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# SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*in Greenville's West End*

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## November 2022 Newsletter

Saint Paul Family, I'll invite you to get in my time machine as we zoom back in time for a confession of a pastor...well youth pastor at the time....

It's March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, my 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, and I started the morning the same way I started each morning since Valentine's day of that year: checking my eHarmony profile to see my match of the day. There she was; a brown eyed, brunette, big smile, with a Siberian Husky puppy on her shoulder. The next picture proved she matched my short stature (toxic masculinity maybe, but that was important to me). Her profile read great too. Jesus, education, teacher, and family... all the right things for me were there. With the exception of the UGA logo on a red hoodie in one of the pictures, I found her to be quite perfect. I jumped through all of eHarmony's questions, we finally could exchange numbers, and I adored the phone dates learning all I could about her until the first real date on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Her as a pastors' (times 2) daughter and me as youth pastor at the time, one of our first few dates included a church service. Here I discovered a red flag (mine, not hers) that could potential impact the "us" we were just starting. It was time for the offering plate to go around. I reached in my pocket, and she reached in her purse. I pulled out random crinkled up bills, and she pulled out a checkbook (those were still somewhat around in 2010). I looked down, and saw a "grown-up" number written there on the check: 3 digits with some cents included. I realized then: I gave the work of The Lord through the local church a random tip that no thought went into and she gave an intentional tithe. I spent some time in prayer during that service. To paraphrase my request to The Lord that day (and beyond), "Change this in me, because I want to marry this woman". God did, and we did!

This season as we have all receive our 2023 Pledge Forms, I invite you to handle those with prayer as you consider how, where, and what to give. Perhaps the prayer is centered on a transformation to become more generous. Perhaps there is a need to pray for a return to or a continued state of generosity. Perhaps the prayer is to become more equally yoked to people you have the most important relationship in life with. Perhaps you don't need some preacher you've only known a few months giving you hints on what to pray for...I suspect you know the need better than I do.

Giving and (still) praying with you, -Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or [matthewegreer@gmail.com](mailto:matthewegreer@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, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, **Ray Byington**, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, *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, **Tavane Reposa**, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, **John Tate and family, Buddy Tompkins**, 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

### NOVEMBER MISSIONS



**Legacy Christmas:** Thank you to those who signed up to provide gifts for this Christmas for a Legacy child. You should have received information on your child in the mail. If you didn't, please contact Edna Patterson ([ednaptterson04@gmail.com](mailto:ednaptterson04@gmail.com)) or call the office directly. **All gifts will be due at the church by Monday, 11/28 for blessing on 12/4.**



**PanCan:** We will be collecting for PanCan from mid-October to mid-November. Please give generously in the purple buckets for this mission. Let us help to find a cure!



**Furman Wesley Foundation:** We will be collecting for the Furman Wesley Foundation from November 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring your dollars to drop in either the Clemson, Carolina, or Furman buckets. May the best team win!

### 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

Wed, 11/2	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Sun, 11/6	All Saints Sunday	
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 11/7	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul & Zoom	7:00pm
Tues, 11/8	Office Closed	
	Fellowship Luncheon: Chuy's	11:30am
Wed, 11/9	Men's Community: Double Stamp	7:00pm
Sun, 11/13	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Sun, 11/20	Stewardship Sunday	
	Advent Wreath Workshop: Saint Paul	3:00pm
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 11/21	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 11/24	Thanksgiving: Office Closed	
Fri, 11/25	Office Closed	
Mon, 11/28	Legacy gifts due: Saint Paul	8:30am – 1:30pm
Tues, 11/29	Women's Community: 17 Claremore Ave	7:00pm

The **Chancel Choir** has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.  
 Come join the choir!

### Looking Forward

Sun, 12/4	Blessing of the Legacy Gifts	In worship
	Youth Group: Northside UMC	5:30pm
Fri, 12/9	Church in use for Wedding Rehearsal	5:00pm
Sat, 12/10	Church in use for Wedding	3:00pm
Sun, 12/11	Youth Group: Northside	5:30pm
Mon, 12/12	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sun, 12/18	Moravian Love Feast	
	Youth Group: Northside	5:30pm
Mon, 12/19	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Mon, 12/26	Office Closed: Observed Christmas	
	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 12/27	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm

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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. The office will be closed on 11/24 and 11/25.

