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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/](https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/)

## December 2021 Newsletter

**From Pastor Michael**

"So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." - James 2:17

I've started teaching confirmation classes again to the sixth graders, and it's a really enjoyable experience. The students are engaged with the ideas and are really seeking to understand their faith more and grow in grace.

Our lesson this past week was a really good one for all of us to think about. We were exploring their own beliefs that they already possess, answering the question, "What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?" We focused particularly on the fact that "Gospel" means "Good News" in old English. They gave some great answers, including "God loves everyone," "God is with you to help you through stuff", and "God offers forgiveness when you ask." I really like the last one, because it shows the difference between faith and belief. Beliefs are something you have, faith is something you do.

I think that's what James means when he wrote the much contested and confused words above. You can believe that God forgives your sins, but faith is asking for forgiveness and receiving grace. We believe that God is loving, but it takes faith to accept that love and make it a reality in your own life. Conversely, if how we live in the world does not reflect our beliefs, we need to examine how strong our faith is.

Part of confirmation is helping the students to define and clarify their beliefs. But the other part is helping them know how to put those beliefs into action in every day life, thereby strengthening their faith. I hope you will continue in prayer for us as we endeavor to ask God to "help our unbelief."

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



**Bible study** meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month 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.



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, Lee Jenkinson, Victor Jenkinson, Larry & Jodi Johnson, Larry Jones, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Kenneth & Jan Osborne, Marie Phillips, **Benjamin Pool**, Pam Putnam, Ronnie Quinn, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, **Rev. Murray Snow and family**, 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: Boone Hoyt and family

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## 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. In the balcony, everyone aged 3 and older should remain masked for the entire service. If seated in the lower sanctuary, you may take off your mask when seated while maintaining 6-ft. social distancing.
  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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## DECEMBER 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!



Thank you to everyone who sponsored a child this year! The gifts are being blessed 12/5 during the worship service and will be distributed to the families the week of 12/7. We are grateful for your support of this mission and for making Christmas very special for these children. Please be sure your bags are labeled with your child's number and initials.

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

Wed, 12/1	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sat, 12/4	Youth Service Day: Piedmont area	12:00-4:00pm
Sun, 12/5	Sunday School	10:15am
	Blessing of the Legacy Gifts	In worship
Tues, 12/7	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Fri, 12/10	Parents Night Out	6:00 – 9:00pm
Sun, 12/12	Sunday School	10:15am
	Confirmation Class	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm
Mon, 12/13	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 12/14	Office Closed	
	Legacy Bag Packing	9:00am
	Fellowship Luncheon: Olive Garden	11:30am
Wed, 12/15	Supper Club: TBD	6:00pm
Thurs, 12/16	Golden Girls: Mary Pool's home	11:30am
Fri, 12/17	Youth Christmas Party: TBD	7:00pm
Sun, 12/19	Sunday School	10:15am
	Confirmation Class	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm
Mon, 12/20	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 12/21	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Fri, 12/24	Office Closed for Christmas	
	Candlelight & Communion Service	6:00pm
Tues, 12/28	Women's Community: TBD	TBD
Fri, 12/31	Office Closed for New Year	

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

### Looking Forward

TBD	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Mon, 1/10	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Fri, 1/14	Parents Night Out	6:00 – 9:00pm
Mon, 1/17	Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 1/19	Supper Club: TBD	6:00pm
Thurs, 1/20	Golden Girls: Mary Pool's home	11:30am
Mon, 1/24	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 1/25	Women's Community: TBD	TBD
Sat, 1/29	Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia, SC	all day
Sun, 1/30	Service Sunday: Project Host	

**WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

December 2	Blythe Knobeloch
December 3	Collins Cheshire Jane Davis
December 4	Charlie Stephens
December 6	Natalie Davis Chad Howard Todd Howard
December 9	Chandler Searcy
December 10	Katie Knobeloch
December 15	Tennille Crnobrnja Terry Thompson
December 18	Bowman Franks
December 20	Lauren Searcy
December 24	MaryAnn Stephens
December 30	Ray Byington



**WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:**

December 3	Steve & Nicole Ackerman – 21 years
December 17	David & Taunja Pool – 16 years
December 18	Steve & Jimmie-Lou Vaughn – 50 years!
December 25	Joe & Peggy Whitmire – 50 years!
December 31	Tommy & Delores Gilstrap – 21 years

**Around the District**

Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry is starting a drop-in style respite program for adults with developmental disabilities. Our partner, Grace United Methodist Church in Columbia, will host Aldersgate in the Morning (AIM). The program will provide caregivers a short-term break.

Program Director Ebony Dawson-Mack will oversee AIM which we plan to open in early 2022. Ebony holds several degrees including a BA in English and a Master's in Counseling. She has worked in the special needs industry since 1999.

AIM will operate on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Staff and trained volunteers will provide supervision and meaningful activities for the participants. We are seeking volunteers! [Click here](#) for the volunteer job description and application. Will you please help us spread the word? Also, if you know of a potential AIM participant, please contact Ebony at [respitateasnm@att.net](mailto:respitateasnm@att.net).



### Youth News

There are lots of upcoming activities for our youth. Please mark your calendars! Meetings are on Sunday nights from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Sunday night meetings are at Saint Paul during the first semester.

### Upcoming Youth Events

December	
12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gatherings Sunday nights (6:30pm)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Service Day in Piedmont, Shopping for Legacy child (12-4pm)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party social event (7:00pm)
January	
9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Joint Youth Group: Northside (6:30pm)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Youth Group: Northside (6:30pm)
29 <sup>th</sup>	Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia, SC (all day)

### From the Office

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday from 8:15am to 1:30pm and Wednesdays from 8:00 to 12:30 unless otherwise posted. **The office will be closed 12/14, 12/24, and 12/31.**

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.

**Worship Leaders**

<b>Ushers</b>		Edna Patterson Jeannine Cox Rebecca Roper
<b>Counters</b>		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
<b>Acolyte</b>	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 24 December 26	Steele Gamble Steele Gamble Steele Gamble Steele Gamble Steele Gamble
<b>Crucifer</b>	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 24 December 26	Stephanie Gamble Stephanie Gamble Stephanie Gamble Stephanie Gamble Stephanie Gamble
<b>Reader</b>	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 24 December 26	Stephanie Gamble Steele Gamble Stephanie Gamble Steele Gamble Stephanie Gamble
<b>Advent Candle</b>	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 24	The Knobloch family The Franks family The Storey family Matthew Pool and family
<b>Children's Worship</b>	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 26	MaryAnn Stephens & Edna Patterson TBD TBD TBD
<b>Floater</b>		Not at this time
<b>Hospitality Cart</b>		Not at this time

**Sunday School**

<b>Toddlers</b>	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 26	No Sunday School
<b>Preschool/K5/1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 26	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell No Sunday School
<b>Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 26	Rebecca Roper Rebecca Roper Rebecca Roper No Sunday School
<b>Youth</b>	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 26	Anna Goldston & Edna Patterson Jeannine Cox & Jim Storey Mary Pool & Edna Patterson No Sunday School

### Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for November:	\$7,895.14
Total giving for November :	\$
Money transfers for November :	\$
Expected budget for November :	\$19,738.33
Actual budget expenses for November :	\$
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$106,852.38
Received Year-to-date:	\$
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.

**This information will be printed in the bulletin for 12/12. Sorry for the delay.**

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### Trustees Corner

**Trustee of the Month:** Whitney Feaster

**2021 Trustee Assignments:**

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

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### 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 **Joint Youth Group** will be meeting at Saint Paul on 12/12 and 12/19 and 6:30pm. Confirmation class will be meeting at 5:30pm on those days.



