



# Saint Paul United Methodist Church

## June 2011 Messenger

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**Director of Music**  
**Sexton**

**Rev. Murray A. Snow**  
**William H. Searcy, Jr.**  
**Gary Putnam**

**Secretary**

**Jere Byington**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### June "Happenings At-A-Glance"

Sunday - June 5            Communion  
 June 8 - June 12        SC Annual Conference  
 Sunday - June 19        Father's Day

Coming in July:  
 July 17 - 21                Vacation Bible School

Rev. Murray Snow and Jamie Robinson will be representing Saint Paul UMC at the S. C. Annual Conference in Florence from June 8-12.

#### MAY 2011 Financial Report

Budget Needed Through May    \$ 73,238.00  
 Budget Received Through May   \$ 52,840.00  
 We are Behind Year to Date:    \$ 20,398.00

#### SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH MAY 2011

Capital Fund	\$ 180.00
Memorials	\$ 1,150.00
Young Adults	\$ 385.01
AC/Heat Fund	\$ 10.00
Salkehatchie Meal	\$ 250.00
Bereavement	\$ 65.00
Epworth	\$ 317.97
UMCOR	\$ 130.00
	<u>\$ 2,487.98</u>

Total YTD Special Offerings    \$9,995.98

#### Christian Stewardship

The way of life we define as *Christian Stewardship* is rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus. When Jesus taught that we should love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, he called us to confront seriously the reality of God. God demands justice and abundantly shares compassion, mercy, love and forgiveness to all. Jesus also called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Self-acceptance of others are interwoven - they cannot be pulled apart without destroying the whole fabric. There is no love of neighbor without love of oneself. Our actions are rooted in God's love for us in Jesus Christ. When we know that we are loved, we are free to share that love with others. We cannot give what we have not received.

#### Young Adult Softball Schedule

Thurs. June 2    6:30 p.m. Carolina Heights  
 Thurs. June 9    6:30 p.m. Simpsonville First  
 Thurs. June 16   8:30 p.m. Water of Life (Time Change)  
 Thurs. June 23   6:30 p.m. Way Ministries  
 Thurs. June 30   8:30 p.m. Roper Mtn. Road (Time Change)

A big **THANK YOU** to Bill Searcy, the Chancel Choir and the Little Lambs Choir for all their efforts in making the **Gospel Sing and Covered Dish Supper** on Sunday, May 22nd such a big success. We enjoyed wonderful food, fellowship and music. Thank you for your generous donations of \$250 to pay for the meal we will be providing for Salkehatchie Workers on July 12.

### *From the Pastor*

Grace and peace to you and your households in the name of Jesus Christ. I hope each of you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. We give thanks to God for the men and women who gave of themselves in order that we might live and worship God in freedom. To those of you that have served this country, Susan and I thank you and your families for the sacrifices you made on behalf of this great nation. May God continue to bless America!

As we move into the vacation season, many of us will be going to our summer homes or vacation destinations by the lakeshore, seashore, or mountain side. For many of us, this will be a time of rest and relaxation and a time of rejuvenation and recreation. For others it will be a time to continue our daily routine. Regardless of where you are, remember to take time to renew your spirits by worshiping God with the Body of Christ. Engaging in worship with the Holy God and with one another is nourishment for your journey. Remember also, that as a member of Saint Paul, you have taken a vow to: "Faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service." In order to fulfill our ministry obligations and mission to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" please be faithful by continuing to send in your tithes and offerings.

For pastors and teachers, summer is often a time of continuing education and fulfilling obligations made by our denominations or educational institutions. For me personally, this summer will be consumed by fulfilling denominational requirements to complete the ordination process. For Susan and I, this has been a long process. For the past 12 years, with the encouragement and support of others, I have continued on the journey toward ordination by fulfilling educational and denominational requirements. As many of you know, last year I received my Master of Divinity Degree from Erskine and was Commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the United Methodist Church. Having served a previous appointment for eight years, we were appointed to Saint Paul. What a blessing the past year has been being in ministry with each of you.

We solicit your prayers as we begin our final educational and denominational requirements for ordination this summer. First we will be writing: a series of theological and doctrinal papers, a Bible Study on the Book of Mark, and a sermon on a passage of Scripture yet to be revealed. All of this work will be presented verbally and orally before the Board of Ordained Ministry in the Fall. One could think of this as a final Bar exam for a lawyer or Medical Licensing Exam for a doctor. The preparation will be intense and time consuming.

Second, we have tentative plans (if the class makes) to begin CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) on June 6<sup>th</sup> at AnMed in Anderson, SC. This will involve classroom work and being on site as a hospital chaplain. CPE is a requirement for every person seeking ordination in the UMC. This summer program will require much time and work. We seek your support, understanding, and encouragement as we engage in this intensive study. When on site and on call, I will not be able to immediately respond to pastoral emergencies in our congregation. However, I will have someone on standby to respond to immediate needs. Please call me at 864-414-8864 with pastoral emergencies. In lieu of these obligations for this summer, from time to time, we may have guest speakers delivering messages during worship this summer.

