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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/

May 2022 Newsletter

From Pastor Michael

Itinerancy Pros and Cons

According to the Book of Discipline, the organizational doctrine for the United Methodist Church, fully ordained elders are required to make themselves available to itinerate, or move, from church to church at the Bishop's command. Charges (or churches) are therefore required to accept the pastors that are sent by the Bishop. This system is somewhat unique in the church universal because of the frequency of moves and the relatively limited power of the churches and the pastors to decide. Our system may be most similar to the Roman Catholic assignment system, although their priests often stay in a parish much longer. Most other mainline denominations have some version of a call system, where pastors interview with churches and the churches call the pastors to serve.

Our system has several positive aspects. First, in the interplay of congregational and pastoral requests, District needs, and the Bishop's plans, there is liminal space for the Holy Spirit to work. Additionally, the pastors have someone aware of their needs and advocating on their behalf, whereas in a straight call system, each pastor is independent. For the church, the pastor's influence and cult of personality can be limited, requiring each church to build its own identity and mission.

Unfortunately, there are also negative aspects. Churches become jaded by frequent moves and will pull back from forming a meaningful relationship with a new pastor. It becomes hard to risk love when you know the person will leave. In addition, perceived slights by the Bishop cause smaller churches to develop inferiority complexes and stagnation as momentum is disrupted by frequent moves.

As we go through this process now, I invite you to focus on the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing Pastor Matt, and the identity and mission of St. Paul that we have been working to clarify. You can also work hard to embrace him and love on him and his family without fear or resentment. A church needs a pastor; a pastor needs a church; neither are whole without the other.

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

In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, 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: Chastity Campbell

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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MAY MISSIONS



Autism and Developmental Disability Awareness: We will be collecting funds for Autism Awareness and Developmental Disability Awareness throughout May. Let us help ease the challenges remaining for this vulnerable population.



Legacy Bag Packing: We will be packing food bags for Legacy on 5/9 and again on 5/23 at 9:00am in the social hall. We will be observing social distancing and masks are optional. Please come join us as we provide for those children in need. We are still collecting for Legacy in order to finish out our obligation to them for this school year. Please donate or bring in food items for the bags. Contact Edna Patterson for more details.



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

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.

WI-FI HOTSPOT

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



Happenings At-A-Glance

Sun, 5/1	Confirmation Class Greek Orthodox Service: St Paul	9:30am
Sat, 5/7	Church Clean-Up Day: Saint Paul	9:30am – 12:30pm
Sun, 5/8	Mother's Day	
Mon, 5/9	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
Tues, 5/10	Fellowship Luncheon: Jasmine Kitchen	11:30am
Sat, 5/14	Youth Group Carwash: Northside	10-12
Sun, 5/15	Confirmation Sunday	In worship
	Bonfire Confirmation Celebration: Northside	4:30-6:30pm
Mon, 5/16	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 5/19	Golden Girls Luncheon & Bible Study: Mary Pool's	11:30am
Fri, 5/20	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6 – 9:00pm
Sat, 5/22	Greenville Drive Baseball Outing	2:00pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm
Mon, 5/23	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
	Church Council meeting: Saint Paul	8:00pm
Tues, 5/24	Women's Community: TBD	TBD
Mon, 5/30	Office Closed: Memorial Day	

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, 6/4	Youth Group Pool Party: Edna Patterson's	TBD
June 5-6	Virtual Annual Conference	
Fri, 6/10	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm
June 12-16	Vacation Bible School: Saint Paul	6:00pm dinner 6:30pm program
June 18 – 25	Salkehatchie	
Sun, 6/19	Father's Day	
	Vacation Bible School Celebration	In worship



WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

May 2	Logan Kanipe
May 5	Troy Gamble
May 9	Matt Roberts
May 10	Connie Cox
May 14	Pat Tompkins
May 17	Brian Crnobrnja
May 18	Allison Miller
May 20	Payton Franks
May 24	Willa Bell
May 27	Linda Bruce
May 29	Samuel Howard Branham Biggers

WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

May 1	Daniel & Rebecca Roper
May 3	Bill & Dot Huff celebrating 64 years together!
May 3	Logan & Elise Kanipe
May 4	Jason & Lori Cheshire

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.



NORTHSIDE - ST. PAUL

Family Cookout

MAY 15TH 4:30 TO 6:30

@ NORTHSIDE | 435

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BBQ Chicken Dinner

Family Games

Music &

Good Times



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 22nd.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Lauren Searcy is 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. In June, she will be there for the first and third Sundays.

