

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Wishes to: Delores Gilstrap, Karsyn Miller and Wesley Miller, April 4, Woody Smith - April 7th, Taunja Pool and Helen Reynolds, April 8, and Marshall Bearden, April 9.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peggy and Joe Whitmire on the birth of their grandson, Joseph Ray Whitmire on March 21. Joseph weighed 8' 11" and was 20" long. The proud parents are Patrick and Crystal Whitmire.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to John and Lori Evans and their family on the death of John's mother, Betty Evans, on March 28. The Funeral Service was conducted on March 31st by Rev. Murray Snow at the Remembrance Mausoleum Chapel at Woodlawn Memorial Park. The burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Park on Thursday.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Abowd, Jeremy Graham, Dylan O'Neal and **Travis Scott** (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, **the Family of Lewis Crowe, the Evans Family**, Don Everett, Eva Gillespie, Luke Gilliam, the Family of Bill Hembree, Ron Howard, Martha Jameson, Frank "Cotton" Jones, Pat Larson, Dot MacMillan, H. W. "Mac" MacMillan, Robin Meade, Buddy Miller, Roy Patterson, **Mary Pool**, 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 Teachers** for today are Annette Bostic and Edna Patterson and **Worship Leader** is Annette Bostic. The **Nursery Workers** are Taunja Pool (SSH, WH) and Edna Patterson (WH) and the **Toddler Class Worker** is David Pool (SSH, WH). The **Sunday School Teachers** for next Sunday, April 10, are Mary and Ed Pool and the **Worship Leader** is Lori Cheshire. Lori Cheshire is the **Nursery Worker** for SSH and Volunteers are needed for the WH. The **Toddler Class Workers** are Elise Patterson and Logan Kanipe. **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.

The **Stewardship Committee** is sponsoring a "Palm Sunday Covered Dish Meal: on Sunday, April 17. They will provide the meat. Bring your favorite side dishes. Our focus that day will be on stewardship with trustees, missions and finance. We hope you can attend.

We are in the planning stage to establish a "**Ministry of Hospitality**" in April. This ministry would take place before Sunday School, Worship Service and after the Worship Service. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, We need you! Please contact MaryAnn Stephens at: 864-202-2051 or maepool@hotmail.com.

Don't forget to place your gift in the offering plate today for **One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR)** and remember 100% of the gifts will be used by UMCOR to help to heal and restore people in the world who are suffering. Our gifts will be designated for Japan. Extra envelopes are available in the Narthex.

The **Saint Paul UMC Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Saturday, April 16, from 2:30 - 4:00 at the home of David and Taunja Pool. All children are invited. RSVP to Eugenia Vicars, 297-8201.

Our Tithes, Offerings and Gifts	
Offerings received 3/27/2011: \$ 2,106	Offerings received year to date: \$ 30,740
Budget needed weekly: \$ 3,329	Budget needed year to date: \$ 43,277
Attendance 3/27/2011:	Memorial Gifts received in addition to Offerings: \$ 4,265.00
Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)	

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 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

Captains - Troy Gamble,
Rebecca Roper

Young Adults

Counters

Calvin Bostic
Troy Gamble

New Sight

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 "God Be Merciful" ... Donald Callender

*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

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
who has shone in our hearts
**to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.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. 452 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Hymnal No. 880 "The Apostles Creed"

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

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Let us Pray:

O God of healing and hope: We bring these gifts in gratitude for the love with which you have claimed us and the hope you have inspired in our hearts. When we've lived in darkness, you have given light to help us find our way. Receive these gifts as expressions of our gratitude and evidence of our hope. Transform them with your grace that we and all in your world might discover the fullness of the life to which you call us. Amen.²

OFFERTORY "Hour of Worship" ... Sylvia K. Riggs

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 5:8-14

THE ANTHEM "Be With Us Now, O Lord" ... Jay Althouse

*GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-41

SERMON "The Blind Man"³ Dr. Davis Lupo

HYMN NO. 454 "Open My Eyes"

*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 "Thanks Be to God" ... Steven Scott

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Betty Evans
given by*

Ray and Jere Byington Eugenia Vicars The Margaret Smith Class

*In Honor of Joseph Ray Whitmire
given by Peggy and Joe Whitmire*