

WORSHIP SERVICES

March 18 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: This is Love: It Mysteriously Grows!
Scripture: Acts 9:10-19

March 25 – Palm Sunday

Sermon Title: Salvation Parade
Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

March 18, 2018

Lay Leader: **Rick Howell**
Head Usher: **Barry Hodges**
Acolyte: **Brooklyn King** Crucifer: **Kaydance Hatchell**
Greeters: **Judy & Jerry Smith**
Monday Counters: **Janet Howell & Nancy Kittrell**

March 25, 2018

Lay Leader: **Michael Grady**
Head Ushers: **Ross Huggins & Richard Schubert**
Acolyte: **Ava Palmer** Crucifer: **Aydin Palmer**
Greeters: **Faye & Emery Higgs**
Monday Counters: **Gwen Jeffords & Pat Willis**

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Menu

March 21 – Chicken Bog, Slaw, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert
Prepared by the Upper Room Class

March 28 – Fried Chicken with all the fixings
Prepared by John Wesley Class

Special Lenten Gift

On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday we will be given an opportunity to give a special offering to Saint Paul UMC in honor of the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross. Please be in prayer about what this means to you and give generously.



Saint Paul Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 18

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:30-1:00 Packing Party for College Students – FLC
2:30 Worship Team Meeting – Conference Room
2:45 Girl Scouts – CCC
4:00 Confirmation Class – JW Class
5:30-6 Creative Arts
6:00 Youth @ Saint Paul

Monday, March 19

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
8:30-5:30 Life Line Screening - FLC
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, March 20

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
9:00 Morning Glories Bible Study
7:00 Church Council Meeting - McNair

Wednesday, March 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, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 25

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, March 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, March 27

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

Wednesday, March 28

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

Holy Week

NO Wed. Night Supper or Classes

Thursday, March 29

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
8-4 Casey Fundraiser - FLC
7:00 Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
7:00 Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 31

9:00 EGG Hunt – FLC & Grounds

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

Beverly Davis – at home
Jack Huffman – at home
Mark Lott – at home
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

March 4, 2018

Amount needed: \$13,000.00
Amount received: \$16,628.57

March 11, 2018

Amount Needed: \$13,000.00
Amount Received: \$ 7,195.66

YEAR TO DATE

Amount Needed: \$130,000.00

Amount received: \$99,861.86

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 4, 2018

10:30: 166

March 11, 2017

10:30: 134



Kids Corner

Bible Verse: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



Learning the life of Jesus in Sunday school.

Mark your calendars and take a ride of a life time with our 2018 Vacation Bible School Rolling River Rampa.

June 11-14th. Please come volunteer and be apart 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

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Youth @ Saint Paul

We will be handing out hygiene bags at the **Parking Lot Mission** on **Saturday, March 17th** (7:30 AM - 8:00 AM). We will meet outside the youth building at 7:15 and drive over together.

The **Confirmation Class and Mentors** will be serving at **OM Ships International** helping to organize Christian books and Bibles to be sent out into the world **Saturday, April 7th** from **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**.

We will also be packing bags for children in need with **Help4Kids** on **Wednesday, April 11th** (6:00 PM - 7:00 PM).

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based school, work camp for home repairs, prenatal care, kindergarten, medical and dental clinic, Senior Center and multiple outreach services for the community.

The Red Bird community suffers from isolation, little employment opportunities, low education levels, contaminated water, lack of medical care, very high poverty levels and access to many things we take for granted. One could describe it as a constant effort of survival.

Our Outreach Ministry is one of the most powerful experiences we have. Several families, identified by Red Bird Outreach services, will be visited by small teams to determine what can be done in 24 hours that will be life changing for those families. Our prayer is always that God send us to those He wants us to serve and provide the resources to address the vital needs presented to us.



Donations made to St. Paul UMC and designated Red Bird Mission provide the financial resources for this ministry. Donations must be received by April 9th.

If you would like more information about Red Bird, visit RBMission.org or contact Mayo Collier.

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

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.

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF STEVEN HODGES & MARY ANN WALTER
Given by Lieze McDaniel
IN HONOR OF DON WALTER
Given by Sara and Eddy Harding

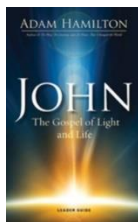
Sympathy

The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to Terry Daniels on the passing of his brother **Tony Ray Daniels** on March 3, 2018. Services were held March 11, 2018 in Dugger, Indiana.

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THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT EPISTLE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21st!



Easter Season Bible Study
John: The Gospel of Light and Life
By Adam Hamilton

During the great fifty days of the Easter season we will look at the abundant life that the resurrected Jesus brings to us. The cost of the book is \$13.00. Please contact the office to sign-up for the study and order a book.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, March 18, 2018 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Greg Snipes**, given by his parents.

Altar Flowers Dates Available
April 8, 15, 22, 29
Please call the church office at 669-3134

The Epistle

The Newsletter of
Saint Paul United Methodist Church



Church e-mail – stpmed@bellsouth.net
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March 14 - 28, 2018

Saint Paul UMC Sending Mission Team # 16 to Red Bird

St. Paul is sending its 16th team of nearly 50 missionaries to the Red Bird Mission April 22-28, 2018. Missioners go to serve and witness as disciples of Christ. Our work will include a bedroom addition for a family with 4 small children, and a bedroom/ bathroom addition for a 76-year-old lady that recently was given custody of 3 grandchildren under the age of 7, whose mother is now in prison. Another project will install a bathroom for an elderly man, now that running water and a septic system has been installed. Another project will renovate the inside of a mobile home for a young couple with a 7-year-old boy.

The Red Bird Mission, founded in 1921, is located near Beverly, Ky. It serves three of the poorest counties in the US. There are about 5,000 people that live in the extremely isolated counties of Clay, Leslie, and Bell. The land was settled in the mid 1800's by people that were seeking freedom of religion and less government interference.

Legend has it that the Reverend John J. DeWall, a Methodist Missioner from Iowa, who founded the mission, had to cross the river 112 times over 30 miles via mule pack train to get to Beverly. Locals said he was an answer to their prayers for education and medical care for their children.

Since 1921, the mission has continued to grow and provide support to the Red Bird community. Today it has a faith

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