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News For The Weeks Of January 15, 22, & 29,
and February 5, 2018

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Return Services Requested

Volunteers for January 21, & 28, and February 4 & 11, 2018

	01/21	Carolina Greer
Bread	01/28	Wanda Steele
Taker	02/04	Linda Whisnant
	02/11	Lillian Hudson
Communion Assistants	02/04	Hank & Simons Welter
	01/21	TBD
Nursery	01/28	Suzanne Seager
Aide	02/04	Marian Hampton
	02/11	Amy Birch
	01/21	Mickey Wingo
Children's	01/28	Marsha Milford
Church	02/04	Brenda Ethington
	02/11	Nancy Bane
	01/21	Darrell & Judy Querin
Worship	01/28	Jean Ogden, Marilyn Glasgow
Greeters	02/04	Lillian Hudson, Dixie Hubbard
	02/11	Jim & Marian Hampton
	01/21	Ray Parker, Robert Ezell, Phil Womble, Mike Byers
	01/28	Dan Cooke, Linda Cooke, Rick Harward, Stephen Stamm
Worship	02/04	Kay Berkeley, Fern Powell, Bob Curry, Kermit Williams
Ushers	02/11	Al Fernandez, Carter Ridgeway, Jeff Newman, Sarah Newman
	01/21	Danny Scales
Liturgist	01/28	Jerry Jackson
	02/04	Fern Powell
	02/11	TBA
	01/21	Madison Cooksey
Acolyte /	01/28	Ansley Vereen
Crucifer	02/04	Natalie Koller / Ballenger Cooksey
	02/11	Ansley Vereen
	01/21	Don Wasness
Sound	01/28	Phil Womble
System	02/04	Guy Davis
	02/11	A.D. Page, Jr.
	01/21	Richard Petty
Offering	01/28	Sam Foster
Depositor	02/04	Barbara Barnes
	02/11	Kadi Traxler

Altar Guild - January: Suzanne Seager, Kay Berkeley-Chairs;
Nancy Rayner, Laurie Wilson, Betty Wilson
February: Connie Muzzy-Chair; Ann Karegeannes,
Caroline Greer, Libby Carter

The Pastor's Pen

As a new year begins, Saint Paul will be tending to some "business" matters as required by the United Methodist Book of Discipline. We will be completing our year-end reports and evaluations. We will initiate the final aspect of our membership audit. We will close out the financial accounts for 2017. Saint Paul remains a dynamic congregation which is poised for another successful year.

Each year brings with it new challenges. 2018 didn't wait long to give us an opportunity to address. The Board of Trustees has been working hard over the past month to get a handle on a significant number of roof leaks in our facilities. After meeting with roofers and our insurance carrier, it has been determined that all of the shingled roofs must be replaced. Additionally, repairs need to be done to the small flat roofs which abut the gym and sanctuary.

Fortunately for us, not for the insurance company, our shingled roofs were damaged by hail and most of the replacement cost will be covered by our insurance. The flat roofs are a different story and will be the responsibility of the church to repair. The Finance Committee and Board of Stewards have each received a report on the current situation.

After discussing the options for repair, the Board of Stewards voted to begin repairing the shingled roofs first. The preschool building is the most pressing need. When repairs are done, we have decided to install an additional level of roofing protection at our expense. Those upgraded measures should assure a longer life of the new roof, alleviating the annual problem and expense we have encountered with leaks.

The good question of how we will pay for the upgrades has been addressed with a proposed solution. The preschool will assist with the cost for that building. We have available cash reserves on hand which are budget surpluses from previous years and undesignated memorial gifts. The bottom line is that the congregation is being asked to step up and provide \$25,000 of the cost for the entire project. This will allow us to keep our minimum cash reserve which addresses occasional cash flow issues.

So....I have gotten my check book out and am asking you to do the same. There is little question about whether or not we have the \$25,000. The only question is whether we will support the project with the resources we have each been given. I will keep you appraised as we look toward meeting our goal in the next couple of weeks. We rarely talk about money at Saint Paul, save the weeks surrounding our annual commitment Sunday in the Fall. That is because we have been faithful in our giving and responsible in our spending. Our financial situation is strong. Right now, the ox is in the ditch. We need to get him out. \$25,000 will do it. Please mark your extra mile giving for church roof. See you Sunday.

