



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

January 2010 Messenger

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January "Happenings At-A-Glance"

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| Sunday, January 3 | Communion |
| Sunday, January 10 | Young Adult Soup Lunch |
| Sunday, January 17 | Children's Dept. Workers Meeting, immediately following Worship Service |
| Tuesday, January 19 | 7:00 pm Ad/Council Meeting |
| Tuesday, January 26 | 12:00 Noon Adult Luncheon |

December 2009 Financial Report

Budget Needed Through December \$ 117,037.44
 Budget Received Through December \$ 115,623.04
 We are Behind Year to Date: \$ 1,414.40

SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Capital Fund | \$ 180.00 |
| The Shepherd Fund | \$ 1,569.00 |
| Memorials | \$ 710.00 |
| Chancel Choir | \$ 10.00 |
| Children's Ministries | \$ 50.00 |
| Bereavement Fund | \$ 85.00 |
| AC/Heat Fund | \$ 10.00 |
| | <u>\$ 2,614.00</u> |

Total YTD Special Offerings \$ 18,899.30

We hope to have **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** for 2009 ready and on the back ledge in the vestibule by January 10th. These statements will include your giving information for the entire year. Please review the statements and call the office as soon as possible if you have any question or if you find anything that does not agree with your records.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The tradition of giving a Christmas donation in memory of or in honor of someone special to you was very successful this year. Due to your generosity, as noted above, \$1,569 was donated for the Shepherd Fund to help those in need in our community. This year those funds are especially needed and will be put to good use as we help those through United Ministries and others.

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.

January Ushers

Captain - Tommy Head

Charlie Robertson, Diane Robertson
 David Pool, Taunja Pool

Counters:

Charlie Robertson, Tommy Head

From the Pastor

Once again St. Paul had a special Advent. Our decorations are beautiful, the lighted garlands, the Chrismon Tree and the Advent Wreath help make St. Paul one of the prettiest around. We had a wedding in our Church that had many outside visitors who raved about how attractive our church was for Christmas. Members of St. Paul surely can be pleased to have such a beautiful church.

A special thanks to Bill and the Choir for presenting a Moravian Love Feast. This was truly a special service for St. Paul. Both the great music and the outstanding feast gave us a very meaningful and special spiritual journey for Advent. Also, thanks to the choir and Bill for making our Christmas Eve service so lovely.

As I look back over the year, I also thank you for making a difference for the less fortunate of our community and our state. You have helped many organizations this year with your generosity: Meals on Wheels, United Ministries, Triune Mercy Center, the Shepherd Fund and Epworth Children's Home, just to name a few. St. Paul has paid all of its' apportionments for 2009. Yes, members of St. Paul are very generous and I especially thank you for these acts of kindness and love.

2010 promises to be a special year for St. Paul. We will have many opportunities to reach out with helping hands into our community. We also have an opportunity to receive several new members into our congregation in the next few months. Please remember to constantly pray for your church and your pastor.

Joyce and I wish for you and your family a prosperous and happy New Year.

Share your faith, see you on Sunday.

Jim

On Sunday, January 10th, the YOUNG ADULTS will be hosting a Soup Lunch 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.

THANK YOU!

All of us on the Staff want to express our deep appreciation to the members and friends of Saint Paul for the Christmas gifts given to us this year. It is certainly our privilege to serve on the Staff of Saint Paul United Methodist Church and we are truly blessed to be part of such a loving Christian Family and Community.

Jim, Jere, Bill and Gary

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We extend Happy Birthday greetings this month to: Betty Evans - 1st, Betty Wood - 6th, Helen Golightly, Edna Patterson, David Pool and Fredna Scott - 11th, Amber Brown - 13th, Elizabeth Abowd - 14th, Tommy Thompson - 21st, Andy Bolen and Jennifer Wham - 22nd, Jeffrey Shetterly - 24th, Peggy Brunson and Catherine Gilstrap - 25th, Ty Childs - 27th, Glenda Anthony and Hadley Edwards - 29th and Isabel Jenkinson -30th.

