

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**January 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sermon Title: Being Part of What's New  
Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

**January 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sermon Title: Recognizing What's New  
Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

## WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

### January 21, 2018

Lay Leader: **Michael Grady**

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

Acolyte: **Alex Bergfeld** Crucifer: **Anya Bergfeld**

Greeters: **Gwen Jeffords**

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

### January 28, 2018

Lay Leader: **Rick Howell**

Head Usher: **David Saleeby**

Acolyte: **Elizabeth Sawyer** Crucifer: **Mac Sawyer**

Greeters: **Judy & Jerry Smith**

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

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Menu

**January 24** – Fried Chicken with all the fixings and dessert

*Prepared by John Wesley Class*

**January 31** – Chicken Filet Sandwiches, Chicken Nuggets for the kids,

Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans and Dessert

*Prepared by Terry and Joan Daniels*

## Honorariums & Memorials

**IN MEMORY OF FRED C. AND FRANCES F. DUCKER**

Given by Dr. and Mrs. Fripp Ducker

**IN MEMORY OF HENRY EARLY**

Given by Rebecca and Pat Sowell

**IN MEMORY OF FOYE MATTHEWS**

Given by Rachel Lever

**IN HONOR OF PASTOR DEBRA ARMSTRONG**

Given by Sara and Eddy Harding

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> are given to the glory of God and in honor of **the people of Saint Paul UMC**, given by Mark and Pastor Debra.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Richard Creel**, given by Gail Creel and family.

## Saint Paul Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, January 21

9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary

1:30 Worship Staff Meeting - McNair

2:45 Girl Scouts - CCC

5:30-6 Creative Arts

6:00 Youth @ Saint Paul

### Monday, January 22

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, January 23

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare

8:00 Mother's Morning Out

9:00 Morning Glories Bible Study

6:30 Trustee Meeting – Susanna Wesley

### Wednesday, January 24

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, January 25

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare

8:00 Mother's Morning Out

6:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday, January 26

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare

8:00 Mother's Morning Out

Friday 1/26 Continued....

5:00 Youth leave for Revolution Trip

### Saturday, January 27

Youth at Revolution

### Sunday, January 28

9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary

2:45 Girl Scouts - CCC

5:30-6 Creative Arts

Youth Return from Revolution

### Monday, January 29

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– FLC

7:00 Boy Scouts – McNair, Christian

Family & Friends in Faith Classrooms

### Tuesday, January 30

9:00 Morning Glories Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 31

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 1

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare

8:00 Mother's Morning Out

10:30 Ministry Coordinators – Conf. Room

### Friday, February 2

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare

8:00 Mother's Morning Out

## 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 - 24 Transom Court,

Charleston, SC, 29407

Bubba Matthews (Chasity's father)

Richard Sowell – Charlotte NC

James Stewart – at home

Norma Phillips – Methodist Manor

Bill Roy – at home

Aubrey Snipes – at home

Ruth Simons – Methodist Manor

Brooke Watkins – at home

## Stewardship Report

### OFFERINGS & TITHES

**January 7, 2017**

Amount needed: \$13,000.00

Amount received: \$11,112.00

**January 14, 2017**

Amount Needed: \$13,000.00

Amount Received: \$ 2,559.05

### YEAR TO DATE

Amount Needed: \$26,000.00

Amount received: \$13,671.06

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**January 7, 2017**

10:30: 159

**January 14, 2017**

10:30: 179



## CREATIVE ARTS UPDATE!



It's the new year and time for new opportunities at Saint Paul. Therefore, we would encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming involved in the Creative Arts Ministry. There are places for children, youth and adults. Please contact Laura Novak or Karen Hertzog if you have any questions or would like to participate.

## Kids Corner

**Bible Verse:** Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Psalms 98:1



**Up-coming Dates:** Jan 17<sup>th</sup> - God Squad Coat for Christ Mission

Please continue to collect Piggly Wiggly receipts.

**Melody**

[beck.melody@yahoo.com](mailto:beck.melody@yahoo.com)

## Youth @ Saint Paul

The Youth Group will be attending **Revolution** on **January 26-28, 2018**. Please continue to pray for our youth as we prepare for this great event.

We will have **Sunday school** on **Sunday, January 28th** for anyone not attending Revolution. However, there will not be UMYF Sunday evening.

The Youth Group will be participating in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** for Harvest Hope on **Sunday, February 4th**. We will have containers by the exits after the service to collect any donations you would like to give to help end hunger in our SC communities. We will also be **servicing soup** in the Family Life Center after the Sunday service to raise additional money for Harvest Hope.

