



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

May 2010 Messenger

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May "Happenings At-A-Glance"

Sunday, May 2 Communion
 Sunday, May 2 Trustees Meeting after Service
 Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day - Annual Offering for Epworth Children's Home
 Tuesday, May 25 12:00 Noon Adult Luncheon

Coming in June:

June 10 - June 13 S. C. Annual Conference, Florence SC

April 2010 Financial Report

Budget Needed Through April \$ 38,925.92
 Budget Received Through April \$ 33,956.05
 We are Behind Year to Date: \$ 4,969.87

SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED DURING APRIL 2010

Capital Fund	\$ 180.00
AC/Heat Fund	\$ 10.00
Young Adults	\$ 150.00
Shepherd Fund	\$ 45.00
United Ministries	\$ 83.00
Stained Glass Windows	\$ 325.00
Memorials	\$ 25.00
	<u>\$ 818.99</u>

Total YTD Special Offerings \$ 7,182.74

Please call the Office with any information concerning those who are graduating from High School or College this year so we can publish the information in the June Newsletter. Thanks!

Please make the following changes in your Saint Paul UMC Directory:

1. Don McKinney's new e-mail address is: edonm87@gmail.com
 2. The correct e-mail address for Saint Paul UMC is: saintpaulumc1107@bellsouth.net
- It was printed incorrectly on the cover of the new directories. You may correct your copy or pick up a new corrected Cover in the Vestibule.

MAY MISSIONS: We will collect our Annual Mother's Day Offering for **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME** on Sunday, May 9th.

United Ministries Needs

The Learning Center needs new or gently used 3-ring binders, notebook paper, pencils and an upward-shining floor lamp.
The Place of Hope needs a Heavy-Duty, Large-Capacity Washing Machine, Bibles for recovering addicts in rehab, travel-size soap, spray deodorant, lotion, razors, men's and women's new underwear, socks and knit hats.
Emergency Assistance needs peanut butter, canned meats and dry beans.

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers in many areas (delivering meals, office help, etc.) If you are interested, please call them at 233-6565.

Asbury Hills Camp is looking for a few good people to work at summer camp. Anyone over age 18 who is interested in a summer job (kitchen help, counselors, nurses and others), please contact Asbury Hills through their website www.AsburyHills.org.

From the Pastor

This past Sunday, April 25, was a great day for St. Paul. To have three young adults to join the fellowship would be special for any church. Sunday we welcomed Daniel Roper (soon to be husband of Rebecca Howard), Marcus Stephens (husband of MaryAnn Pool Stephens) and Heather Boone (daughter of Joe and Peggy Whitmire and granddaughter of Marie Whitmire) as our newest members. Over the next few weeks I know we will be welcoming more new members to St. Paul. Hopefully, you can be in church to witness these events.

As I asked the above young adults, in front of the congregation, about their commitment to St. Paul, I was reminded of the membership vows that all members of the Methodist Church make when they join. You and I pledged before the congregation and before God that we would support the church with our presence, our prayers, our service and our gifts. Have you been faithful to your promise? One of the reasons I ask this is that at the last Ad/Council, as we studied the finances of the church, it was pointed out that our giving is falling short of our budget. We have not had this problem at St. Paul for several years. Please let's not start now. If you are behind in your giving, please try to catch up.

On April 27, the Senior Adults at St. Paul's had one of the very best church meetings I have ever attended. I was saddened that we had such a small crowd at the meeting. The group was blessed by having two members of the Bon Secours St. Francis Health System to speak about healthy living. The speakers did an outstanding job. One of the programs at St. Francis, which impressed Joyce and me, was the LifeWise program. We will be checking out this program further soon and we will probably join. It is open to any adult over 55 years old. Jere and I have information if you are interested.

On May 16, I will be preaching at a "Homecoming Service" at Tranquil UMC in Greenwood. I have asked Gareth Scott to preach at St. Paul that day. It surely would be nice to have a big group in church that day. I would appreciate it and I am sure that Gareth would also.

See you in Church, share your faith.

