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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/

August 2022 Newsletter

In First Corinthians 9:22 Paul states, "I have become all things to all people." In the three previous verses he describes how he acts like the people he is with. To me, that sounds like a tough feat: but I LOVE Paul's reason in the following verse: "I do all this for the sake of the Gospel". If indeed it's for the sake of the Gospel, then tough feat aside, sign me up for this "all things to all people" gig! Which is best, as I've decided there is a lot of that in the pastor role. So, all people at Saint Paul UMC, here are all things I can be and become for you:

1) Preacher: If your life is going well (and my sermons are going good) it may be possible that the hour or so we have together on Sundays will be all you need from me. I'd like to invite you into more; but if this is all you require from me, I will strive to be a preacher you enjoy.

2) Chaplain: You may find yourself on your worst day. Grief, sadness, angst, and anger may be the result from that day. That day may be at 2 am. I'm on call for YOU. Whether you need someone to cry with, help finding God in the midst of darkness, prayer, a word, or silence I AM HERE FOR ALL THAT!

3) A Friend: This Pastor to Parishioner thing can be fun too! Sometimes you may just want to talk sports, compare crazy kid stories, share life, grab a burger, have a pool day, quote "The Office", whatever, I'm not sure if Paul would approve but I'm here for that too.

4) Council (but I'm NOT a councilor): Perhaps, during my time here at Saint Paul, you'll find yourself at some of life's crossroads. I won't tell you which way to go, but perhaps we can discern together (and maybe find a team to help) until your next step is made obvious to you.

5) Hover-Pastor: Just in case you are one that appreciates a personal invite to church, or enjoys more frequent check ins...well...I may not realize that until it's too late. Please be up front with those needs so I can make sure to speak your love language.

6) Mission Leader: Maybe you're ready to jump into (or deeper into) some of the things God is calling you to do but you're not sure where or how to go about it. Let me know and I can set you up with places and spaces to fulfill those calls; and if it's ok with you, I'll probably go too and serve shoulder to shoulder with you!

7) A (practical) Theologian: It's been obvious to me that I spent a lot of money at seminary being taught things that the average churchgoer doesn't care one bit about (that's ok, that's a seminary problem, not a churchgoer problem). HOWEVER, maybe you've got some wonders and questions, or have heard something new about God that doesn't fully match up to your current understanding; LETS TALK ABOUT IT!

I invite you to: pick what you need when you need it, communicate that to me and, when your situation changes, pick what else you need, communicate that, and repeat as often as needed. In the ups, downs, ebbs, and flows, I WILL be all I can for all of you, and God will be there with us all!

May HIS favor be upon you,
Rev. Matthew Greer
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p.s. I may need some of this from some of you along the way, I'll let you know.

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or matthewgreer@gmail.com)

Our Staff

Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr. **Sexton:** Gary Putnam
Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Paul Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Patsy Crabtree, *Eleanor Cunningham*, Natalie Davis, *Jesse Franks*, 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, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Joe Whitmire, family of 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:

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.

AUGUST MISSIONS



Hygiene Bags: Traveling this summer? We are continuing to collect items for the Hygiene Bags. Please see the display in the narthex for examples of what we need. A list of quantities needed is below. Thank you! **Youth and children elementary age and older are welcome to come and help pack the hygiene bags on 8/27 at 10am in the social hall!**



Project Host: We will be having our **Service Sunday** on Sunday, September 4th, starting at 9am. To join us, please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/wH8MnfERJKVi99dM8>. Please consider helping support Project Host by ordering supplies they need on a regular basis (see the link on their website) or sign up to volunteer at <https://www.projecthost.org/>.



Legacy: We have completed our obligation to Legacy for this school year; however, we are still collecting donations to our Legacy fund to help cover the cost of the food supplied to those children most in need this school year. Thank you!