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	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	Henry Stephens TBD Karsyn Miller TBD Payton Franks
Crucifer	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	Charlie Stephens TBD Charlie Stephens TBD Wesley Miller
Reader	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	Charlie Stephens TBD Wesley Miller TBD Karsyn Miller
Children's Worship	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	MaryAnn Stephens & Edna Patterson Lori Cheshire & TBD Lori Cheshire & Tennille Crnobrnja Lori Cheshire & Katie Knobloch Lori Cheshire & TBD
Nursery	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	No nursery Lauren Searcy No nursery Lauren Searcy No nursery
Hospitality Cart		Not at this time

Sunday School

Toddlers	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	MaryAnn Stephens & Heather Storey Lauren Searcy & Raina Newman TBD Lauren Searcy TBD
Preschool/K5/1st Grade	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	Donna Connelly & TBD Donna Connelly & Rebecca Roper Donna Connelly & Tennille Crnobrnja Donna Connelly & TBD Donna Connelly & TBD
Elementary 2nd – 5th Grade	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	Lori Cheshire Lori Cheshire Lori Cheshire Lori Cheshire Lori Cheshire
Youth	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	Anna Goldston & Chris Cox Jeannine Cox & Jim Storey practice time Anna Goldston & Chris Cox Jeannine Cox & Jim Storey

Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for March:	\$11,528.17
Total giving for March:	\$9,470.73
Money transfers for March:	\$22,875.00
Expected budget for March:	\$20,174.31
Actual budget expenses for March:	\$23,705.29
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$38,949.11
Received Year-to-date:	\$33,113.20
Thank you for your generous giving!	

Monthly Goal for April:	\$11,962.01
Total giving for April:	\$8,853.24
Money transfers for April:	\$2,875.00
Expected budget for April:	\$20,174.31
Actual budget expenses for April:	\$20,523.59
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$50,911.12
Received Year-to-date:	\$41,966.44
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.

We raised \$623.11 for **March of Dimes** during the months of March and April. Thank you for your generous giving!

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Ibbey Jenkinson by Robert & Mary Anne Terminato and Ed & Mary Pool.

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Leonard Price by Robert & Mary Anne Terminato.

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Linda Clary, mother of Charlie Forrester, by Ed & Mary Pool and Edna Patterson.

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 5/1 and 5/22 at 6:30pm at Saint Paul.



Confirmation Class will be gathering on 5/1 at 9:30am at Saint Paul to ride together to attend the Greek Orthodox Service and again that evening at 5:30. Confirmation Sunday will be 5/15 in worship service. We will also be having a Confirmation Bonfire Celebration on 5/15 at Northside UMC at 4pm.



Let's Clean up the yard! The Trustees will be hosting a landscaping and church cleanup day on 5/7. We will start gathering at 9:30am with coffee and doughnuts provided. The cleaning and landscaping will run from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Please come out and help us cleanup the grounds and get out churchyard ready for the warm days ahead.



Fellowship Luncheon will be on 5/10 at 11:30am at Jasmine Kitchen located on Augusta Street in Greenville. Join us for a lunch break of laughter and fellowship! Please RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/Z2DGXSkKqjhpG3yA6>



Joint Youth Group Car Wash: Come out to support our youth and get your car washed at Northside UMC on 5/14, 10-12.



Golden Girls Lunch and Bible Study Group will be gathering on 5/19 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.



Parents Night Out: Drop off the children with us on 5/20 from 6 to 9pm and enjoy an evening out! Dinner and a small dessert will be provided.



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.



Help Needed: We are looking for a couple of volunteers willing to jump in broadcasting our service on Sunday whenever Mary Anne is unavailable. The biggest requirement is being here a little earlier on a Sunday morning and learning the computer system to get us broadcasting. If you are interested, please contact either the office at

864-235-3494 or saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com or talk directly to Mary Anne Terminato after any service. Thank you!

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will not be meeting in May due to the Yard Clean-Up day on 5/7. Members are Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Debbie Goodwin, and Chris Cox. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Does not have a meeting on the calendar for May. 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 5/16 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 5/23 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!

On April 3rd, our youth met during the Sunday School time to visit the local laundromats to place coins in the machines for those in need in our community. They raised enough money to do this again soon.



Northside-St. Paul Car Wash

All Proceeds will go to Salkehatchie
and Hinton Summer Missions

MAY 14 | 10AM TO 12PM
435 SUMMIT DR.
GREENVILLE, SC

Please support our youth mission trip Salkehatchie
and Hinton by coming to the car wash. All
donations are welcome!

