



# Saint Paul United Methodist Church

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## May 2018 Messenger

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### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Paul family,

My daughter Addie is expanding her vocabulary at 22 months. She gave me a good laugh when she started shouting "Let's go! Let's go!" one morning on the way to school. I think she's heard that before! I must be saying that to the kids more often than I realize trying to hustle them out the door!

It gave me pause and made me wonder: do my kids feel shuffled from here and there, rushed to the next activity, rushed through every encounter? I hope I am not guilty of consistently rushing them through everything but instead enjoying the time that we do have. Hearing Addie shout, "Let's go!" was a God moment for me; God reminded me to cherish the time with the kids and not treat them as objects to be shuffled through life. How much attention am I giving them when we are together? How present am I really? Hurrying through life seems to be the norm for many of us. It's hard to resist scheduling every moment of our days. Many of us are guilty of thinking about the next thing on our agenda rather than being present in the moment. The scripture passage Matthew 6: 25-34 came to mind as I reflected on this anxious way of living. Jesus' words recorded in Matthew are from his teaching that is referred to as "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus says, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Jesus reminds us to trust God with everything and not to be anxious about His provision. When we slow down and are present with one another, trusting that God is at work in all space and all time, then we will be available when God whispers to us as we sit and play on the floor with our children. We will be available when God nudges us to offer compassion to a coworker who is grieving. We will be available to God when we slow down and trust.

Blessings on each of you during this busy season. I hope no matter whether you are shuffling kids to end-of-season games, attending end-of-year concerts, or just trying to juggle many appointments, you will remember Jesus' words to not worry and take a deep breath and enjoy your life!

Christ's peace to you,  
Rev. Mollie

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Khloe Boykin, Mike & Melinda Burns, Elaine Byers, Ryan Chastain, **Fulton Clinkscales**, Connie Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Tina Falls, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Victor Jenkinson, Doug Jordan, Brooks Kanipe, Al Lupo, Tinsley Lyles, Diane Robertson, Jaedyn Rule, Hortense Searcy, Joey Sprinkle, Unspoken Requests. Also, Friends serving in the Armed Services and the United States of America and our leaders.

Bold = New, *Italics* = Currently in Hospital.

### Assisted Living and/or Special Care Residents and Friends Who Are Homebound:

Edith Branham, "Mac" MacMillan, Betty Thompson, Hazel Welborn

**Mothers Day Breakfast:** We will be serving a special Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday May 13th at 9:30 am. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan on attending. Contact Eugenia Vicars if you have any questions. There will be no Sunday School day on this Sunday.

### May "Happenings At-A-Glance"

Wednesday, May 2	Fellowship Meal	5:30 pm
Monday, May 7	Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 8	Women's Group	7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 9	Trustee's Meeting	6:00 pm
Friday, May 11	Parents Night Out	6:00 pm
Sunday, May 13	Mother's Day Breakfast	9:30 am
	No Sunday School	
Wednesday, May 16	Beach Bash/ Messy Church	5:30 pm
Thursday, May 17	Ladies Luncheon	11:30 am
Sunday, May 20	Susan G. Komen's Worship In Pink	11:00 am
Wednesday, May 23	Young Adults Supper	6:00 pm

### Looking Forward to June

June 10	Farwell Reception for Pastor Mollie	12:00pm
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The **Young Adults** and their families will gather for food and fellowship at Willy Taco on May 23rd at 6 p.m. To RSVP or for questions contact MaryAnn Stephens at [maepool@hotmail.com](mailto:maepool@hotmail.com)

**Beach Bash/Messy Church (Pentecost):** We will be having a "Beach Bash" on Wednesday, May 16th @ 5:30 pm. This will be held outside on the lawn so be sure to bring your chairs or blankets to sit on. We will also be holding a Messy Church inside during the Beach Bash. The Messy Church will be Pentecost themed and is a family-centered church experience that engages children of all ages to experience Jesus in a fun creative way! If you have any questions about the Beach Bash, please contact Edna Patterson at 864-313-8314. If you have any questions about the Messy Church please contact Stephanie Morris at [utsepps@yahoo.com](mailto:utsepps@yahoo.com).

**Finance Meeting** will be on Monday, May 7th at 6:30 pm in the church parlor. Please contact Tracey Biggers if you will not be able to attend.

**Trustee's Meeting** will be on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00pm in the church parlor. Please contact Nancy Smith if you will not be able to attend.

### We extend Happy Birthday greetings this month to:

May 2	Logan Kanipe
May 5	Troy Gamble
May 7	Alexandra Johnson
May 8	Fran Clinkscales
May 10	Connie Cox, Larkin Johnson
May 12	Hazel Wellborn
May 17	Brian Crnobrnja
May 18	Allison Miller
May 20	Payton Franks
May 22	Denise Stockstill, Bob Weathers
May 24	Willa Bell
May 27	Linda Terminato Bruce
May 28	Mary Lee Shirley
May 29	Branham Biggers, Samuel Howard

### Happy Anniversary to

May 1	Daniel & Rebecca Roper
May 3	Bill & Dot Huff
	Logan & Elise Kanipe
May 4	Jason & Lorie Cheshire
May 21	John & Mollie Reddic

**Volunteers Needed:** We still have several openings each month to volunteer in several areas of the Childrens Ministry. Please contact Eugenia Vicars if you are interested in helping out.

