

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### February 18 – First Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: This is Love: The Acts of the Savior  
Scripture: Acts 1:1-8

### February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: This is Love: It Is Personal!  
Scripture: Acts 2:14-21

## WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

### February 18, 2018

Lay Leader: **Rick Howell**

Head Usher: **David Saleeby**

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

Greeters: **Jeannie Adams & Terry Daniels**

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

### February 25, 2018

Lay Leader: **Mark Armstrong**

Head Usher: **Worth Adams**

Acolyte: **Tucker Mount** Crucifer: **Sarah Mount**

Greeters: **Julie & Brandon Shealy**

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

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Menu

### February 21 – Brunswick Stew and BBQ

*Prepared by Chef Wade Dickens, assisted by the Upper Room Class*

### February 28 – Fried Chicken with all the fixings

*Prepared by the John Wesley Class*

## Honorariums & Memorials

### IN MEMORY OF CAROL DAVID BLALOCK

Given by Rick and Janet Howell

### IN MEMORY OF JAMES BROWN

Given by Rick and Janet Howell

### IN MEMORY OF MARY WALTER

Given by Celia Hinds



## Palms and Hydrangeas

We are now taking orders for Palms for Palm Sunday and Hydrangeas for Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of others. The cost for a Palm is \$20.00 each and for a Hydrangea is \$25.00 each.



Forms will be in the bulletin on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and in the church office. Please make checks out to Saint Paul UMC and write palm or hydrangea in the memo section of your check.

## Saint Paul Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, February 18

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

### Monday, February 19

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

### Tuesday, February 20

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

### Wednesday, February 21

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, February 22

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

### Friday, February 23

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare  
8:00 Mother's Morning Out  
1:00 Youth leave for Ski Trip 23-25

### Saturday, February 24

Youth – Ski Trip

### Sunday, February 25

9:30 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary  
2:45 Girl Scouts – CCC  
4:00-5:30 Confirmation Class – JW Class  
5:30-6 Creative Arts  
Youth return from Ski Trip

### Monday, February 26

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 Meeting - FLC  
7:00 Boy Scouts – McNair, Christian Family & Friends in Faith Classrooms

### Tuesday, February 27

9:00 Morning Glories Bible Study  
6:30 Trustee's Meeting - FLC

### Wednesday, February 28

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, March 1

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare  
8:00 Mother's Morning Out  
10:30 Ministry Coordinators Meeting – Conference Room  
6:30 Red Bird Meeting - FLC

### Friday, March 2

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

### Saturday, March 3

7:00 John Wesley Class Yard Sale

## Please support our Outreach Minsters and Ministries

Rev. Rick Howell, Winthrop Wesley Foundation  
Lou Jordan, Francis Marion Wesley Foundation  
John and Susan McGee, The CRU Foundation

## Under Special Care

Alice Davis – Pres. Home (Summerville)  
Beverly Davis – at home  
Jack Huffman – at home  
Mark Lott - Charleston  
Bubba Matthews (Chasity's father)  
Lois Parrott – Methodist Manor  
Norma Phillips – Methodist Manor

Bill Roy – at home  
Richard Sowell – at home  
Aubrey Snipes – at home  
Ruth Simons – Methodist Manor  
Brooke Watkins – at home

## Stewardship Report

### OFFERINGS & TITHES

#### February 4, 2018

Amount needed: \$13,000.00  
Amount received: \$10,556.00

#### February 11, 2018

Amount Needed: \$13,000.00  
Amount Received: \$ 6,577.70

### YEAR TO DATE

Amount Needed: \$78,000.00

Amount received: \$53,227.56

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

#### February 4, 2018

10:30: 187

#### February 11, 2017

10:30: 175



## Kids Corner

**Bible Verse:** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sin. 1 Peter 4:8



Learning about Gods amazing love through games and science.

Up-coming Dates:

February 21 - God Squad bowling  
6:30-7:30

**Please continue to collect Piggly Wiggly receipts.**

*Melody*

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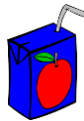
## Youth @ Saint Paul

The youth were able to raise over \$400 for Harvest Hope with the Souper Bowl of Caring lunch. We want to say a big thank you to everyone who donated and attended the lunch.

Our 2018 **Youth Ski Trip** is **February 23-25**. The total cost per person will be **\$150**. We will be staying at Lake Junaluska this year and skiing at the Cataloochee Ski Resort.

