

# Saint Paul UMC

## EPISTLE

With October being Pastor Appreciation month, I wanted to send a thank you for cards, notes, and extra love throughout the month that was dropped on me. It's a bit embarrassing. To quote the kids, I don't want to sound "Thirsty" but those words of affirmation are my Love Language. I believe they add months/years to how long I'll do this whole Preacher man gig. Now that it's November I figured I should return this love to y'all. Below find a dozen reasons why I appreciate the Saint Paul UMC Congregation.

- 1) Unless I point-blank asked in order to learn Saint Paul norms, I've never had anyone tell me how a former pastor used to do things. I know y'all have had some great pastors, and rightfully still love them, but even still, y'all have never made me felt compared or less than. In my 16 years of ministry, I can't say that about anywhere else.
- 2) Messy Church! It's made even better knowing that there will be enough volunteers so I can JUST be a dad! 2b) It's a bit more work on me, but y'all throw a mighty fine VBS too!
- 3) Talking Sports, Fantasy football, and laughter with the dudes. The divine and people's souls are A LOT to think about; heavy lifting for the brain. I'm forever thankful for the fun and lighthearted convos that occur around the church setting (especially those that work in quotes from "The Office").
- 4) Going to visit Sunday school classes to see the good stuff our kids are into.
- 5) Seeing several gentlemen that quietly work behind the scenes to take care of the building.
- 6) Thanks for still letting me play youth pastor too...I LOVE that group,
- 7) I'm never alone; in every ministry there are helpers, chaperones, assistants, and drivers by my side
- 8) I have loved my mornings packing boxes at MT Anderson with a fun group of Saint Paul gals.
- 9) Y'all are so welcoming! I was especially amazed with the great care shown to several Sunday visitors from multiple downtown shelters.
- 10) You have owned and made the Pack the Backpack event excellent. Three years in and you've served more kid each year, given away more supplies each year, and had more volunteers each year.
- 11) Through calls, texts, seeing me in person, there are many congregants that check in to see how I am doing. Y'all are not just good to me as a pastor, but good to me as a person
- 12) Y'all love Audrey and Elliott real good!

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### *Bible Study, Sunday School, and Other Groups*

We have Sunday School classes for all ages every Sunday morning at 10am. Golden Girls Bible Study luncheon for our mature ladies meets every month on the third Thursday at 11:30. Our Women's Community and our Men's Community meet monthly in the evenings at various locations. Our Youth Group meets each Sunday at 5:30. We also have monthly Fellowship Lunches and quarterly church meals.

### UPCOMING MISSIONS

We raised \$1,332.93 for Betty's Bunch for Breast Cancer Awareness. This money will be donated to the Pearlie Harris Center for Breast Health. Thank you for your generous support!

Don't forget to sign up for children for our Christmas project with Greenville County Schools.

We will also be packing boxes for Sterling shut-ins again this holiday season.



## Happening This Month

- 11/3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/4 - Trustees meeting
- 11/5 - Election Day Service
- 11/8 - Parents' Night Out
- 11/10 - All Saints
- 11/10 - Youth Chili Luncheon
- 11/11 - Office Closed for Veteran's Day
- 11/11 - S/PPRC meeting
- 11/17 - Bringing down and preparing the Advent decorations
- 11/18 - Finance meeting
- 11/19 - Men's Community
- 11/20 - Charge Conference
- 11/21 - Golden Girls Bible Study
- 11/24 - Youth Bake Sale
- 11/24 - Decorating for Advent
- 11/26 - Women's Community
- 11/26 - Sterling's Senior Thanksgiving
- 11/27 - 11/29 - Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/28 - Thanksgiving
- 11/28 - Sterling's Thanksgiving

## Always Happening

Chancel Choir every  
Wednesday night at 7pm

Sunday School every Sunday  
at 10:00am

Worship Service every  
Sunday at 11am

Youth Group every Sunday at  
5:30pm

## The Chosen

Starting October 22, during the Sunday School hour we will be watching "The Chosen" in the youth rooms located on the third floor. All are invited to join us during this time. The first season is rated PG.

## Happy Birthday To

- 11/2 - Thomas Pool
- 11/2 - Lisa Pool
- 11/3 - Christopher Searcy
- 11/3 - Owen Roberts
- 11/4 - Randy Rogers
- 11/5 - William Hall
- 11/7 - Steele Gamble
- 11/7 - Jenna Ackerman
- 11/7 - Olivia Newman
- 11/11 - Rebecca Roper
- 11/11 - Harper Watson
- 11/12 - Tommy Head
- 11/14 - Dot Huff
- 11/20 - Vicki Bolen
- 11/20 - Cole Pate
- 11/25 - Larry Jones

## Happy Anniversary To

- 11/17 - Matthew & Charmaine Pool
- 11/27 - Jason & Whitney Feaster

## Financial Standing for September

Monthly goal was \$22,110.38  
Total giving was \$11,069.07  
Money transfers \$2,875.00

Expected budget was \$22,110.38  
Actual spent was \$23,882.30

Expected giving YTD is \$221,103.80  
Received YTD is \$146,494.57





## SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES AT SAINT PAUL UMC

SEPT 7TH 10:30-2:30. "A DAY OF HEALING A DAY OF HOPE"

@ STERLING CENTER

1 SERVICE HOUR FOR LEADING SERVICE ON SEPT 8TH

OCTOBER 27TH TIME IS TBD.

"FALL BLOCK PARTY" @

SAINT PAUL UMC

DECEMBER 1ST TIME IS

TBD. "MESSY CHURCH"

@ SAINT PAUL UMC

THREE REGULAR YOUTH

NIGHTS (SUNDAY 5:30-7:00)

THIS SEMESTER WILL GAIN

THEM 1 HOUR EACH.

(SPECIFIC DATES WILL BE

GIVEN OUT LATER)

JUST IN CASE YOU NEED MORE:

STUDENTS CAN COME SERVE WITH ME

(LET ME KNOW AT LEAST ONE DAY

BEFORE) AT PIEDMONT EMERGENCY

RELIEF CENTER ON THURSDAYS FROM

4-6

PIC • COLLAGE





**ELECTION NIGHT SERVICE.  
NOVEMBER 5TH. 7:30 PM**

**COMMUNION,  
PRAYER,  
& GOOD NEWS FROM  
MARK 12:17**

**FROM THE LEFT AND FROM THE RIGHT,  
COME CENTER UPON JESUS**

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**UPCOMING YOUTH FUNDRAISERS:**

**CHILI LUNCH**



**NOV 10  
AFTER  
CHURCH**

**BAKE SALE**



**NOVEMBER  
24TH**

**ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE CAMP FUND TO PAY  
FOR SALKEHATCHIE AND ASBURY HILLS TRIPS**

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In October, our youth packed bags for those in need and we participated in our Project Host Service Sunday.





We also hosted our breast cancer awareness breakfast and our annual Fall Block Party!

