

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August "Happenings At-A-Glance"

Sunday, August 1	Communion
Sunday, August 15	Young Adult Pool Party
Sunday, August 29	Church Dinner

July 2010 Financial Report

Budget Needed Through July	\$ 80,240.70
Budget Received Through July	\$ 62,324.99
We are Behind Year to Date:	\$ 17,915.71

SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH July 2010

Capital Fund	\$ 180.00
AC/Heat Fund	\$ 10.00
Memorials	\$ 1,170.00
Stained Glass Windows	\$ 240.00
	\$ 1,600.00
Total YTD Special Offerings	\$ 12,197.74

(A total of \$ 3,297 has been donated to the Stained Glass Window Fund to date)

Meetings in August

Sunday, August 8 - Meeting of Finance Comm., the Trustees and the Ad/Council immediately following the Worship Service to discuss the AC/Heat Plans.

Tuesday, August 10 - Meeting of the **SPRC** (Staff/Parish Relations Committee), 6:30- 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Saturday, August 14 - Falls Park Golf & Game Outing. See Page 2 for details.

Sunday, August 15 - Meeting of all **Children's Dept. Workers** after the Worship Service to sign up for the Fall.

The **Young Adults** will enjoy a Pool Party at the Pattersons home on Sunday, August 15th. Check with one of the Young Adults for details.

We are planning to have a **Church Covered Dish Supper** on Sunday, August 29th, to enjoy good food and fellowship and to welcome our new pastor, Murray Snow, and his wife, Susan. More details will be available in the bulletin.

The **YOUNG ADULTS** would still like to sponsor a **BLOOD DRIVE** for their next Mission Project. There is a Sign-Up Sheet in the Vestibule and we have 18 people who have signed up so far. We urge you to help with this very worthwhile cause and need. Once we know we have 25 people to donate blood, a date and time will be set for the Blood Drive.

"Casting the Net, Preparing Leaders of Small Group and Sunday School to Pull in the Catch" a Greenville District Small Group and Sunday School Teacher Training will be held at Aldersgate UMC on August 22, 3:00-5:30 p.m. See handout in the Narthex for details.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the first six months of 2010 are located on the ledge under the windows in the Vestibule (or mailed to you if you are unable to attend church). Please pick up the statements for you and other family members, review your records and call the office if you have any questions.

August Ushers

Captains - Troy Gamble, Rebecca Howard

Ushers: Young Adults

Counters: Calvin Bostic, Troy Gamble

From the Pastor

Grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ to you and your household. We are excited to be in ministry with each of you here at Saint Paul United Methodist Church. As we continue to learn more about each other and our shared mission to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," we see many ministry opportunities at Saint Paul. Some are simple and others are more complicated, but a response to each ministry opportunity takes commitment. On Sunday, July 25, 108 people attended worship service. Many of those attending were visitors associated with children that attended VBS (Vacation Bible School) the preceding week. While we can't have VBS every week, we can generate anticipation for Sunday School and Worship by sharing with others the ministries taking place at Saint Paul. Some of you have noticed that we are videoing our weekly Worship Service. With the help of Eugenia Vicars and Pete Bernston of Advent UMC, we are posting portions of our weekly Worship Service on our Saint Paul Website:

<http://www.saintpaulumc.net/>. To find these weekly postings look under the TAB Learn & Grow. Unfortunately we have to edit copyrighted material from the weekly postings. The Saint Paul Website is a way we can introduce others to Saint Paul and stay connected to Worship while we are out of town.

We are also creating a DVD of our entire Worship Services as a way of extending our Worship at Saint Paul to our faithful members that are now homebound in some way. Also, a DVD library of weekly Worship services will soon be available in the Narthex for those of you that missed a Worship Service.

