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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/

September 2021 Newsletter

From Pastor Michael

And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. Acts 5:42

In the early Methodist movement, John Wesley saw the need for something more than Sunday morning worship to grow people in their faith. He knew from scriptures like the one above that the early Christians were gathering in each other's homes. While he continually taught the importance of worship, he organized classes and bands to meet regularly in people's homes for discipleship. Bands were small groups who supported one another, shared life's celebrations and struggles, held each other accountable to Christian living, and grew in faith together. While Methodists continued this pattern for many years, the Sunday school movement of the 20th century largely co-opted the old home-based small groups as the main communities of the church outside of worship.

In today's church, researchers and church leaders are finding that John Wesley's system of small groups meeting in homes is just as effective today as it was in his time. Discipleship groups are designed and equipped to build the church from the ground up, strengthening faith of the individuals and the bonds of love between people. Small groups may gather around the scripture, a topic or book, or the sermon from Sunday to provide a foundation of faith for each meeting. However, the strength of the model is the same as it was for Wesley: support, accountability, and a place to ask questions and enter the struggle of faith together.



Here in our Saint Paul family, we have two small groups meeting regularly, currently on Zoom and eventually in homes. We have room for many more. I invite you to get involved in Family Group Discipleship by forming your own group or by joining the current group or the Bible Study. Through the guidance of John Wesley and the church of Acts, we may grow our church in faith and love.

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)

I have been invited to be a part of a design team for the new Confirmation Retreat for the WNC and SC conferences. We have a retreat next week, so I will be out of the office at the Hinton Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9/7-9/8.



Family Group Discipleship: We will join together again on 9/14 and 9/21 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. We will meet every Thursday at 7pm. **We will not be meeting on 9/9.**



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.



Project Host: I am restarting my service day at Project Host in September. If you would like to join me, go to <https://www.projecthost.org/> and sign up to volunteer. I will be there on 9/13, 10/4, 11/1, and 12/6 from 9am to 1pm.

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, Jere Byington, **Chastity Campbell**, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, **family of Harriet Cox**, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, Stephen Foster, 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: Rachael Cline, Michael Goldston, William Pool all recovered and healthy

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. **Cloth or surgical face masks** covering the nose and mouth will be **required** inside the building throughout the worship service for everyone age 3 and older, even if you've had the vaccine.
2. Please maintain social distancing throughout the time you are in the building and in the pews.
3. Pre-registration continues to be necessary for contact tracing. 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. If you do not pre-register, please register with the usher when you enter.
4. Please self-screen for symptoms or close contact with a known positive case and worship from home if you have them.
5. If you test positive and determine that you were contagious when you attended worship, please let the office know so we may notify close contacts.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS



Legacy Bag packing will resume on 9/7 at 9am in the social hall. Please wear your mask. Social distancing will be observed. There is a shopping cart in the narthex where you can donate food goods for this school year. Please see the list further in the newsletter. For any questions, please contact Edna Patterson at ednapatterson04@gmail.com.



Join us on 9/26 at Northside UMC as we set-up the **Pumpkin Patch**. All proceeds will support youth summer mission trips. A sign-up sheet for volunteer times will be coming out soon.



We will be collecting money in the pink buckets this month for **Susan G. Komen/Breast Cancer Awareness**. Please give generously for this mission. We will be supporting "Betty's Bunch" in the walk. For more information go to <https://www.komen.org/>.



We will be collecting all through the year for the **Hygiene Bags**. See a two for one sale? Went on vacation and brought home the hotel amenities? Please feel free to drop off any donations at the office or in the drop box located in the narthex. Further in the newsletter is a list of things we need for next year. Thank you for supporting Project Host!



COMING SOON! We will be hosting a clothing drive to help the Legacy Clothing Closet for those students in need. More details will be coming soon, so watch your Weekly Bulletin.



FAMILY
MOVIE
NIGHT



Happenings At-A-Glance

Wed, 9/1	Joint Youth Council meeting: Zoom	7:30pm
Mon, 9/6	Labor Day: Office Closed	
Tues, 9/7	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul's Social Hall	9:00am
	RESCHEDULED: Family Group Discipleship	
Sun, 9/12	Grandparent's Day at Saint Paul	In worship
Mon, 9/13	Pastor Michael at Project Host	9:00am – 1:00pm
	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/14	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
	Family Group Discipleship: Zoom	8:30pm
Thurs, 9/16	Fellowship Luncheon: Copper River Grill	11:30am
Sun, 9/19	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Mon, 9/20	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/21	Family Group Discipleship: TBD	8:30pm
Sun, 9/26	Pumpkin Patch set-up: Northside UMC	12:15pm
Mon, 9/27	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/28	Women's Community: Zoom	8:00pm

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

Bible Study meets every Thursday evening of the month via Zoom at 7:00pm. We will not be meeting on 9/9.

