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SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

in Greenville's West End

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September 2022 Newsletter

August 14th 2022 was a mighty powerful day as our youth gave testimonies of what the Lord did with their summer opportunities through camps, Salkehatchie, and local missions of Saint Paul. Here are some pastor thoughts from the other side of the pulpit:

1) I sat by former pastor, Murray Snow, and his family. I loved the delight they took in this day. It made me think of pastors from my childhood and teenage years that were important to my faith formation. Itinerating is hard, but sitting with the Snows on this particular Sunday reminded me how wonderful it is to have a TEAM OF PASTORS that will love, pray for, and appropriately support you beyond the move. I am thankful for my pastors, and I'm blessed for my turn in the Saint Paul pastor team now.

2) COMMUNITY!!! The most frequently used terms of the day were friends, people, connect, group, relationships, reuniting, and well you get the point right? Each time this theme showed up, it was more and more proof that the generation that is connected to many through technology is still craving and longing for community. May we 1) cultivate community for them to frequently enjoy and 2) be great examples of how to do life in and with community.

3) Multiple talks mentioned COMMUNION being an important aspect of their experiences. I expected to hear about Ga-Ga Ball, Wet Willie, roofing and painting projects. I found the addition of communion to those things to be a lovely confirmation that 2000-year-old ways of worship are still working for all current generations. As the Church always looks forward on how to engage new generations, may it never be at the expense of the good things God has already gifted us with.

4) It got deep! Hinton and Salkehatchie talks went beyond the standard "what we did" but dove into real problems of the world. They spoke of monetary challenges of living in RURAL AREAS, how they negatively affect those already in poverty, and how JUDGEMENT falls upon them. They spoke of the RACISM endured by those they helped. They spoke of how their presence in the homes brought some healing to the loneliness and ISOLATION the homeowners were experiencing. It's easy to see and talk

about the brokenness of the houses, but much harder to proclaim the brokenness in our systems and hearts. I'm impressed this was something our youth did!

5) I don't believe the children are the future of the church; I cringe when I hear it. Whatever you want to call them (children, youth, students, young people, kids) there is nothing future about what they are doing RIGHT NOW!!!

May HIS favor be upon you,

Rev. Matthew Greer

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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, **Amos Horne**, 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, 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.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS



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!



The Betty Bunch/Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure: We will be collecting for The Betty Bunch as they walk to support Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Please bring your dollars and give in the pink buckets on 9/11, 9/18 and 9/25. Thank you for helping to support the search for a cure.

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

Fri, 9/2	Office Closed	
Sun, 9/4	Service Sunday: Project Host	9:00am – 1:00pm
Mon, 9/5	Labor Day: Office Closed	
Wed, 9/7	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Resumes: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 9/8	Listening Meeting with Pastor Matt: Pool home	7:00pm
Fri, 9/9	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6:00 – 9:00pm
Sun, 9/11	Promotion Sunday	In worship
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30 – 7:00pm
Mon, 9/12	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/13	Fellowship Luncheon: Yard House	11:30am
Wed, 9/14	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	7:00pm
Thurs, 9/15	Worship Team meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	7:00pm
Sun, 9/18	Listening Meeting with Pastor Matt: Saint Paul	12:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30 – 7:00pm
Mon, 9/19	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 9/22	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Pool home	11:30am
Sun, 9/25	Pumpkin Patch set up: Northside UMC	12:00pm
	Youth Group Service: Pumpkin Patch/Northside	5:30 – 7:00pm
Mon, 9/26	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/27	Women’s Community: TBD	7:00pm
Thurs, 9/29	Beacon of Light Class Ice Cream Night: Crazy Mason	7:00pm

The **Chancel Choir** has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays at 700pm.
 Come join the choir!

Looking Forward

Sun, 10/2	Joint Youth Group: Northside	5:30 – 7:00pm
Mon, 10/3	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	7:00pm
Wed, 10/5	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Sun, 10/9	Joint Youth Group: Northside	5:30 – 7:00pm
Mon, 10/10	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 10/11	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Fri, 10/14	Office Closed	
	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6:00 – 9:00pm
Sun, 10/16	Joint Youth Group: Northside	5:30 – 7:00pm
Mon, 10/17	Office Closed	
	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 10/20	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Mary Pool’s	11:30am
Sun, 10/23	Joint Youth Group: Northside	5:30 – 7:00pm
Mon, 10/24	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 10/25	Women’s Community: TBD	7:00pm
Thurs, 10/27	Charge Conference: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Sat, 10/29	Youth Group Service: Northside Trunk-or-Treat	5:00pm

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:

September 2	Carmie Cook
September 4	Nicole Ackerman
September 7	Becky Smith
September 10	Richard Bostic
September 11	Fowler Roper
September 12	Charmaine Pool
September 13	Daniel Roper
September 15	Jacob Cox
September 16	Frankie Caughman
September 19	Jade Matiz
September 20	Diane Robertson David Knobloch
September 21	Lauren Hamilton
September 22	Maddie Boone
September 24	Lee Newman
September 25	Jean Jones
September 29	Richard Ball
September 30	DJ Boone



WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

September 17	Ray & Jere Byington
September 19	Bob & Kathy Weathers
September 26	Van & Fran Clinkscales will be celebrating 58 years together!

