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# SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*in Greenville's West End*

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## November 2021 Newsletter

### From Pastor Michael

You may not know that I have a Masters in History with a focus on religion. As we approach All Saints day, I thought a little history might add to your appreciation of this celebration.

Paul often began his letters, "To all the holy ones of" such and such place. "Holy Ones" is a translation of the Greek term "*Hagios*" and can also be translated "Saints" in English. While Paul uses the term to refer to all followers of Christ in a given region, by a few hundred years later, "Saints" had become a technical term to describe particular Christians. These heroes of the church were officially recognized by the Vatican for their holy lives and the miracles that they did (or miracles associated with their mortal remains). Although often martyrs killed for their faith, violent death was not a prerequisite to being a saint. Common people soon blended their former pagan beliefs with their new Christian understandings, such as miraculous healings by touching the bones of the departed saint and ghostly appearances of saints. Local saints brought a myriad of benefits to their community, from intercession with the Holy Trinity to increased tourism, and cults soon emerged across Europe for favorite saints. And each saint had their own feast days to celebrate, filling up the calendar. The Vatican recognized the need for an all-encompassing day to celebrate the myriad local saints. Thus, All-Saints day was created and became one of the highest Holy Days of the church.

As the excesses related to the cults of saints grew with the corruption of the church government and the decreasing quality of local priests, reformers moved to end saint worship. Protestants discarded many traditions, such as praying to saints for intervention, in an effort to return to a more Pauline understanding of saints as all disciples of Christ. While in some reformed traditions, all vestiges of saints were discarded, to the extent of destroying their images in ancient churches, other Protestant churches did not throw out the baby with the bath water. The Anglican Church, of which John Wesley was a priest until his death, kept the high holy days and celebrated All Saints Day as a remembrance and celebration of the lives of all of those who died in their faith and now rest with Christ Jesus. During the Second Great Awakening, many of these liturgical traditions were again discarded for a more evangelical faith of the heart. However, in the 20th century, the neo-orthodox movement recovered some of these valuable traditions for the Methodist church. Many of us who attended seminary in recent years are heirs to that return to tradition, finding meaning in ancient tradition such as lighting candles for our loved ones who are still lit by the light of Christ.

So, as we celebrate All Saints Sunday, light a candle and say a prayer to Jesus on behalf of your loved one, that God may have mercy upon them, that they rest in Christ, and that we will all be together again in the resurrection of the saints.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Michael

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

### Our Staff

**Director of Music:** William H. Searcy, Jr.

**Sexton:** Gary Putnam

**Church Administrator:** Melissa Campbell

**Youth Minister:** Rachael Cline



**Family Group Discipleship:** Is currently on hold. Please watch your bulletin for more details. Thank you!



**Bible study** will be on the first and third Tuesdays of the month starting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm. We are continuing to study Acts and meet via Zoom.



**Noon Prayer:** Join me or Eugenia for Noon Prayer Monday-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.



**Project Host:** I am cooking and serving lunch on 12/6 from 9am to 1pm. If you would like to join me in service to the hungry in our community, go to <https://www.projecthost.org/> and sign up to volunteer.

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### 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.

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### WI-FI HOTSPOT

Our wi-fi is open to our community for e-learning.  
Network: St. Paul Guest ● Password: Guest

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### In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Chastity Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, Stephen Foster, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Dawn Hollingsworth, Sue Howard, Boone Hoyt and family, Lee Jenkinson, Victor Jenkinson, Larry & Jodi Johnson, Larry Jones, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Kenneth & Jan Osborne, Marie Phillips, Pam Putnam, Ronnie Quinn, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, **John Sprinkle**, 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: Sonny Goldston

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### Outdoor Worship Service

On Halloween Sunday we decided to take our Sunday Morning Worship Service out into the community by holding services outside on the parking pad. It was a beautiful morning and great joy was had by all attending.



## 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 are **required** when unable to maintain 6 ft. social distancing inside the building. If seated in the piano-side pews, everyone age 3 and older should remain masked for the entire service. If seated in the other two sections, you may take off your mask when seated as long as 6 ft. social distancing can be maintained.
  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.
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## NOVEMBER MISSIONS



**Legacy Bag packing** has resumed. Please watch your weekly bulletin for dates. 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](mailto:ednapatterson04@gmail.com).



We are collecting all through the year for the **Hygiene Bags**. See a two-for-one sale? Went on vacation and brought home the hotel freebies? Please feel free to drop off any donations at the office or in the shopping cart located in the narthex. For examples of what we need, please see the display in the narthex. Thank you for supporting Project Host!



Those who signed up to sponsor a Legacy child for Christmas will be receiving a letter and information regarding your child very soon. We would like the gifts brought to the church no later than December 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be distributed to the students the week of December 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for volunteering!

Let someone know about our **free wi-fi hotspot** for e-learning!