We extend **Happy Anniversary** wishes this month to Darrin and Amy Love who were married on January 18th.

CONGRATULATIONS to MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens on the birth of Charlie Walton Stephens on December 4th. Charlie weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. We welcome Charlie Walton to Saint Paul UMC.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jonathan (Jon) and Tania MacDonald who were married at Saint Paul UMC on Saturday, December 26, 2009.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to Ashley and Bob Cooper and their families on the death of Bob's father, William Cooper, in Spartanburg on December 8, 2009.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to Eunice Hill and her family on the death of Alvin Hill on December 26th. The Funeral Service was conducted by Rev. Patterson at Saint Paul UMC on Tuesday, December 29th with burial in Graceland Cemetery.

In Your Prayers, In Your Prayers, Please Remember: Michael Abowd, Carroll Anthony, Edith Branham, Tracy Champion, Connie Cox, Don Everett, Vivian Frasier, Catherine Gilstrap, John Hendrix, Dot MacMillan, Jana McMahan, Homer Reynolds, Helen Reynolds, *Hortense Searcy*, Marie Whitmire, Perri Whitmire 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.

UNITED MINISTRIES NEEDS: The Learning Center needs a working computer for lab, pencils and reading glasses. Emergency Assistance needs non-perishable food, peanut butter and canned meats. The Place of Hope needs an iron, travel-size soap, spray deodorant, rubbing alcohol, razors, men's and women's new underwear, socks and knit hats. Thank you to all who contributed items for the United Ministries Holiday Warmth Party and the Goodie Party. It was so good to take such a generous supply of these items from Saint Paul to United Ministries. Also, thank you to all who contributed toys for the Young Adults December Mission Project for Toys for Tots.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **PRAYER GROUP** meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor at Saint Paul. All are welcome to join us at this special time.

The **AD/COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The **ADULT LUNCHEON** will be Tuesday, January 26th at 12:00 Noon. For the Program we will play Bingo and everyone is asked to bring one item to donate for prizes. There will be a Sign-Up Sheet in the Vestibule or you may call the Church Office if you plan to attend.

Children's Department Workers for January

Nursery Workers

- January 3 - Taunja Pool, Edna Patterson (WH)
Volunteers Needed (SSH)
- January 10 - Lori Cheshire, Ed Pool (WH)
Volunteers Needed (SSH)
- January 17 - Volunteers Needed (SSH & WH)
- January 24 - Lori Cheshire (WH)
Volunteers Needed (SSH)
- January 31 - Volunteers Needed (SSH & WH)

Toddlers Class

- January 3 - David Pool (WH),
Volunteer Needed (SSH)
- January 10 - Lori Cheshire (SSH), Mary Pool (WH)
- January 17 - Edna Patterson (SSH & WH)
- January 24 - Lori Cheshire (SSH),
Volunteer Needed (WH)
- January 31 - Volunteers Needed (SSH & WH)

Sunday School Teachers

- January 3 - Annette Bostic, Edna Patterson
- January 10 - Mary and Ed Pool
- January 17 - Eugenia Vicars
- January 24 - Eleanor Cunningham and Eugenia
Vicars (Choir Room)
- January 31 - Eugenia Vicars

Children's Worship Leaders

- January 3 - Annette Bostic
- January 10 - Peggy Whitmire
- January 17 - Volunteers needed
- January 24 - Peggy Whitmire
- January 31 - Volunteers Needed

There will be a meeting of all Children's Department Workers on January 17 immediately following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to sign Covenant Agreements for 2010. Anyone who is interested in joining the Children's Ministry, please contact Eugenia Vicars so a copy of the Safe Sanctuary Policy may be sent to you before the meeting. We welcome any volunteers to help with our growing Children's Dept.!