



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

February 2010 Messenger

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February "Happenings At-A-Glance"

Sunday, February 7	Communion
Sunday, February 7	Ad/Council Meeting 12:00
Sunday, February 7	SPRC Meeting with District Supt. 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17	6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper
Wednesday, February 17	7:00 Ash Wednesday Service
Friday, February 5	Young Adults Get-Together
Saturday, February 13	Adult Luncheon Trip
Sunday, February 21	2:00 Shower for Allison Miller

January 2010 Financial Report

Budget Needed Through January 24th \$ 9,156.04
 Budget Received Through January 24th \$ 9,095.00
 We are Behind Year to Date: \$ 61.04

SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH January 24 2010

Capital Fund	\$	180.00
Memorials	\$	140.00
AC/Heat Fund	\$	10.00
Shepherd Fund	\$	235.00
Bereavement Fund	\$	95.00
Epworth (Soup Lunch)	\$	300.00
UMCOR (Haiti Relief)	\$	640.00
Haiti Health Kits	f\$	165.00
Young Adults	\$	120.00
	\$	1,885.00
Total YTD Special Offerings	\$	1,885.00

The **ANNUAL SAINT PAUL PANCAKE SUPPER** will be Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. As always, the Fidelis Class will furnish the food and the Margaret Smith Class will do the cooking. Be sure to plan to attend this Annual Event at Saint Paul and enjoy good food and fellowship. There will be an **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** at approximately 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Pancake Supper.

An Important Message from the Trustees: We are about to begin the process of renovating all of the Stained Glass Windows and Millwork in order to preserve and protect the Stained Glass for years to come. If you would like to make a special donation towards this important project, please note "Stained Glass" on your donation. Thank you!

There will be a meeting of the **AD/COUNCIL** in the Parlor following the Worship Service on Sunday, February 7th to vote on repair of the stained glass windows.

The **SPRC** (Staff-Parish Relations Comm.) will meet with Dr. Charles Johnson, our District Superintendent, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 7th. Members of the SPRC are listed in the message from the Pastor. Please make every attempt to attend this important meeting.

February Ushers

Captain - Calvin Bostic

Lori Evans, John Evans
 Rebecca Howard, Elise Patterson

Counters:

John Evans, Calvin Bostic

From the Pastor

As you have probably heard by now, Joyce and I plan to leave St. Paul UMC in June. In my opinion, St. Paul could have a wonderful future ahead of it. Joyce and I have been blessed to be your pastoral family. We thank you for the many prayers and blessings you have given us. Now I know I will be here for several more months and there remains much work to be done. Joyce and I promise to continue to serve to our fullest until the new pastor arrives.

In the next few days and weeks, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be working with Dr. Charles Johnson, the District Superintendent of the Greenville District, to discuss the needs of St. Paul. The members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee are: Steve Vaughn - Chairperson, Jamie Robinson - Lay Member to Annual Conference, Eugenia Vicars - Lay Leader, Tommy Gilstrap, H. W. MacMillan, Janet Cook, David Pool, Charlie Robertson, Lori Evans, Randy Rogers and Jimmy Senn. They need your prayers and they need to hear from you regarding your concerns about the pastoral leadership of St. Paul UMC.

Regardless of who the next pastor of St. Paul will be, he or she will need everyone pulling together for the best of St. Paul. I am asking each member to renew your commitment that you will do all in your power to work for the good of St. Paul and God's kingdom. Remember when you joined St. Paul you promised before the congregation and God that you would support St. Paul with your gifts, your time, your presence and your prayers. Are you keeping your promise? If all members keep this promise, St. Paul will have a great future.

Remember Jesus loves you; Joyce and I do also.

Share your faith; see you Sunday.

Jim

The "**OPEN HEARTS**" **STUDY GROUP** will begin a Lenten Study on Sunday, February 21, at 10:00 am. The Title of the Study is "Bread In the Wilderness" and we will continue the Study through Easter Sunday, April 4. Adults of any age (young, old, or in-between, male or female, single or married) are welcome to join us in this Study. If you cannot attend all Sundays, come when you can. The Study Group meets on the 2nd Floor over the Fellowship Hall.

The **Open Hearts Study Group** would like help in identifying and distributing the many old pictures that are located in our Study Room on the 2nd Floor. We will be bringing various pictures downstairs to the Fellowship Hall and the Vestibule to see if you can help to identify the persons in the pictures and have suggestions for places in the Church, Sunday School Rooms, etc. to hang many of the pictures. (When we decide to hang them, be sure to contact Steve Vaughn as he will take care of that).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Friday, February 5th, the **YOUNG ADULTS** will be going to Frodo's Pizza on Pleasantburg Dr. for dinner at 6:30 p.m. and then bowling at Star Lanes.

