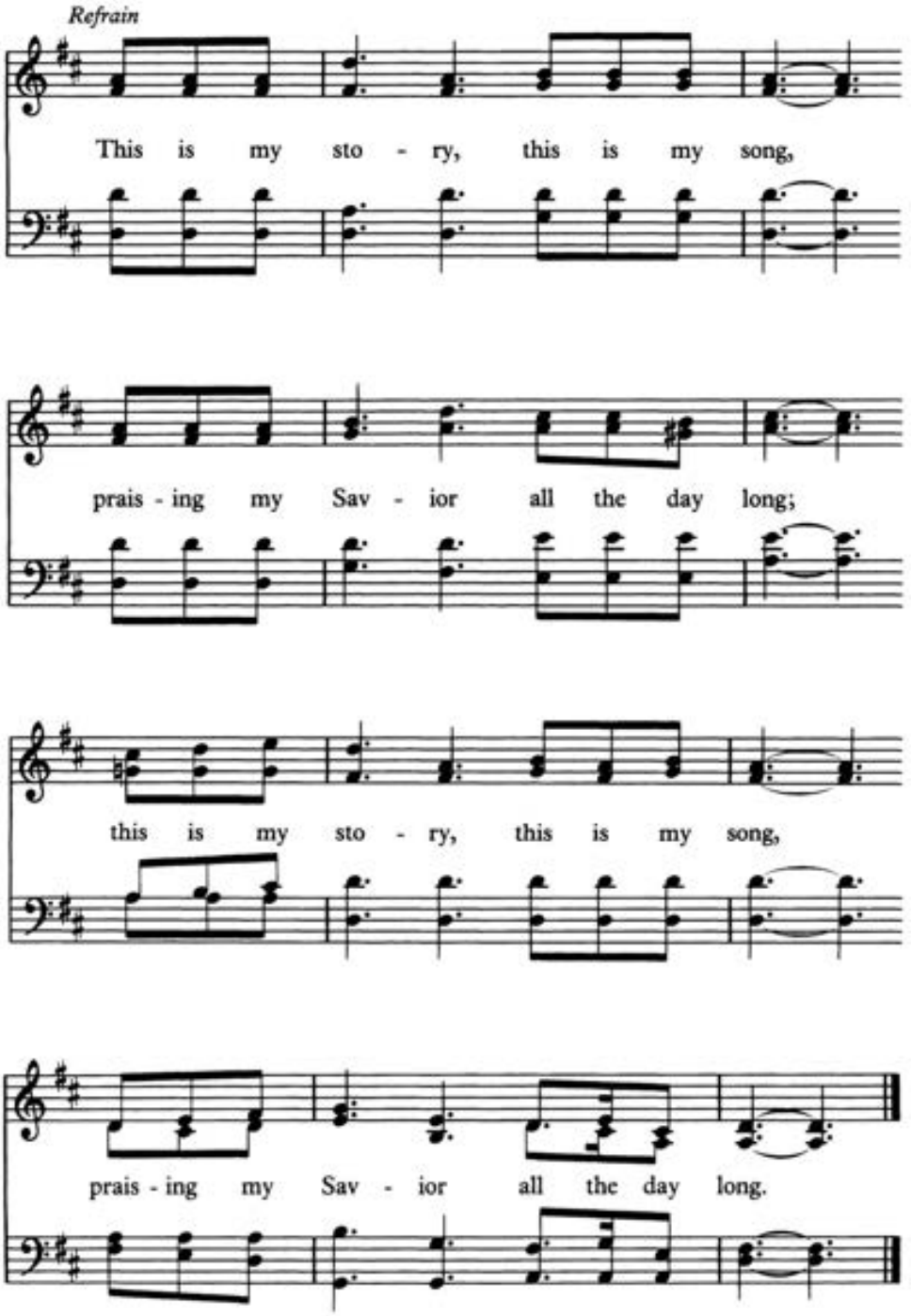
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176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty



369 Blessed Assurance





WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

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CALENDAR

Sun, 11/08	Chancel Choir rehearsal	9:00am
	Cancer Awareness Breakfast	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30 pm
Mon, 11/9	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 11/10	Fellowship Luncheon: Lefty's West End Tavern	11:30am
	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 11/11	Veterans Day: Office Closed	
Thurs, 11/12	Bible Study with Pastor Brian: Saint Paul	2:00pm
	Children's Cohort	6:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 11/15	Chancel Choir rehearsal	9:00am
	Sunday School/Children's Choir rehearsal	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30 pm
Mon, 11/18	Finance Committee: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 11/17	Bag Packing: MT Anderson	10:0am
Thurs, 11/19	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Saint Paul	12:00pm
	Bible Study with Pastor Brian: Saint Paul	2:00pm
Sat, 11/21	Church Clean-up day	8:30am

