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SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

in Greenville's West End

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

July 2021 Newsletter

From Pastor Michael

Our purpose is to be a safe space to be authentic and to experience acceptance, healing, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

During our Leadership retreat this year, our Church Council served several hours on a Sunday afternoon in May to reflect and discuss on how Saint Paul will move forward as we emerge from this pandemic. We reviewed the congregational survey results that indicated what innovations people wanted to keep that were made during the pandemic. We talked about tradition as meaning legacy, our worship style, home, welcome, and belonging. They also gave us a sense of where people were and where we saw the church going. We heard from Lizzie Beber, executive director of United Ministries, on what she was seeing and hearing in our West End and larger Greenville downtown neighborhood, and how churches could be a part of the foundation for community in a changing city. She quoted Fredrick Buchner to help us find a calling "Where your deep gladness and world's great need meet." She invited us to be a part of imagining a better future in our county, which is the sixth hardest place in America for a black boy to get out of poverty. We saw from the MinistryInsite survey that the most important ministry that people in our area are looking for is "warm and friendly encounters." We also saw that people stay away from religious communities or leave religious communities for the same reason, they feel that "Religious people are too judgmental."

All of this information formed the backdrop for our conversation on purpose. Eugenia formed the question this way, "If our church left our community tomorrow, would anyone besides us miss it?" We placed all of our conversation into the light of the Gospel and what Jesus tells us the purpose of a church is. And after some holy conversation and a movement of the Holy Spirit, we formed the purpose statement above. This purpose is how we live out the church's larger purpose in our particular context with our particular gifts as a family in Christ. We want this statement to become the foundation of every committee discussion and activity at Saint Paul. What are we doing to build a safe space, authenticity, acceptance, healing, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ? You will see these words on the signs out front and in other places of notice. They undergird our short-term goals of inviting the youth group to lead a worship service with more recent music, hold outdoor events, develop our Sunday morning hospitality, and begin work on cleaning out the third floor and imagining a future for that space. I am proud of the work of our Council, and I believe this statement provides a solid biblical and incarnational/contextual foundation for our ministry.



Grace and peace,
Pastor Michael

Our Staff

Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.

Sexton: Gary Putnam

Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

Youth Minister: Rachael Cline

(You can always reach me at 864-979-2435 or megoldston@umcsc.org)



Family Group Discipleship: We will join together again 7/13 and 7/27 at 8:30 pm via Zoom. The time will strengthen our bonds to our church family and to Jesus Christ. If you are interested, please contact me.



Bible study will continue our study of the book of Acts of the Apostles. Our next Bible Study will be on 6/3 at 7pm. In the summer, we will meet on 7/1 and 7/8 at 7:00pm. Starting August 12, we will meet every Thursday at 7pm.



Noon Prayer: Join me for Noon Prayer M-Th and Eugenia on Friday on Facebook Live. Log onto Facebook and go to the Saint Paul (Greenville) page.



Join us for **in-person worship** this Sunday at 11am. Please sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/KKHMWBTa1Ptk2HZs7>. You can also sign up by clicking on the picture in the Weekly Update or by going to our website.

Please remember we will be following our new safety protocols further in the newsletter.

REVIEW US!

Do not forget to write a **review** for Saint Paul on Google or Facebook. Let's spread the word about our worship and family.

WI-FI HOTSPOT

Our wi-fi is open to our community for e-learning.

Network: St. Paul Guest ● Password: Guest

In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Harriet Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, **Stephen Foster**, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, family of Angie Hicks, Dawn Hollingsworth, Wanda Holt, Sue Howard, Lee Jenkinson, Victor Jenkinson, Larry Jones, Jean Jones, family of Brittany Lawson, **family of Glenn Loftis**, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Karsyn Miller, Marie Phillips, Pam Putnam, Ronnie Quinn, Ronnie Roberts, Charlie Robertson, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, John & Suzanne Sprinkle, Carolyn Warlick, family of Richard Weston, Allyssa Whech, Joe Whitmire, Sharon Williams, 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)

Missions: Salkehatchie, Empowering Haitians, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Legacy Elementary, Hinton Center

Praise be given: Crystal Whitmire



The SALT Class pool party made for good sleeping!



