

WORSHIP SERVICES

April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: It Takes More Than Love

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Confirmation Sunday

Communion

Sermon Title: Abundant Life: Clings to the Vine

Scripture: John 15:1-8

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

April 29, 2018

Lay Leader: **Lou Hanna**

Head Ushers: **Howard Cross & Tom White**

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

Greeters: **Judy & Tom White**

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

May 6, 2018

Lay Leader: **Michael Grady**

Head Usher: **Barry Hodges**

Acolyte: **Skylar Grace Shealy** Crucifer: **Sullivan Shealy**

Greeters: **Mary Dickens & Carol Hughes**

Communion Servants; **Payne Arnette, Jonah Harding,**

Kaydance Hatchell, Brooklyn King

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Menu

May 2 – Soft Tacos and/or Nachos, Salad and Cupcakes

Prepared by the Girl Scouts

May 9 – Jambalaya (with & without shrimp), Corn on the Cob,

Salad and Dessert

Prepared by the Kathy Andrews

What is passing the peace? Why do we pass the peace?

Passing the peace in church is part of our Christian heritage. It has its roots in the holy kiss of greeting referred to in several scriptures (e.g. Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12 and 1 Thessalonians 5:26, 1 Peter 5:14). It is a greeting that is a sign of love, reconciliation, peace, and unity among the members of the body of Christ.

Later, it changed to add the greeting of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 1:2 and Philippians 1:2, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Around the 15th century it became more appropriate to offer a handshake or a hug rather than a kiss.

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Saint Paul Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 29

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
2:45 Girl Scouts – CCC
6:00 Youth @ Saint Paul

Monday, April 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother’s Morning Out
9:00 Morning Glories Bible Study
12:00 JOY Club – FLC
7:00 Nurture Ministry – Conference Room
7:00 Cub Scout Round Table - FLC

Wednesday, May 2

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, May 3

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother’s Morning Out
10:30 Ministry Coordinators – Conference Rm
6:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday, May 4

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

Sunday, May 6

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
2:45 Girl Scouts – CCC
6:00 Youth @ Saint Paul

Monday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 8

9:00 Morning Glories Bible Study
11:30 UMW – McNair Classroom
12:00 Seniors Luncheon – FLC
7:00 Church Council – McNair Classroom

Wednesday, May 9

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, May 10

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother’s Morning Out
2:00 Rail Road Men’s Meeting - McNair
6:00 Young Adult Bible Study
6:00 CCC 4k Graduation - FLC

Friday, May 11

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)

Norma Phillips – Methodist Manor

Lois Parrott – Methodist Manor

Bill Roy – at home

Ruth Simons – Methodist Manor

Brooke Watkins – at home

Stewardship Report

OFFERINGS & TITHES

April 15, 2018

Amount needed: \$13,000.00

Amount received: \$11,901.06

April 22, 2018

Amount Needed: \$13,000.00

Amount Received: \$6,081.00

YEAR TO DATE

Amount Needed: \$208,000.00

Amount received: \$195,586.22

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 15, 2018

10:30: 132

April 22, 2018

10:30: 87

Stewardship is...



Love in Action

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

Mark your calendars and join the adventure of Rolling River Rampage June 11th-14th, 5:30pm-8:30pm. Register for children participating or if you’re willing to volunteer at <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/stpaulumcflorescesc>



Wednesday Night kids making canvas paintings for our shut-ins.

Upcoming dates:

May 18th- 7:00pm God Squad going to Florence Little Theater

June 11th-14th 5:30pm-8:30pm Rolling River Rampage VBS

June 15th- God Squad Lock-in

Please continue to collect Piggly Wiggly receipts.

Melody beck.melody@yahoo.com

Youth @ Saint Paul

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

Passing the Peace article continued...

The passing of the peace is more than a chance to catch-up with one another. It is a time when we all recognize that we are reconciled to God in Christ Jesus and to one another.

It is an opportunity for us to participate in the reconciling, peace-making, unifying work of our Lord and Savior. We share the peace to acknowledge our need of each other and our need of Christ. It is not meant to be a time of just speaking to our members but also a time to welcome and include visitors into our community of faith.

Sometimes we stumble over the right words to say. "Welcome, we're glad you here," works for visitors. We can use the Apostle Paul's words quoted above; or we can say, "Christ's peace to you; or "the peace of Christ be with you." For someone we know has been struggling we can say, "How are you doing?" The words are not as important as the gesture of offering Christ's love and peace and participating in Christ's work of reconciliation and peace in our church and our world.

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
Immediately following the worship service in
the Family Life Center

Be sure to bring your favorite covered dish to share!

We will have the famous
Epworth Peanut Butter Ice Cream for dessert

The UMW will also have Vanilla Ice Cream
and toppings so you can make a Sundae.

Donations will be accepted for missions.

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**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE
NEXT EPISTLE IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd!**

Sympathy

The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to George Slice and family on the Passing of his brother, **Heyward Slice** on April 12, 2018.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The John Wesley Class is hosting a Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 8th at 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center, to honor our Senior Adults. Please join us for food and fellowship. No tickets or reservations are needed. Contact a class member if you need transportation.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF ALICE DAVIS
Given by Joe & Anne Watkins, Cynthia & Paul Shaw,
Barbara & Tim Kaylor

IN MEMORY OF JOAN F. STEWART
Given by Karen Stewart

IN HONOR OF FLORI DIVVELA
Given by Selma Guzzarlamudi

The Epistle

The Newsletter of
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**70th Anniversary
Theme Contest**

**Saint Paul
United Methodist Church**

Entries are **due** in the church
office **May 9, 2018!**

On July 4th, Saint Paul United Methodist Church will have been in ministry for 70 years for Jesus! For seventy years the people of Saint Paul have loved God and our neighbors in our church and in our community. Our ministries have helped people to connect, love and grow with the Lord Jesus and with each other. To celebrate we will have festivities and worship services July 7th and 8th.

To guide us we need a theme for our anniversary events. So, we are having a contest for the theme! Entries need to have an image and words for the theme. They need to be submitted to Chasity Evans in the church office. You can bring your entry into the office in person or e-mail it to stpmed@bellsouth.net. Entries must be received by noon on May 9th.

The congregation will have an opportunity to submit votes for the theme on Sunday, May 13th. Our head Judge, Jimmy Griggs, will tally the votes and the winner will be announced in the May 23rd Epistle and the winning theme will be used for all our events.