

Saint Paul United Methodist Church

May 2011 Messenger

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Church

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May "Happenings At-A-Glance"

Sunday, May 1	12:00 Children's Dept. Meeting 3:00 pm Ad/Council Meeting
Saturday, May 7	Young Adults' Yard Sale
Saturday, May 7	9:00 am. Annual Clean Up Day
Sunday, May 8	Mother's Day - Annual Offering For Epworth Children's Home
Tuesday, May 24	12:00 Noon Adult Luncheon at Catherine Gilstrap's Home

APRIL 2011 Financial Report

Budget Needed Through April	\$ 56,593.00
Budget Received Through April	\$ 42,009.00
We are Behind Year to Date:	\$ 14,584.00

SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH MARCH 2009

Capital Fund	\$ 180.00
Memorials	\$ 300.00
Young Adults	\$ 705.00
AC/Heat Fund	\$ 10.00
The Shepherd Fund	\$ 60.00
Music/Choir	\$ 25.00
Epworth	\$ 75.00
UMCOR	\$ 185.00
Homebound/Nursing Homes	\$ 100.00
	\$ 1,640.00

Total YTD Special Offerings \$7,508.00

STEWARDSHIP

"Steward" (translated from the Greek New Testament word *oikonomos*, which shares the root for *economy*), referred to the servant responsible for purchasing supplies, overseeing the other hired hands, keeping the books, and administering the operation of the household. Literally, *oikonomos* means "manager of the household". More than once Jesus told a story that began, "There was a steward who ...". Let each of us at Saint Paul say, "I am a steward who ...".

Selection taken from *Stewardship Guidelines*, David S. Bell.

Saint Paul has been asked to provide lunch on Tuesday, July 12th for The Upstate Salkehatchie Camp. We will feed approximately 50 youth and adults at Asbury UMC. The request is for us to provide cold cuts, bread (rolls), mayonnaise, mustard, etc., chips, and a dessert - something like brownies or cookies. Would a Sunday School Class or Bible Study Class or other group consider this as a mission project? If so, please contact the pastor at 864-414-8864.

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

May Ushers

Captain - Tommy Head
David Pool, Taunja Pool
Charlie Robertson, Diane Robertson

Counters

Charlie Robertson, Tommy Head

From the Pastor

Grace and peace to you and your households in the name of Jesus Christ.

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This proclamation and response has been a hallmark of Christian greetings for almost 2000 years. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. Because He lives, those that believe in him have the promise of eternal life. Because He lives, we can be participants in the Kingdom of God here and now in our everyday lives.

The kingdom of God is God's reign through Jesus Christ. The kingdom of God is that to which we have been called to live, to serve and to anticipate. The kingdom of God is here now and yet is still to come in its fullness. (Matt. 6:10) The kingdom of God continues to grow wherever seeds are sown; the Good News is preached, and the Church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, continues to be "for the world, the Body of Christ." The kingdom of God will come in all of its fullness when Christ returns in final victory.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the hope and promise of eternal life on which we and all of Christianity stand. As Paul writes, "without the Resurrection, we are of all people most to be pitied." (1 Co 15:12-29) Scripture proclaims and confirms the promise of eternal life. Jesus said "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16) Since the first Easter, these words of eternal life "The Lord has risen indeed!" (Luke 23:34) have resonated throughout creation. Through the blood and death of Jesus Christ we are reconciled to God and because he lives we are saved by his life. (Rom. 5:6-11) In the Resurrection, Christ has set us free from sin and death. (Rom. 8:1-2) Scripture not only confirms the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, it confirms the resurrection from the dead and eternal life for those that believe into him. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26) The Apostle Paul writes in Romans concerning our baptism:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Rom. 6:3-5)

Core Christian doctrine, from the earliest Church tradition, is found in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Both teach the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the coming resurrection of the dead, and eternal life. Through grace, I believe and confess what Scripture proclaims, what Church tradition teaches and what we proclaim in the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

I understand that eternal life begins when, by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we are received into the kingdom of God through the New Covenant by water and the Spirit. (John 3:5) Eternal life is not something that begins after we suffer the pain of death, (John 3:36; 5:24) but will be consummated when we are brought into full communion with God. (1 John 3:2-3) Our resurrection is something that occurs in the future (John 6:40) when Christ returns in final victory, and "the home of God will be among mortals. . . and all things will be made new." (Rev. 21:1-7)

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*Blessings in Christ,
With Love,
Murray and Susan*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **AD/COUNCIL** will meet on Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

The **ADULT LUNCHEON** on Tuesday, May 24th, at 12:00 Noon, will be "Pickin', Singin' and Picknicking on the Porch" at the home of Catherine Gilstrap, 23 Saluda Lake Circle, Greenville. Our guest will be Mrs. Susan Snow who will entertain us. Please sign up for your picnic lunch. Call Catherine for info at 246-6166 or 238-0782.

