



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

March 2010 Messenger

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March "Happenings At-A-Glance"

Sunday,	March 7	Communion
Wednesday,	March 10	6:30 pm, Charge Conference
Friday,	March 19	Young Adults Get-Together
Thursday,	March 23	Adult Luncheon, Brick St. Café

March 2010 Financial Report

Budget Needed Through February	\$ 20,604.84
Budget Received Through February	\$ 18,720.05
We are Behind Year to Date:	\$ 1,884.79

SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH February 21, 2010

Capital Fund	\$	180.00
Memorials	\$	150.00
Stained Glass Windows	\$	665.00
Choir	\$	25.00
AC/Heat Fund	\$	10.00
Shepherd Fund	\$	480.00
Golden Cross Ministries	\$	35.00
Souper Bowl	\$	87.74
Salkehatchie	\$	84.00
UMCOR (Haiti Relief)	\$	150.00
Haiti Health Kits	\$	492.00
Children's Dept.	\$	25.00
Pancake Supper	\$	186.00
Young Adults	\$	325.00
	\$	2,894.74

Total YTD Special Offerings \$ 4,779.74

THANK YOU to the Fidelis Class and the Margaret Smith Class for providing the delicious food and cooking for the **SAINT PAUL ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER**. A total of \$186 was collected for a Love Offering and split between the two classes to use at their discretion.

Report on Special Gifts to Saint Paul UMC: To date we have received \$790 to be donated to UMCOR for the Haiti Relief Fund and \$657 for the Health Kits for Haiti that are being assembled by the Young Adults.

All church members are encouraged to attend a special **Charge Conference** that will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. The purpose of this meeting is to approve compensation for our new pastor. This will be the only item on the agenda.

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!

March Ushers Captain - Tommy Gilstrap

Ray Byington, Edna Patterson
MaryAnn Stephens, Marcus Stephens

Counters:
Tommy Gilstrap, Jason Cheshire

From the Pastor

For the last few weeks I have been taking a class at Furman called, "You Are Not Your Stuff". I found out that I was fortunate because I didn't have as much stuff as my classmates. Being a Methodist parsonage family, Joyce and I have moved five times in the past eighteen years thus clearing out much of our stuff (junk). However, I am amazed at how much more we have. A collection of plates, lighthouses, military patches, telephone insulators, t-shirts, and the list could go on and on. I remember sitting on the porch of Mongahan's parsonage watching the moving truck pull away with most of our possessions. I realized that it would be before we saw them again, but I also realized that most of the things on the truck were just stuff. Sitting beside me was one of the most important things in my life, Joyce.

As I have grown older I realize how blessed I have been. I have a loving family, a warm home, and, as you know, I get plenty to eat. I thank God each day for his blessings. My teacher at Furman asked the question: If your home was on fire what are five things you would try to save. I am still trying to answer the question. The more I think of the answer I realize that my most important things in my life are relationships: My relationship with God, my family and my friends. All the other possessions in my life are just stuff.

How about you? What are your most valued things?

Thanks to the Young Adults and the generosity of our church, St. Paul will be sending over 100 Health Kits to Haiti in the next few days. Thanks to all, and especially MaryAnn Stephens, for a job well done.

Share your faith, see you Sunday.

Jim

UNITED MINISTRIES

United Ministries is partnering with Triune Mercy Center and GAIHN (Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) to present the following free community event.

Musical Extravaganza: In Harmony, Against Poverty

Sunday, March 21, 3-5 pm, Reception 5-6 pm
Pendleton Street Baptist Church

Featuring:

Kyle Matthews,
USC Upstate Gospel Choir,
Larry McCullough & Chosen Generation
Joyful Sound: North Greenville University Choir
Bethel Full Gospel Baptist Church Praise Dancers

A Love Offering will benefit the programs of GAIHN, Triune Mercy Center and United Ministries

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We extend Happy Birthday greetings this month to: Eleanor Cunningham and Julie Wham - 3rd, Katie Head - 8th, John Evans - 9th, Jon Miller - 11th, Carol Head - 13th, Eugenia Vicars - 14th, Ed Pool - 16th, Tenley Gilstrap - 17th, Ashley Howard - 19th, Steve Vaughn - 22nd, Erin Evans, Eva Gillespie and Bill Searcy - 24th, Gareth Scott - 25th and Mac MacMillan and Gene Patterson - 29th.