JULY MISSIONS



Legacy Bag packing is on hold for the summer; however, there is a shopping cart in the narthex where you can donate food goods for next school year. Please see the list further in the newsletter. For any questions, please contact Edna Patterson at ednapatterson04@gmail.com.



Project Host Service Sunday will be occurring on August 1st. Please mark your calendar and join us that day to help those in need in our community. There will be a sign-up sheet coming to the announcements soon.



Staying at a hotel during your summer vacation? Grab those bathroom amenities and bring them home for the **hygiene bags**! Turn them into the office or the office mail. We will be collecting all through June, July, and August! We are collecting for the **Hygiene Bags** during June, July, and August. We need the following items: Socks (no show, tube, or athletic), combs, travel soap, shampoo, deodorant, band-aids, Neosporin, Lance crackers, granola bars, washcloths, lip balm, individually boxed or wrapped toothbrushes, and individually boxed toothpaste. Please turn in at the office or in the basket provided in the narthex. Thank you!



This year, instead of backpacks, **Legacy** has asked for electric pencil sharpeners and black Expo dry erase markers for their classrooms; therefore, we will be raising funds to buy these items during the month of July. We are also happy to accept donated items. Should you desire to purchase a pencil sharpener to donate, we are asking for the X-ACTO School Pro Classroom Electric Pencil Sharpener (it is blue). Thank you for your support of Saint Paul's continuing mission with Legacy.



Bring your loose change and dollars to church each Sunday this month to drop in the buckets being brought around by the children. The money collected will go to buy the **Legacy** supplies mentioned above. Check the sofa cushions!

Hinton Rural Life Center: Four of our youth will be traveling to Appalachia for five days of hands-on Safe and Healthy Home repairs and building relationships with their neighbors. We will grow in understanding Appalachian culture and rural poverty, and we will have intentional time for learning more about and reflecting on God's calling to a life of service, as well as time for your group to grow in relationship with one another. Please support us with your prayers and donate snacks to eat on the job site.

Empowering Haitians: Anna and Michael will be going again to Cap Haitian, Haiti to serve alongside the Haitian people. Anna will be providing dental care. There are opportunities to assist with the clinic, work on a construction project, create vacation Bible school for Haitian children, and learn about Haitian people and culture. If you are vaccinated and interested in the trip, or interested in learning more for 2022, please let us know. Please support us through prayer and through gifts to the church marked for Empowering Haitians. All gifts will go 100% to feeding hungry children.

Upcoming Missions:

September: Raising money for breast cancer awareness.

October: Supporting Miracle Hill

November: Raising funds for PanCan

December: Raising funds for United Ministries

Happenings At-A-Glance

Thurs, 7/1	Bible Study: Zoom	7:00pm
Fri, 7/2	Office Closed	
Mon, 7/5	Office Closed: Independence Day	
Thurs, 7/8	Bible Study: Zoom	7:00pm
Tues, 7/13	Family Group Discipleship: Zoom	8:30pm
Thurs, 7/15	Fellowship Luncheon: Liberty Tavern	11:30am
7/18 - 7/21	Youth Mission to Hinton Rural Life Center	
Sun, 7/18	Sunday School	10:15am
Mon, 7/19	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom & in-person	8:00pm
Wed, 7/21	SALT Class Supper Club: TBD	6:00pm
Mon, 7/26	Church Council meeting: Zoom & in-person	8:00pm
Tues, 7/27	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
	Family Group Discipleship: Zoom & in-person	8:30pm
Sat, 7/31	Saint Paul's 1 st Children's Day	9:00am

The Chancel Choir has resumed rehearsals on Sundays at 9:30am. There is still no Wednesday night rehearsals. Come join the choir!