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

Sat, 8/6	Listening Meeting with Pastor Matt: Greer home	12:00pm
Sun, 8/7	Blessing of the Backpacks	In worship
	Fill the Backpack Event: Saint Paul	1:30 – 4:00pm
Mon, 8/8	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 8/9	Fellowship Luncheon: Runway Cafe	11:30am
Wed, 8/10	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul & Zoom	7:00pm
Sun, 8/14	Sunday School	10:15am
	Youth Sunday/Salkehatchie Talk	In worship
Mon, 8/15	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 8/18	Golden Girls Bible Study and Luncheon: Mary Pool's	11:30am
Mon, 8/22	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 8/23	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Sat, 8/27	Hygiene Bag packing: Saint Paul	10:00am
Sun, 8/28	Sunday School	10:15am
	Epworth Sunday	
	End of Summer Bash: Discovery Island	3:00pm

The **Chancel Choir** has resumed rehearsals on Sundays at 9:30am. We will resume Wednesday night rehearsals in the fall. Come join the choir!

Looking Forward

Fri, 9/2	Office Closed	
Sun, 9/4	Service Sunday: Project Host	9:00am – 1:00pm
Mon, 9/5	Labor Day: Office Closed	
	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul & Zoom	7:00pm
Fri, 9/9	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6:00 – 9:00pm
Sun, 9/11	Promotion Sunday	In worship
Mon, 9/12	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/13	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Thurs, 9/15	Golden Girls Bible Study & Luncheon: Pool home	11:30am
Mon, 9/19	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sun, 9/25	Pumpkin Patch set up: Northside UMC	12:00pm
Mon, 9/26	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/27	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm

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 EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

August 4	Nicole Brannon
August 9	Kayla Davis
August 10	Adam Boone
August 12	Peggy Whitmire JL Crnobrnja
August 14	Jeannine Cox
August 15	Kit Matiz Elli Roberts
August 18	Garren Crnobrnja
August 19	Lizzie Feaster Avery Franks
August 20	Linda Price
August 21	Ashbie Day
August 23	Jason Cheshire
August 24	Jenni Thompson Elaine Byers
August 26	Chris Howard
August 27	Elizabeth Crolley
August 28	Leo Forrester
August 30	Tracey Biggers
August 31	Patsy Crabtree



WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

August 3	Jim & Heather Storey
August 4	Robert & Mary Anne Terminato celebrating 43 years!
August 6	Ed & Mary Pool celebrating 56 years!
August 18	Terry & Jenni Thompson
August 22	Chris & Jeannine Cox
August 26	Matt & Lauren Roberts

Worship Leaders

Ushers		Edna Patterson Jeannine Cox Rebecca Roper
Counters		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
Acolyte	August 7 August 14 August 21 August 28	Charlie Stephens Fowler Roper Maddie Miller William Hall
Crucifer	August 7 August 14 August 21 August 28	TBD William Pool Wesley Miller
Reader	August 7 August 14 August 21 August 28	Henry Stephens Youth TBD TBD
Children's Worship	August 7 August 14 August 21 August 28	Rebecca Roper & TBD Lori Cheshire & Katie Knobloch TBD Raina Newman & Lori Cheshire
Nursery	August 14 August 28	Lauren Searcy Lauren Searcy
Hospitality Cart		Not at this time
Sunday School		
Toddlers	August 14 August 28	Lauren Searcy & Heather Storey Lauren Searcy & Raina Newman
Preschool/K5/1st Grade	August 14 August 28	Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
Elementary 2nd – 5th Grade	August 14 August 28	Lori Cheshire Lori Cheshire
Youth	August 14 August 28	Jeannine Cox & Jim Storey Mary Pool & Edna Patterson

Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for July:	\$10,655.48
Total giving for July:	\$11,575.56
Money transfers for July:	\$17,875.00
Expected budget for July:	\$20,331.82
Actual budget expenses for July:	\$17,469.87
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$83,429.20
Received Year-to-date:	\$77,361.56
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 \$319.12 for United Ministries in honor of Fowler, Anna, and John David.
Thank you for your generous giving!

End of Summer Bash!



The children, youth
and their families are invited to
celebrate at
Discovery Island Waterpark
Sunday, August 28, 2022
3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Please register by August 22, 2022
<https://forms.gle/yvCFhhHM7NakTqiN9>

You are welcome to invite a friend.
They will need to fill out an Activity Participation Form

Discovery Island is located at
417 Baldwin Road
Simpsonville, SC
Please go to
<https://waterparks.greenvillerec.com/discovery-island/>
and read their policies and guidelines.