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# SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*in Greenville's West End*

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## April 2022 Newsletter

**From Pastor Michael**

Holy Week Explained

Every year in the week before Easter Sunday, our church and most other liturgical churches celebrate Holy Week. In this time, we remember events in the last week of Jesus' life during his time in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. While there are a few differences between the timeline of Holy Week represented in the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) and the Gospel according to John, the worship services that we hold represent ancient and ecumenical tradition for remembering the various events. First, we celebrate Palm Sunday, remembering Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. We waive palm branches and sometimes have a large outdoor procession to reenact the way his followers and the people hailed him as king as he came to town riding on a donkey. In the ancient tradition, this celebration would stand on its own, assuming that the congregation would return for the other services during the week. However, given the reality of low attendance for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we do not want people to go from "mini-Easter" to Easter without having to travel with Jesus to the cross. So, in our celebration, the mood turns somber during the service in a deliberate effort to bring the congregation to remember that before resurrection came suffering and death.

Although some churches, like St. Andrews down the street will have worship every day during Holy Week, we choose to remember only the most significant moments. Next, we worship on Maundy (the Latin for Commandment) Thursday, remembering the Last Supper Jesus hosted in the Upper Room on the night he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot. Traditionally, worshippers will share in communion, and a foot washing ceremony to remember that Jesus commanded his disciples to continue doing both. This service is the beginning of three days of worship, known as the Triduum (the Great Three Days). The worship ends with a stripping of the altar, removing all elements of adornment to remind us that Christ went to the cross stripped and alone. Because we will be worshipping at Northside UMC for Maundy Thursday, we will strip our altar at the end of the Palm Sunday worship. We will not have a foot washing. The worship will not have a benediction and the worship on Good Friday will not have a call to worship, indicating that they are one continuous worship service.

On Good Friday, we remember that Jesus was taken from the garden where he was praying during the night, brought before the temple leaders early in the morning, and hung on the cross by Friday afternoon. He died relatively quickly for a victim of crucifixion and was laid in a tomb. To worship God while remembering this tragedy helps us to understand why the day is called "Good." Our tradition of reading the Passion story from the Gospel of John while progressively dimming the church through the extinguishing of

candles reflects a reversal of our Christmas Eve service; the light is going out of the world. This Tenebrae (Darkness) service dates to the 9th century. Again, we close worship in silence without benediction; the story is not yet finished. On Holy Saturday, the sabbath day, we rest as Jesus rested in the grave.

On Sunday, we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day (Friday being day 1, Saturday day 2). The traditional Easter Vigil begins on Saturday evening (like our Christmas Eve worship); the Jewish new day began at sunset the day before. The service finishes the Great Three Days with light being returned to the church, ten readings of scripture, the first baptisms and the first communion of Easter. The service can be scheduled in the late evening, to end after midnight, or to end at sunrise Sunday morning. It is from this tradition that our sunrise services come. For us, as with many American Protestant churches, we close out Holy Week with our usual Sunday morning service, singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and shouting "Alleluia!" for the first time since Lent began. I invite you this year to not only remember the resurrection, but worship and remember the Passion of our Lord as well to deepen your spirit and faith in preparation for Easter.

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** will end on April 5. Thank you to everyone who has participated; it has been a great experience.



**Noon Prayer:** Join me or Eugenia for Noon Prayer Monday-Friday on Facebook Live.

### 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, Lee Jenkinson, *Carol 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:

## 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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## APRIL 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."



**Autism and Developmental Disability Awareness:** We will be collecting funds for Autism Awareness and Developmental Disability Awareness from 4/17 through 5/1. Let us help ease the challenges remaining for this vulnerable population.



We are collecting all through the year for the **Hygiene Bags** for Project Host. 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 narthex. For examples of what we need, please see the display in the narthex.



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)

Or join them in service to the hungry in our community; sign up to volunteer <https://www.projecthost.org/>. Our next service Sunday is 9/4.

