

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Wishes to: H. W. "Mac" MacMillan and Gene Patterson - March 29th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob and Ashley Cooper and big sister, Crosby, on the birth of Leighton Elizabeth Cooper on March 22 at Greenville Memorial Hospital. Leighton weighed 7' 15" and was 20" long. The proud grandparents are Kathy and Bob Weathers.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Abowd, Jeremy Graham and Dylan O'Neal (all deployed to Afghanistan), Carroll Anthony, **Robert Arnold**, Phillip Baskins, Kiele Binsted, Calvin Bostic, T. O. Boykin, Ray Byington, *Wade Byers*, the Callahan Family, **John Childers**, **Kathryn Cole**, **Janet Cook**, Connie Cox, Betty Evans, Don Everett, Eva Gillespie, Luke Gilliam, Bill Hembree, Ron Howard, Martha Jameson, Frank "Cotton" Jones, Pat Larson, **the Family of Jack Laughridge**, Dot MacMillan, H. W. "Mac" MacMillan, Robin Meade, Buddy Miller, Roy Patterson, Diane Robertson, Jimmy Senn, **Nancy Sizemore**, Jane Snyder, Linda Terminato, **Betty Thompson**, Belvin and Georgia Ware, Hazel Welborn, **Joseph Ray 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 MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens (SSH, WH) and the **Toddler Class Workers** are Lori Cheshire (SSH) and Amie Lee (WH). Be sure to check your April Newsletter, which, you should receive next week, to see the Children's Dept. Workers for next Sunday, April 3rd. **REMINDER:** The Children are practicing with Bill Searcy during the first 10-15 minutes of Sunday School to sing during the Worship Service on Palm Sunday. All children participating should attend as many practices as possible and be sure to be in Sunday School by 10:00 a.m.

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 envelopes for your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR) are enclosed in your bulletin today or you may pick up an envelope next Sunday, April 3rd. Place your gift in the offering plate and remember 100% of the gifts will be used by UMCOR to help to heal and restore people in the world who are suffering.

The **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor to plan the Stewardship Luncheon which will be after the Worship Service on Palm Sunday, April 17.

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

Our Tithes, Offerings and Gifts	
Offerings received 3/20/2011: \$ 2,106	Offerings received year to date: \$ 28,676
Budget needed weekly: \$ 3,329	Budget needed year to date: \$ 39,948
Attendance 3/13/2011: 73	Memorial Gifts received in addition to Offerings: \$ 4,265.00
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.	

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 27, 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

Living Water

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*

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*PRELUDE “My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs” ... Arr. J. Wayne Kerr

*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

The hour is coming.

The hour is here.

Worship the Lord in spirit and truth;

Our God welcomes worship in spirit and truth.

The Lord's Messiah is coming among you!

The one called the Christ will show us all things.¹

Let us worship God and praise His name!

*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. 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Hymnal No. 881

“The Apostles Creed”

*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70

“Glory Be to the Father”

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Let us Pray:

Holy God, you have offered us the Living Water of Jesus Christ as sheer gift! We come to you now to drink deeply, to be nourished in the reality of eternal life at this and at every moment. We bring our commitment to witness to you in the world through the network of our relationships, as did the Samaritan woman: one family, one person at a time. Like her and those she brought to Jesus, we have heard for ourselves and know that you truly are the Savior of the world. We give to you alone our hearts and our lives! This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.²

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

... Gordon Young

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (*responsive*)

... Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will

We have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,

We have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news, God forgives those who truly sorrow over their sins and gives strength and resolve to those who seek a new way to live with their neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and empowered to lead new lives.

To God be all glory and praise. Amen.³

THE ANTHEM

“Kyrie”

... Words, Ancient Greek, Music, Antonin Dvorak

“Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy”

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:4-42

SERMON

“The Samaritan Woman”⁴

Jamie Robinson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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This is the Lord's Table. All are invited to partake of the Sacrament.

Receive the bread as it is placed in the palm of your hand and hold it until the cup is presented to you. The bread is dipped into the cup and eaten.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN NO. 623

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”

*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

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

... “Maryton”

*All who are able are invited to stand.

¹Preach 2006> Lectionary and Worship Resources > Litanies and Other Prayers > Year A > LITANIES AND OTHER PRAYERS For the Revised Common Lectionary Year A > Lenten Season > Thirs Sunday of Lent.

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⁴Smith, Dennis and Barbara McBride Smith. *The Storyteller's Companion to the Bible. Vol 10: John.* Copyright © 1996 by Abingdon Press.

MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Evelyn Childs
Given by Sally H. Oglesby*