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SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

in Greenville's West End

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June 2022 Newsletter

From Pastor Michael

The Weirdness of Methodist Goodbyes

This will be my last newsletter article, as June is my final month as your pastor. I'll be saying goodbye in different ways throughout the month, and on July 3, Rev. Matt Greer will join you as your new pastor. And then it gets weird. It's actually a lot like breaking up with a girlfriend that you've been in love with. There are all these shared memories, shared photos, songs and places and restaurants that remind you of each other. When you go cold turkey, complete shut off, you start to wonder, did it ever mean anything at all? How can love just end? That's why so often breakups drag on and on and get messier and messier.

So, the Methodist way for pastors to say goodbye is for the pastor to drive off into the sunset and never be seen again. It definitely helps with the mess, but it is also definitely weird and hard. Typically, a pastor should not "interfere" in his/her old church for a year. I have never handled this very well, typically keeping up relationships with a few in violation of the standard and completely dropping others, even those that I cared about. Often, it's easier to put up a wall than try to define new boundaries. This time, to compound the problem, I'm not going anywhere; I'll still be in the same house and following some of the same routines.

So, to deal with the weirdness, we turn to Jesus. I know this; Jesus values and prioritizes right relationships. So, I will be trying to keep right relationships with you, with the church, and with my friend Matt. We are currently talking and praying together for what that may look like in our unique situation, where I am not moving and taking another church and we are friends. I invite you, too, to pray about what our relationship will look like in the next year. As we move into the second half of 2022, communicate with me as you need about what you want in our relationship going forward. And know this, it did mean something, I do love you, and I hope we can find new ways to be in a relationship that will be healthy for all of us.

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, **family of Bruce Byington**, 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*, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Chuck McLesky, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Raymond Rogers. Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Joe Whitmire, family of Sharon Williams, **Darlene Wooten**, 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: Pastor Matt Greer

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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Congratulations to William Searcy, Jr., as he starts his 24th year at the music director for Saint Paul. Thank you for all he has done and all that he continues to do!



JUNE MISSIONS



Autism and Developmental Disability Awareness:

We raised \$795.50 for this wonderful cause. We will be splitting this amount evenly between Thrive Upstate, NAMI Greenville, and Project Hope Foundation for Autism. Thank you so much for your generous giving over the month of May.



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.



In June, we will be supporting the VBS mission project of collecting items from the list below for **United Ministries**. You may bring items to the church any Sunday in June. **Items needed are:** canned fruit, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, mac and cheese microwavable cups, peanut butter, canned meat, cereal, grits, paper towels, laundry detergent. Thank you for helping support United Ministries as they continue to help those in need in our community.



We are still collecting funds for **Legacy** to cover the costs of the food and clothes we provided to them this past 2021-22 school year. If you would like to help, please donate to the fund through check or online. Thank you for helping to support those students in great need.

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

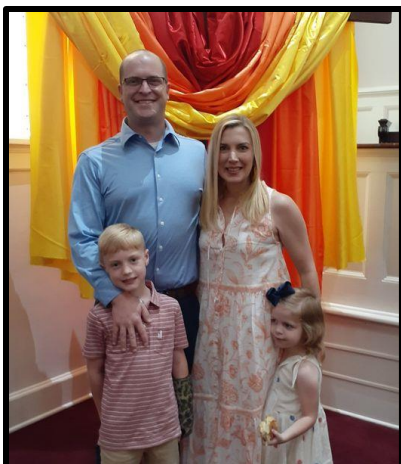
Happenings At-A-Glance

Thurs, 6/2	Office Closed	all day
Sat, 6/4	Youth Group Pool Party: Home of Edna Patterson	2:00pm
Sun, 6/5 – Mon, 6/6	Virtual Annual Conference	
Sun, 6/5	Summer Sunday School	10:15am
Sun, 6/12 – Thurs, 6/16	Vacation Bible School	6:00pm
Tues, 6/14	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Thurs, 6/16	Office Closed	
Sat, 6/18 – Sat, 6/25	Salkehatchie: Union	
Sun, 6/19	Summer Sunday School	10:15am
	VBS Celebration	11:00am
Mon, 6/20	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 6/22	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sun, 6/26	Pool Party for the Goldston family: Edna Patterson's	3:00pm
Mon, 6/27	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 6/28	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

Mon, 7/4	Independence Day: Office Closed	
Sun, 7/10	Summer Sunday School	10:15am
Mon, 7/11	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 7/12	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Mon, 7/18	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sun, 7/24	Summer Sunday School	10:15am
Mon, 7/25	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 7/26	Women's Community: TBD	TBD
Sun, 7/31 – Thurs, 8/4	Hinton Summer Mission Trip	



**Welcome to our newest
 members,
 the Hall family!**



Graduation News

Congratulations to **Alexandra Grace Johnson**, daughter of Jan and Larkin Johnson and granddaughter of Carmie and Janet Cook, who is graduating from Wade Hampton High School on June 2nd. She will be attending the University of South Carolina in the fall.



