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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/

August 2021 Newsletter

From Pastor Michael

Mark 1:40-42 Now a leper came to him and fell to his knees, asking for help. "If you are willing, you can make me clean," he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be clean!" The leprosy left him at once, and he was clean.

With the virus spreading again, I think it can be easy to start in on the blame game. It's the anti-vaxers fault, it's the CDC's fault, it's the people who won't wear masks, it's the people fanning fears and making us wear masks. And once you've assigned blame, we can dismiss "those people". We're not going to wear masks for "those people." They are going to get what is coming to them.



We have to ask ourselves what Jesus did in the face of disease.

It's a weird question this man asks; of course, Jesus would be willing to help him. But at the time, lepers were seen as unclean, untouchable. Even more, it was thought that their disease was a curse on them by God for their own sin, or perhaps that of their ancestors. They got what's coming to them. In that reality, it makes sense for this man to wonder if Jesus is willing to make him clean. Jesus could be moved by his personal need to stay ritually clean, moved to avoid disease, or moved by a cultural conviction that this man had made his own bad choices and could suffer the consequences without putting Jesus out.

Instead, Jesus is moved by compassion. He cares for this man, no matter what he thinks of his choices or the personal cost he has to pay. Again and again, Jesus pays personal cost with his disciples, with the Pharisees, and with the temple leaders when they think he is wrong for choosing compassion for others. He touches lepers, dead bodies, and women, all taboo. He heals those who have been dismissed, marginalized, and outcast.

I think this is a model for how we can approach our current situation, with compassion for others, especially those who we think are wrong. It may be the only way for Jesus to restore wholeness in our communities. For I know Jesus is willing.

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



Family Group Discipleship: We will join together again on 8/24 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. 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, **Ray & Jere Byington**, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Harriet Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, Stephen Foster, family of Ruth Gentry, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, **Pam Head**, Dawn Hollingsworth, Sue Howard, **Boone Hoyt and family**, Lee Jenkinson, Victor Jenkinson, Larry Jones, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Marie Phillips, Pam Putnam, Ronnie Quinn, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, **Suzanne Sprinkle**, Carolyn Warlick, 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: Connie Loftis



Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

We are in person and live-streaming our Sunday Worship Service on Facebook on our page: Saint Paul UMC (Greenville, SC). Join us at 11am as we give praise to our Lord.

We have updated the Safety Protocols as follows:

1. Please continue to wear masks when entering and leaving the sanctuary. While you are seated, masks are not required for those who have been vaccinated. Kids do not have to wear a mask while in the pews, but they will be required to have them when they go down front and in Children's Worship. If you have not been vaccinated, please continue to wear your mask.
2. During this transition, we will be keeping the pew seating as is, for the time being.
3. We are going to have regular bulletins available.
4. The Chancel Choir is restarting for vaccinated singers. We will only be practicing on Sundays, for the time being. Choir members will not be wearing masks when singing.
5. We are going to discontinue temperature checks.
6. Pre-registration continues to be necessary for contact tracing. As always, we will not turn away someone who has not registered. There are blank spaces on the check-off form to enter their name, number attending, and contact details.
7. We will resume congregational singing of hymns with the hymn books; however, we have decided to keep the projector, for now.
8. Please continue to respect other people's personal space, as comfort levels differ.
9. Please self-screen for symptoms or close contact with a known positive case and worship from home if you have them.
10. If you test positive and determine that you were contagious when you attended worship, please let the office know.



AUGUST MISSIONS

Thank you to all who came out on Sunday to help with Project Host! It was a great day of service, and we appreciate all of your help in making the day a success and getting assistance and hygiene bags to those in need.

Thank you to all who helped with Children's Day! We appreciate your coming out to make this day special for the children of Saint Paul, and we appreciate your staying to help pack the hygiene bags for Project Host. We could not have done it without you.



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.

Empowering Haitians: Anna and Michael had to postpone their mission trip to Cap Haitian, Haiti to serve alongside the Haitian people. When they are able to reschedule, 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:

August: Empowering Haitians, Hinton Rural Life Center, Legacy

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

Sun, 8/1	Service Sunday: Project Host	9:00am
Thurs, 8/5	S/PPRC Meeting: Zoom & In-Person	8:00pm
Mon, 8/9	Hinton Youth Worship Planning Meeting	6:00pm
Wed, 8/11	Youth Council Meeting: Zoom & Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 8/12	Bible Study: Zoom	7:00pm
Sun, 8/15	Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices	Worship
Mon, 8/16	Office Close	
	Finance Committee Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 8/17	Church Council Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 8/19	Fellowship Luncheon: Copper River Grill	11:30am
	Bible Study: Zoom	7:00pm
Fri, 8/20	Saint Paul's Family Movie Night: Saint Paul	8:15pm
Sun, 8/22	Sunday School: Saint Paul	10:15am
	Salt Class Pool Party: Edna Patterson's	12:30pm
Tues, 8/24	Women's Community: TBD	TBD
	Family Group Discipleship: Zoom	8:30pm
Thurs, 8/26	Bible Study: Zoom	7:00pm
Sun, 8/29	End of School Bash: Discovery Island	2:15pm

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

Looking Forward

Mon, 9/6	Office Closed for Labor Day	
Sun, 9/12	Grandparents Day Celebration	TBD
Mon, 9/13	S/PPRC Meeting: TBD	8:00pm
Thurs, 9/16	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Mon, 9/20	Finance Committee meeting: TBD	8:00pm
Sun, 9/26	Training with Rev. Cathy Joens	12:30-2:30pm
Mon, 9/27	Church Council meeting: TBD	8:00pm
Tues, 9/28	Women's Community: TBD	TBD



WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

August 4	Nicole Brannon
August 9	Kayla Davis
August 10	Adam Boone
August 12	Peggy Whitmire JL Crnobrnja
August 14	Jeannine Cox
August 15	Kit Matiz Ellie Roberts
August 18	Garren Crnobrnja
August 19	Lizzie Feaster Avery Franks
August 20	Linda Price
August 21	Ashbie Day
August 23	Jason Cheshire
August 24	Elaine Byers Jenni Thompson
August 27	Elizabeth Crolley
August 28	Leo Forrester
August 30	Tracey Biggers
August 31	Patsy Crabtree



WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

August 3	Jim & Heather Storey – 6 years
August 4	Robert & Mary Anne Terminato – 42 years
August 6	Ed & Mary Pool – 55 years!
August 18	Terry & Jenni Thompson – 21 years
August 22	Chris & Jeannine Cox – 6 years
August 26	Matthew & Lauren Roberts – 4 years





Our Confirmed Youth travelled to Hinton Rural Life Center in the Appalachian Mountains for a week of service, fellowship, and fun. If you see them, ask them all about it!



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	August 1	Edna Patterson
	August 8	Anna Cheshire
	August 15	Mary Grace Goldston
	August 22	Mary Grace Goldston
	August 29	Mary Grace Goldston
Crucifer	August 1	TBD
	August 8	John Tate
	August 15	TBD
	August 22	Charlie Stephens
	August 29	Charlie Stephens
Reader	August 1	Pastor Michael
	August 8	Catherin Gilstrap
	August 15	TBD
	August 22	Camille Pool
	August 29	Henry Stephens
Children's Worship	August 1	Katie Knobloch & Rebecca Roper
	August 8	Jeannine Cox
	August 15	Anna Goldston
	August 22	MaryAnn Stephens & Lori Cheshire
	August 29	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
Nursery/Toddler		Not at this time
Floater		Not at this time
Hospitality Cart		Not at this time

Servant Leaders

Elementary	August 22	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
Youth	August 22	Michael Goldston & TBD

Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for July:	\$8,740.63
Total giving for July:	\$9,760.07
Money transfers for July:	\$2,875.00
Expected budget for July:	\$19,455.67
Actual budget expenses for July:	\$15,692.95
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$68,793.75
Received Year-to-date:	\$77,586.77
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 Peggy Young by John & Suzanne Sprinkle.

An honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Bowman Franks by John & Suzanne Sprinkle and John Vanselow.

Trustees Corner

Trustee of the Month: Jason Cheshire

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.



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.



Join us Sunday, August 15, as we celebrate the start of a new school year. We will have our **Blessing of Backpacks and Devices** that children, youth, and teachers will use in the 2021-2022 school year. Each student will receive a tag for their backpack and a family devotion kit to use the night before school begins.



Our next **Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 8/19 at 11:30am at Copper River Grill located at 775 Haywood Road in Greenville. Join us for a lunch break of laughter and fellowship!



Join us on Friday, August 20, at 8:15pm for **Family Movie Night**. We will be gathering in the parking area outside the church for a night of fun! Bring your chairs, bring your drinks and snacks, and come enjoy *Moana* with us! Register at: <https://forms.gle/BNb71h6K3LMfrBqK8>

The **SALT Class** will gather on 8/22 at 12:30pm at the home of Edna Patterson for a pool party. For more information, please contact Edna at ednapatterson04@gmail.com.



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 August. 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 August. Members are John Tate, Davis Lupo, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



Hinton Youth: The Youth that attended Hinton will be meeting with Pastor Michael on 8/9 at 6pm to discuss their upcoming Worship service. Participants are Chelsea Biggers, Lillie Becker, Collins Cheshire, William Pool, and Pastor Michael.



Youth Council Meeting: Will be meeting on 8/11 at 7pm at Saint Paul. Zoom will also be available. Members from Saint Paul are Edna Patterson, Rebecca Roper, Jason Cheshire, William Pool, Rachael Cline, and Charlie Forrester.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 8/16 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, 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 8/17 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Lori Cheshire, Tracey Biggers, Chelsea Biggers, Heather Storey, Chris Cox, Janet Cook, Peggy Whitmire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, John Tate, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, Edna Patterson, Davis Lupo, Taunja Pool, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminato, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!

From the Office

Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 1:30pm unless otherwise posted.
The office will be closed on 8/16.

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

Submissions for the newsletter can be sent in by filling out a submission request form located outside the church office above the mail slots, and returned to the secretary's slot or through email to saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com. 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.



Encouraging notes for our students

As our students begin to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year let's show them our support and encouragement. Select one or more addressed and stamped post cards. Write a note of encouragement or scripture to the student the card is addressed to. Then mail the post card so it will arrive the week of August 15. This is the week the students will begin the new school year. Continue to pray for the student or students you sent cards to during the school year. Thank you for supporting this project and supporting our students. Cards will be available starting Sunday, July 25th.



On July 31st we had our first Children's Day at Saint Paul. There were lots of fun crafts, food, and service time for the older children and adults as they packed hygiene bags for Project Host





End of Summer Bash!

The children, youth
and their families are invited to
celebrate at

Discovery Island Waterpark
Sunday, August 29, 2021
2:15 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Please register by August 25, 2021
<https://forms.gle/yvCFhhHM7NakTqiN9>

You are welcome to invite a friend.
They will need to fill out an Activity Participation Form

Discovery Island is located at
417 Baldwin Road
Simpsonville, SC
Please go to
<https://waterparks.greenvillerec.com/discovery-island/>
and read their policies and guidelines.

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



\$0.00

It's SAFE!

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.**

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!