

# Saint Paul UMC

## EPISTLE

### THE NEWSLETTER IS NOW THE EPISTLE!

Welcome to Saint Paul's new newsletter. Please bear with us as we work toward a new format and report on our missions and adventures each month.

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#### Happening This Month

10/2 - Trustees meeting  
10/4 - Fellowship Dinner  
10/8 - Service Sunday  
10/9 - S/PPRC meeting  
10/10 - Food Bag Packing  
Fellowship Luncheon  
Charge Conference  
10/12 - Office Closed  
10/13 - Office Closed  
Parents' Night Out  
10/17 - Men's Community  
10/19 - Golden Girls  
10/23 - Church Council meeting  
10/24 - Women's Community  
10/29 - Block Party

#### Always Happening

Chancel Choir rehearsals every  
Wednesday night at 7pm  
Sunday School every Sunday at 10am  
Worship Service every Sunday at 11am  
Youth Group every Sunday at 5:30  
unless otherwise noted.

#### *From Pastor Matt*

In order to make Youth ministry at Saint Paul more excellent, we are looking for people that can:  
1) Provide/prepare meals for the youth and leaders,  
2) Spend time with the group to make sure that Safe Sanctuary is being practiced and,  
3) Lead lessons and facilitate group discussions.  
Please let me know if these are things you'd like to do  
Thank you!

#### UPCOMING MISSIONS

##### **Furman Wesley**

We are taking up a collection for Furman Wesley through October 15. Be sure to drop your donation into your favorite team's bucket!

##### **Missions Food Drive**

We will be collecting food and monetary donations for food boxes to help the Sterling Center over the holidays. We will be collecting these items on 10/22 and 10/29!

##### **Fall Block Party**

Come join us on October 29th from 2pm to 5pm as we welcome those in the church and neighborhood for an afternoon of fun!

## *From Pastor Matt*

A family of four, that tries to stay on a budget, makes a grocery list. How many different stores must they go to in order to fulfill the weekly list while trying to (somewhat) keep that budget? For the Greer family it's three stores, and for this particular Greer, I still complain about the price. Even though I hate going to that third store, even though I bellyache about the prices, I am glad the items get checked off the list and eventually enter our bellies. This is not the case for many. Serving as a board member and now weekly volunteer at Piedmont Emergency Relief Center, and spending some time at Project Host, I've seen an increase of clients being served at both and many first time friends who have never had to use these resources until recently. Houston (I mean Saint Paul UMC), we have a problem. Price, distribution, and waste are plaguing how/what our neighbors are eating. Coming up over the next couple of months, we have a few opportunities to bring some healing to the food crisis for our neighbors:

1) As Saint Paul has been accustomed to in the past, we are back to doing backpack blessings for a local school. These bags are packed each Tuesday at 10am with items you can fund or find like oatmeal, ramen, fruit cups, microwaveable pastas, granola/fruit bars, individual cereal servings.  
2) To offset resources that are closed around Christmas time, we are creating food boxes that will be given away to senior adults at the Sterling Community Center. The needs for that can be found within the bulletin.

3) An incredibly new and exciting opportunity, helping in a hands on way with the Greenville County School District Food Bank located at MT Anderson.

So may we consider how we fit in with these three opportunities. May we feed His sheep. May we meet His sheep, and really get to know His sheep. Most importantly, may we, as His sheep, flock with His sheep that we feed, meet, and get to know.

## *Happy Birthday To*

10/4 - Jan Johnson, Jason Feaster, Teresa Ferrell  
10/5 - Nate Johnson  
10/6 - Stephen Newman  
10/10 - MerriElizabeth Cable, Matthew Pool  
10/14 - Robert Terminato Sr  
10/16 - Davis Lupo, Kathy Weathers  
10/19 - Tatyana Brannon  
10/21 - Heather Boone  
10/23 - Dick Davis  
10/27 - Charlie Robertson  
10/29 - Gary Putnam  
10/30 - Lori Cheshire, Christine Hall  
10/31 - Benjamin Pool

## *Happy Anniversary To*

10/09 - Charlie & Diane Robertson

10/21 - Buddy & Pat Tompkins are celebrating 51 years together!

10/27 - Brian & Tennille Crnobrnja

10/28 - John & Becky Smith are celebrating 55 years together!

## *Financial Standing for September*

Monthly goal was \$12,401.75  
Total giving was \$9,087.72  
Money transfers \$2,875.00

Expected budget was \$21,749.48  
Actual spent was \$20,082.04

Expected giving YTD is \$99,314.56  
Received YTD is \$95,127.19

Thank you for your generous giving!

## *Bible Study, Sunday School, and Other Groups*

We have Sunday School classes for all ages every Sunday morning at 10am. Golden Girls Bible Study luncheon for our mature ladies meets every month on the third Thursday at 11:30. Our Women's Community and our Men's Community meet monthly in the evenings at various locations. Our Youth Group meets each Sunday at 5:30. We also have monthly Fellowship Lunches and Dinners.

# LOOK AT WHAT WE DID!

We did so much the past month! We raised money for the Betty Bunch for Breast Cancer Awareness by hosting a Grandparent's Pancake Breakfast, we promoted our rising 3rd graders, and we conducted our annual Blessing of the Animals with Saint Andrew's Episcopal where Pastor Matt even gave some love pets to a cat!



# NEEDED SUPPLIES FOR FOOD BOXES



We need 30 each of the following:

Cup of Soup

Vienna Sausage

Crackers

Ramen Noodles

Chef Boy-R-Dee

Fruit Cups

Grits/oatmeal

Mac & Cheese

Individual Boxes of Cereal

Jelly

Boxes of Cereal Bars

Dinty Moore soup cans