The **Confirmation Class** will be meeting on 12/12 and 12/19 at 5:30pm at Saint Paul. This is before the Joint Youth Group dinner and meeting.



**Attention Parents: Parents' Night Out** will be happening on 12/10, drop of your little ones from 6:00 to 9:00pm and have a night out or get some shopping done. The menu for the evening will be chicken nuggest, French fries, and a fruit cup. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/JL2PCUpgRzp3nEps7>





The **Women's Community** will be gathering on \_\_\_\_\_ Please attend based on your comfort level. Join the ladies of Saint Paul for a night of fellowship, spiritual growth, and laughter.



Our next **Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 12/14 at 11:30am at Olive Garden located at 2695 Laurens Road in Greenville. Join us for a lunch break of laughter and fellowship! Please RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/Z2DGXSkKqjhpG3yA6>



The **Golden Girls Lunch and Bible Study Group** will be gathering on 12/16 for lunch and Bible study from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the home of Mary Pool, 216 McDaniel Avenue in Greenville. Lunch and beverage will be provided. Come out and join us as we take a look at the women in the Bible. Please RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/9SU54SYEaPw8gx1K9>

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### Upcoming Meetings



**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.



**Church Council:** Will be meeting on 12/01 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!



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 12/20 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!



**S/PPRC:** Meeting has been rescheduled to 12/13 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.





## Reverse Advent 2021

Dear friends of Saint Paul UMC,

The Children's Ministry is sponsoring a Reverse Advent Project to support Saint Paul's Backpack Ministry.

Our goal is for each family to fill reusable grocery bags with 24 food items during Advent to provide food for 50 children at Legacy on the weekend.

When students leave school for the weekend, the last thing they should have to worry about is how they are going to get their next meal. Our Backpack Ministry program provides children at risk of weekend hunger a bag of food that is child-friendly, nutritious, nonperishable and easy to eat. Partnering with Legacy Charter Elementary, Backpacks are distributed every Friday so that children have meals for the weekend. Each Backpack provides enough food that a child can easily assemble into six healthy meals. This helps ensure that children will have food over the weekend and return to school on Monday ready to learn.

On the reverse side of this letter you will find a calendar with an item for each day of December to place in a reusable grocery bag. Each item is an individual portion size product. Please bring the bags to the Christmas Eve Communion Service at Saint Paul on Christmas Eve.

We are grateful for your support of this project.






















Children's Ministry of Saint Paul UMC  
Eugenia Vicars, Children's Coordinator

*Eugenia*



# December

# 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please place food items in reusable grocery bags to bring to the church on Christmas Eve. We can always use 2-gallon, resealable plastic bags.						
5  Velveeta Mac & Cheese Cup	6  Chef Boyardee Ravioli	7  Kool-Aid Pouches	8  Beanee Weenes	9  Goldfish Snack size	10  Fruit Cups- Mixed Fruit	11  Horizon Organic milk
12  Oatmeal	13  Pudding Cups	14  Chef Boyardee Spaghetti	15  Nutri Grain Bars	16  Fruit Cups- Pineapple	17  Teddy Gramams Snack Size	18  Apple juice boxes
19  Chef Boyardee Lasagna	20  Cereal Individual size	21  Fruit cups- Peaches	22  Campbell's Soup Cups	23  Grits	24  Applesauce cups	 Food Collection

# 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.**

### Advent Wreath Workshop

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, we gathered on the parking pad to create our Advent Wreaths. The children also made Chrismon ornaments and treats were enjoyed by all. We had a wonderful day to start the Advent season.





## 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	55 bottles or bars
Toothbrushes	26
Toothpaste	30 tubes
Dental Floss	91
Conditioner	73 bottles
Lotion	90 bottles
Socks	59 pairs
Band-aids	472 pieces
Wash Cloths	86
Neosporin	100 tubes
Chapstick	80 tubes
Deodorant	46 small pieces