*Thank you for you love and support.  
 Blessings in Christ,  
 With Love,*

*Murray and Susan*

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**We extend Happy Birthday greetings this month to:** Gerald Cox - June 16th, Stephanie Gamble - June 18, Gary Welborn - June 19, Tom Baskin - June 23, Edith Branham and Janet Williams - June 29.

We extend **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** wishes this month to Gareth and Fredna Scott - June 3, Tommy and Carol Head - June 9, Jim and Joyce Patterson - June 10, Todd and Dana Howard - June 17, Troy and Stephanie Gamble - June 26th and H. W. "Mac" and Dot MacMillan - June 27.

**Christian Sympathy and Prayers** are extended to Carol and Tommy head and their family on the death of Carol's father, Thomas O. "T. O" Boykin on Sunday, May 15th. Funeral Services were held in North Augusta, SC on Thursday, May 19th.

**Christian Sympathy and Prayers** are extended to John Mitchell and his family on the death of his wife, Marion Mitchell on May 21st. Funeral Services were held on Monday, May 23rd, in the Chapel at Woodlawn.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** Friends serving in the Armed Services: Michael Abowd, John Broom, and Dylan O'Neal, and Jeremy Graham and Travis Scott (both deployed to Afghanistan), Perry Adams, Carroll Anthony, Phillip Baskins, Kiele Binsted, Calvin Bostic, Bill and Joe-Ellen Brockman, Ray Byington, Wade Byers, John Childers, Connie Cox, Don Everett, Eva Gillespie, Luke Gilliam, **Carol Head**, Martha Jameson, Frank "Cotton" Jones, Al Lupo, Dot MacMillan, H. W. "Mac" MacMillan, Michael Matiz, Buddy Miller, Roy Patterson, Jimmy Senn, Nancy Sizemore, Nancy Smith, David and Madeline Snow, Jane Snyder, Linda Terminato, Belvin and Georgia Ware, Hazel Welborn, the victims of the earthquakes in Japans, those affected by the violent tornados recently, the people in all countries experiencing disasters and the United States of America and our leaders. Call the office if you wish to keep a name on the list after 4 weeks or to add a new name.

**Nursing Home and/or Special Care Residents and Friends Who Are Homebound:** Virginia Dowis, Don Everett, Eva Gillespie, Frank "Cotton" Jones, Dot and Mac MacMillan, Helen Reynolds, Dot Thompson and Belvin Ware.

Dear St. Paul Family,

Thank you all so much for recognizing my college graduation and for giving me a Bible that will help me continue to grow my faith, as I enter a new phase in my life. I appreciate all of the love, support and guidance that you have given me throughout my life; you have helped me become the person I am today.

Sincerely,

Lauren Evans

**UNITED MINISTRIES NEEDS**

**Learning Center:** 1-1.5" ring binders for CNA students, notebook paper and an upright vacuum in good condition.

**Place of Hope:** travel-size soap, spray deodorant, lotion, razors, rubbing alcohol, petroleum jelly, cotton swabs, bottled water, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, socks, new men's & women's underwear and belts.

**Emergency Assistance:** canned meats; beef stew, Treet, tuna and mackerel; dry beans; and individual packages of powdered milk.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lauren Evans who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Clemson University on May 13, 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. We are so proud of you, Lauren!

**Children's Department Workers for June**

**Nursery Workers**

June 5 - Taunja Pool SSH, WH, Edna Patterson WH.  
June 12 - Lori Cheshire, SSH, Volunteers Needed WH  
June 19 - Volunteers Needed for SSH & WH.  
June 26 - Marcus Stephens SSH, WH.

**Toddlers Class**

June 5 - Peggy Whitmire, SSH, David Pool WH.  
June 12 - Edna Patterson, SSH, Elise Patterson, Logan Kanipe, WH.  
June 19 - Elise Patterson - SSH, Edna Patterson, WH,  
June 26 - MaryAnn Stephens, SSH, WH.

**Sunday School Teacher, K3/K4**

June 5 - David Pool  
June 12 - Elise Patterson, Logan Kanipe  
June 19 - Edna Patterson  
June 26 - Lori Cheshire

**Sunday School Teachers, Elementary**

June 5 - Annette Bostic/Edna Patterson  
June 12 - Annette Bostic  
June 19 - Annette Bostic  
June 26 - Annette Bostic

**Children's Worship Leaders**

June 5 - Peggy Whitmire  
June 12 - Lori Cheshire  
June 19 - Volunteer Needed  
June 26 - Peggy Whitmire



**Let's get cookin' at Shake It Up Café**  
Explore and experience recipes for living out  
God's Word.

**Vacation Bible School at Saint Paul UMC,**  
**July 17 to July 21, 2011**

**Program – 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.**

**Join us as we "shake up" our lives to become better  
followers of God.**

**There will be a study for adults and children**

**Register by June 30, 2011**

**For information call Eugenia Vicars at 297-8201**

**Information and registration forms available on-line  
at [www.saintpaulumc.net](http://www.saintpaulumc.net)**

**June Ushers**

Captain - Calvin Bostic

Lori Evans, John Evans  
Elise Patterson, Rebecca Roper

**Counters**

Calvin Bostic, John Evans