Don't forget to bring items to the church for the **Young Adults' Yard Sale** which will be held on Sat., May 7th.

The Annual **St. Paul Spring Clean-Up** will be at 9:00 on Sat., May 7th. Plan to help with this important job!

There will be a meeting of the **Children's Dept. Workers** on Sunday, May 1, following the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a new class in the Children's Department.

Children's Department Workers for May

Nursery Workers

- May 1 - Taunja Pool (SSH, WH), Edna Patterson (WH)
- May 8 - Lori Cheshire (SSH), Volunteers Needed for WH
- May 15 - Volunteers Needed for SSH & WH
- May 22 - MaryAnn and Marcus Stephens (SSH, WH)
- May 29 - Volunteers Needed for SSH & WH

Toddlers Class

- May 1 - Volunteers Needed for SSH, David Pool (WH)
- May 8 - Edna Patterson (SSH), Elise Patterson, Logan Kanipe, (WH).
- May 15 - Edna Patterson, WH, Volunteer needed for SH.
- May 22 - Volunteers Needed (SSH, WH)
- May 29 - Volunteers Needed (SSH, WH)

Sunday School Teachers, K3/K4

- May 1 - David Pool
- May 8 - Elise Patterson, Logan Kanipe
- May 15 - Edna Patterson
- May 22 - Lori Cheshire
- May 29 - Volunteer Needed

Sunday School Teachers, Elementary

- May 1 - Annette Bostic, Edna Patterson
- May 8 - Ed and Mary Pool
- May 15 - Eugenia Vicars
- May 22 - Eugenia Vicars
- May 29 - Ed and Mary Pool

Children's Worship Leaders

- May 1 - Annette Bostic
- May 8 - Lori Cheshire
- May 15 - Peggy Whitmire
- May 22 - Peggy Whitmire
- May 29 - Volunteer Needed

United Ministries Needs

The **Administration Building** needs a volunteer receptionist on Thursdays from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm. The **Learning Center** needs notebook paper and an upright vacuum in good working condition. **Emergency Assistance** needs canned meats (beef stew, Treet, tuna and mackerel, dry beans, and individual packages of powdered milk. The **Place of Hope** needs travel-size soap, spray deodorant, lotion, petroleum jelly, cotton swabs, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, socks, new men's & women's underwear and belts.

We extend Happy Birthday greetings this month to: Rev. Jim Patterson and Amanda Jensen - May 1st, Jennifer Wham - May 3rd, Kimberley Eppes and Troy Gamble - May 5th, Roger Clinkscales - May 6th, Alexandra Johnson - May 7th, Ron Howard and Don McKinney - May 9th, Connie Cox 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.

We extend Happy Anniversary wishes this month to: Rebecca and Daniel Roper on May 1st, Bill and Dot Huff on May 3rd and to Jason and Lori Cheshire on May 4th.

In Your Prayers, Please Remember: Jeremy Graham and Travis Scott (deployed to Afghanistan), Michael Abowd, Carroll Anthony, Robert Arnold, Phillip Baskins, Kiele Binsted, Calvin Bostic, T. O. Boykin, **Bill and Joe-Ellen Brockman, David and Madeline Snow**, Ray Byington, *Wade Byers*, John Childers, Connie Cox, Don Everett, Eva Gillespie, Luke Gilliam, Martha Jameson, Frank "Cotton" Jones, Pat Larson, Al Lupo, Dot MacMillan, H. W. "Mac" MacMillan, **Wesley and Karsyn Miller**, Buddy Miller, Dylan O'Neal, Roy Patterson, Lauren Searcy, Jimmy Senn, Nancy Sizemore, Nancy Smith, 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. If you wish to keep a name on the list after 4 weeks or to add a new name, please call 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, Don Everett, Eva Gillespie, Frank "Cotton" Jones, Dot and Mac MacMillan, Helen Reynolds and Belvin Ware.

Please note the following: James B. (Jimmy Senn), Transitional Care of Laurel Baye, Room 109, 661 Rutherford Rd., Greenville SC 29609, Phone in Room: 864-272-3730.

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!

To Our St. Paul Family,

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and loving support during the loss of our Mother and grandmother. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. It has meant so much to us during this difficult time.

The Evans
Speedy, Lori, Erin and Lauren

**YOUNG ADULT SOFTBALL SCHEDULE
Coed Church Division**

	<u>Opponent</u>
Thurs. May 5 6:30 pm	Trinity UMC
Thurs. May 12 6:30 pm	St. Michael
Thurs. May 19 6:30 pm	Windstream
Thurs. June 2 6:30 pm	Carolina Heights
Thurs. June 9 6:30 pm	Simpsonville First
Thurs. June 16 6:30 pm	Water of Life
Thurs. June 23 6:30 pm	Way Ministries
Thurs. June 30 6:30 pm	Roper Mtn. Road

All games are played at Cleveland Park. Plan to come out and cheer for our St. Paul Team!