I am finding that some of our homebound members do not have access to a DVD player. A ministry opportunity now exists to provide a Saint Paul owned portable DVD player to these members. At present, we believe six portable DVD players would meet the need. Each week a DVD of our Sunday Worship Service will be mailed or delivered to homebound individuals that have access to DVD players. I have priced new Portable DVD players at approximately \$100 each. I encourage Sunday School classes, other groups within the church, and individual members to take this ministry opportunity by donating \$100 to purchase a portable DVD player (write DVD player in the note area of your check). We already have a firm commitment from one individual to purchase one. We should be able to get better pricing by ordering several portable DVD players at one time. Please call the church office with your commitment to donate money to purchase one.

Another way to extend our reach at Saint Paul is to tell our Faith Stories and share them with others. What does Jesus Christ mean to you? What does the church family at Saint Paul mean to you? How has your life been influenced by being a part of the Saint Paul Church family? Why do you think others would enjoy being a part of the Saint Paul Church Family? We would like to create a Video Web Posting with members from Saint Paul sharing a part of their faith journey. Likewise we would like to create a DVD with the same faith stories content as a means of evangelism to share with others.

Some ministry opportunities for individuals:

1. Funds to purchase a portable DVD player
2. A person or persons with access to a digital video camera and editing software that would be willing to compile, edit, and upload weekly Web postings of our Worship Service and burn DVDs. This is a ministry opportunity to use your gifts and skills for God's glory.
3. Individuals willing to visit and deliver DVDs to homebound persons.
4. Individuals willing to share their faith stories.
5. Children (eight years and older) & Adults: Acolytes, Cross Bearers, Banner Bearers, Lay Liturgist.

Blessings in Christ,

Murray

We extend **Happy Birthday** greetings this month to:
Shawn Hill and Everett Worrell, Sr. - August 5th, Adam Boone and Dot Thompson - August 10th, Peggy Whitmire— August 12, Claire Weston and Cassandra “Kit” Matiz - August 15th, Thaxton Miller - August 21st, Jason Cheshire - August 23rd, Frank (Cotton) Jones - August 25th, and Donna Shelton - August 31st.

We extend **Anniversary wishes** this month to: Mary Anne and Robert Terminato - August 4th, Ed and Mary Pool - August 6th, Terry and Jenni Thompson - August 18th, John and Vicki Bolen - August 19th, Calvin and Annette Bostic - August 22nd and Murray and Susan Snow - August 31st.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to the family and friends of Lib Timmons who died on Tuesday, July 6, in Columbia SC. A Memorial Service conducted by Rev. Dr. Keith Ray and Rev. Murray Snow was held at Greenville Memorial Gardens on Sunday, July 25th.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to the family of Jane Bledsoe who died on July 16th. Graveside Services were held on Sunday, July 18, at Greenville Memorial Gardens.

In Your Prayers, Please Remember: Michael Abowd, Carroll Anthony, Kathryn Cole, Connie Cox, Virginia Dowis, Don Everett, **Eva Gillespie**, **Luke Gilliam**, Catherine Gilstrap, Jeremy Graham, Charles Hendrix, Sara Hendrix, **Martha Jameson**, Frank “Cotton” Jones, Alfred Lupo, Dot MacMillan, **Buddy Miller**, Homer Miller, Hortense Searcy, Joyce Searcy, Sarah Snow, Linda Terminato, the people of Haiti and other countries experiencing disasters and the United States of America and our leaders. NOTE: Names are kept on the Prayer List for 4 weeks. If you wish to keep a name on the list after 4 weeks or to add a new name, please notify the office. **Bold** = New Addition, *Italics* = Currently in Hospital.

Nursing Home and/or Special Care Residents and Friends Who Are Homebound: Virginia Dowis, Betty Evans, Don Everett, Eva Gillespie, Frank “Cotton” Jones, Dot MacMillan and Homer Miller.