Looking Forward

Sat, 10/2	Neighborhood Block Party	TBD
Sun, 10/3	Cathy Joens Class: Saint Paul	12:00pm
	Blessing of the Animals: TBD	3:00pm
Mon, 10/4	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sun, 10/10	Hinton Youth Worship Service: Saint Paul	In worship
Mon, 10/11	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Fri, 10/15	Office Closed	
Mon, 10/18	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 10/21	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Sun, 10/24	Joint Youth Contemporary Worship: Northside UMC	7:00pm
Mon, 10/25	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 10/26	Charge Conference: TBD	7:00pm



WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

September 2	Carmie Cook
September 4	Nicole Ackerman
September 7	Becky Smith
September 10	Richard Bostic Dean Feaster
September 11	Fowler Roper
September 12	Charmaine Pool
September 13	Daniel Roper
September 15	Jacob Cox Tommy Gilstrap
September 19	Nic Matiz
September 20	David Knobloch Diane Robertson
September 21	Lauren Hamilton
September 22	Maddie Boone
September 24	Lee Newman
September 25	Jean Jones
September 29	Mary Grace Goldston
September 30	DJ Boone



WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

September 17	Ray & Jere Byington – 33 years
September 19	Bob & Kathy Weathers – 51 years
September 27	Michael & Anna Goldston – 13 years





Sunday School for the Fall Quarter

At this time, we are planning to start Sunday School back on September 19th. Classes will meet in their regular classroom. The Older Elementary Class will be moving back to the Children's Wing and will be in the small room off of the Kindergarten/First Grade Classroom.

Classes will meet two Sundays in October and two Sundays in November. We will reevaluate things for the Winter Quarter and determine if we will continue with two Sundays a month or will be able to return to meeting every week.

We will continue to monitor the COVID numbers and make adjustments as needed. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Eugenia Vicars, Sunday School Superintendent.

Dates for Sunday School in the Fall Quarter will be:
September 19th
October 3rd and 17th
November 7th and 21st

Children's Worship News

Starting in September, Children's Worship will not be held on the first Sunday of the month. Children's Worship will continue to be held on the second through the fourth Sundays and the fifth Sunday, if the month has five Sundays. We will resume Children's Worship being held upstairs in the Kindergarten/First Grade room.

The changes were made because we are having trouble with volunteers being able to commit right now. Also, with Communion being the first Sunday, the time for Children's Worship was shorter and the volunteers were having trouble completing a lesson and activity and having the children ready to come back into the sanctuary.

We will continue to monitor the COVID numbers and make adjustments as needed.

Thank you for being understanding of these changes as we continue to navigate our way through these concerning times. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Eugenia Vicars, Children's Coordinator.





Youth News

There are lots of upcoming activities for our youth. Please mark your calendars! Meetings are bi-weekly on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Sunday night meetings are starting at Saint Paul in September and will alternate between Saint Paul and Northside every 2 months. Wednesday night meeting locations are still to be determined.

Upcoming Youth Events

September	
15 th & 19 th	Youth Night at Saint Paul
17 th	Pool Party social event
TBD	Triune Mercy Center service even
26 th	Pumpkin Patch setup at Northside (after worship)
October	
3 rd & 17 th	Youth Night at Saint Paul
15 th	Bowling social event – Wade Hampton Lanes
24 th	Youth Worship Service at Northside
All month	Pumpkin Patch fund raising event
November	
5 th	Movie night social event at Northside
14 th	Youth Night at Northside
December	
	Gatherings Wednesday & Sunday nights bi-weekly
4 th	Piedmont Day service event
8 th	Christmas Party social event

