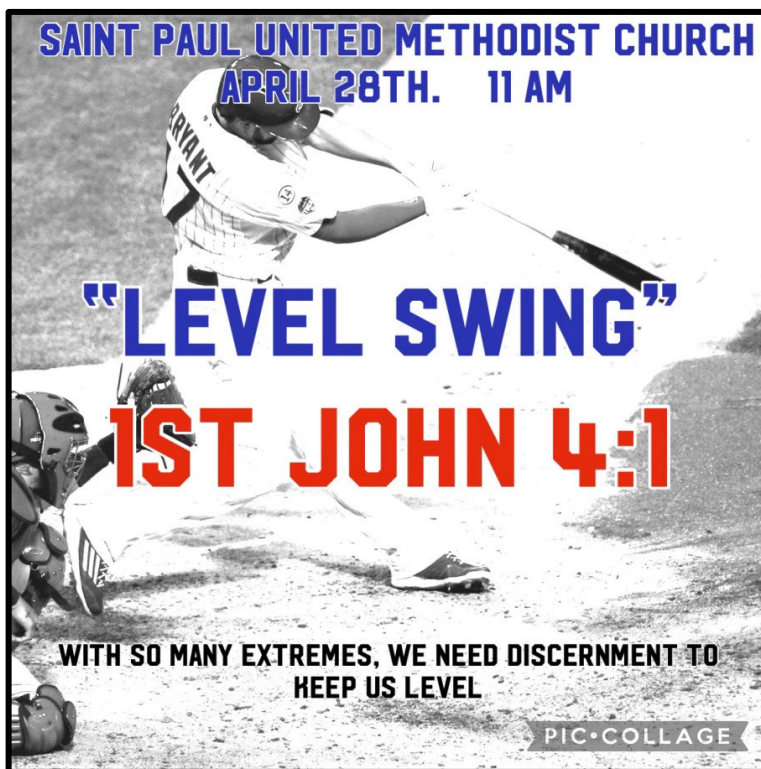




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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A safe place to be authentic and to experience acceptance, healing, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.



April 28, 2024

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Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.

Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

Sexton: Gary Putnam

Please silence your mobile device. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" Smith

*Processional Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UM Hymnal no.64
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,

People: Open the eyes of my heart.

Leader: I want to see You.

People: We want to see You.

Leader: To see You high and lifted up

People: Shining in the light of Your glory.

Leader: Pour out Your power and love

People: As we sing holy, holy, holy.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Oh Lord, help us to see what is right, true, good, and from you.
May we be able to weed through the extreme and conflicting ideas
of the world to find the peace your truth brings. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us pass God's peace with each other. The peace of Christ be
with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem "O Rejoice in the Lord" Hamilton
Chancel Choir

Word and Response

Children's Sermon Children will come forward.

We invite our K3 to 2nd grade children to follow the designated adult upstairs for a lesson
and craft. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew.
During the Closing Hymn, the adult leaders will bring them back to the sanctuary and
ensure they return to their parent/guardian.

Offertory

PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=Y9NV28ABLG5LW>

Realm - <https://onrealm.org/StPaulUMC1107/give/now>

*The Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Oh Lord, may the scripture read and words proclaimed be what we need to be better disciples and better teammates in this community you've gifted us. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UM Hymnal #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Hymnal no.70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Sermon Scripture

1 John 4:1

NRSV (pg.226 NT)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Part 4

"Level Swing"

Pastor Matthew Greer

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won-der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre-pare

Refrain

that shall un-clasp and set me free.
 ev-ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 4/28	Youth Group: Ed & Mary Pool's home	5:30pm
Wed, 4/24	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 5/5	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 5/6	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Fri, 5/10	Parents' Night Out: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm
Sun, 5/12	Mother's Day	
Sun, 6/2	SALT Class Baseball Outing	After worship

From Pastor Matt

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

I am starting out the new year with a new phone! Please take a couple of minutes to send a text to the number above with your name. Thank you!

Office Hours: We are open from 8:15am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:00 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and/or contact the office via the church email and phone during these hours.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Mary Pool, Leland Forrester, 4/30; Logan Kanipe, 5/2; Troy Gamble, 5/5

Happy Anniversary: Daniel & Rebecca Roper, 5/1; Logan & Elise Kanipe, 5/; Jason and Lori Cheshire, 5/4. Bill & Dot Huff will be celebrating 66 years together on 5/3. Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Connie Cox, Darrie Crabtree, Natalie Davis, Tony DeYoung, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Larry Jones, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Karsyn Miller, Alan Myers, Faye Mulligan, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Allison Royster, family of Joseph Smith, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Alicia Terminato, Barry & Karen Thomas, *Lily Thompson*, 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)

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on in 5/6 at 7pm at Saint Paul. Members are John Sprinkle, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, and Stephanie Gamble. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 5/13 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, Christine Hall, Debra Hampton, Janet Cook, and Eugenia Vicars. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 5/20 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, David Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Stephanie Gamble, Edna Patterson, Tommy Head, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 5/27 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Stephen Newman, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Debra Hampton, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminato, John Tate, Becky Hollifield, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



YOUTH GROUP: The youth will be meeting Sunda night, 4/28, at 5:30pm at the home of Ed and Mary Pool, 216 McDaniel Ave. They will travel from there to Topsy Taco for dinner and back to the Pool home for their meeting.



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Come raise your voice in song and join the choir. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the choir room located behind the organ in the sanctuary. We would love to have you come and join!



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: Drop the kids off at Saint Paul on 5/10 from 6 to 9pm. We will provide dinner and activities while you get to do something fun or just take a nap.

Please RSVP: <https://forms.gle/uo79iYwnWnN4WtWf9>



SALT CLASS BASEBALL OUTING: SALT Class, mark your calendars! We will be going to see the Greenville Drive game on Sunday, 6/2. Please let MaryAnn Stephens know how many tickets you and your family will need. Tickets will be about \$11 each. You can email MaryAnn at maepool@hotmail.com or text her at 864-202-8051.

A few years ago I came across a viral post by a dad with an autistic son. Although unlikely he would make the team, this was his list of goals. After Easter we will examine his list and find our own goals in order to be great teammates in Christ with one another:

APRIL 7: "HIT THE BALL"

MATTHEW 13:1-9

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S GEAR

APRIL 14: "DO GOOD DEFENSE"

PSAIM 82:3

HOT DOG LUNCH AFTER SERVICE

APRIL 21: "LOSE SOME WEIGHT"

JOHN 15: 1-9

COMMUNION SUNDAY

APRIL 28: "LEVEL SWING"

1 JOHN 4:1

BUY ME SOME PEANUTS

MAY 5: "ROOT ON TEAM WHILE IM ON THE BENCH"

1 CHRONICLES 22: 14-16

AND CRACKER JACKS

MAY 12: "BRING HEAT WHEN I PITCH"

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26

BLESSING FOR MOMS & BEYOND

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