Looking Forward

Sun, 8/1	Project Host Service Day	10:00am
8/3 – 8/11	Empowering Haitians Mission Trip	
Fri, 8/13	Parent's Night Out	6 – 9:00pm
Thurs, 8/19	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Sat, 8/21	Tentative: Saint Paul Movie Night	TBD
Sun, 8/22	Sunday School	10:15am
	SALT Class Pool Party: home of Edna Patterson	12:15pm
Sun, 8/29	End of Summer Bash: Discovery Island	2:15pm

WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

July 5	Jimmie-Lou Vaughn
July 7	George Stephens
July 8	Robert Terminato, Jr
July 9	Suzanne Sprinkle
July 10	Janet Cook
July 16	Sherre Forrester Emily Wham
July 18	David Brannon
July 19	Dana Howard
July 20	Brooke Becker
July 21	Missy Huff
July 23	Steve Ackerman
July 24	Alice Anthony
July 25	Anne Brown
July 26	Andy Ackerman Van Clinkscales
July 29	Becky Hollifield
July 30	Jo Feaster



WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

July 25	Beth & Randy Rogers
July 30	John & Suzanne Sprinkle – 52 years!
July 31	Bob Kubicki & Debbie Goodwin – 1 year



Worship Leaders

Usher Captain		Edna Patterson
Ushers		Jeannine Cox Rebecca Roper John Tate Jason Cheshire David Pool, alternate
Counters		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
Acolyte	July 4 July 11 July 18 July 25	Mary Grace Goldston Anna Cheshire Anna Cheshire Mary Grace Goldston
Crucifer	July 4 July 11 July 18 July 25	TBD TBD TBD TBD
Reader	July 4 July 11 July 18 July 25	Anna Goldston John Tate Davis Lupo John Tate
Children's Worship	July 4 July 11 July 18 July 25	Eugenia Vicars & Becky Smith Tennille Crnobrnja & Katie Knobloch Lori Cheshire & TBD Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
Nursery/Toddler		Not at this time
Floater		Not at this time
Hospitality Cart		Not at this time

Servant Leaders

Elementary	July 18	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
Youth	July 18	Rachael Cline & TBD



Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for June:	\$9,788.55
Total giving for June:	\$10,411.61
Money transfers for June:	\$2,875.00
Expected budget for June:	\$19,455.67
Actual budget expenses for June:	\$15,214.38
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$60,053.12
Received Year-to-date:	\$67,826.70
Thank you for your generous giving!	

We are reporting monthly giving compared to a giving goal based on expected annual giving and a 3-year monthly average. We are also reporting year-to-date totals, monthly budgeted totals, and monthly actual expenses. This should give you a more accurate picture of our financial situation.

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Georgia Ware by Ed & Mary Pool.

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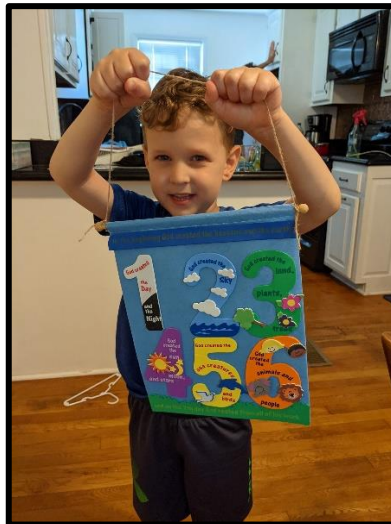
A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Morris Branham by Connie Cox & Marsha Bowers.

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Ron Howard by Sue Howard.

A honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Daniel Roper by Sue Howard.

A honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Todd Howard by Sue Howard.

A honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Chad Howard by Sue Howard.



Trustees Corner

Trustee of the Month: John Sprinkle

2021 Trustee Assignments:

Chair	John Sprinkle
Treasurer	John Smith
Vice-Chair	Ed Pool
Grounds	Jason Cheshire
Secretary	Whitney Feaster

Upcoming Events

Important Notice: All upcoming events will be assessed according to government and conference guidelines. Please refer to the weekly updates for more information regarding these events.

I am happy to announce that TD Bank has forgiven the entire amount of the **PPP loan**. This wraps up the process and we have no further issues to deal with on this front. A huge thank you to Tracey Biggers for staying on this and working hard to see we completed all the paperwork and submissions!



Our next **Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 7/15 at 11:30am at Liberty Tap Room & Grill located at 941 S Main Street in Greenville. Join us for a lunch break of laughter and fellowship!