Please make the following **address change** in your Saint Paul Directory for Eva Gillespie: Phone: 864-855-4830
Address: % Countryside Village, Apt. 251
706 Pelzer Highway, Easley, SC 29642

We want to thank our Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, Jamie Robinson, for her diligent and faithful service to represent the congregation of Saint Paul. Below are some excerpts from the Advocate concerning some resolutions brought before Annual Conference. You can read the article in its entirety at: http://www.scadvocate-online.org/home/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=541&Itemid=271

- On the sin of racism – the affirmed resolution includes a training event in 2011, conference partnership and extensive study to support those who are experiencing the trauma of racial bias, conflict and injustice.
- On sexual activity among teens – The body agreed on the need for curriculum and training events, but the how was debated at length so that, finally, the resolution was referred to Connectional Ministries.
- On immigration reform – the conference agreed to urge the S.C. legislature to defeat S.1446 (now moot but to be re-introduced) and asked it to seek just, comprehensive immigration reform that will protect workers, reunite families, restore the rule of law and enhance security.
- On government policy to protect vulnerable children – the conference agreed to send the resolution to S.C. legislative and U.S. congressional bodies to request a review of policies affecting vulnerable children. Epworth Children’s Home President John Holler believes federal regulation is flawed and works against the overworked staff of the Department of Social Services.

Children’s Department Workers for July

Nursery Workers

Aug. 1 - David Pool SSH, Taunja Pool, Edna Patterson WH
Aug. 8 - Stephanie Gamble, SSH & WH, Ed Pool WH
Aug. 15 - MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens, SSH & WH
Aug. 22 - Stephanie Gamble, SSH & WH
Aug. 29 - Volunteers Needed SSH & WH

Toddlers Class

Aug. 1 - Taunja Pool, SSH, David Pool WH
Aug. 8 - Heather Boone (SSH) Mary Pool (WH)
Aug. 15 - Edna Patterson (SSH, WH)
Aug. 22 - Volunteer Needed (SSH), Heather Boone (WH)
Aug. 29 - Volunteer Needed (SSH), Stephanie Gamble WH

Sunday School Teachers

Aug. 1 - Annette Bostic, Edna Patterson
Aug. 8 - Mary and Ed Pool
Aug. 15 - Eugenia Vicars
Aug. 22 - Eugenia Vicars, Eleanor Cunningham, Choir Room
Aug. 29 – Eugenia Vicars

Children’s Worship Leaders

Aug. 1 - Annette Bostic
Aug. 8 - Lori Cheshire
Aug. 15 - Volunteer Needed
Aug. 22 - Lori Cheshire
Aug. 29 - Volunteer Needed

Galactic Blast Leaders and Workers

THANK YOU to Eugenia Vickers and all the people that volunteered or took part to make our Vacation Bible School a success this year. Lives young and not so young are transformed by such encounters with God’s love.

Director/Assembly Leader: Eugenia Vicars
Puppeteer: Susan Snow
Reflection Time: Amie Berseson, Rebecca Roper
Edna Patterson
Arts and Crafts: MaryAnn Stephens, Lori Cheshire
Taunja Pool, Perri Whitmire
Story Tellers: Bill Searcy, John Evans,
Glenda Anthony, Murray Snow,
Eugenia Vicars
Toddlers: Mary Pool, Ashley Cooper
Elise Patterson, Daniel Roper
Slide Show: Eugenia Vicars

Mission Projects: We collected dry pet food for Meals on Wheels, Picture books for the Ready4Reading Program, Men’s Socks for Triune Mercy Center, School Supplies for United Ministries Learning Center and Coloring Books for the Greenville District Hispanic Ministry at Esperanza UMC. The offerings taken each night will be sent to the UMC Nothing but Nets Program that purchases mosquito nets (\$10 each) for children in Africa to help stop the spread of malaria. We collected \$162 for this Program.

Celebrate the end of Summer

Join us at Falls Park Golf and Game,

7 W. Camperdown Way, for an afternoon of fun.

Saturday, August 14, 2:30 p.m.

Sign up Sheet in the Narthex. Price is \$6 a person but price goes down if we have more than ten people.