Happy Anniversary Wishes to: MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens - March 28th and Woody and Betty Smith - March 29th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Taunja and David Pool and big brother, William, on the birth of Camille Madeline Pool on January 31, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. We welcome Camille to Saint Paul UMC.

In Your Prayers, Please Remember: Michael Abowd, Carroll Anthony, **Calvin Bostic**, Edith Branham, Kathryn Cole, Connie Cox, Don Everett, **Carol Head**, **Eunice Hill**, **Dot Huff**, Dot MacMillan, Homer Miller, Hortense Searcy, Robin Smith, 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, Frank "Cotton" Jones, Dot MacMillan, Homer Miller, Helen Reynolds and Lib Timmons.

A Note of Appreciation

The Whitmire/Boone family wish to express our appreciation for all the prayers, cards, food and memorials during the recent loss of our son, brother and grandson, Dustin Ray Whitmire. We truly have a loving and caring church family.
God Bless you all,
Joe and Peggy Whitmire and Family

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS AT MAULDIN UMC
Saturday, March 13, 10:00 - 12:00

Needs Based Evangelism, led by Dr. Michael Wolfe, Minister of Augusta Road UMC

Small Group Ministry, led by Claire Andrews, Minister of Small Group Ministry at Mount Horeb UMC, Lexington, SC, one of the fastest growing UMC's in SC.

To sign up or ask questions contact: Rev. Cathy Joens at cljoens@umcsc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **ADULT LUNCHEON** will be Tuesday, March 23rd. We will meet at Brick Street Café on Augusta Street, just down the street from the church, at 12:00 Noon. There will be a Sign-Up Sheet in the Vestibule so we can be sure to make reservations for all of those attending. As many of you know, the February Adult Luncheon was cancelled due to the weather. We will be rescheduling this visit to Collins Ole Town in Central, SC in the Fall, probably in October.

On Friday, March 19th, the **YOUNG ADULTS** will be meeting for good food and fellowship. Check with them for details.

Children's Department Workers for March

Nursery Workers

- March 7 - Volunteers Needed (SSH)
Edna Patterson (WH)
- March 14 - Volunteers Needed (SSH)
Ed Pool (WH)
- March 21 - Lori Cheshire (SSH)
Ashley and Bob Cooper (WH)
- March 28 - MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens (SSH)
MaryAnn Stephens (WH)

Toddlers Class

- March 7 - Daniel Roper (SSH)
Rebecca Howard, Daniel Roper (WH)
- March 14 - Volunteer Needed (SSH)
Mary Pool (WH)
- March 21 - Edna Patterson (SSH & WH)
- March 28 - Volunteer Needed (SSH),
Marcus Stephens (WH)

Sunday School Teachers

- March 7 - Annette Bostic, Edna Patterson
- March 14 - Mary and Ed Pool
- March 21 - Eugenia Vicars
- March 28 - Eleanor Cunningham, Eugenia Vicars
(Choir Room)

Children's Worship Leaders

- March 7 - Annette Bostic
- March 14 - Peggy Whitmire
- March 21 - Lori Cheshire
- March 28 - Peggy Whitmire

UNITED MINISTRIES NEEDS

Learning Center: notebook paper
Place of Hope: travel-size soap, spray deodorant, lotion, razors, men's & women's new underwear, and socks & knit hats.
Emergency Assistance: dry beans, peanut butter and canned meats.

Don't forget that if you eat at Caesar's Restaurant anytime or Brew & Ewe on Sundays, a portion of your bill will be donated to United Ministries — just tell them when you pay your bill.