Congratulations to Meredith Pool, granddaughter of Ed and Mary Pool. Meredith Pool will graduate Magna Cum Laude from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Her major is Industrial/Organizational Psychology and her minor is Human Resource Management. She was on the President's List for 4 semesters. She was recognized as a Davenport Scholar in 2021 and 2022, a select group of psychology students who have excelled in both traditional academics and psychological research. While at Clemson, Meredith participated in Clemson Society of Human Resource Management, Clemson Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and the Climbing Club. She also worked at the Climbing Wall and as an Operations Assistant for Campus Recreation. After returning to United

Methodist Camp Tekoa for the summer to lead the Survivor and Amazing Race camps, she will continue her studies in the Ph.D. program at Clemson in the field of Industrial/Organizational Psychology.



WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

June 1	Michael Goldston
June 5	Daniel Boone
June 8	Bob Kubicki
June 14	Beth Rogers
June 15	Isaac Ferrell
June 17	John Tate
June 18	Stephanie Gamble
June 21	Buddy Tompkins
June 23	W Thomas Baskin Elliot Hall
June 30	Darrie Crabtree

WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

June 9	Tommy & Carol Head celebrating 43 years together!
June 17	Thomas & Lisa Pool Todd & Dana Howard
June 19	Sonny & Polly Goldston celebrating 51 years together!
June 24	Larkin & Jan Johnson
June 26	Troy & Stephanie Gamble
June 26	Darrie & Patsy Crabtree celebrating 42 years together!
June 30	Brian & Brooke Becker



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. **This office will be closed on 6/2 and 6/16.**

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.

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.

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.
One of our volunteers will be with her to meet the Safe Sanctuary protocols.

Worship Leaders

Ushers		Edna Patterson Jeannine Cox Rebecca Roper
Counters		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
Acolyte	June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	Mary Grace Goldston Henry Stephens Anna Cheshire Payton Franks
Crucifer	June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	TBD Charlie Stephens Collins Cheshire TBD
Reader	June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	Anna Goldston Charlie Stephens TBD TBD
Children's Worship	June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	Rebecca Roper & MaryAnn Stephens Not available Rebecca Roper & Katie Knobloch Tennille Crnobrnja & TBD
Nursery	June 5 Lauren Searcy June 12 June 19 June 26	No nursery Lauren Searcy MaryAnn Stephens
Hospitality Cart		Not at this time

Sunday School

Toddlers	June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	Lauren Searcy & Donna Connelly No Sunday School Lauren Searcy & TBD No Sunday School
Preschool/K5/1st Grade	June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell No Sunday School Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell No Sunday School
Elementary 2nd – 5th Grade	June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	Rebecca Roper No Sunday School Rebecca Roper No Sunday School
Youth	June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	Anna Goldston & Chris Cox No Sunday School Mary Pool & Edna Patterson No Sunday School

Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for May:	\$9,929.63
Total giving for May:	\$14,663.00
Money transfers for May:	\$2,875.00
Expected budget for May:	\$20,331.82
Actual budget expenses for May:	\$23,142.91
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$60,840.75
Received Year-to-date:	\$56,629.44
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.

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A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Ibbby Jenkinson by Nikki Thomas.

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Victor Jenkinson by Nikki Thomas

A memorial was given to the glory of God in honor of Mother's Day in memory of Mary Fowler Howard and Betty Gentry Howard by Sue Howard.

An honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Mother's Day in honor of Rebecca Howard Roper and Dana Clark Howard by Sue Howard.

Honorariums were given to the glory of God in honor of the confirmation class and Stella Feaster by Janis Feaster and Rhett Dalton.

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Bruce Byington by Tracey and Chelsea Biggers, Davis Lupo, and Edna Patterson.

Committee Reports

Children's Department Report-May 23, 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. Several who were not in attendance have watched the video and submitted their paperwork. We will continue to reach out to those who have not completed the process so everyone will be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy.
- VBS registration closed yesterday (5/22)
- We will serve dinner this year with VBS 6:00-6:20 and the program will begin at 6:30. The theme is Food Truck Party – On a Roll with God. We will be talking about Bible stories around food and how we can serve others. We will take a collection of canned food for United Ministries. The Offering will go toward purchasing gift cards for Epworth.

Finance Committee

Our accounts are looking good for the month. We are a under goal for giving but hope that will pick up during and after the summer. A new budget line was created for a nursery attendant (Lauren Searcy) to cover the costs of having someone in the nursery. This will keep the funds from being used from the Children's ministry. Money was also added to the budget line for Custodial Supplies as we needed a new vacuum cleaner for the church.

Help Protect Yourself and Others | COVID-19 |

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	40 travel bottles
Soap	0 travel bottles or bars
Toothbrushes	8
Toothpaste	17 travel tubes
Dental Floss	82
Conditioner	15 travel bottles
Lotion	71 travel bottles
Socks (tube-style)	52 pairs
Band-aids	142 pieces
Wash Cloths	76
Neosporin	97 tubes
Chapstick	39 tubes
Deodorant	40 travel size

