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# SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*in Greenville's West End*

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## March 2022 Newsletter

**From Pastor Michael**

*"If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another."* Galatians 5:15

The United Methodist Church has been in the news again, and our continuing public battle seems to warrant discussion. If you haven't read, the General Conference that was supposed to meet in 2020 has been pushed back again to 2024, effectively cancelling it altogether, since they would normally meet in 2024 (every 4 years). The General Conference is comprised of clergy and lay representatives elected from each Annual Conference around the United States, as well representatives of the Central Conferences in foreign countries. They meet to determine the contents of the Book of Discipline, which guides the governance and organization of our church. They have pushed it back because the African delegates cannot get visas in a timely manner to attend.

This decision is disappointing to everyone. Those seeking LGBTQ+ inclusion in the full life of the church feel that justice is again delayed. Those clergy and churches seeking to leave the UMC to end the conflict and debate over this issue and begin a new denomination are also frustrated. The path to churches and clergy leaving the denomination with money and land is unclear without the General Conference to pass new legislation. Currently, if a church leaves, they forfeit their money and property to their Annual Conference. However, it seems that the leaders of the traditional/conservative churches are finally willing to take that risk and break away to form a new denomination, the Global Methodist Church. They have stated that they will start this organization/denomination in May this year.

So, for us at St. Paul, there will be no immediate effect. We are still a part of the UMC, and there is no official path to split or leave. Our church has no official position on the issues at hand and among our people there is a wide difference in theological position on marriage, ordination, and holy living for LGBTQ+ people. It is very likely that several of the most conservative churches in our state will seek to leave the UMC for the GMC. It is probable that this will result in a messy, litigious break. No matter what happens, our witness to the one Body of Jesus Christ will be damaged. Please be in prayer for our bishop and leaders, the churches that are breaking away, and the pastors, church members, and LGBTQ+ people often caught in the middle.

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



**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.



**Project Host:** I am cooking and serving lunch on 3/16 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, Paul Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Patsy Crabtree, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Isaac Ferrell, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, **family of Ibbey Jenkinson**, Lee Jenkinson, *Carol Johnson*, **family of Rev. Dr. Charles Johnson**, Larry & Jodi Johnson, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Chuck McLesky, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Kenneth & Jan Osborne, **family of Leonard Price**, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Joe Whitmire, family of 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:

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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 **optional** for all times, places and events. Masks are required for everyone aged 3 and older in the balcony.
2. "Do unto others what you would have them do to you." This means putting yourself in the shoes of your neighbor, who may be wearing a mask, or may be immune-compromised, or may be unvaccinated; treat each person with the dignity of a child of God to respect their personal space and personal decisions. If you don't personally know someone's needs, give them space in seating and standing.
3. If you feel sick in any way, please worship from home.

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## MARCH MISSIONS



**March of Dimes:** We will be collecting funds for the March of Dimes from 3/13 through 4/13. "Together, we can work to end preventable maternal health risks and death, end preventable preterm birth and infant death, and end the health equity gap for all families."



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!



Please consider helping support Project Host by ordering supplies they need on a regular basis.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2293025SV5Q37?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2293025SV5Q37?ref=wl_share)

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### Happenings At-A-Glance

Tues, 3/1	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Wed, 3/2	Walk-Up Ashes: St. Andrew's courtyard	5:00 – 6:00pm
	Imposition of Ashes Service: St. Andrew's	6:30pm
Fri, 3/4 – Sun, 3/6	Confirmation Retreat: Hinton	all weekend
Fri, 3/4	UMC Women's Day of Prayer Bible Study: Zoom	7:00pm
Sun, 3/6	Youth Group: Northside UMC	6:30pm
Mon, 3/7	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul & Zoom	7:00pm
Tues, 3/8	Fellowship Luncheon: Sakura	11:30am
Wed, 3/9	Office Closed	
Fri, 3/11	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6:00 – 9:00pm
Sun, 3/13	Confirmation Class: Saint Paul	12:30pm
	Youth Bonfire Night Singing & S'more: Northside	5:00pm
Mon, 3/14	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 3/15	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Wed, 3/16	Pastor Michael at Project Host	9:00am – 1:00pm
Thurs, 3/17	Golden Girls Bible Study & Lunch: Mary Pool's	11:30am
Fri, 3/18 – Sun, 3/27	Greenville County Schools Spring Break	
Mon, 3/21	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 3/22	Women's Community: TBD	TBD
Sun, 3/27	Joint Youth Group: Aldersgate UMC	5:00pm
	Supper Club: D'Allesandro's Pizza	6:00pm
	Confirmation Class: Aldersgate UMC	6:30pm
Mon, 3/28	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm

