

WORSHIP SERVICES

April 15 – Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: Abundant Life Has Surprises

Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48

April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: Abundant Life Relies on the Good Shepherd

Scripture: John 10:11-18

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

April 15, 2018

Lay Leader: **Mark Armstrong**

Head Ushers: **Ross Huggins & Richard Schubert**

Acolyte: **Brooklyn King** Crucifer: **Payne Arnette**

Greeters: **Trecy Grant & Rene' Palles**

Communion Servants; Payne Arnette, Sona Guzzarlamudi, Sarah Mount, & Sullivan Shealy

Monday Counters: **Janet Howell & Nancy Kittrell**

April 22, 2018

Lay Leader: **Dr. Rick Howell**

Head Ushers: **David Tomlinson & Wayne Catoe**

Acolyte: **Jonah Harding** Crucifer: **Payne Arnette**

Greeters: **Deanne & Sam Breeden**

Monday Counters: **Gwen Jeffords & Pat Willis**

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Menu

April 18 – BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

Prepared by the Upper Room Class

April 25 – Fried Chicken with all the fixings

Prepared by the John Wesley Class



The Senior Ministry Team invites you to send birthday cards to **Ruth Simons** at 2100 Twin Church Rd. Florence, SC 29501 to help celebrate her 100th birthday on May 10th!

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF BILL EDGEWORTH

Given by Jeannie and Worth Adams

IN MEMORY OF JOAN F. STEWART

Given by Martha and Jim Stewart, III

IN HONOR OF MAYO COLLIER

Given by Rev. Julian Lazar

IN HONOR OF JIMMY GRIGGS & FAMILY

Given by Jeannie and Worth Adams

Saint Paul Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 15

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
2:45 Girl Scouts – CCC
4:00 Confirmation Class – JW Class
5:30-6 Creative Arts
6:00 Youth @ Saint Paul

Monday, April 16

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
6:00 AA Meeting
6:00 Al-Anon Meeting
6:30 Cub Scouts – CCC
7:00 Boy Scouts – McNair, Christian Family & Friends in Faith Classrooms
7:00 Worship Team – John Wesley Class

Tuesday, April 17

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
9:00 Morning Glories Bible Study

Wednesday, April 18

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
5:30 Fellowship Supper
6:00 Al-Anon – Susanna Wesley
6:00 Creative Arts – McNair Class
6:30 God Squad, Splash & Apostles in Action - CCC
6:30 Youth @ Saint Paul
6:45 Bells of St. Paul
7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 19

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
6:00 Young Adult Bible Study
6:00 Girl Scout Appreciation - FLC

Friday, April 20

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
9:00 CCC Box Car Movie Day - FLC

Sunday, April 22

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
2:45 Girl Scouts – CCC
4:00 Confirmation Class – JW Class
5:30-6 Creative Arts
6:00 Youth @ Saint Paul
Red Bird Mission Team leave for Beverly, Kentucky – Bus Reserved 22-28

Monday, April 23

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
6:00 AA Meeting
6:00 Al-Anon Meeting
6:30 Cub Scouts Meeting - CCC
7:00 Boy Scouts – McNair, Christian Family & Friends in Faith Classrooms

Tuesday, April 24

9:00 Morning Glories Bible Study
6:30 Trustee Meeting – Susanna Wesley

Wednesday, April 25

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
5:30 Fellowship Supper
6:00 Al-Anon – Susanna Wesley
6:00 Creative Arts – McNair Class
6:30 Adult Bible Study
6:30 God Squad, Splash & Apostles in Action - CCC
6:30 Youth @ Saint Paul
6:45 Bells of St. Paul
7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 26

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
6:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday, April 27

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out

Please support our Outreach Ministers and Ministries

Rev. Rick Howell, Winthrop Wesley Foundation

Lou Jordan, Francis Marion Wesley Foundation

John and Susan McGee, The CRU Foundation

Under Special Care

Arlene Crouch – Methodist Manor

Beverly Davis – at home

Jimmy Griggs – Health South

Jack Huffman – at home

Mark Lott – at home

Bubba Matthews (Chasity's father)

Eleanor Odom – Presbyterian

Norma Phillips – Methodist Manor

Lois Parrott – Methodist Manor

Bill Roy – at home

Ruth Simons – Methodist Manor

Brooke Watkins – at home

Stewardship Report

OFFERINGS & TITHES

March 29, 30 & April 1, 2018

Amount needed: \$13,000.00

Amount received: \$40,483.28

April 8, 2018

Amount Needed: \$13,000.00

Amount Received: \$9,773.38

YEAR TO DATE

Amount Needed: \$182,000.00

Amount received: \$177,604.16

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 29, 2018 (Maundy Thursday)

7:00: 59

March 30, 2018 (Good Friday)

7:00: 90

April 1, 2018 (Easter Sunday)

10:30: 246

April 8, 2018

10:30: 104



Kids Corner

Bible Verse: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16



We had a wonderful time of fellowship at our Easter Egg hunt. We decorated cookies; took pics with baby chicks; did a craft for our shut-ins and had prizes.