Worship Leaders

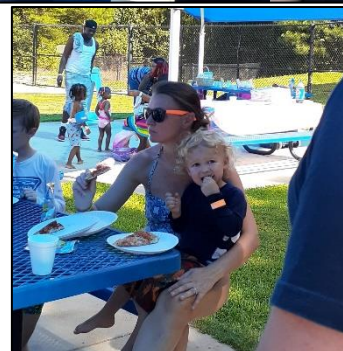
Ushers		Gamble family Storey family Pool family
Counters		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
Acolyte	September 5 September 12 September 19 September 26	Mary Grace Goldston Steele Gamble TBD Steele Gamble
Crucifer	September 5 September 12 September 19 September 26	John Tate Stephanie Gamble TBD Stephanie Gamble
Reader	September 5 September 12 September 19 September 26	Mary Grace Goldston Stephanie Gamble TBD Steele Gamble
Children's Worship	September 12 September 19 September 26	TBD TBD TBD
Nursery/Toddler		Not at this time
Floater		Not at this time
Hospitality Cart		Not at this time

Servant Leaders

Toddlers	September 19	TBD
K3/K4	September 19	TBD
Early Elementary/K5-2nd	September 19	TBD
Older Elementary/3rd-5th	September 19	TBD
Youth	September 19	TBD
Rover	September 19	Jim Storey



**We celebrated with
end of summer with a
bash at Discovery
Island.
Fun and sun was had
by all!**



Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for August:	\$10,038.62
Total giving for August:	\$13,840.09
Money transfers for August:	\$15,275.00
Expected budget for August:	\$19,455.67
Actual budget expenses for August:	
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$78,832.37
Received Year-to-date:	\$91,426.86
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.

We collected \$655.27 in July and \$588.10 in August for **Legacy**. Thank you for supporting this mission.

We collected \$331.00 for **Empowering Haitians**. Thank you for your generous giving.

A memorial was given to the glory of God to Race for the Cure in memory of Ruth Gentry by Ed & Mary Pool.

A memorial was given to the glory of God to Empowering Haitians in memory of Vick & Dot Vicars by Eugenia Vicars.

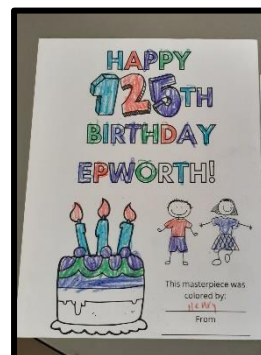
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Trustees Corner

Trustee of the Month: Jimmie-Lou Vaughn

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.



Saint Paul will be hosting our **Grandparent's Day** on 9/12. Bring your grandparents worship with you!



Our next **Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 9/16 at 11:30am at Copper River Grill located at 775 Haywood Road in Greenville. Join us for a lunch break of laughter and fellowship!



Youth Group will be gathering on 9/19 at 7pm at Saint Paul. Please contact Rachael Cline for more information.



The **Women's Community** will be gathering together via Zoom on 9/28 at 8pm. Please watch your email for the announcement with the Zoom link. Join the ladies of Saint Paul for a night of fellowship, spiritual growth, and laughter.



Coming back this November...**Parent's Night Out**. Watch your bulletin for details closer to time.

Cathy Joens will be joining us after worship on Sunday, 10/3, for a class on "Healthy Conversations." Please watch the bulletin for more on this event.



The Joint Youth Group will be hosting a **Youth Contemporary Worship Service** at Northside UMC on Sunday, 10/24, at 7pm. Let's all go support our youth as they grow spiritually.



Upcoming Meetings



Joint Youth Council: Will be meeting on 9/1 at 7:30pm via Zoom. Members from Saint Paul are Edna Patterson, Rebecca Roper, Jason Cheshire, William Pool, Rachael Cline, and Charlie Forrester.



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 9/13 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are John Tate, Davis Lupo, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



Trustees: Will be meeting on 9/14 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are John Sprinkle, Whitney Feaster, Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, and Jimmie-Lou Vaughn. All are welcome!



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 9/20 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 9/27 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 9/6 in observance of Labor Day.

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.



In September, we hosted our first Saint Paul Children's Day. There were lots of crafts, ice cream, and pizza. Afterward, 3rd grade and older stayed to pack Hygiene Bags for Project Host.



Please wear a cloth face covering.



**Maintain a distance of 6 feet
whenever possible.**



cdc.gov/coronavirus



Service Sunday was at Project Host. Thank you to everyone that came out to participate.



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.**

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!



**Items Needed for Hygiene Bags for 2022
 (Please see the display in the narthex for sizes.)**

Item Needed	Quantity Needed
Shampoo	73 bottles
Soap	67 bottles or bars
Toothbrushes	29
Toothpaste	31 tubes
Dental Floss	92
Conditioner	92 bottles
Lotion	100 bottles
Socks	59 pairs
Band-aids	472 pieces
Wash Cloths	86
Neosporin	100 tubes
Chapstick	80 tubes
Deodorant	48