Committee Reports

Children's Department Report-April 25, 2022

- The joint Easter Egg Hunt with Northside was a big success. Approximately 30 attended. This was a combination of Saint Paul, Northside and some community children. Activities included games, crafts, story time, egg hunt and lunch.
- Thank you to John Smith for hanging magnetic boards in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Work from some of the children is on display. More will be added.
- Rev. Carrie Nettles led our Safe Sanctuary training session and new Covenant Agreements were signed as well as new background check forms filled out. The training was recorded so those who were unable to attend can view and then fill out their paper work.
- VBS registration information has been sent out and a few have all ready registered.

Sunday School News

As Sunday School attendance is usually low during the summer we will have Sunday School two Sundays a month for June, July and August.

June 5 and June 19

July 10 and 24

August 14 and 28.

Lauren will provide Toddler care for Sunday School and Worship each of these Sundays.

Eugenia Vicars

Sunday School Superintendent

Trustees

The Trustees are working on repairing a couple of the pew cushions in the sanctuary. They have installed magnetic boards in the hallway going to the social hall and will be displaying art from the children of Saint Paul on these. Banners were found during the third floor clean-up and are being hung in the social hall. A new outdoor spigot was installed to help water plants and some gutter work was done to the building. They are hosting a clean-up day around the outside of the church on 5/7.

Worship Team

The Worship Team was busy during Lent and Easter. The outdoor cross was placed in the churchyard and covered with ivy before the Easter Sunday service. Saint Paul celebrated Palm Sunday with the waving of palm branches. After service, the team and helpers prepared the sanctuary for the Good Friday Tenebrae service by removing the church decorations and setting up the altar and pulpit area with candles.

After Tenebrae, the team set up the church for Easter Sunday by removing the candles, bringing the church decorations back into the sanctuary, and putting up the inside cross adorned with lilies. All of the Tenebrae supplies were stored on the third floor in the newly cleaned out room that now holds all the floral supplies and decorations for the sanctuary.

On Easter Sunday, the congregation brought fresh flowers to adorn the outside cross. Those who could, brought fresh flowers from their yards while others brought flowers they had purchased. Many photos were taken on Easter Sunday with the cross decorated with all the flowers. Eugenia started an album on Facebook with these photos.

During the week after Easter, the flowers were removed from the outdoor cross. The team repaired the lilies on the indoor cross due to slippage of the garlands. Thank you to John Smith and his staple gun.

Joint Youth Council

We have agreed to put the search for a new Youth Minister on hold until after Pastor Matt arrives. He will be well-positioned to analyze the situation and determine the need going forward. Regular Youth Group meetings will run through May 22nd. We are not meeting on Mother's Day. The summer schedule will include a Pool party, Carowinds trip, and service days. Details will be announced. The biggest things for summer are Union Salkehatchie the third week of June (2 youth and 2 adults) and Hinton Summer Mission the first week of August (4 youth and 1 adult).

Easter At Saint Paul



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Stay up to date on
COVID-19 vaccinations



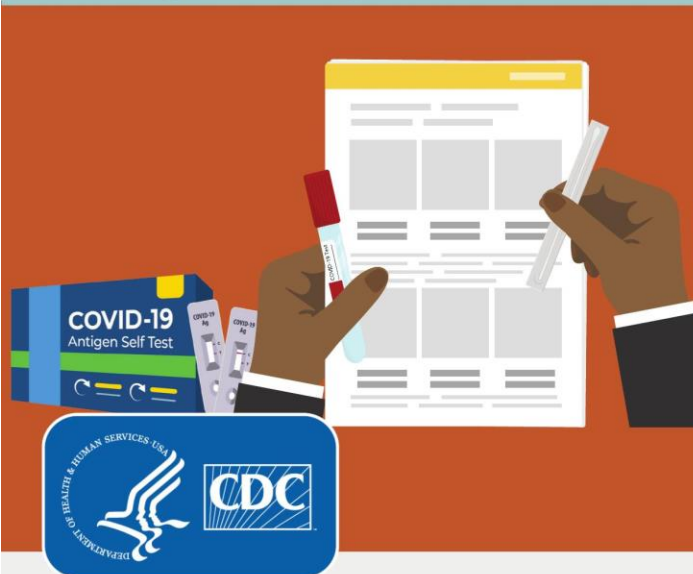
Wear a mask indoors
When COVID-19 Community Level is high

Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces



Test to prevent spread to others

Wash your hands often



cdc.gov/coronavirus



**Items Needed for Hygiene Bags for 2022
 (Please see the display in the narthex for sizes.)**

Item Needed	Quantity Needed
Shampoo	48 travel bottles
Soap	0 travel bottles or bars
Toothbrushes	8
Toothpaste	20 travel tubes
Dental Floss	84
Conditioner	24 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	40 travel size