On Saturday, February 13, there will be a special **ADULT LUNCHEON**. We will be visiting Collins Ole Town in Central, SC. There be a tour and history given by the couple who created this special Town and lunch will be served. We will be renting a Van that holds 15 people to transport those who would like to attend. If you have not made your reservation by the time you receive this, please call Delores Gilstrap (294-1864) immediately. The cost of lunch (\$16) needs to be paid by Sunday, February 7.

On Sunday, February 21st, the **YOUNG ADULTS** will be hosting a Baby Shower at 2:00 p.m. for Allison and Jon Miller who are expecting twins. Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall and all are invited to attend.

Children's Department Workers for February

Nursery Workers

- February 7 - Lori Cheshire (SSH)
Volunteers Needed (WH)
- February 14 - Volunteers Needed (SSH)
Ed Pool (WH)
- February 21 - Lori Cheshire (SSH)
Lori Cheshire, Joyce Patterson (WH)
- February 28 - MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens
(SSH & WH)

Toddlers Class

- February 7 - Volunteer Needed (SSH)
Edna Patterson (WH)
- February 14 - Volunteer Needed (SSH)
Mary Pool (WH)
- February 21 - Edna Patterson (SSH & WH)
- February 28 - Volunteer Needed (SSH),
David Pool (WH)

Sunday School Teachers

- February 7 - Eugenia Vicars
- February 14 - Mary and Ed Pool
- February 21 - Eugenia Vicars
- February 28 - Eleanor Cunningham, Eugenia Vicars
(Choir Room)

Children's Worship Leaders

- February 7 - Lori Cheshire
- February 14 - Peggy Whitmire
- February 21 - Rebecca Howard
- February 28 - Peggy Whitmire

A Note of Appreciation

To Our Saint Paul Family,

We want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, memorials, etc. during our recent loss. The meal provided for our family before the funeral was so special and we enjoyed it very much. All of your caring and concern has meant so much to us during this most difficult time.

Eunice Hill and the Family of Alvin Hill

We extend Happy Birthday greetings this month to: Isabella Grace Love - February 4th, John Bolen - February 7th, Gretchen Edwards - February 9th, Ashley Cooper - February 10th, Marie Whitmire and William Pool - February 13th, Mary Anne Terminato and Greg Bearden - February 15th, Dot MacMillan - February 16th, Elise Patterson and Marcus Stephens - February 17th, Perri Jo Whitmire - February 22nd, Darrin Love - February 24th, Nancy Smith - February 25th, Homer Miller - February 26th, Keith Ray - February 26th and Annette Hollingsworth - February 28th.

We extend **Happy Anniversary** wishes this month to Janet and Carmie Cook - February 6th and Sarah and Bruce Medlin - February 14.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to Peggy and Joe Whitmire and the entire Whitmire Family on the death of their son, Dustin Whitmire, on January 17. The Funeral Service was conducted by Rev. Patterson on Saturday, January 23rd, at Thomas McAfee Downtown with burial in Graceland East Cemetery.

In Your Prayers, Please Remember: Michael Abowd, Carroll Anthony, Edith Branham, Tracy Champion, **Kathryn Cole**, Connie Cox, Don Everett, Steele Gamble, Catherine Gilstrap, John Hendrix, Betty Hopkins, Tracy Logan, Dot MacMillan, Jana McMahan, Homer Miller, **Mary Pool**, *Hortense Searcy*, Robin Smith, the Whitmire Family, the people in Haiti and the United States of America and our leaders. NOTE: The Prayer List is published monthly in the Newsletter. Plan to save your list each month for reference. We will print the requests for prayers for people with special needs or emergency situations during the month in the bulletin each week. **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, Dot MacMillan, Homer Miller, Helen Reynolds and Lib Timmons.

A Special Announcement: If anyone would like to make a donation during the next few weeks to help with the Relief Fund for Haiti, UMCOR has assured us that 100% of the moneys given will be sent to Haiti. Just make your check out to Saint Paul and designate Haiti Relief Fund as the cause and we will send it on to UMCOR. We have collected \$640 to date for this need.

Health Kits for Haiti: MaryAnn Stephens and the Young Adults will be in charge of the Team to collect items for Health Kits for Haiti. These kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes and are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. You may donate items for the Health Kits or preferably make a contribution for this cause. The Young Adults will then purchase the items needed and pack the kits to be sent. Items (all new) needed are: 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"), 1 washcloth, 1 comb (large & sturdy), 1 nail file or finger-nail clippers, 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up), 1 toothbrush (single, adult size in original wrapper), 6 plastic strip adhesive strip bandages, \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste. All items are to be sealed in a one-gallon plastic bag. The estimated cost per kit is \$12. However, we believe that by making donations for the Young Adults to purchase the items in bulk, the cost will be less. Thank you for your help with this important project.