## 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

### Happenings At-A-Glance

Sat, 4/2	Women's Retreat: Saint Paul	10:00am
Sun, 4/3	Youth Laundromat Service Sunday: Saint Paul	9:30am
	Confirmation Class: Aldersgate UMC	5:00pm
	Youth Salkehatchie Reboot Celebration: Aldersgate	6:00pm
Mon, 4/4	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul & Zoom	6:30pm
Tues, 4/5	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Thurs, 4/7	S/PPRC meeting: Saint Paul	6:00pm
Sat, 4/9	Easter Egg Hunt: Northside UMC	10:00am
Sun, 4/10	Confirmation Class: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm
Tues, 4/12	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
	Fellowship Luncheon: Iron Hill	11:30am
Thurs, 4/14	Maundy Thursday Worship: Northside	6:00pm
Fri, 4/15	Tenebrae Worship Service: Saint Paul	6:00pm
Sun, 4/17	Easter Sunday	
Mon, 4/18	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 4/20	Supper Club: TBD	TBD
Thurs, 4/21	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Mary Pool's	11:30am
Sun, 4/24	Safe Sanctuary Training: Saint Paul	12:30pm
	Confirmation Class: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm
Mon, 4/25	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 4/26	Women's Community: TBD	TBD

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

### Looking Forward

Sun, 5/1	Confirmation Class: Greek Orthodox Service	9:45am
Sat, 5/7	Church Clean-Up Day: Saint Paul	9:30am
Fri, 5/13	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6 – 9:00pm
Sat, 5/14	Youth Group Carwash: Northside	TBD
Sun, 5/15	Confirmation Sunday	In worship
	Bonfire Celebration: Northside	4:00pm
Sat, 5/22	Greenville Drive Baseball Outing	2:00pm
Mon, 5/30	Office Closed: Memorial Day	

**WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

April 4	Karsyn Miller Wesley Miller
April 8	Taunja Pool
April 14	Zonelle Boykin
April 19	Stella Feaster
April 24	Wells Storey
April 25	Annette Bostic Michael Matiz
April 27	Savannah Campbell
April 30	Mary Pool Leland Forrester

**WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:**

April 17	David & Katie Knobloch	Celebrating 12 years!
April 18	Larry & Jean Jones	Celebrating 63 years!
April 22	Ryan & Teresa Ferrell	Celebrating 27 years!
April 25	Stephen & Raina Newman	Celebrating 7 years!
April 27	Neal & Katie Franks	Celebrating 8 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.

**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.



**We will be hosting Safe Sanctuary Training on Sunday, 4/24, at 12:30pm. All teachers and those who work with our children and youth need to attend. New covenant agreements will be signed and background renewal paperwork will need to be completed.**

**RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/yrzKKXnRARiaHHz9>**

# Vacation Bible School News!



## Saint Paul UMC/Northside UMC Joint VBS

We are on a roll with God and we need chefs to join us for Food Truck Party.  
Join us as we "Cook up some fun".

We will learn to serve as the hands of God, ensuring that the needs of others are met.

The party begins Sunday, June 12 and goes to Thursday, June 16.

Watch the video on Facebook and complete the activities with your family during the day.

Each evening chefs will gather in the fellowship hall at Saint Paul UMC

6:00-6:20 pm: Dinner served

6:30 pm: Program begins to celebrate our daily specials.

Children entering K4-Fifth Grade are invited to attend.

Registration deadline is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/LAnw21S3k2UmdUMx7>

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## Youth Bonfire Night



### Confirmation Class Retreat

**In early March, our Confirmation students went on retreat to Hinton Rural Life Center where they spent the weekend growing in their faith while performing community service.**



