



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

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July 2018 Messenger

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear church family,

As your new pastor, I'm excited to get to know you, my new family, as quickly as possible. To facilitate my learning, the SPRC is setting up some small gatherings for me to listen and learn from you about our St. Paul family. Please attend a gathering that is most convenient for you. To prepare for our time together, please consider the following questions:

- As the new pastor, what is the one thing I need to know about this congregation?
- What is one way that we are going to reach new people in this area?
- What is the number one reason we should ask people to invest financially in our church?
- What is one dream that you have for our church?

Grace and peace,
Pastor Michael Goldston

Listening Meetings: There will be three listening meetings held at various times and locations in the month of July. The first will be on Tuesday, July 17th at 6:00 pm at the church in the Social Hall. The second will be on Wednesday, July 25th at 6:00pm at Mary Pool's house, 216 McDaniel Ave., Greenville, SC 29601. The third and final meeting will be in Wednesday, August 1st at 6:00 pm at Sam Hall's house 125 High Hat Cir. Greenville, SC 29617. Please contact Edna Paterson if you will not be able to attend one of the meetings.

Reverend Michael Goldston will be starting a four (4) week sermon series "Get Wet" on July 22nd. We will explore Wesleyan Grace through images of water.

There will be no **Women's Group** until September due to members being out of town throughout the summer and the hectic back-to-school schedules.

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

End of Summer Bash: Save the date August 26 for the Children and Youth Departments End of Summer Bash. We will meet at Discovery Island Water Park, 417 Baldwin Road, Simpsonville. More information will follow.

June "Happenings At-A-Glance"

Sunday, July 1	Welcome Pastor Michael	11:00 am
Wednesday, July 4	Church Office Closed	
Sunday, July 8th	Vacation Bible	5:30 pm
	School Begins	
Sunday, July 15	VBS Celebration	11:00 pm
Tuesday, July 17th	Listening Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday, July 19th	Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday, July 19th	Ladies Luncheon	11:30 am
Sunday, July 22nd	"Get Wet" Sermon	11:00 am
	Series Begins	
Wednesday, July 25th	Listening Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday, July 25th	Young Adults Supper	6:00 pm

Looking Forward

Wednesday, August 1	Listening Meeting	6:00 pm
Sunday, August 26	End of Summer Bash	TBD
Friday, September 7	Parent's Night Out	11:00 am

The **Young Adults** and their families will gather for food and fellowship at a location that is to be determined on July 25th at 6 p.m. To RSVP or for questions contact MaryAnn Stephens at mae-pool@hotmail.com

New tax laws allow you to give RMD funds directly to charity without paying taxes as income. The IRS calls this a Qualified Charitable Distribution, allows anyone aged 70.5 or older to donate money from their IRA account directly to a charitable organization without that gift counting as income. While Inherited IRAs are also eligible for a QCD, SIMPLE IRA plans and simplified employee pension (SEP) plans are excluded from this rule. There are also some restrictions on the types of charitable organizations that are eligible to receive a QCD. Please contact your financial advisor for the specific details and how they pertain to you.

Finance Meeting will be on Thursday, July 19th at 6:30 pm in the church parlor. Please contact Tracey Biggers if you will not be able to attend.

We extend Happy Birthday greetings this month to:

July 5	Jimmy Lou Vaughn
July 8	Robert Terminato, Jr.
July 9	Suzanne Sprinkle
July 10	Janet Cook
July 16	Sherre Forrester, Emily Wham
July 18	David Brannon
July 19	Dana Howard
July 21	Missy Huff
July 23	Steve Ackerman, Crosby Cooper
July 24	Alice Anthony
July 26	Andy Ackerman, Van Clinkscales
July 29	Becky Hollifield

Happy Anniversary to:

July 25	Randy & Beth Rogers
June 30	James & Karen Gambrell
	Jonathan & Suzanne Sprinkle

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

July Missions:

To help with the **Vacation Bible School** mission project: donations for **Legacy School Supplies** and monetary donations for the Saint Paul's Back Pack Ministry. Supply lists are available in the narthex.