Please keep the youth in your prayers as we begin the Confirmation classes this year.

*Pete* [youthstp@gmail.com](mailto:youthstp@gmail.com)



### Blessing Bags

The Women's Bible Study group prepares Blessing Bags for distribution by our office staff. They are given to those in need that stop by our church. There has been a great demand this year especially due to the extreme cold weather. A collection bin is located in the Family Life Center for those interested in helping provide items for the bags. The list of single serve items for the bags is below.

Juice Boxes, Crackers / Nabs, Breakfast Bars, Fruit / Applesauce Cups, Meats like Vienna Sausages, Pudding Cups, Raisins, Peanuts, Hard Candy, Travel size: Soap, bath wash, shampoo, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste.

Small devotionals or any small Christian literature. "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

### Florence Public School District One Announcement

Florence School District One is seeking volunteers to work with youth in all of its area schools. Interested persons should first complete an application and SLED background check form for the program. These may be found by visiting [www.fsd1.org](http://www.fsd1.org) and selecting "Departments," "Human Resources," and "Parents and Volunteers."

### AFRICA UNIVERSITY CHOIR TOUR

On **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**, the Africa University Choir will give a concert sponsored by several churches and the city of Lake City. This will be an unforgettable evening of sharing with some of the most dynamic young men and women you will ever meet.

Where: **Wesley Chapel UMC** – Family Life Center – 112 Deep River Street in **Lake City**



### RED BIRD MISSION TRIP

4/22/18 – 4/28/18

For more information on how to sign up, contact Mayo Collier @ 843-601-5968 or [mecjr123@aol.com](mailto:mecjr123@aol.com)

**Altar Flower Calendar Dates Available**  
**February 25; March 18; April 8, 15, 22, 29**  
**Call the church office @ 843-669-3134**

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### THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT EPISTLE IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>!

### Taking up Mission for Lent

The **first three Sundays** of lent our **mission focus** will be to provide **hygiene kits** for confirmands to take to the parking lot mission. The mission focus for the second three Sundays will be to provide school kits for first graders at Red Bird. **Items for the hygiene kits are:** Washcloth, comb, metal nail file or nail clippers, bath-size soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, small shampoo, deodorant, band aids, hand sanitizer, 1-gallon sealable plastic bag. Please put all the items in the gallon bag and **bring to church any of the first three Sundays in Lent.**



### John Wesley Class Annual Yard Sale

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

Call Johnny Hamer, 843-472-0164, or Danny Braddock, 843-245-4170, for pickup of **large** items.

# The Epistle

The Newsletter of  
**Saint Paul United Methodist Church**



Church e-mail – [stpmed@bellsouth.net](mailto:stpmed@bellsouth.net)  
Website – [www.stpumcflo.org](http://www.stpumcflo.org)  
January 31 – February 14, 2018

### Lent 2018 @ Saint Paul UMC This Is Love: The Acts of the Savior

This Lenten season the sermon series and the Bible study will focus on the actions Jesus took to demonstrate his love for us. The sermon series will begin on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Bible study meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Friends in Faith classroom beginning on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

During Holy week we will have services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The Maundy Thursday service will focus on the Last Supper. We will have handwashing and Communion at this service. The service on Good Friday will be a remembrance of the way of the cross.

### Lenten Schedule

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|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 2/18 | First Sunday of Lent Service  | 10:30 a.m. |
| 2/21 | This Is Love Bible Study      | 6:30 p.m.  |
| 2/25 | Second Sunday of Lent Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| 2/28 | This Is Love Bible Study      | 6:30 p.m.  |
| 3/4  | Third Sunday of Lent Service  | 10:30 a.m. |
| 3/7  | This Is Love Bible Study      | 6:30 p.m.  |
| 3/11 | Fourth Sunday of Lent Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| 3/14 | This Is Love Bible Study      | 6:30 p.m.  |
| 3/18 | Fifth Sunday of Lent Service  | 10:30 a.m. |
| 3/21 | This Is Love Bible Study      | 6:30 p.m.  |
| 3/25 | Palm Sunday Service           | 10:30 a.m. |
| 3/29 | Maundy Thursday Service       | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 3/30 | Good Friday Service           | 7:00 p.m.  |