## 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>	April 3 April 10 April 15 April 17 April 24	Charlie Stephens Edna Patterson Chelsea Biggers Karsyn Miller TBD
<b>Crucifer</b>	April 3 April 10 April 15 April 17 April 24	John Tate John Tate John Tate Wesley Miller TBD
<b>Reader</b>	April 3 April 10 April 15 April 17 April 24	Henry Stephens Davis Lupo Tracey Biggers Charlie Stephens TBD
<b>Children's Worship</b>	April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	MaryAnn Stephens & Edna Patterson Rebecca Roper & Jeannine Cox Donna Connelly & TBD Jeannine Cox & Donna Connelly
<b>Nursery</b>	April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	TBD Lauren Searcy Lauren Searcy Lauren Searcy
<b>Hospitality Cart</b>		Not at this time

### Sunday School

<b>Toddlers</b>	April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	MaryAnn Stephens Lauren Searcy & Becky Smith Lauren Searcy & Becky Smith Lauren Searcy
<b>Preschool/K5/1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	Edna Patterson & Teresa Ferrell Edna Patterson & Teresa Ferrell Anna Goldston Edna Patterson & Rebecca Roper
<b>Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	Donna Connelly Lori Cheshire Donna Connelly Donna Connelly
<b>Youth</b>	April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	Laundromat Anna Goldston & Chris Cox Edna Patterson & Mary Pool Jeannine Cox & Jim Storey



### Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for February:	\$11,468.43
Total giving for February :	\$11,488.06
Money transfers for February :	\$2,875.00
Expected budget for February :	\$20,174.31
Actual budget expenses for February :	\$18,222.27
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$26,420.94
Received Year-to-date:	\$23,642.47
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.

**Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Ibby Jenkinson by Catherine Gilstrap, Davis Lupo, Edna Patterson, and Nancy Smith.**

**Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Leonard Price by Davis Lupo, Edna Patterson, and Ed & Mary Pool.**

**A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Betty & Ronnie Howard by Rebecca Roper.**

### Upcoming 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 be gathering on 4/10 and 4/24 at 6:30pm at Saint Paul.



**Confirmation Class** will meet on 4/10 and 4/24 at 5:30 at Saint Paul.



**Legacy Bag Packing:** We will be packing food bags for Legacy on 4/12 at 9am in the social hall. Social distancing will be observed. Masks are at your discretion. Join us!



**Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 4/12 at 11:30am at Iron Hill located at 741 Haywood Road in Greenville. Join us for a lunch break of laughter and fellowship! Please RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/Z2DGXSkKqjhpG3yA6>



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**Flowers for the cross:** Don't forget to bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday to place on the outdoor cross.



**Parents Night Out** will resume in May. We apologize for the inconvenience!



**Supper Club** will be gathering on 4/20. Please watch your bulletin for more information on a location and time.



**Golden Girls Lunch and Bible Study Group** will be gathering on 4/21 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.



**Women's Community** will be gathering on 4/26. Watch your bulletin for more details. Join us for an evening of laughter, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Thank you to everyone who came for the Women's Retreat! We had a great morning and enjoyed being together again.

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## Upcoming Meetings



**Trustees:** Will be meeting on 4/4 at 6:30pm 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 4/7 at 6pm at Saint Paul. 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 4/18 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 4/25 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!

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**A big thank you to James Sheppard, Donnell Raiford, and Janice Williams for all their hard work in getting our third floor cleared and cleaned up. We are grateful to them and for them. We would also like to thank John Smith for hanging the hooks and sunscreens in the new greenery room and Janice Williams for placing all the greenery on the walls and tables.**



**NORTHSIDE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

# **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, April 9th  
From 10-12**

Age Categories

- 5 and under
- 1st through 5th Grade

**Please bring your Easter  
Basket if possible**

**Please  
RSVP**



Attention Saint Paul families: Northside UMC has invited us to help and participate in their Easter Egg Hunt this year. Scan the QR Code for more details.

# 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	50 travel bottles
Soap	0 travel bottles or bars
Toothbrushes	17
Toothpaste	23 travel tubes
Dental Floss	85
Conditioner	26 travel bottles
Lotion	77 travel bottles
Socks (tube-style)	52 pairs
Band-aids	202 pieces
Wash Cloths	76
Neosporin	99 tubes
Chapstick	39 tubes
Deodorant	42 small pieces

