

WORSHIP SERVICES

May 13 – Ascension Sunday
Mother's Day/Recognition of Mothers
Epworth Mother's Day Offering

Sermon Title: Perfection!
Scripture: Philippians 3:12-15

May 20 – Pentecost Sunday
Sermon Title: How Will You Celebrate Pentecost?
Scripture: Acts 2:1-8 & 12-21

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

May 13, 2018

Lay Leader: **Don Walter**

Head Ushers: **Ross Huggins & Richard Schubert**
Acolyte: **Ava Palmer** Crucifer: **Aydin Palmer**
Greeters: **Kathy Branham & Rosemary Ellis**
Monday Counters: **Virginia Baird & Pat Willis**

May 20, 2018

Lay Leader: **Lou Hanna**

Head Ushers: **Danny Braddock & Howard Johnson**
Acolyte: **Alex Bergfeld** Crucifer: **Ayna Bergfeld**
Greeters: **Vanessa & Rodney Cox**
Monday Counters: **Janet Howell & Nancy Kittrell**

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Menu

May 16 – Chicken Bog, Green Beans, Slaw, Rolls and Dessert
Prepared by the Upper Room Sunday School Class

May 23 – Fried Chicken with all the Fixings
Prepared by the John Wesley Class

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

July 7 & 8, 2018



July 7th will have food, games, and music.

July 8th will have a special Worship Service followed by a BBQ Luncheon on the Lawn.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SET-UP, HELP WITH THE ACTIVITIES ON THE 7TH AND TAKE DOWN ON THE 8TH.

Please contact the church office at 843-669-3134 or stpmcd@bellsouth.net to volunteer.

Saint Paul Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 13

Happy Mother's Day

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
2:45 Girl Scouts – CCC
6:00 Youth @ Saint Paul

Monday, May 14

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
6:00 AA Meeting
6:00 Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

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 God Squad, Splash & Apostles in Action - CCC
6:30 Youth @ Saint Paul
6:45 Bells of St. Paul
7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 17

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
6:00 CCC 4K Graduation - FLC
6:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 19

12-3 Girl Scouts Carnival- FLC

Sunday, May 20

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
2:45 Girl Scouts – CCC
6:00 Youth @ Saint Paul

Monday, May 21

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
6:00 AA Meeting
6:00 Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, May 22

9:00 Morning Glories Bible Study

Wednesday, May 23

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, May 24

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare
8:00 Mother's Morning Out
5:00 CCC End of Year Gymnastic Program - FLC

6:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday, May 25

6:45 Christ Centered Childcare

8:00 Mother's Morning Out

Please support our Outreach Ministers and Ministries

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

Under Special Care

Arlene Crouch – Methodist Manor
Beverly Davis – at home
Jimmy Griggs – at home
Jack Huffman – at home
Mark Lott – at home
Bubba Matthews (Chasity's father)

Norma Phillips – Health South
Lois Parrott – Methodist Manor
Bill Roy – at home
Ruth Simons – Methodist Manor
Brooke Watkins – at home

Stewardship Report

OFFERINGS & TITHES

April 29, 2018
Amount Needed: \$13,000.00
Amount Received: \$8,988.00

May 6, 2018
Amount Needed: \$13,000.00
Amount Received: \$8,065.00

YEAR TO DATE

Amount Needed: \$234,000.00
Amount received: \$212,639.22

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 29, 2018
10:30: 124

May 6, 2018
10:30: 141

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Kids Corner

Bible Verse: Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:2



Making Mother's Day Flowers

Mark your calendars and join the adventure of Rolling River Rampage June 11th-14th, 5:30pm-8:30pm. Register for children participating or if you're willing to volunteer at

<https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/stpaulumcfloresc>



Upcoming dates:

May 18th- 7:00pm God Squad going to Florence Little Theater

June 11th-14th 5:30pm-8:30pm Rolling River Rampage VBS

June 15th- God Squad Lock-in

Please continue to collect Piggly Wiggly receipts.

Melody beck.melody@yahoo.com

Youth @ Saint Paul

Graduation Sunday this year will be **May 27th**. Come and help our High school and College graduates celebrate.

St. Paul Youth will be hosting other Methodist churches in Florence as we welcome the **Youth Choir from Grayson UMC Atlanta, GA** on **Wednesday May 30**. We will meet in the Sanctuary at **6:00 PM** before heading down to the FLC for hot-dogs and games. Pick up is at **8:00 PM**.

Pete youthstp@gmail.com

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Now months after his arrival, Steven's growth spurt is still going strong. Yes, he is still growing taller, but he is also growing in intangible ways. He has developed close friendships with the other boys and is often seen playing basketball instead of being alone. His grades are improving, he loves science, and he has a new dream of being a paleontologist when he grows up. He still has a lot of growth in front of him, but with each day at Epworth he is walking with more confidence into the future.

This Mother's Day, on May 13th, make a generous gift knowing you are a partner with Epworth in transforming the lives of children, children like Steven.



Graduate Sunday
May 27, 2018

There will be a special recognition of our high school and college graduates before worship and a covered dish luncheon in their honor immediately following the worship service.

The United Methodist Women are hosting the covered dish luncheon. Meat will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish to share.



Covered Dish

A Note From Our Pastor

Pastor Debra and Mark will be attending a continuing education conference and taking some vacation days May 11-May 26, 2018. If you have pastoral care needs during this time please contact Joan Daniels at 843-601-9242.

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**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE
NEXT EPISTLE IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 16th!**

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, May 6th are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Ruth Simons** 100th birthday, given by her family, Mike & Sarah Couch and Elizabeth & Andy Egan.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, May 13th are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Amber Johnson**, given by Wesley Johnson.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF ALICE DAVIS

Given by Gladys & Charles Hodges, Rebecca & Larry Mills

IN HONOR OF PETE LUDLOW

Given by Sara and Eddy Harding

The Epistle

The Newsletter of

Saint Paul United Methodist Church



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May 9 - 23, 2018

Epworth Mother's Day Offering May 13, 2018



Steven is the youngest boy in the middle school cottage this year, but he is one of the tallest boys in the cottage. He is destined to be a very tall and broad-shouldered man one day, but right now he is in the sometimes awkward development stage

that accompanies the early teenage years. Yet his physical appearance is countered by a quiet and soft-spoken personality.

Steven came to Epworth last fall from a stressed family system, one where he experienced neglect so severe that he was removed from his home by the Department of Social Services. The neglect he experienced in his early childhood contributes to his quiet, sometimes withdrawn, nature. In those first few weeks, he did not bond right away with the other boys in the cottage and you would often see him off by himself.

As the weeks went by Steven began to experience the stability of a safe and secure home. Steven appreciated having plenty to eat (which for a growing teenage boy is a big deal!) and a comfortable place to sleep. He bonded with his cottage parents who gave him the space to be by himself but continued to encourage him to be more engaged at Epworth and at school.

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