

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Wishes to: Steve Vaughn - March 22nd, Erin Evans, Eva Gillespie and Bill Searcy - March 24th and Gareth Scott - March 25th.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Abowd, Jeremy Graham and Dylan O'Neal (all deployed to Afghanistan), Carroll Anthony, Glenda Anthony, Phillip Baskins, Kiele Binsted, Calvin Bostic, T. O. Boykin, Ray Byington, *Wade Byers*, the Callahan Family, Connie Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Betty Evans, Don Everett, Eva Gillespie, Catherine Gilstrap, Delores Gilstrap, Luke Gilliam, Bill Hembree, Ron Howard, Martha Jameson, Frank "Cotton" Jones, Pat Larson, Jack Laughridge, Dot MacMillan, H. W. "Mac" MacMillan, Robin Meade, Buddy Miller, Roy Patterson, Bob Putnam, Diane Robertson, Jimmy Senn, Jane Snyder, Linda Terminato, Ben Walcher, Belvin and Georgia Ware, Hazel Welborn, Perri Whitmire, the people in all countries experiencing disasters and the United States of America and our leaders. If you wish to keep a name on the list after 4 weeks or to add a new name, please call the office.

The **Children's Sunday School Teacher** for today is Eugenia Vicars and the **Worship Leader** is Peggy Whitmire. The **Nursery Workers** are Amie Lee (SSH) and Allison and Jon Miller (WH). The **Toddler Class Worker** is Edna Patterson (SSH, WH). The **Sunday School Teacher** for next Sunday, March 27, is Eugenia Vicars and the **Worship Leader** is Peggy Whitmire. The **Nursery Workers** are MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens (SSH, WH) and the **Toddler Class Workers** are Lori Cheshire (SSH) and Amie Lee (WH).

We are in the planning stages to establish a "**Ministry of Hospitality**" in April. This ministry would take place before Sunday School, Worship Service and after the Worship Service. We've noticed that many people linger after our Worship Service to enjoy the fellowship. Such a "Ministry of Hospitality" follows the model of Jesus' Table Ministry. It's a great way for our people to fellowship and learn more about each other. Considering that visitors almost always arrive either really early or really late for Worship Service, it would be great to have a place where visitors can be welcomed and feel at ease by drinking some coffee or juice and enjoying a donut or bagel with friendly hosts. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, We need you! Please contact MaryAnn Stephens at: maepool@hotmail.com or 864-202-8051.

The **ADULT LUNCHEON** will be Tuesday, March 22nd. Our Entertainment will be playing Bingo and each person attending is asked to bring a small prize to donate. Be sure to put your name on the Sign-Up Sheets located in the Hall on either side of the Narthex.

The **YOUNG ADULT SUPPER CLUB** will meet this Wednesday, March 23, at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to check with them for the location.

The **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. to plan the Stewardship Luncheon which will be on Sunday, April 10, following the Worship Service.

The Greenville District **LAY SPEAKING CLASSES** for Spring, 2011, will be April 2 and April 16, from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at Aldersgate UMC. The cost is \$45 per student which includes lunch. Registration Forms (due by 3/25/2011) are located in the Hall on either side of the Narthex

Be sure to call the Office with any information for the April Newsletter by Tuesday, March 29.

Our Tithes, Offerings and Gifts	
Offerings received 3/13/2011: \$ 2,234	Offerings received year to date: \$ 27,047
Budget needed weekly: \$ 3,329	Budget needed year to date: \$ 36,619
Attendance 3/13/2011: 60	Memorial Gifts received in addition to Offerings: \$ 4,240.00
<p>We honor God and express our love for God when we live our lives in ways that are pleasing to God. When we clean the clutter out of our hearts, we can be fitting temples for God's Spirit.,</p>	

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Bishop
Mary Virginia Taylor

District Superintendent
Dr. Charles Johnson

Pastor
Rev. Murray A. Snow

Director of Music
William H. Searcy, Jr.

Ushers
Captain - Tommy Gilstrap

Ray Byington, Edna Patterson
MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens

Counters
Tommy Gilstrap
Jason Cheshire

New Birth

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Saint Paul United Methodist Church is to be the people of God who praise God in worship, celebrating God's love and healing presence in Jesus Christ. We are called to be signs of hope and healing to all people in our community and the world, reaching out in ministries of love, compassion and care as we seek to follow the example of Jesus Christ.

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The Order of Worship

*Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer
upon entering the Sanctuary*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*PRELUDE “Lenten Processional” ... David H. Hegarty

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP “Oh, the Glory of Your Presence” Choir and Congregation

“Oh, the glory of Your presence, We, Your temple, give You reverence.
Come and rise to Your rest and be blest by our praise as we glory in Your embrace;
As Your presence now fills this place.”

*GREETING

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

**We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.¹**

*INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us pray . . .

*HYMN NO. 98 “To God Be the Glory”

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Hymnal No. 886

*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70 “Glory Be to the Father”

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Let us Pray:

God of surprising new birth, we are startled by Jesus' comparison of himself to the serpent lifted up in the wilderness, who brings cleansing and healing of the poisons in our lives. We are stunned by your overflowing love for us and for all your creatures that would so prompt you to give your own Son. We bring to you now both the symbols and the substance of our lives, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.²
(Ref. John 3:1-17)

OFFERTORY “Variants on ‘St. Columbia’” ... Russell Schultz Widmar 1944

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

THE ANTHEM “He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word” ... Hal H. Hopson
Accompanist: Eleanor Cunningham

*GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17

SERMON “The Story of Nick Demos”³ William “Bill” Searcy

HYMN NO. 369 “Blessed Assurance”

*BENEDICTION “Go My Children With My Blessing” Choir and Congregation

“I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.
I the Lord will be Creator, Savior, Comforter, Sustainer
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

*POSTLUDE “Passacaglia on 'Old 100th'” ... Robert Graham

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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³Williams, Michael, *The Storyteller's companion to the Bible, Vol 10: John*, Copyright © 1996 by Abingdon Press.