Mark your calendars and take a ride of a life time with our 2018 Vacation Bible School **Rolling River Rampage** June 11-14th. Please come volunteer and be a part of this wonderful ministry. Invite children so they can learn about our amazing God through music, science, recreation, art and story time!



Please continue to collect Piggly Wiggly receipts.

Melody beck.melody@yahoo.com

Youth @ Saint Paul

Saturday, May 5th we will be helping **OM Ships** sort through books from **10:00 AM-12:00 PM**. We will meet at the OM Ships warehouse.... (781 St. Andrews Rd., Florence, SC 29505)

The annual **Youth Dodgeball Tournament** will take place on **May 23rd** at Central UMC from **5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**. This year there will not be food provided. Parents and church members are welcome to come and watch. It will be an awesome time of fellowship with other youth groups in Florence.

St. Paul Youth will be hosting other Methodist churches in Florence as we welcome the **Youth Choir from Grayson UMC Atlanta, GA** on **Wednesday, May 30th**. We will meet in the Sanctuary at **6:00 PM** before heading down to the FLC for hot-dogs and games. Pick up is at **8:00 PM**.

Pete youthstp@gmail.com

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The purpose was for volunteers who had served with Bill to come together and honor Bill's missionary legacy by working on the Edgeworth home. Demonstrating some sweat equity would show our love of him and show the love of Christ in our community.

On March 17th over 40 St. Paul missionaries including family members gathered for a day of repair and preparation. All the storm windows were removed for repair. All the window frames and door facings were scraped of loose paint. Four window seals were replaced as well as some brick molding. A safety issue with the back deck was resolved by installing new floor joints. Ivy vines were removed from the north wall and new facial boards were installed. The entire home was pressure washed. The ladies of the Upper Room Sunday School Class served a wonderful lunch. It was an amazing day of service as volunteers came to recognize and honor Bill's missionary service and legacy

On April 7th, over 25 missionaries returned to finish the project. All windows and door trims were painted, storm windows reinstalled, the side porch and the deck rails painted and repairs to the north wall were completed. Grandson, Dillon touched us all with his prayer at lunch.

It should be noted that this is not a new St. Paul UMC ministry. Our church is engaged in many areas of outreach in our community as well as with UMVIM and at the Red Bird Mission. The honoring of the legacy of Bill Edgeworth was a spontaneous effort to show the love of Christ to his family and our community.



Mayo Collier

Sharing Abundant Life: A 5th Sunday Celebration
April 29, 2018

Sunday School Assembly
Sharing with Epworth and Red Bird
9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary

Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Guest Preacher: Reverend John Holler



Covered Dish Luncheon
featuring
Epworth Peanut Butter Ice Cream
Hosted by Children, Youth and
Friends in Faith Class

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**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE
NEXT EPISTLE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th!**

Graduate Sunday

**Graduate Sunday is May 27, 2018. Please get the names of
high school and college graduates to the Church office. We
need them no later than April 23rd.**

Sympathy

The Pastor and congregation express deepest sympathy to Susanne Hodge and family on the Passing of her father, **Neal Kinard** on April 7, 2018.

The Pastor and congregation express deepest sympathy to Charles Davis and family on the passing of his mother, **Alice Davis** on April 9, 2018.

Landscaping Project in Memory of Steven Hodges

Many thanks to the Hodges family for purchasing and putting out pine straw in front of the sanctuary. The project was completer to the glory of God and in memory of Barry Steven Hodges Jr.

The Epistle

The Newsletter of
Saint Paul United Methodist Church



Church e-mail – stpmed@bellsouth.net
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April 11 - 25, 2018

St. Paul UMC has been sending teams to the Red Bird Mission near Beverly, Kentucky since 2003. Bill Edgeworth served on a number of those teams along with several teams from Cheraw UMC. He was an advocate for Red Bird and spoke often about the plight of the disadvantaged. He shared with whoever would listen about his experiences, supported others going, collected profits from the church drink machines for the Red Bird Outreach ministry that he stocked with sodas, and participated in the rebuilding of Elim UMC.



Bill was the 1st of our St. Paul Red Bird Missioners to pass away. He died in June 2017 having just returned from Red Bird in April. All who served with him, miss him very much.

As part of our service recognition ceremony at Red Bird, we were trying to determine how to recognize his past service at Red Bird this year. After discussions with others and a visit to the Edgeworth home, the idea was developed to honor and recognize his service here in Florence. We learned that in the last several years of his life his declining health did not allow him to keep up with some of the exterior maintenance of his home. With the approval of his wife Susan and the support of the Upper Room and John Wesley Sunday School Classes and other Red Bird Missioners, a work plan consensus was developed with the help of team leaders for a two-day work blitz to address several maintenance areas.

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