We will be having our **Superbowl Party February 4th** in the FLC from 6 PM - Just after half time! (we start cleaning up after the half time show). Please have your youth bring finger food, a snack item or a drink to share at the party.

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

## FAQs @ Acolytes and Crucifers

### What are they?

The acolyte is the bearer of the light of Christ. The crucifer comes from Latin words "crux" and "ferre" and means cross bearer.

### What do they do?

The crucifer brings the cross into worship to remind us that we all bear the cross of Christ. (Matthew 5:14 and John 9:5) As cross bearers we worship God in Spirit and Truth. The crucifer leads us out of worship behind the cross to remind us we go into the world following Jesus and carrying our crosses as his disciples. (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23)

The acolyte bring the light of Christ into our worship service to remind us that Jesus is present with us in worship. The acolyte leads us out of worship to remind us we carry the light of Jesus with us as we go out into the world to serve him.

### Why do they wear robes?

The robe or Alb is plain garment made of a course material. It reminds us to be humble and open to Jesus as we worship. It also keeps our minds off of what a pretty dress or awesome shirt the servants might wear so that we focus on the cross and light of Christ instead.

### Why do they sit at the front?

The acolyte and crucifer sit at the front of the sanctuary to allow them bring in the cross and light and to lead us out into the world without disruption to the service.

### Who can be an acolyte or crucifer?

Anyone who is in second grade or older who is able to carry the candle lighter and light the candles or who is able to carry the cross can be an acolyte or crucifer. If you are interested in serving, contact Melody Beck at [beck.melody@yahoo.com](mailto:beck.melody@yahoo.com) or 843-615-2767.

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**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE  
NEXT EPISTLE IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>!**

### Altar Flower Calendar Dates Available

**January 21; February 11, 18, 25;**

**March 4, 11, 18; April 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Call the church office @ 843-669-3134**

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*want or for help when things are not going well. Expand your prayer life by beginning and ending each day in prayer. In the morning thank God for a new day and ask God to guide your steps throughout the day. End each day giving God your thanks and praise for all the blessings of the day. Daily prayer can increase our awareness of God's presence and God's work in our lives.*

### Increase Your Tithe

*The biblical standard of giving one tenth of all we have to God is set with Jacob in Genesis 28:22. When we give our tithes to God we acknowledge that everything we have comes from God, we witness to our faith in God's provision for our lives, and we demonstrate our love of God and neighbor. Tithing helps us grow in faith and live out our faith.*

These resolutions are for people of all ages and can be made by individuals and groups. Consider making them as a married couple, as a family, with your Sunday school class members, or with your youth group. I look forward to hearing about your spiritual health resolutions and how you are growing as a disciple of our Lord Jesus the Christ in 2018!

# The Epistle

The Newsletter of

## Saint Paul United Methodist Church



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January 31 – February 14, 2018

Happy New Year! It is January and many people are talking about their new year's resolutions. It is good to review how we are doing and make goals for changes to improve our life on a regular basis. Some of the top New Year's resolutions every year are to get in shape, lose weight, and quit smoking. These are all worthwhile areas that focus on improving our health and physical well-being. The beginning of a new year is also a great time to make some resolutions for our spiritual growth and well-being. So, here are some suggestions to consider for your 2018 spiritual health resolutions.

### Bring Someone to Church, Sunday School, Bible Study, a Small Group meeting, or a Church Activity

*In Matthew 28:19 Jesus commanded all of us to go and make disciples. One of the best ways to introduce Christ to people is to bring them to the places where we live and learn about God. We grow spiritually ourselves when we share our faith with others.*

### Come to Worship Every Week

*Psalms 149:1 says, "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful." The fourth commandment is to "remember the Sabbath and keep it holy." Worship with other believers energizes and nurtures our faith and our relationship with God.*

### Help Other People

*Leviticus 19:18 tells us that we are to love our neighbors just as much as we love ourselves. In Mark 12:31, Jesus reminds us that loving and serving our neighbors are just as important as loving God. When we serve others, we see God's love in action in new ways that grow us spiritually.*

### Improve Your Prayer Life

*Throughout the Bible we see God's faithful people spending time with God in prayer. Too often we limit our prayers to asking for things we*  
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### RED BIRD MISSION TRIP

4/22/18 – 4/28/18

For more information on how to sign up,  
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