

The Epistle May 2019

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Mother's Day Offering for Eoworth

Sunday May 12, 2019

May 12th is Mother's Day, and it's a day that brings up a variety of emotions for all of us. For the children at Epworth Children's Home, these emotions are front and center as they go through this time of year without their mothers. It is our role as Methodists to make sure that on Mother's Day and every day, the children at Epworth have everything they need to be loved and grow up happy and healthy.

Epworth is our ministry. It's a place that we can be proud to support. We, as United Methodists, offer children at Epworth safety and security by surrounding them with loving, Christian adults like the Epworth tutors, counselors, pastors, mentors and cottage parents. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference; this is our opportunity to support this ministry. As you prayerfully consider the gift God is calling you to share with Epworth next Sunday, please remember the children at Epworth and give generously.

Joan Stewart Educational Fund Scholarship Application Deadline May 30, 2019

The Joan Stewart Educational Fund Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year. Completed applications must be turned in to the church office at Saint Paul UMC no later than noon on May 30, 2019.

Applications are available in the church office.
For additional information contact Virginia Brown
@ 843-669-3134 or stpfinance@bellsouth.net.

Women's Bible Study

Title: Faithful, Abundant, True
By Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore

When: Beginning May 7th at 9:00 am
Where: The Friends in Faith Classroom in the FLC
Who: Women of all ages
Books: (\$15) - books are not returnable
Contact Janet Howell (843)665-5277 or jhstitcher@aol.com

This is a wonderful opportunity to study under three well-known, Spirit-filled bible teachers. It is a twelve week study with each teacher teaching for four weeks. If you have been wanting to join a bible study, this would be a good place to start.

Our group prays for each other, shares our burdens, cries together, and laughs a lot. If you want that type of support, please join us.



Welcome to our new staff members Jay Beck Diana Rotan

Jay is our new Director of Youth Ministries. He is married to our Director of Children's Ministries, Melody Beck. Jay works for SCE&G. He was Youth and Children's Pastor at Quinby Baptist Church for six years.

Diana is our new church secretary. She has been working with us as a Olsten temporary employee for several months. Diana has lived in Florence for 40 years and recently retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield. She is a widow and has one daughter and three grandchildren.

UNDER SPECIAL CARE

Doreen Copeland	at home
Arlene Crouch	The Manor
Jimmy Griggs	at home
Doris Hammond	at home
Don Handley	Florence Place
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 Charles Hodges by:

D.C. and W.E. Copeland Jr., Sarah McNeill

Memorials were given in memory of Ruth Simons by:

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Parker, Jean and James Nickless, Cecelia Shaw, Susan Spencer, Francis Stisser, Michael and Deborah Bruce, Gerald and Elizabeth Redmond, Grace and William Lewis, Mrs. Edward Speed Noell, Jr., Sarah McNeill, Jean & Hite Miller

Memorials were given in memory of Howard Johnson by: Sarah McNeill

Honorariums were given in honor of Donna Bethea by: Alex & Susan Johnson

Memorials were given in memory of Ellen Walsh by: Sarah McNeill



Graduation Sunday is June 2nd

If you have or know of a High School or College Graduate, please have their information in to the church office by no later than May 3rd so we don't miss recognizing this great achievement!

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

May 5, 2019

Lay Leader: Patsy Slice
Acolyte: Crucifer:
Greeter: Jeannie Adams
Head Usher: Worth Adams
Monday Counters: Janet Howell/Nancy Kittrell

May 12, 2019

Lay Leader: Lou Hanna
Acolyte: Crucifer:
Greeter: Judy & Tom White
Head Usher: David Tomlinson/Wayne Catoe
Monday Counters: Virginia Baird/Pat Willis

May 19, 2019

Lay Leader: Don Walter
Acolyte: Crucifer:
Greeter: Sandra & Robert Harris
Head Usher: Howard Cross/Tom White
Monday Counters: Janet Howell/Nancy Kittrell

May 26, 2019

Lay Leader: Mark Armstrong
Acolyte: Crucifer:
Greeter: Rodney Cox
Head Usher: David Saleeby
Monday Counters: Gwen Jeffords/Pat Willis

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Menu

May 1 – Pancakes and other breakfast favorites
Served by the Children's Ministry

May 8 – Hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings
Served by the Daniels & Youth Ministries

May 15 – BBQ chicken, potato salad, green beans, rolls and desert.
Served by the Upper Room Class

May 22 – Fried Chicken with all the fixings
Served by the John Wesley Class

May 29 – Pork Loin with roasted potatoes, green beans, Waldorf salad, rolls and desert..
Served by the Kathy Andrews

Kids Corner

*Bible verse: The Lord bless you and keep you
Numbers 6:24*

God Squad had a wonderful time of fellowship at the movies and everyone had a great time at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Upcoming Events for May:

May 1st, 5:30pm: Kids serve and clean up for Wonderful Wednesday dinner.

Melody beck.melody@yahoo.com

Please continue to collect Piggly Wiggly re-



YOUTH @ SAINT PAUL

Youth had a wonderful time of fellowship at the bowling alley, and at their breakfast at Lula's.

Upcoming Events for May

May 3: Youth breakfast at Burger King - Magnolia Mall
May 8: Youth help clean up on Wonderful Wednesday
May 12: Mother's Day - No Sunday night youth class



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

Stewardship is...



Love in Action

Stewardship Report

OFFERINGS & TITHES

Amount received week of 03/17: \$16,656.46

Amount received week of 03/24: \$ 4,122.30

Amount received week of 03/31: \$ 4,323.73

Amount received week of 04/7: \$ 16,140.49

Needed Weekly: \$13,000.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 17: 108

March 24: 120

March 31: 82

April 7: 102

GIVE ONLINE WITH  Pushpay

To give online, go to our website www.stpumcflo.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 June *Epistle* by May 2 to: stpmed@bellsouth.net
(please put EPISTLE in the subject line)

Doing Spring Cleaning? Take all your give away items to the Mission Mart! Tell them to give credit to Saint Paul United Methodist Church

Remember we partner with the House of Hope of the Pee Dee in a new outreach program called "Corners of Your Field." This is a benevolence program based on Biblical scripture found in Leviticus 19:9-10 NRSV: "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field ... Leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the LORD your God." The idea is that you take your excess household items, clothes, toys, etc to one of the House of Hope Mission Marts. They are located at 953 South Irby Street and 2523 West Palmetto Street. You tell the person receiving the donation that you are from Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Florence. Saint Paul will get credit for your donations. You will still receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation. Once a quarter, the House of Hope will tally how much was donated by Saint Paul. Then we will receive \$10 gift cards to the Mission Mart that we can give out to the needy in our community.

Please be a part of this awesome opportunity to serve Jesus that is being brought to you by our Outreach Team and the House of Hope of the Pee Dee.

