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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

in Greenville's West End

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

January 2022 Newsletter

From Pastor Michael

"Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." - Matthew 2:1b-2

As I write this, the church worldwide observes Epiphany, the twelfth day of the Christmas Season, when we remember the visit of the wise men to Jesus and his family. The point of this story is that very early on, God was revealing that Jesus was a savior for everyone. In fact, in the early days of the church, the Nativity (or birth), the Epiphany, and the Baptism of Jesus were all celebrated together in one season, finished by the Transfiguration, as the progressive revelation of Jesus as Son of God and savior of the world. It is only in relatively recent times (given our 2000 year history) that the church has privileged the birth of Jesus above the other revelations.

You can get hints that the Jewish Messiah is coming as savior of the world all the way back to God's promises to Abraham in Genesis and certainly in the prophets. Yet there is just as much scripture to indicate that God's coming salvation would be for the righteous Jews and would be God's wrath upon the Gentiles (everyone else). Just take Zechariah 9:15 referring to the enemies of Israel, "They shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar." The early church (who were all Jews) struggled to understand how it could be that the blessings of the Jewish Messiah could be poured out on Gentiles. Most of the rest of the New Testament after the Gospels is dealing with this problem in one way or another. So it was that Epiphany, or the revelation of Jesus as the savior of the whole world became a very important holi-day to celebrate in the church.

I think that recovering some of this early amazement and celebration that Jesus comes as the light of the world would be helpful to the church in our current age of division and schism. Can we join with the early believers to be, "Astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit has been poured out even on..." them? As one of my sister's patients said, "Can you believe it? Some people in my church are...Democrats!" Yet, Democrats or Trump-ites, Catholics or Latter-Day Saints, poor or rich, none of these are as strange to us as these wise men would have been to Mary and Joseph. None of these could be farther from acceptable to Jews than these Gentiliest of the Gentiles, pig-eaters, astronomers, worshippers of foreign deities. Yet Mary and Joseph remembered their worship of Jesus, the strange gifts they gave for a king and for a corpse, and the story they told about the star that shined out to all the world since Jesus' birth. And Mary and Joseph told their story to future generations, later written down by Matthew, as an example for the whole church, that God is moving and working among those we would least expect, those we would most wish to exclude, those who seem least likely to be acceptable to Jesus. For Jesus is the light of the world.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Michael

(You can always reach me at 864-979-2435 or 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 1/10 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.

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, Chastity Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, Stephen Foster, Catherine Gilstrap, Sonny Goldston, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Amos Horne, 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, 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 be given:

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** for everyone aged 3 and older in the balcony, when moving, and when unable to maintain 6-foot social distancing inside the building. While seated in the lower sanctuary, you may take off your mask.
 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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JANUARY MISSIONS



Legacy Bag packing: The next dates are 1/4 and 1/18 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.



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!



United Ministries is accepting food and monetary donations now through February 14th to feed those who may not have any soup to fill their bowls this year. A \$1 donation = 1 can of food = ½ pound of food. Donate online at <https://www.united-ministries.org/souperbowlofcaring>. We will be collecting for our **Souper Bowl Sunday** for United Ministries on 2/13 during the service. Don't forget to bring your dollars.



We will be having our **Project Host Service Sunday** on 1/30 at 9am. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in serving the less fortunate in our community. Project Host is also in need of some supplies. Our Missions team has purchased some gloves and hats to be distributed to those in need. If you would like to donate money for the purchase of more of these items, please do so and mark it for Project Host. If you would like to donate hats and gloves, please bring them

by the church office before the 30th or order through the link below and bring them with you on the 30th! Thank you for support Project Host.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2293025SV5Q37?ref=wl_share

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

Network: St. Paul Guest Password: Guest

Happenings At-A-Glance

Tues, 1/4	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
Thurs, 1/6	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sun, 1/9	Confirmation Class: Northside UMC	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Northside UMC	6:30pm
Mon, 1/10	Pastor Michael at Project Host	9:00am – 1:00pm
	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 1/11	Fellowship Luncheon: Yard House	11:30am
Fri, 1/14	Office Closed	
Sun, 1/16	Confirmation Class: Northside UMC	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Northside UMC	6:30pm
Mon, 1/17	Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 1/18	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
	Missions Team meeting: Saint Paul	10:30am
	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Wed, 1/19	Supper Club: TBD	6:00pm
Thurs, 1/20	Golden Girls: Mary Pool's home	11:30am
Sun, 1/23	Confirmation Class: Northside UMC	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Northside UMC	6:30pm
Mon, 1/24	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sat, 1/29	Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia, SC	all day
Sun, 1/30	Service Sunday: Project Host	

