

The Epistle June 2019

A monthly publication of Saint Paul United Methodist Church - Florence, South Carolina, 29501

Beloved people of Saint Paul United Methodist Church,

It is a bittersweet time for Mark and for me as we prepare to continue our journey in ministry in another place. This is the life of a United Methodist pastor and spouse because we are serving the Lord Jesus in an appointed and itinerant ministry. We have been blessed to serve Jesus with you for the past four years. We have rejoiced, mourned, laughed, prayed, worked, and worshiped together.

We have been blessed to serve you and to serve Jesus with you. We take with us many memories. Let us share a few with you.

- ◆ Our first experience raising funds and repairing church property after major damage by a tropical storm and then the need to remodel the sanctuary on the heels of the storm because the heating and air conditioning system died and could not be resurrected. We will always tell the story of how this church rallied together to raise \$180,000 and completed all those repair projects.
- ◆ Journeying with four wonderful confirmation classes and watching all our confirmands join the church. In our four years here, we received 52 new members and 29 of those were by profession of faith or restored to faith.
- ◆ Participating in a Visioning Process with the Reverend Jim Arant. The strategic goals, vision, and mission birthed from this process are leading the church forward into the future. Saint Paul UMC is truly the place where people connect, love and grow with Jesus and each other.
- ◆ The many Fifth Sunday celebrations, the 70th anniversary celebrations, baptisms, weddings, and funerals are snapshots in our hearts and minds forever.

I could fill pages and pages with our memories of this church, but I will stop here. Know that Mark and I love you, will remember you, and wish you many blessings as you continue to be the place to connect, love and grow!

Love,

Pastor Debra



Saint Paul UMW News

Saint Paul UMW will meet at Red Bone Alley Restaurant on Tuesday, June 11th at 11:30 am.

All women are welcome to join us.

UNDER SPECIAL CARE

Doreen Copeland	at home
Arlene Crouch	The Manor
Jimmy Griggs	at home
Doris Hammond	at home
Don Handley	The Heritage
Gary Handley	Encompass Health Rehab
Emery Higgs	at home
Anne Carroll	at home
Mark Lott	at home
Robert Lowman Sr.	at home
Hazel McGee	at home
Ellison Messick	at home
Norma Phillips	The Manor
Bill Roy	at home
Richard Schubert	at son's home
Eleanor Odom	at son's home

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials were given in memory of Charlie Thomas Mims by:

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cameron, Jr.

Memorials were given in memory of Ruth Simons by:

Aubrey and Jo Snipes



*The pastor and congregation
express their deepest
sympathy to the following families:*

The Younginer Family

Jayne's brother, Charlie Thomas Mims

April 15, 2019

The McLean Family

Donald (Donnie) Sherwood McLean

April 22, 2019

The Hanna Family

Lou's sister-in-law's husband

David Perdue

April 24, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

June 2, 2019

Lay Leader: Patsy Slice
Acolyte: Crucifer:
Greeters: Debbie and Robbie Lowman
Head Usher: Barry Hodges
Monday Counters: Janet Howell/Nancy Kittrell

June 9, 2019

Lay Leader: Jay Beck
Acolyte: Crucifer:
Greeters: Wade & Dotty Dickens
Head Usher: Ross Huggins
Monday Counters: Virginia Baird/Pat Willis

June 16, 2019

Lay Leader: Joan Daniels
Acolyte: Crucifer:
Greeter: Mary Dickens
Head Ushers: Danny Braddock/Johnny Hamer
Monday Counters: Janet Howell/Nancy Kittrell

June 23, 2019

Lay Leader: Michael Grady
Acolyte: Crucifer:
Greeter: Jeannie Adams
Head Usher: Worth Adams
Monday Counters: Gwen Jeffords/Pat Willis

June 30, 2019

Lay Leader: Rick Howell
Acolyte: Crucifer:
Greeter: Martha Collier
Head Ushers: David Tomlinson/Wayne Catoe
Monday Counters: Pat Willis/Virginia Baird

Please Pray for our Outreach Ministries & Ministers

Rev. Rick Howell, Winthrop Wesley Foundation

Lou Jordan, Francis Marion Wesley Foundation

John and Susan McGee, The CRU Foundation

Rachel Hudson, Youth with a Mission

Kids Corner

Bible verse: For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10

This year Vacation Bible School will be "Gifted By God". We will learn how God has uniquely gifted every person for their purpose. We will discover some of those gifts through art, creative ministry, recreation, and missions.

If you would like to be a volunteer for Vacation Bible School this year please let me know. Your time is greatly appreciated!

Event Dates

June 14th 8:00pm-7:00am God Squad lock-in (4th grade - 6th grade) We invite our rising 4th graders to come join us.

July 29th-August 1 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00pm

Please continue to collect Piggly Wiggly receipts!

Melody beck.melody@yahoo.com

Youth @ St Paul

It is great to be "official" as the new Director of Youth Ministries at St. Paul. I'm still getting a handle on things and I appreciate all the love, support and prayers as we start this new chapter with our youth!

The month of June is a busy one for the youth with graduations, school letting out, Salkehatchie and several activities planned!

Upcoming Events for June:

Schools Out Pool Party – Sat. June 1st

Graduation Sunday - June 2nd

North Charleston Wannamaker County Park – Sat. June 15th

Salkehatchie - June 22nd-29th

RedWolves Faith & Family Night – June 24th @ 7pm.



Jay beck.stpyouth@gmail.com

Congratulations 2019 Graduates

High School

Matthew Breeden

Payne Annette

Keerthana Guzzarlamudi (Sona)

College

Rachel Leigh Liles

Zachary Richardson Liles

Breedon Tesone

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Stewardship Report

OFFERINGS & TITHES

Amount received week of 04/14:	\$14,429.06
Maundy Thursday	04/18: \$ 560.00
Good Friday	04/19: \$ 580.00
Easter Sunday	04/21: \$ 44,673.06
Amount received week of 04/28:	\$ 6,817.00
Amount received week of 05/05:	\$ 10,812.17
Needed Weekly:	\$13,000.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 14:	125
April 18:	47
April 19:	55
April 21:	201
April 28:	103
May 5:	99

GIVE ONLINE WITH  Pushpay

To give online, go to our website www.stpumcfo.org and click on the give online tab.

This takes you to the giving page.

Click on the give online tab and follow the instructions to set-up one-time or recurring giving.

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Submit News Articles & Pictures for the July *Epistle* by June 6 to: stpmed@bellsouth.net
(please put EPISTLE in the subject line)

CONGRATULATE OUR GRADUATES

Come join us for a covered dish luncheon to congratulate our 2019 graduates on
Sunday, June 2, 2019.

Bring your favorite dish as we celebrate this milestone accomplishment with our graduates. Pray that God give them direction in this new phase of their lives.

Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.

CELEBRATE PASTOR DEBRA

Come celebrate the ministry of
Pastor Debra Armstrong and husband Mark
with a pot luck luncheon following the service on
Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Bring your favorite dish as we say goodbye and show appreciation for their time with us. Pray that God will be with them on the next part of their journey.

Meat and drinks will be provided by the church

WELCOME REV. BRATTON

We will welcome our new pastor,
Rev. Scott Bratton and his wife Dorothy with a pot luck
luncheon following the service on
Sunday, June 30, 2019.

Let us come together prayerfully showing support for Pastor Scott and wife Dottie as we introduce them to St. Paul.

Bring your favorite dish.
Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.