Worship Leaders

Ushers		Edna Patterson Jeannine Cox Rebecca Roper
Counters		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
Acolyte	September 4 September 11 September 18 September 25	Fowler Roper Benjamin Pool William Hall Garren Crnobrnja
Crucifer	September 4 September 11 September 18 September 25	n/a TBD Elliott Hall TBD
Reader	September 4 September 11 September 18 September 25	Rev. Murray Snow TBD TBD Benjamin Pool
Children's Worship	September 4 September 11 September 18 September 25	not available this day TBD TBD TBD
Nursery	September 4 September 11 September 16 September 25	not available this day not available this day Lauren Searcy Lauren Searcy
Sunday School		
Toddlers	September 4 September 11 September 18 September 25	not available this day not available this day Lauren Searcy Lauren Searcy
Preschool/K5/1st Grade	September 4 September 11 September 18 September 25	not available this day not available this day Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell Peggy Whitmire & Teresa Ferrell
Elementary 2nd – 5th Grade	September 4 September 11 September 18 September 25	not available this day not available this day TBD TBD
Youth	September 4 September 11 September 18 September 25	Not available this day Not available this day TBD TBD

Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for August:	\$10,237.83
Total giving for August:	\$6,538.62
Money transfers for August:	\$17,875.00
Expected budget for August:	\$20,331.82
Actual budget expenses for August:	\$15,822.82
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$87,267.03
Received Year-to-date:	\$83,900.18
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 were mentioned in the Advocate this month!



Photos courtesy of Eugenia Vicars

Rolling along

St. Paul UMC, Greenville, held a food truck-themed VBS June 12-17, enjoying "VBS Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God." They partnered with Northside UMC again and met at St. Paul UMC, using a hybrid model where the participants each received a bag with crafts and study book to complete at home. They were able to watch the story and song videos on a private Facebook page. Dinner was served each evening. Pink Mama's Ice Cream truck came one night, and all enjoyed ice cream for dessert. The children took part in the opening assembly puppet show with different storytellers each evening, followed by a discussion of the story and how to apply the meaning to daily life. Their mission project was collecting food items for United Ministries, and the offering was used to purchase 21 gift cards for Epworth's Foster Care Program.



More than 300 students were served through the marketplace.

St. Paul offers free school supply marketplace for community

On Aug. 7, St. Paul UMC transformed their fellowship hall in the west end of downtown Greenville into a marketplace of school supplies (sans price tags).

The supplies were gathered by St. Paul members, as well as collection sites at downtown restaurants and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

More than 300 students were served during the day. Each student was allowed to choose their own supplies based on grade-level needs and their own personal preferences. The students also enjoyed picking out four books to keep for their home library and receiving backpack buttons that proclaimed their true identity, "I am a child of God."

Representatives from United Ministries and The Christian Learning Centers of Greenville County joined the St. Paul family for the event to share ways they can walk alongside families to help make this the best school year ever.



Fellowship Dinners are returning the first Wednesday of October!!

Youth Group News!

Youth Group starts back September 11th for middle and high school students. This year's schedule features 15 Lessons, 4 fun fellowship gatherings, 4 service opportunities, 4 guest speakers, and 2 overnight retreats. The lessons will focus on examining stories from The Gospel of Mark in order to figure out what is broken, how Jesus brings Shalom, and how that proves that he is The Messiah. The ultimate goal is for students to realize and trust the fullness of Jesus and their part in bringing shalom to a broken world.

Sept 11th	Fellowship @ St. P	Escape Room	Jan 1st	OFF	
18th	@ St. P	"Khata" Bible Project video	8th	@ St. P	Mark 5:25-34 AND 21-24, 35-43
25th	SERVE	Pumpkin Patch @Northside	15th	@ St. P	Mark 6: 30-44
Oct 2nd	@ NS	"Shalom" Bible Project Video	22nd	@ St. P	Mark 6: 45-51
9th	@ NS	"Messiah" Bible Project Video	27th - 29th	REVO-LUTION	@Columbia \$60
16th	@ NS	Mark 2: 1-12	Feb 5th	@ NS	Mark 7: 24-30
23rd	@ NS	Mark 3: 1-6	12th	SERVE	Students' choice
29th	SERVE	Trunk or Treat @ Northside	19th	@ NS	Mark 7: 31-37
Nov 4th - 6th	IMMERSE	@Asbury Hills \$170	26th	@ NS	Mark 8: 31-38
13th	@ St. P	Mark 4: 35-41	March 5th	Fellowship @ St. P	Pastor Matt's B-Day party
20th	Fellowship @ St. P	Friends-giving	12th	@ St. P	Mark 9: 14-29
27th	OFF		19th	@ St. P	Mark 11: 15-19
Dec 4th	SERVE	Christmas shopping for Legacy students	26th	OFF	
11th	@ NS	Mark 5: 1-20	April	@ NS	Guest speakers throughout the month
18th	Fellowship @ NS	Christmas Party			to share their personal stories of Shalom
25th	OFF				and brokenness.