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

### Looking Forward

Sat, 4/2	Women's Retreat: Saint Paul	10:00am
Sun, 4/3	Laundry Mat Service Day: Saint Paul	9:00 – 10:30am
	Salkehatchie Celebration: Aldersgate	6:00pm
Mon, 4/4	Pastor Michael at Project Host	9:00am – 1:00pm
Fri, 4/8	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6:00 – 9:00pm
Thurs, 4/14	Maundy Thursday service: Northside	6:00pm
Fri, 4/15	Good Friday service: St. Paul	6:00pm
Sun, 4/17	Easter Sunday	11:00am
Sun, 4/24	Child Protection Training	12-1:30pm

**WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

March 3	Eleanor Cunningham Madelyn Miller
March 8	Katie Franks
March 9	Nolan Roberts
March 13	Carol Head Charlie Forrester
March 14	Eugenia Vicars
March 15	Neal Franks James Storey
March 16	Ed Pool
March 19	Whitney Feaster
March 21	Raina Newman
March 22	Steve Vaughn Chris Cox
March 23	Heather Storey
March 24	Bill Searcy Erin Crolley John Sprinkle
March 26	Ray Bruce
March 28	Lille Becker
March 29	John Smith

**WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:**

March 1	Ray & Linda Bruce	Congratulations!
March 13	Branham & Tracey Biggers	Celebrating 18 years!
March 24	Steve & Donna Connelly	Celebrating 49 years!
March 28	Marcus & MaryAnn Stephens	Celebrating 13 years!
March 31	John & Elaine Byers	Celebrating 28 years!

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**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 on 3/9.**

**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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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Lauren Searcy has begun working in the Toddler Room the second and fourth Sundays a month during Sunday School and the Worship Service. 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

<b>Ushers</b>		Edna Patterson Jeannine Cox Rebecca Roper
<b>Counters</b>		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
<b>Acolyte</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	Henry Stephens Mary Grace Goldston Edna Patterson Anna Cheshire
<b>Crucifer</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	John Tate Charlie Stephens John Tate Collins Cheshire
<b>Reader</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	Henry Stephens Anna Goldston John Tate TBD
<b>Children's Worship</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	MaryAnn Stephens & Rebecca Roper Rebecca Roper & Katie Knobloch Donna Connelly & TBD Jeannine Cox & Tennille Crnobrnja
<b>Nursery</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	Heather Storey Lauren Searcy TBD Lauren Searcy
<b>Hospitality Cart</b>		Not at this time

### Sunday School

<b>Toddlers</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	MaryAnn Stephens & Becky Smith Lauren Searcy & Becky Smith Diane Roper & TBD Lauren Searcy & Heather Storey
<b>Preschool/K5/1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	Donna Connelly & Teresa Ferrell Donna Connelly & Anna Goldston Donna Connelly & Anna Goldston Donna Connelly & Anna Goldston
<b>Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	Rebecca Roper Rebecca Roper Rebecca Roper Rebecca Roper
<b>Youth</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	Anna Goldston & Chris Cox Jeannine Cox & Jim Storey Edna Patterson & Mary Pool Jeannine Cox & Jim Storey

### Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for January:	\$14,952.51
Total giving for January:	\$12,154.41
Money transfers for January:	\$2,875.00
Expected budget for January:	\$20,174.31
Actual budget expenses for January:	\$25,629.39
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$14,952.51
Received Year-to-date:	\$12,154.41
Thank you for your generous giving!	

We are reporting monthly giving compared to a giving goal based on expected annual giving through pledges for 2022 and non-pledge giving in 2021. 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.

**An honorarium was given to glory of God in honor of Michael, Anna, Mary Grace, & Jack Goldston; Sonny & Polly Goldston; and Johnny & Jude Anderson to Empowering Haitians by Eugenia Vicars.**

**Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Victor Jenkinson by Ed & Mary Pool and Davis Lupu.**

**An honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Wyatt McCoy by his great-grandparents John & Suzanne Sprinkle.**

### 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.**



**Chancel Choir** rehearses 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.



**Joint Youth Group** will gathering on 3/13 at Northside at 5pm for the bonfire night. The next meeting will be on 3/27 at Aldersgate UMC at 5pm.



**Confirmation Class** will be meeting at St Paul on 3/13 at 12:30. We will also meet on 3/27 at Aldersgate from 6:30 to 7:30pm.



**Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 3/8 at 11:30am at Sakura 2537 N Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville. Join us for a lunch break of laughter and fellowship! Please RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/Z2DGXSkKqjhpG3yA6>



**Parents Night Out** will be on 3/11 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Drop off the children and spend an evening out! Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/fvU3rZnMyca1jmwE7>



The Youth Group is having a **bonfire** on 3/13 starting at 5:00pm. We will have some sing-a-long campfire songs and s'mores. **This is for the youth group only.**



**Golden Girls Lunch and Bible Study Group** will be gathering on 3/17 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>



**Women's Community** will be gathering on 3/22. Watch your bulletin for more details. Join us for an evening of laughter, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

There will be a Women's Retreat coming up on 4/2 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall at Saint Paul. We hope you will be able to come! We will be joined by Grace Pouch & Perrin White. We plan to go to lunch together somewhere near by the church after the program is complete.