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: Rebecca Roper, Harper Watson, 11/11; Tommy Head, 11/2; Dot Huff, 11/14

Happy Anniversary:

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, Jere Byington, Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Geno Cope, Darrie Crabtree, Patsy Crabtree, Kayla Davis, Natalie Davis, Teresa Ferrell, Vickie Turner Galvin, Carol Head, Tommy Head, Becky Hollifield, Sue Howard, Dot Huff, Missy Huff, Stacy & Jeff Israel, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Brent Kanipe, Bob Littlejohn, Davis Lupo, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Alan Myers**,** Kelly Turner Murphy, 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: Wil be meeting on 11/9 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 11/10 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, Stephanie Gamble, Chris Cox, Tracey Biggers, John Smith, and David Pool. All are welcome!

Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 11/16 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, David Knobeloch, Eugenia Vicars, Heather Storey, John Smith, and Pastor Brian. All are welcome!

Church Council: Will be meeting on 11/23 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Jeannine Cox, Christine Hall, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobeloch, 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 11/12 at 6pm.



Chancel Choir: The Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9am in the choir room. Please come join us and raise your voice in song!



Children's Choir: Rehearsals are on Sundays at 10am. Please support your children and children's choir through rehearsals.



Golden Girls Bible Study Lunch: All ladies are invited to join the Golden Girls small group. We meet one Thursday per month at 12pm in the parlor at Saint Paul. Our current study is "The Names of God". Please bring your lunch and a drink and join us for fellowship and study. For more information, please talk to Eugenia Vicars. She will have the new study books at church on Sunday.



Bible Study with Pastor Brian: Join us every Thursday afternoon at 2pm in the parlor at Saint Paul for Bible Study. We are currently discussing Judges 3.



Beacon of Light Class: The Beacon of Light Class invites anyone interested in Sunday School to join us at 10am on Sunday mornings. The class meets in the parlor (across the hall from the office). We are currently studying "Words of Life" by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the parlor.



Youth Group: Our Youth Group meets every Sunday night at 5:30 or dinner and then their program. See Steve Watson or Pastor Brian for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us on 11/10 at 11:30am at Lefty's West End Tavern on S Main Street next to the baseball field for food, fellowship, and conversation. All are welcome.



Thank you to all our veterans for their service to our country. The office will be closed on 11/11 in observance of Veterans Day.



BAG PACKING AT MT ANDERSON: We are starting our food bag packing mission at MT Anderson this month. Every month we will meet there on the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of the month at 10am to pack bags for Greenville County school children in need. Please see Edna Patterson for more details.



The Trustees are hosting a church workday to clean up the grounds and some inside areas on 11/21 from 8:30am until 12:00pm. Please contact John Smith for more information on what to bring. An alternate rain date for this event is 12/5. Please come out and help our church looks its best.



SCHOOL FOOD BAG PACKING FOR SULLIVAN: We are resuming our rotation for packing food bags for Sullivan. Please see your weekly email for the packing schedule. **We are needing to restock our pantry. Please see the list in the bulletin for our needs.**



HELP NEEDED

We need people to stay after the service today to bring down our Advent decorations.



Christmas Food Boxes for Seniors at Sterling Community Center

Select an ornament or ornaments from the Christmas tree in the narthex.

Purchase the food items listed on the ornament or ornaments you chose.

Bring the food items to Saint Paul before November 29.

Families will fill the food boxes during Christmas Messy Church on November 29.

Boxes will be delivered in December to the Sterling Community Center for distribution to the seniors.

Thank you for your support of this project and the seniors at Sterling Community Center.


SIGN UP TODAY
November 20th-22nd
IMMERSE
$75

Food Items for Weekend Food Bags for Sullivan Center

Entrees

Microwaveable mac & cheese
Vienna sausages
Beanee Weanees
Microwaveable Chef Boyardee cups any variety
Ramen Noodles

Breakfast

Pop tarts
Oatmeal individual packets
Individual cereal boxes
Nutri-grain bars
Grits individual packets

Snacks

Applesauce cups
Cheez-it individual packets
Fruit cups
Teddy Grahams individual packets
Rice Krispie treats
Pudding cups
Goldfish individual packets
Granola bars
Fruit Snacks

Reusable grocery bags to help with delivery of food bags.



JOIN US FOR

CLEAN UP DAY

Join us for Clean-Up Day! Help make our church and grounds a cleaner, greener place by volunteering to landscape, prune, polish, and clean.

11-21-2026

FROM 8:30AM TO 12:00PM

Saint Paul UMC

1107 S Main Street