

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** are extended to: Lauren Searcy - TODAY and MaryAnn Stephens - December 24th.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES** to Joe and Peggy Whitmire who were married on December 25th.

**CORRECTION:** The name of MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens baby boy is Charlie Walton Stephens.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** Michael Abowd, Carroll Anthony, Edith Branham, Tracy Champion, Connie Cox, Don Everett, Vivian Frasier, **Catherine Gilstrap**, John Hendrix, Alvin Hill, Dot MacMillan, Jana McMahan, **Homer Miller**, Helen Reynolds, *Hortense Searcy*, Marie Whitmire and Perri Whitmire.

**From Steve Vaughn, Chairman, SPRC:** If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas bonus for the Staff of Saint Paul UMC, just place your gift in the offering plate with a note on your check or envelope, by the last Sunday in December.

Don't forget to check over the information for you and your family (and anyone else you know of) in the 2 proof copies of the new **Saint Paul Directory** on the ledge in the Vestibule. The new Directory will be available early in 2010. Also, If you have not turned in your pledge forms for 2009, it is not too late to do so. Thank you for your continuing prayers and support for Saint Paul and its' ministries and its' people.

The **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** and **WORSHIP LEADERS** for next Sunday, December 27th, are Eugenia Vicars and Annette Bostic (SSH) and Peggy Whitmire (WH). Volunteers are needed for the Nursery and Toddler Class.

A Very Special **THANK YOU** to Bill Searcy, the Chancel Choir and the Young Adults for planning and presenting the beautiful, inspirational Moravian Love Feast and Christmas Music last Sunday at Saint Paul. We are so fortunate to have such a talented Music Director and such gifted members of our Chancel Choir whose talents remind us not only of "The Reason for The Season" but confirm our Faith every Sunday during the year.

The **YOUNG ADULTS** will be hosting a Soup Lunch on Sunday, January 10th, immediately following the Worship Service to honor Taunja and David Pool on the upcoming arrival of their baby girl. Also, the Young Adults will be collecting money for the Epworth Children's Home for their January Mission Project.

The Greenville District Leadership Training Workshop will be at Buncombe Street UMC on January 10, 2010 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. New church officers might be interested in attending some of the sessions. You can find more information at the Saint Paul Web Site, [www.saintpaulumc.net](http://www.saintpaulumc.net).

The Office will be open Dec. 21st and 22nd, closed Dec. 23rd - Dec. 28th for Christmas and will be open Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29th and 30th. Please give me any information for the December 27th Bulletin by tomorrow, Dec. 21st and for the January 3rd Bulletin and January Newsletter by Tuesday, December 29th. You can place it in my mail slot if you wish. Thank you and a very Blessed Christmas to all of my friends and family at Saint Paul!

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2009  
11:00 a.m.

*Bishop*  
Mary Virginia Taylor

*District Superintendent*  
Dr. Charles Johnson

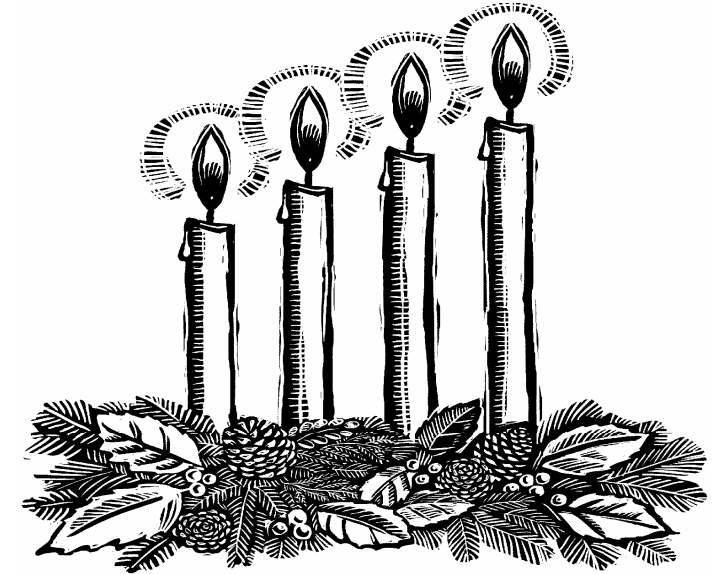
*Pastor*  
Rev. James F. Patterson

*Director of Music*  
William H. Searcy, Jr.

*Ushers*  
Captains - Troy Gamble,  
Rebecca Howard

Young Adults

*Counters*  
Calvin Bostic  
Troy Gamble



## Fourth Sunday in Advent

### 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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