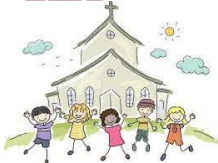
Mark your calendars for Saint Paul's first **Children's Day** on Saturday, July 31st. Join us for a fun-filled day of crafts and fellowship for ages entering K5 and up. The fun will start at 9am and a pizza lunch will be served at 12pm. If you are in entering

3rd grade or higher, stay after lunch to help the youth pack hygiene bags for the homeless. All events will be over by 3pm. Please register at:

<https://forms.gle/niEZRQCZV6d3kxZ6A>



Come lift your voices in song! The **Choir** has resumed rehearsing on Sundays at 9:30am. If you are vaccinated, feel comfortable singing with a group, and are ready to sing in the choir, join us. We will not be wearing masks.



We will have Summer Sunday School on July 18 and August 22. Classes for Elementary age, youth and adults will meet 10:15-10:45 am. The Elementary age class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Youth Class will meet in the Youth Room. Adults will gather at Crafty Cats on South Main Street for a time of fellowship, reconnecting and a devotion. Hope you will plan to join a class if you are in town.

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will not be meeting in July. Members are John Sprinkle, Whitney Feaster, Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, and Jimmie-Lou Vaughn. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will not be meeting in July. Members are John Tate, Davis Lupo, Jim Storey, Katie Knobeloch, Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 7/19 at 8pm via Zoom and in-person. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobeloch, Melissa Campbell, Donna Connelly, Tommy Head, Suzanne Sprinkle, Eugenia Vicars, Lori Cheshire, John Tate, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 7/26 at 8pm via Zoom and In-person. Members are Lori Cheshire, Tracey Biggers, Chelsea Biggers, Heather Storey, Chris Cox, Janet Cook, Peggy Whitmire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobeloch, Becky Hollifield, John Tate, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, Edna Patterson, Davis Lupo, Taunja Pool, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminator, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!

From the Office

Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 1:30pm unless otherwise posted.

The **Church Calendar** is available on our website: saintpaulgreenville.org.

Submissions for the newsletter can be sent

in through email to saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com or by filling out a submission request form, located outside the church office above the mail slots, and returned to the secretary's slot. Please be as detailed as possible about the event or announcement and be sure to include a date, time, and RSVP information, if needed. Thank you!

Upper Room Devotional: If you need one, please email or call with the size (small or large) and the number you need, and I will get those in the mail to you.



Vacation Bible School



























Thank you to everyone that made VBS such a wonderful success this year! The children enjoyed every minute, both at home and at Northside UMC.





Choosing Safer Activities

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people, particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



Take prevention measures

Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



It's SAFE!

\$0.00

It's FREE!



**It will help PROTECT
you and your family!**



**You might get side effects.
But you should FEEL BETTER
in a few days.**



**Get the FIRST
vaccine you can!**



**Keep taking basic prevention steps
when recommended.**



Hygiene Bags

- socks-no show, tube or athletic
- travel soap
- shampoo
- deodorant
- BAND-AIDS
- Neosporin
- crackers, (Lance type package)
- granola bars
- washcloths
- chap-stick
- combs
- toothbrushes (individually boxed or wrapped)
- toothpaste (individually boxed)

*We are collecting supplies throughout June and July!
You can bring your items to the office to be stored.*

Food Items for Legacy Food Bags

All items should be individual size items.

1. Apple Juice boxes
2. Applesauce cups
3. Beanie-Weenies
4. Campbell's microwavable soup cup
5. Cereal-Individual size boxes
6. Cheez-Its-snack size
7. Chef Boyardee Beefaroni
8. Chef Boyardee Lasagna
9. Chef Boyardee Ravioli
10. Chef Boyardee Spaghetti
11. Goldfish Snack size packages
12. Grits
13. Koo-Aid Pouches
14. Mixed Fruit cups
15. Nutri Grain Bars
16. Oatmeal
17. Peach fruit cups
18. Pineapple fruit cups
19. Pudding cups
20. Ramen Noodles any flavor
21. Teddy Graham -Snack size packages
22. Velveeta Mac n Cheese cups
23. Vienna sausages



If you would like to donate any of these goods to Legacy, please bring them in and place them in either the shopping cart in the narthex, in the Fellowship Hall, or by the door to the Church Office.

Thank you!