Children's Department Workers for July

Nursery Workers

- July 1 Delores Gilstrap & Volunteer Needed, SSH
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- July 8 Two Volunteers Needed, SSH
Two Volunteers Needed, WH
- July 15 Tennille Crnobrnja & Volunteer Needed, SSH
Edna Patterson & Volunteer Needed, WH
- July 22 Two Volunteers Needed, SSH
Charmaine & Matthew Pool, WH
- July 29 Two Volunteers Needed, SSH
Charmaine & Matthew Pool, WH

Toddler Workers

- July 1 Heather Storey & Tennille Crnobrnja, SSH
Charmaine & Matthew Pool, WH
- July 8 Heather Storey & Lori Evans, SSH
Lori Evans & Volunteer Needed, WH
- July 15 Heather Storey & Stephanie Morris, SSH
Celebration of VBS, WH
- July 22 Heather Storey & Charmaine Pool, SSH
Stephen Newman & Volunteer Needed, WH
- July 29 Heather Storey & Volunteer Needed, SSH
Stephanie Gamble & Lori Cheshire, WH

K3/K4 Class

- July 1 Peggy Whitmire & Annette Bostic
- July 8 Peggy Whitmire & Tracey Biggers
- July 15 Peggy Whitmire & Annette Bostic
- July 22 Peggy Whitmire & Donna Connelly
- July 29 Peggy Whitmire & Donna Connelly

Middle Elementary Workers

- July 1 Whitney Feaster & Patsy Crabtree
- July 8 Whitney Feaster & Volunteer Needed
- July 15 Whitney Feaster & Jeannie Cox
- July 22 Tennille Crnobrnja & Tracey Biggers
- July 29 Whitney Feaster & Jeannie Cox

Older Elementary Workers

- July 1 Lori Cheshire & Rebecca Roper
- July 8 Lori Cheshire & Jim Storey
- July 15 Father's Day No Sunday School
- July 22 Lori Cheshire & Stephen Newman
- July 29 Lori Cheshire & Stephen Newman

Youth Workers

- July 1 Edna Patterson & MaryAnn Stephens
- July 8 Edna Patterson & Katie Knobloch
- July 15 Edna Patterson & Mary Pool
- July 22 Edna Patterson & Taunja Pool
- July 29 Edna Patterson & Annette Bostic

Children's Worship Leaders

- July 1 MaryAnn Stephens & Edna Patterson
- July 8 Lori Cheshire & Whitney Feaster
- July 15 Celebration of VBS
- July 22 Tracey Biggers & Raina Newman
- July 29 Peggy Whitmire & Donna Connelly

July Ushers

- Ushers Captain Tommy Gilstrap
- Ushers Ray Byington, Edna Patterson
Marcus & MaryAnn Stephens
- Counters Tommy Gilstrap & Jason Cheshire

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July 1	Stella Feaster	Whitney Feaster	Davis Lupo
July 8	Stella Feaster	Peggy Whitmire	Catherine Gilstrap
July 15	Stella Feaster	Whitney Feaster	Glenda Anthony
July 22	Stella Feaster	John Tate	Sam Hall
July 29	Stella Feaster	Sam Hall	William 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 3 volunteers for July 9th.** If you are interested in helping, please contact Rev. Michael Goldston at megoldston@umcsc.org or Patricia Ervin at saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com.

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will be held at Brick Street Cafe, 315 Augusta St, Greenville, SC 29601, on Thursday, July 19th at 11:30am. Please call the church or Edna Patterson (864) 313-8314, if you are planning to come.

Fellowship Meal

Fellowship meals will resume in the fall after the summer break.



Hello, Saint Paul. My family and I are very excited to meet you and join in ministry together. Here is a little about us. First, a little timeline:

I received a Bachelor of the Arts in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in 2001. I spent 9 years in the US Navy as a helicopter pilot, separating as a Lieutenant with two deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom. I received a Master of Arts in History from Tulane University in 2010. I received a Master of Divinity from Lutheran

Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC in 2014. I was ordained a full Elder in the United Methodist Church on June 6, 2016. Anna and I were married in 2008 (ten years this year!), and we have two children, Mary Grace (5) and Jack (3).

I get excited about leading reverent and joyful worship of God and celebrating the sacraments Christ taught us. I like to get as many people as possible involved in worship leadership, including children and youth. I believe following Jesus means loving each other and being a community of care and forgiveness. As a church with this strong foundation, we are called to join God's mission in the world to feed the hungry, heal the sick, give liberty to the captive, and bring good news to the poor. I want to join with you in showing our community how much God loves them. I am also passionate about Salkehatchie & mission work in Haiti.

My wife Anna is a dentist. She owns a practice in Greenville, Greenville Family Smiles. She is strong in prayer and passionate about God's church and God's people. She loves international mission work where she can combine her dental and Spanish skills to show the poor God's love.

Mary Grace is observant and passionate. She loves kung fu and princesses. She delights in church, being around people who love God and love her.

Jack is thoughtful of others and affectionate. He loves his sister and princesses. He is always looking to have fun and loves people.

We all love music and dancing.

We can't wait to join your family.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Michael



Hospitality Cart

July 1	Whitney Feaster
July 8	Lori Cheshire
July 15	Mary Pool
July 22	Taunja Pool
July 29	Peggy Whitmire