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

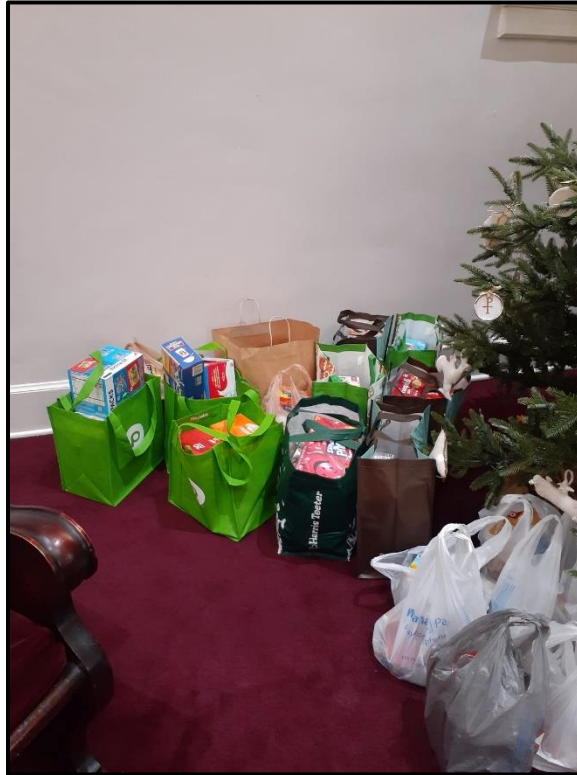
Looking Forward

Mon, 2/7	Trustees Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Fri, 2/11	Parents Night Out	6:00 – 9:00pm
Mon, 2/14	S/PPRC Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 2/15	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Thurs, 2/17	Golden Girls Luncheon & Bible Study: Mary Pool's	11:30am
Mon, 2/21	Finance Committee Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 2/22	Women's Community: TBD	TBD
Mon, 2/28	Church Council Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm

The **Confirmation Class** and **Joint Youth Group** will be meeting on 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27 at Northside UMC. The Confirmation Class will meet at 5:30 and the Joint Youth Group will meet at 6:30.

Reverse Advent

Thank you to all who participated in Reverse Advent! The food collected will be used in bag packings for our Legacy Backpack Program.



WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

January 1	Taylor-May Stephens
January 3	Polly Goldston
January 4	Brooks Kanipe Ethan Roberts
January 8	Chelsea Biggers
January 11	Edna Patterson David Pool Lauren Roberts
January 12	Murray Snow Debbie Goodwin
January 13	Amber Brown Jere Byington
January 17	Henry Stephens
January 19	Annabelle Becker
January 21	Jack Goldston
January 22	John Byers Jennifer Wham Andy Bolen Diane Roper
January 25	Catherin Gilstrap
January 28	Sonny Goldston
January 29	Hadley Edwards Glenda Anthony
January 30	Ibby Jenkinson Jim Storey
January 31	Camille Pool



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 1/14 and 1/17.**

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.



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 Northside UMC during the first semester.

Upcoming Youth Events

January	
9 th , 23 rd	Joint Youth Group Bible Study: Northside (6:30pm)
16 th	Joint Youth Group: Northside (6:30pm)
29 th	Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia, SC (all day)
February	
6 th , 27 th	Joint Youth Group Bible Study: Northside (6:30pm)
13 th	Worship at Triune Mercy Center (11:00am)
19 th	Furman vs. Wofford Football game
20 th	Joint Youth Group: Northside (6:30pm)
March	
6 th , 27 th	Joint Youth Group Bible Study: Northside (6:30pm)
13 th	Worship & Bonfire Night: Northside (6:00pm)
19 th	Car Wash Day (Northside)
20 th	Joint Youth Group: Northside (6:30pm)

SUNDY SCHOOL NEWS

We will have Sunday School three Sundays in January: 9th, 16th, and 23rd. We will NOT have Sunday School on the 30th as that will be Mission Sunday and we will be serving at Project Host.

Some of the families with toddlers have expressed a need for us to provide toddler care during Worship. Beginning this month, Lauren Searcy will begin working in the Toddler Room two Sundays a month during Sunday School and the Worship Service. In January, Lauren will be with us on the 9th and 23rd. One of our volunteers will be with her to meet the Safe Sanctuary protocols. We are looking to hire someone for the other two Sundays so we can provide for all Sundays. If you know of an interested person, please let the office or Eugenia Vicars know.

Worship Leaders

Ushers		Edna Patterson Jeannine Cox Rebecca Roper
Counters		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
Acolyte	January 2	Mary Grace Goldston
	January 9	TBD
	January 16	Henry Stephens
	January 23	TBD
	January 30	TBD
Crucifer	January 2	John Tate
	January 9	TBD
	January 16	Charlie Stephens
	January 23	TBD
	January 30	TBD
Reader	January 2	Anna Goldston
	January 9	Eugenia Vicars
	January 16	Charlie Stephens
	January 23	TBD
	January 30	TBD
Children's Worship	January 2	MaryAnn Stephens & Lori Cheshire
	January 9	Donna Connelly & Rebecca Roper
	January 16	Donna Connelly & Anna Goldston
	January 23	Donna Connelly & TBD
	January 30	TBD
Nursery	January 2	No Nursery
	January 9	Lauren Searcy
	January 16	No Nursery
	January 23	Lauren Searcy
	January 30	No Nursery
Floater		Not at this time
Hospitality Cart		Not at this time