**May Missions:**

**The mission is the Epworth Children's Home collection.** We will be collecting for Epworth Children's Home during service on Mother's Day. We will also be participating in **Susan G. Komen's Worship in Pink.** We invite the congregation to wear **Pink** to church on **Sunday, May 20th.** We will also take up a special offering to support Rebecca's Race for the Cure team.

**Children's Department Workers for February**

**Nursery Workers**

May 6 Delores Gilstrap & Volunteer Needed, SSH  
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May 13 Two Volunteers Needed, SSH  
Two Volunteers Needed, WH  
May 20 Tennille Crnobrnja & Volunteer Needed, SSH  
Edna Patterson & Volunteer Needed, WH  
May 27 Two Volunteers Needed, SSH  
Charmaine & Matthew Pool, WH

**Toddler Workers**

May 6 Diane Roper & Tennille Crnobrnja, SSH  
Charmaine & Matthew Pool, WH  
May 13 Heather Storey & Lori Evans, SSH  
MaryAnn Stephens & Volunteer Needed, WH  
May 20 Heather Storey & Stephanie Morris, SSH  
Allison & Jon Miller, WH  
May 27 Heather Storey & Charmaine Pool, SSH  
John Reddic & Stephen Newman, WH

**K3/K4 Class**

May 6 Peggy Whitmire & Annette Bostic  
May 13 Peggy Whitmire & Tracey Biggers  
May 20 Peggy Whitmire & Annette Bostic  
May 27 Peggy Whitmire & Donna Connelly

**Middle Elementary Workers**

May 6 Whitney Feaster & Patsy Crabtree  
May 13 Whitney Feaster & Volunteer Needed  
May 20 Whitney Feaster & Jeannine Cox  
May 27 Tennille Crnobrnja & Tracey Biggers

**Older Elementary Workers**

May 6 Lori Cheshire & Rebecca Roper  
May 13 Lori Cheshire & Jim Storey  
May 20 Lori Cheshire & Tracey Biggers  
May 27 Lori Cheshire & Stephen Newman

**Youth Workers**

May 6 MaryAnn Stephens  
May 13 Edna Patterson & Katie Knobloch  
May 20 Edna Patterson & Mary Pool  
May 27 Edna Patterson & Taunja Pool

**Children's Worship Leaders**

May 6 MaryAnn Stephens & Peggy Whitmire  
May 13 Lori Cheshire & Whitney Feaster  
May 20 Peggy Whitmire & Donna Connelly  
May 27 Tracey Biggers & Raina Newman

**May Ushers**

Ushers Captain Tommy Head  
Ushers Charlie & Diane Robertson  
David & Taunja Pool  
Counters Charlie Robertson & Tommy Head

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May 6	Karsyn Miller	Tommy Gilstrap	David Pool
May 13	Wesley Miller	Peggy Whitmire	Taunja Pool
May 20	Karsyn Miller	Sam Hall	Ray Byington
May 27	Wesley Miller	John Tate	Whitney Feaster

**Hospitality Cart**

May 6 Whitney Feaster  
May 13 Lori Cheshire  
May 20 Mary Pool  
May 27 Taunja Pool

**Serving the Homeless**

Saint Paul will be serving the second Monday of every month at **Project Host Soup Kitchen** from 9:00am-1:00pm. **We still need 4 volunteers for May 14th.** If you are interested in helping, please contact Rev. Mollie Reddic at [molliebame@gmail.com](mailto:molliebame@gmail.com).

**Ladies Luncheon**

The Ladies Luncheon will be held at Mac's Speed Shop, 930 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC, on Thursday, May 17th at 11:30am. Please call the church or Edna Patterson (864) 313-8314, if you are planning to come.

**Fellowship Meal**

Fellowship meal will be held in the Social Hall and the donations will be going towards the Youth and Children's Ministry. The meal will be meatloaf/meat pie, mashed potatoes, corn, bread and dessert on May 2nd from 5:30-6:45pm.

**Parent's Night Out**

On Friday, May 11th from 6:00-9:30pm let us entertain your child while you take time for yourself on a Friday night. We will work on Mother's Day Gifts during this time. Donations will be accepted and snacks will be available. If there are any dietary restrictions please provide your own snacks.

**Trustees at Work**

Your Trustees continue with their work. The HVAC is working well. We may do some tweaking but so far so good.

We have two estimates for exterior and interior painting. We are waiting for a third so that we can make a recommendation to Council. Painting will be an interesting process. When this project begins, we ask that you be patient with us.

After painting we will replace floor covering in the Fellowship Hall and first floor hallways. Gary Putnam, our sexton, recently cleaned carpet in Fellowship Hall and spots in Sanctuary. He also replaced mats at entrances on Fellowship side. He improved the appearance drastically. A big thank you to Gary.

I hope each of you realize the work Trustees have done to make improvements to the church. They have been good stewards meeting every two or three weeks to keep these improvements moving forward.

Your Trustees are Rebecca Roper, secretary, Stephen Newman, John Sprinkle, Ed Pool, Tommy Head, Allison Miller and Tommy Gilstrap, vice chair. Give them a "thumbs up" when you see them.

Blessings and peace,

Nancy Smith



**Saint Paul New Members:**

Saint Paul would like to welcome Leonard & Linda Price to our congregation. They joined our church on April 1st of 2018.

**Saint Paul Baptism:**



Saint Paul welcomes Olivia Rebecca Newman, daughter of Stephen & Raina Newman, to our family on April 15th of 2018.