Jim

May Ushers

Captain - Tommy Head

David Pool, Taunja Pool
 Charlie Robertson, Diane Robertson

Counters

Charlie Robertson, Tommy Head

Report on the Stained Glass Windows Renovation:

The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$50,000. If at all possible we would like for you to consider a special donation to be designated for replacing the moneys that will be spent. To date \$ 1,947 has been donated for this cause. Thank you for your consideration

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We extend **Happy Birthday** greetings this month to: Emma Jamison Love and Rev. Jim Patterson - May 1st, Jennifer Wham - May 3rd, Troy Gamble - May 5th, Roger Clinkscales - May 6th, Alexandra Johnson - May 7th, Ron Howard and Don McKinney - May 9th, Connie Cox, Sarah Medlin and Larkin Johnson - May 10th, Hazel Welborn - May 12th, Allison Miller - May 18th, Nita Bearden, Denise Stockstill and Bob Weathers - May 22nd, Mary Lee Shirley—May 28th and Pat Laavy - May 31st.

Belated Happy Birthday greetings to Hayes Edwards who celebrated his first birthday on April 26, 2010.

We extend **Happy Anniversary** wishes this month to: Bill and Dot Huff on May 3rd and to Jason and Lori Cheshire on May 4th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Allison and Jon Miller, Big Brother Thaxton and the entire Head family on the birth of Wesley Davis Miller and Karsyn Leigh Miller on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Wesley weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. Karsyn weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz. and was 18 3/4 inches long. Our Easter Sunday Worship Service at Saint Paul UMC this year was one we will never forget! (Be sure to add Wesley and Karsyn to your Directory!)

In Your Prayers, Please Remember: Michael Abowd, Carroll Anthony, Edith Branham, Kathryn Cole, Connie Cox, **Alice Dyson**, Don Everett, Carol Head, Charles Hendrix, Sara Hendrix, Eunice Hill, Frank "Cotton" Jones, Dot MacMillan, Homer Miller, Hortense Searcy, Robin Smith, the people of Haiti and the United States of America and our leaders. 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. 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, Homer Miller, Helen Reynolds and Lib Timmons.

A Call for Compassion: Shattering Secrets and Stigmas

On Thursday, May 20, 2010, from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, Mental Health America of Greenville County will hold their 4th Annual Conference on Mental Health at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2619 August St. There will be many speakers with the purpose of offering help for anyone who is struggling with mental health problems and those who are close to them. This is a subject we don't talk about often but mental illness affects more people than we realize. So many of us are hurting but afraid to talk about it. This conference seeks to bridge the gap in understanding and responding to the needs of those dealing with mental health problems. Through love and acceptance, lives can be saved. And at the end of the day, this is what it's all about. If you are interested, contact Michelle Morton, Director of Outreach and Education at 864-467-3598, e-mail: outreach@mhagc.org or you may call Nancy Smith, (233-4239) who serves on the Board of this organization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **PRAYER GROUP** meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor at Saint Paul.

There will be a meeting of the **TRUSTEES** immediately following the Worship Service on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Members of the Board of Trustees are: Troy Gamble, Bob Cooper, Jimmy Senn, Robin Smith, Tommy Head, Jean Jones, Gene Patterson, Diane Robertson, Marcus Stephens and Steve Vaughn.

The **ADULT LUNCHEON** will be on Tuesday, May 25th, at 12:00 pm. Our speaker, Marie Burgess, will present a slide show on wild flowers in Paris Mountain State Park.

Children's Department Workers for May

Nursery Workers

- May 2 - MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens (SSH)
MaryAnn Stephens, Edna Patterson (WH)
- May 9 - Taunja and David Pool (SSH)
Taunja Pool, Ed Pool (WH)
- May 16 - Lori Cheshire, Taunja Pool (SSH)
Taunja Pool, Ashley Cooper (WH)
- May 23 - Volunteers Needed (SSH)
Lori Cheshire (WH)
- May 30 - Volunteers Needed (SSH, WH)

Toddlers Class

- May 2 - Volunteers Needed (SSH),
Marcus Stephens (WH)
- May 9 - Heather Boone (SSH), Mary Pool (WH)
- May 16 - Edna Patterson (SSH, WH)
- May 23 - Volunteer Needed (SSH)
Heather Boone (WH)
- May 30 - Volunteers Needed (SSH, WH)

Children's Worship Leaders

- May 2 - Annette Bostic
- May 9 - Peggy Whitmire
- May 16 - Lori Cheshire
- May 23 - Volunteer Needed
- May 30 - Volunteer Needed

Sunday School Teachers

- May 2 - Annette Bostic, Edna Patterson
- May 9 - Mary and Ed Pool
- May 16 - Eugenia Vicars
- May 23 - Eleanor Cunningham, Eugenia Vicars
- May 30—Eugenia Vicars



Save the date: July 19-23
Vacation Bible School will blast off
Each evening 6:30-8:30.
Registration will begin in June.
If you would like to help
please contact Eugenia Vicars.