**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.

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**WE EXTEND HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

November 2	Thomas Pool Lisa Pool
November 3	Christopher Searcy Owen Roberts
November 4	Randy Rogers
November 5	William Hall
November 7	Steele Gamble Jenna Ackerman Olivia Newman
November 11	Rebecca Roper
November 12	Tommy Head
November 14	Dot Huff
November 16	Bill Huff Joe Whitmire
November 20	Vicki Bolen
November 25	Larry Jones Donna Connelly



**WE EXTEND ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:**

November 17	Matthew & Charmaine Pool
November 27	Jason & Whitney Feaster

### Worship Leaders

<b>Ushers</b>		Edna Patterson Jeannine Cox Rebecca Roper
<b>Counters</b>		Edna Patterson Deborah Goodwin Suzanne Sprinkle
<b>Acolyte</b>	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27 Advent	TBD Karsyn Miller Steele Gamble Steele Gamble Ball family
<b>Crucifer</b>	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27 Advent	TBD Wesley Miller Stephanie Gamble Stephanie Gamble Deborah Hampton
<b>Reader</b>	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27 Advent	John Tate Tracey Biggers Steele Gamble Stephanie Gamble Hall family
<b>Children's Worship</b>	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	Jeannine Cox & TBD Donna Connelly & Jeannine Cox Donna Connelly & TBD Rebecca Roper & TBD
<b>Nursery</b>	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	Raina Newman Lauren Searcy Heather Storey Lauren Searcy
<b>Sunday School</b>		
<b>Toddlers</b>	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	Raina Newman Lauren Searcy Heather Storey Lauren Searcy
<b>Preschool/K5/1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	Teresa Ferrell & TBD Teresa Ferrell & Jeannine Cox Teresa Ferrell & TBD TBD
<b>Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	Donna Connelly & Amber Greer Donna Connelly & TBD Donna Connelly & Amber Greer Donna Connelly & TBD
<b>Youth</b>	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	Jennine Cox & Jim Storey Tennille Crnobrnja & Chris Cox Mary Pool & Edna Patterson Rebecca Roper & Stephen Newman

### Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for October:	\$10,150.73
Total giving for October:	\$14,296.34
Money transfers for October:	\$2875.00
Expected budget for October:	\$20,676.00
Actual budget expenses for October:	\$15,721.74
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$109,800.76
Received Year-to-date:	\$106,754.23
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.



**Advent Wreath Workshop:** Join us Sunday afternoon, 11/20, from 3 to 5pm for our Advent Wreath Workshop. Create your Advent wreath and receive devotions to use during Advent which begins November 27<sup>th</sup>. Hot chocolate, cookies, Christmas music, and an ornament craft for the children will add to the fun. Please register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/4f9byk8qkNM1M5LU6>



**Women's Retreat:** The St. Paul Women's Community Annual Retreat will be held at Montreat Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC on February 10-12, 2023. The approximate cost for the weekend is \$150.00 for a double occupancy room and \$230.00 for a single occupancy room. A \$60.00 deposit is due November 14. All ladies of St. Paul (and friends) are welcome! Please reach out to Tennille Crnobrnja ([tennille.crnobrnja@gmail.com](mailto:tennille.crnobrnja@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend. We look forward to resuming our weekend retreat!



**Help Needed:** We are needing volunteers in two areas!

First, the pre-school/K5/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Sunday School class needs a second person to work with Teresa each Sunday. If you are interested in one Sunday or multiple Sundays, please contact Eugenia Vicars or Heather Storey.

Second, we are needing volunteers to run the camera during the services on Sunday. All you have to do is press record, check the sound, and set the camera or pan and zoom. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office or Mary Anne Terminato.



**Basketball Registration is now open!!** We will be partnering with Aldersgate UMC again this year. Please use the link below to get started. At this time, they are not taking requests for teammates. They are trying to keep the maximum number of players to 10 but must have 7 to 8 for a team to survive. Saint Paul will cover the cost of the program, but you will need to pay for your own jersey. Please email MaryAnn Stephens at [maepool@hotmail.com](mailto:maepool@hotmail.com) if you have registered to play. Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecSSqSXuIrHfYZdTKbYIG7Xlj-fKfxlsgtx4JQUZPnrAnvNA/viewform>

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S/PPRC is collecting for the **Staff Christmas Bonuses** for Melissa, Bill, and Gary from now until Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you please give generously as we work to thank our wonderful staff for their continued dedication and the critical roles they play for Saint Paul. We truly couldn't do it without them. Please ensure you designate your donation as "Staff Christmas Bonus" when donating.

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**Stewardship Sunday** will be November 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember that your pledges help us meet our goals for the coming year and allow us to have programs and events outside of the budgeted items. Please give this over to prayer and we will see you the 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth Group News!

Thank you for a great kick-off to the new Youth Group year! 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.

<b>Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup></b>	IMMERSE	@Asbury Hills \$170	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	@ NS	Mark 8: 31-38
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	@ St. P	Mark 4: 35-41	<b>March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Fellowship @ St. P	Pastor Matt's B-Day party
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Fellowship @ St. P	Friends-giving	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	@ St. P	Mark 9: 14-29
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	OFF		<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	@ St. P	Mark 11: 15-19
<b>Dec 4<sup>th</sup></b>	SERVE	Christmas shopping for Legacy students	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	OFF	
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	@ NS	Mark 5: 1-20	<b>April</b>	@ NS	Guest speakers throughout the month
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Fellowship @ NS	Christmas Party			to share their personal stories of Shalom
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	OFF				and brokenness.