Sunday School

Toddlers	January 2	No Sunday School
	January 9	Lauren Searcy & Diane Roper
	January 16	Raina Newman & TBD
	January 23	Lauren Searcy & Becky Smith
	January 30	No Sunday School
Preschool/K5/1st Grade	January 2	No Sunday School
	January 9	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
	January 16	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
	January 23	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
	January 30	No Sunday School

Elementary 2nd – 5th Grade

January 2 No Sunday School
 January 9 Donna Connelly
 January 16 Donna Connelly
 January 23 Donna Connelly
 January 30 No Sunday School

Youth

January 2 No Sunday School
 January 9 Jeannine Cox & Jim Storey
 January 16 Mary Pool & Edna Patterson
 January 23 Anna Goldston & Chris Cox
 January 30 No Sunday School

Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for December:	\$12,229.73
Total giving for December:	\$16,887.22
Money transfers for December:	\$2,875.00
Expected budget for December:	\$19,738.33
Actual budget expenses for December:	\$15,427.32
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$119,082.12
Received Year-to-date:	\$136,726.08
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.

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Rev. Farrell Cox by John & Suzanne Sprinkle and Ed & Mary Pool.

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Murray Snow’s sister by Ed & Mary Pool.

An honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Mrs. Peggy by Mason Stein.

We collected \$512.00 in total for **PanCAN**. Thank you for your generous giving!

We collected \$500.00 in total for **Furman Wesley**. Thank you for your generous giving!

We collected \$1,390.00 in total for **Staff Christmas Bonus**. Thank you for showing your gratitude to our staff through your generous giving.

We collected \$1,202.00 in total for the **Legacy Clothes Closet** on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your generous giving!

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 Northside on 1/9, 1/16, and 1/23 at 6:30pm.



The **Confirmation Class** will be meeting at Northside on 1/9, 1/16, and 1/23 at 5:30pm. This is before the Joint Youth Group dinner and meeting.



Our next **Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 1/11 at 11:30am at Yard House located at 1025 Woodruff Road, Building L101 in Greenville. Join us for a lunch break of laughter and fellowship! Please RSVP at:

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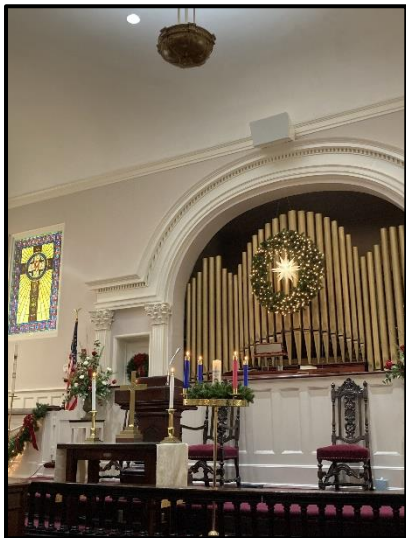


The **Golden Girls Lunch and Bible Study Group** will be gathering on 1/20 for lunch and Bible study from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the home of Mary Pool, 216 McDaniel Avenue in Greenville. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. Come out and join us as we take a look at the women in the Bible. Please RSVP at:

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



The **Women's Community** will NOT be gathering in January due to the rising COVID numbers. We hope to gather together again in February.



Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 1/12 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Debbie Goodwin, and Chris Cox. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 1/10 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Donna Connelly, Troy Gamble, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



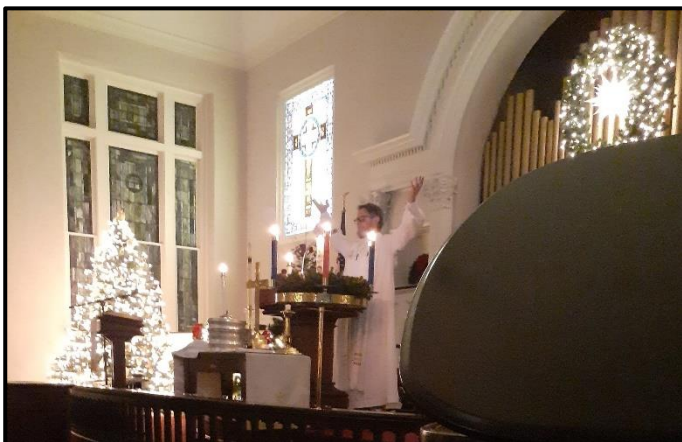
Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 1/17 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Melissa Campbell, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Donna Connelly, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



Missions Team: Will be meeting on 1/18 at 10:30am in the social hall. We will be planning our missions for 2022. Please wear a mask and social distancing will be observed. Members are Edna Patterson, Rebecca Roper, Debbie Goodwin, Lori Cheshire, Pat Tompkins, Peggy Whitmire, and Donna Connelly. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 1/24 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Lori Cheshire, Heather Storey, Janet Cook, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, Jim Storey, Carol Head, Davis Lupo, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminato, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



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. 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.)**

Item Needed	Quantity Needed
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