**Supper Club** will be gathering on 3/27 at 6pm at D'Allesandro's Pizza located on Mohawk Drive in Greenville.

## Upcoming Meetings



**Trustees:** Will be meeting on 3/7 at 7pm at Saint Paul and 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 3/14 at 8pm via Zoom. The next meeting will be 4/7 at 6pm in-person at Saint Paul. 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 3/21 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!



**Church Council:** Will be meeting on 3/28 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!



## 2021 Financial Update

Needed per month:	Average to be given per month	Needed money per month	Actual % Given per month	Amount Given in dollars per month	percent over/under	dollars over/under
January	10.60%	\$12,622.70	9.58%	\$11,406.20	-1.02%	-\$1,216.50
February	7.90%	\$9,407.49	7.96%	\$9,483.94	0.06%	\$76.45
March	8.63%	\$10,276.79	9.98%	\$11,885.10	1.35%	\$1,608.31
April	8.24%	\$9,812.37	13.39%	\$15,943.85	5.15%	\$6,131.48
May	6.84%	\$8,145.22	9.49%	\$11,301.00	2.65%	\$3,155.78
June	8.22%	\$9,788.55	8.74%	\$10,411.61	0.52%	\$623.06
July	7.34%	\$8,740.63	8.20%	\$9,760.07	0.86%	\$1,019.44
August	8.43%	\$10,038.62	11.62%	\$13,840.09	3.19%	\$3,801.47
September	8.53%	\$10,157.70	6.90%	\$8,214.00	-1.63%	-\$1,943.70
October	8.37%	\$9,967.17	8.21%	\$9,774.00	-0.16%	-\$193.17
November	6.63%	\$7,895.14	8.75%	\$10,424.00	2.12%	\$2,528.86
December	10.57%	\$12,229.74	14.18%	\$16,887.22	3.61%	\$4,657.48
	100.30%	\$119,082.12	117.00%	\$139,331.08	16.70%	\$20,248.96

2021 budget: \$233,468.00 + approved increases = \$235,568.00 + more increases = \$236,860.00

2021 giving goal: \$119,082.12

2021 given: \$139,331.08

We met 58.82% of our increased expected budget for 2021 (\$139,331.08 is 57.80% of \$236,860.00)

We only spent \$204,425.11 of our expected budget for 2021

That means we have met 68.16% of the money we spent in giving. (\$139,331.08 is 68.16% of \$204,425.11)

### Cash Flow

- Numbers are current through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, unless otherwise notated.

### Current Balances

TD Money Market	\$5,068.59 2/21/2022
TD Checking Account	\$12,585.89 2/21/2022
Edward Jones xxx-xxx8310 (cash acct)	\$8,308.95
Edward Jones xxx-xxx1018	\$797,880.29

### 2021 Giving Funds

Fund	Start Balance	Gained	Spent	Ending balance
PPP Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legacy	\$2,418.98	\$6,058.35	\$7,291.11	\$1,186.22
Summer Camp	\$3,596.69	\$2,728.85	\$1,600.20	\$4,725.34
Capital	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
Epworth	\$0.00	\$685.60	\$460.00	\$225.60
Choir/Music	\$1,288.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,288.56
March of Dimes	\$32.00	\$520.00	\$492.00	\$60.00
Furman Wesley Foundation	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Hinton Rural Life Center	\$0.00	\$303.50	\$303.50	\$0.00
Empowering Haitians	\$0.00	\$381.00	\$381.00	\$0.00
PanCan	\$0.00	\$512.00	\$0.00	\$512.00
Race for the Cure	\$0.00	\$633.20	\$578.20	\$55.00
Souper Bowl	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SALT Class	\$394.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$394.10
Shepherd's Fund	\$2,506.51	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$2,491.51
Staff Christmas Gifts	\$0.00	\$1,390.00	\$1,390.00	\$0.00
United Ministries	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Women's Retreat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COVID-19 Relief Fund	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Men's Retreat	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
<b>Non-Giving Funds</b>				
New Staff	\$75,500.00	\$15,782.60	\$8,235.34	\$83,047.26
New Mission	\$19,700.00	\$999.96	\$597.94	\$20,102.02
Growing Our Family	\$8,999.43	\$999.96	\$518.05	\$9,481.34
Annual Capital Improvements	\$35,388.72	\$0.00	\$4,914.92	\$30,473.80
Emergency Capital	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,214.00	\$2,786.00
Housing	\$7,409.17	\$0.00	\$16,952.04	\$0.00
Endowment	\$622,510.80	\$85,393.03	\$64,500.00	\$643,403.83

# 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.**



**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	54 travel bottles
Soap	3 travel bottles or bars
Toothbrushes	17
Toothpaste	23 travel tubes
Dental Floss	85
Conditioner	32 travel bottles
Lotion	78 travel bottles
Socks (tube-style)	52 pairs
Band-aids	202 pieces
Wash Cloths	76
Neosporin	99 tubes
Chapstick	78 tubes
Deodorant	42 small pieces