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest

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### Happenings At-A-Glance

Tues, 11/2	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Wed, 11/3	Women's Community: Lori Cheshire's	7:00pm
Fri, 11/5	Youth Group Movie Night: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Sun, 11/7	All Saints Sunday	
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Youth Group Confirmation: Saint Paul	6:00pm
Tues, 11/9	Youth Council meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	6:30pm
Sun, 11/14	Adult Sunday School meeting: Saint Paul	10:00am
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Mon, 11/15	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 11/16	Fellowship Luncheon: Jasmine Kitchen	11:30am
	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Thurs, 11/18	Golden Girls Bible Study: Mary Pool's	11:30am
Sun, 11/21	Wear purple for PANCAN	
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Children & Youth Bake Sale: Saint Paul	After worship
	Advent Wreath Workshop: Saint Paul	3:00 – 4:30pm
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Mon, 11/22 – 11/26	Office Closed	
Mon, 11/22	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 11/23	S/PPRC meeting: In-person/Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 11/25	Happy Thanksgiving!	

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, 12/5	Legacy gifts due/Blessing of the Gifts	11:00am
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Tues, 12/7	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Sun, 12/12	Youth Group: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Mon, 12/13	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 12/16	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Sun, 12/19	Youth Group: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Mon, 12/20	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 12/21	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Fri, 12/24	Office Closed for Christmas	
Mon, 12/27	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 12/28	Women's Community: TBD	TBD
Fri, 12/31	Office Closed for New Year's Eve	

**WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

November 2	Lisa Pool Thomas Pool
November 3	Owen Roberts Christopher Searcy
November 4	Randy Rogers
November 7	Jenna Ackerman Steele Gamble Olivia Newman
November 11	Rebecca Roper
November 12	Tommy Head
November 14	Dot Huff
November 16	Bill Huff Joe Whitmire
November 20	Vicki Bolen
November 25	Donna Connelly Lary Jones



**WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:**

November 17	Matthew & Charmaine Pool – 9 years
November 27	Jason & Whitney Feaster – 17 years





### Sunday School for the Fall Quarter

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 November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.



### Youth News

There are lots of upcoming activities for our youth. Please mark your calendars! Meetings are on Sunday nights from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Sunday night meetings are at Saint Paul during the first semester.

### Upcoming Youth Events

November	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Movie night social event at Northside
7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , & 21 <sup>st</sup>	Youth Night
December	
	Gatherings Sunday nights
4 <sup>th</sup>	Piedmont Day service event
8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party social event

### Worship Leaders

<b>Ushers</b>		Edna Patterson Collins Cheshire Head family Stephens family
<b>Counters</b>		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
<b>Acolyte</b>	November 7 November 14 November 21 November 28	Henry Stephens TBD TBD TBD
<b>Crucifer</b>	November 7 November 14 November 21 November 28	Charlie Stephens TBD TBD TBD
<b>Reader</b>	November 7 November 14 November 21 November 28	Henry Stephens TBD TBD TBD
<b>Children's Worship</b>	November 7 November 14 November 21 November 28	MaryAnn Stephens & Edna Patterson Lori Cheshire & Rebecca Roper Lori Cheshire & Edna Patterson Lori Cheshire & TBD
<b>Floater</b>		Not at this time
<b>Hospitality Cart</b>		Not at this time

### Sunday School

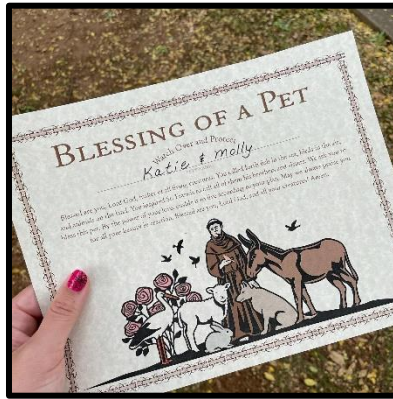
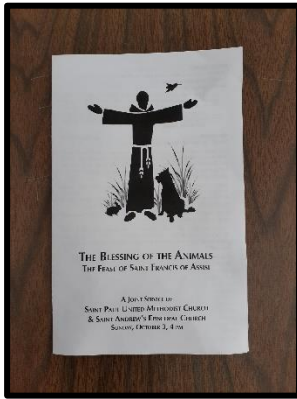
<b>Toddlers</b>	November 7 November 21	Heather Storey & Diane Roper TBD
<b>Preschool/K5/1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	November 7 November 21	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
<b>Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	November 7 November 21	Lori Cheshire Lori Cheshire
<b>Youth</b>	November 7 November 21	Jeannine Cox & Jim Storey Mary Pool & Edna Patterson





## Blessing of the Animals

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held our annual Blessing of the Animals with St. Andrews Episcopal Church.



### Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for October:	\$9,967.17
Total giving for October :	\$9,774.00
Money transfers for October :	\$12,875.00
Expected budget for October :	\$19,738.33
Actual budget expenses for October :	\$16,377.13
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$98,957.24
Received Year-to-date:	\$109,414.86
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.

### Trustees Corner

**Trustee of the Month:** John Smith

**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.



The **Women’s Community** will be gathering on 11/3 at 7pm at the home of Lori Cheshire, located at 405 McDonald Street in Greenville. Due to the weather, this will be an indoor event. Please attend based on your comfort level. Join the ladies of Saint Paul for a night of fellowship, spiritual growth, and laughter.



The children and youth of Saint Paul will be hosting a **Fall Bake Sale** to raise money for summer camps. Please sign up using the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BABAA2FA5F58-fall>. Please note that some items are limited!



Our next **Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 11/16 at 11:30am at Jasmine Kitchen located at 503 Augusta Street in Greenville. Join us for a lunch break of laughter and fellowship!



The **Golden Girls Lunch and Bible Study Group** will be gathering on 10/18 for lunch and Bible study from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the home of Mary Pool, 216 McDaniel Avenue in Greenville. Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. Come out and join us as we take a look at the women in the Bible.

### Upcoming Meetings



The **Older Adult Sunday School Class** will be meeting on 11/14 at 10am. Please plan to attend this meeting as will be discussing the future path of this class. Thank you!



**Trustees:** Will not be meeting the rest of this year. Members are John Sprinkle, Whitney Feaster, Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, and Jimmie-Lou Vaughn.



**Joint Youth Council:** Will be meeting on 11/9 at 6:30pm at Saint Paul with a Zoom option. Members are Edna Patterson, Rebecca Roper, Jason Cheshire, William Pool, and Charlie Forrester. All are welcome!



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**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 11/15 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 11/22 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!



**S/PPRC:** Meeting has been rescheduled to 11/23 at 8pm in-person with a Zoom option. Members are John Tate, Davis Lupo, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



## From the Office

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 1:30pm unless otherwise posted.  
**The office will be closed 11/22 through 11/26.**

The **Church Calendar** is available on our website: [saintpaulgreenville.org](http://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](mailto: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.

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Join us on Sunday, November 21, from 3:00 to 4:00pm for our **Advent Wreath Workshop**. We will gather in our parking pad by the office entrance to make our Advent wreaths. Devotions that you and your family can use during the Advent season will be available. A new addition will be a table for the children to make a Chrismon.

If you have your charger from last year, please bring it to use this year.

You can also sign up to just get the materials and make your wreath at home.

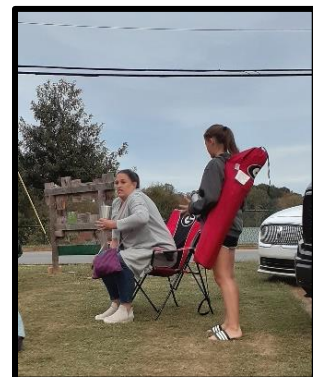
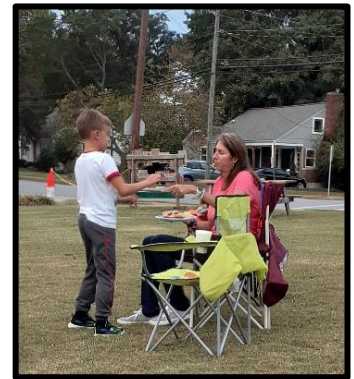
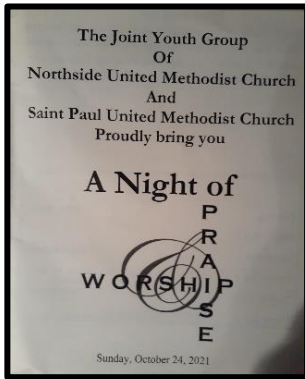
Please RSVP before November 17<sup>th</sup>.

We hope you will plan to join us for an afternoon of hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, music, and wreath making as we prepare for the Advent season and the birth of our Lord.

<https://forms.gle/bzEeAW71pKHVv2Ap7>

## Youth Night of Worship & Praise

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, our Joint Youth Group with Northside UMC presented a Night of Worship & Praise. Their hard work paid off in a wonderful evening of food, song, and spiritual growth.



# 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!**



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

## Hinton Confirmation Youth Service

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, you confirmed youth who attending Hinton Rural Life Center over the summer led our worship service. They shared their experiences at Hinton along with songs and activities they enjoyed.



## 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. Kool-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.)**

<b>Item Needed</b>	<b>Quantity Needed</b>
Shampoo	62 bottles
Soap	57 bottles or bars
Toothbrushes	29
Toothpaste	31 tubes
Dental Floss	92
Conditioner	81 bottles
Lotion	90 bottles
Socks	59 pairs
Band-aids	472 pieces
Wash Cloths	86
Neosporin	100 tubes
Chapstick	80 tubes
Deodorant	48 small pieces