Hope To See You Soon In
Worship and Sunday School,

Big John



Birthdays

January 19	Theresa Lassiter
January 22	Nola Chaplin, Anne Arbuckle, Ray Parker
January 23	Kadi Traxler
January 25	David Whisnant
January 26	Danny Scales
January 29	Caroline Greer
January 31	Hazel Francis, Laurie Wilson
February 4	Donna Harward
February 6	Charles Testor
February 9	Barbara Barnes
February 10	Johnsie Page
February 13	Beth Jones
February 15	Derrick Pappas
February 17	Gladys Westbrook, B.J. Luther, Michael Hodges
February 18	Chantille Hull
February 19	Blake Cash
February 20	Nancy Curry, Kathy Bush
February 21	Claire Moss
February 22	Gerri Williams, Evelyn Williams, Daniel Newman
February 23	Eva Jane Tracy
February 24	Mary Ann Myers
February 25	Candy Nettles
February 26	Pat Schaide, Richard Hall
February 27	Bobbi Duncan
February 28	Bill Frye

Upcoming Events

Every Monday	Scouts 6:30pm
Every Wednesday	Christian Believer 30-week Bible Study 6:30pm
Every Thursday	Cub Scouts 6:30pm
Every Sunday	UMYF 4:30pm (unless otherwise noted)
January 20	Basketball League Games in Gym
January 22	Blanche Greer Circle/Poston Board of Trustees Meeting 10:00am 6:00pm
January 29	Planning Council Meeting 7:00pm
February 4	UMM Breakfast 7:30am
February 14	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm

Children & Youth Birthdays

Jan. 21	Cammie Myers	Feb. 12	Ansley Vereen
Jan. 22	Natalie Koller		

Financials & Attendance

	<u>December 17</u>	<u>December 24</u>	<u>December 31</u>
Received	\$18,249.79	\$19,016.49	\$16,244.59
Restricted	\$1,328.00	\$528.49	\$96.11
Non-Restricted	\$1,950.00	\$3,324.00	\$2,030.48
Total	\$14,971.79	\$15,164.00	\$14,118.00
Sunday School	71	31	50
Worship Service	174	198	114
	<u>January 7</u>	<u>January 14</u>	
Received	\$10,741.75	\$14,820.09	
Restricted	\$0.00	\$1.00	
Non-Restricted	\$336.00	\$1,330.00	
Total	\$10,405.75	\$13,489.09	
Sunday School	55	56	
Worship Service	153	151	

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on January 21st for the Glory of God by Sam and Debbie Whitt in honor of their granddaughter's, Cammie Myers', birthday.

Altar Flowers are given on January 28th for the Glory of God by Michele Bishop in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Pendleton.

Altar Flowers are given on February 4th for the Glory of God by David and Linda Whisnant in honor of their two sons and their families.

Altar Flowers are given on February 11th for the Glory of God by Bill and Bobbi Duncan in memory of Emogene Hall.

To Our Church Family, thank you so much for the food, flowers, kind words and especially your prayers. The Saint Paul family holds a special place in our hearts. Bill will be dearly missed. The halls at Saint Paul will be a little quieter during football season! Thanks again. We appreciate all you have done.

The Hudson Family

Thank You to all of you for your expressions of sympathy at the death of Chip's mom, Florence Steele.

Chip and Wanda Steele

Dear Saint Paul Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt. Your prayers have surely been felt as I have been recovering from being sick. Your thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls have also been greatly appreciated.

With Love, Beth Hudson

Thank You for our generous Staff Appreciation Christmas gift! We feel very lucky to work for such an appreciative church family and are blessed with your kindness. We look forward to another great year together. *Your Church Staff*

The Blanche Greer Circle will meet on Monday, January 22 at 10:00 at the church in Poston Hall. Marian Hampton will be the hostess. We will view a video that was done by Scott Neely two years ago following the Charleston shootings. A short discussion and business meeting will follow. Visitors are welcome. Call Linda Whisnant if you have questions (579-4032 or cell 415-0431).

Caregiver Lunch & Learn Series: Eden Terrace Assisted Living & Memory Care will be holding a series of 4 free workshops on January 26th: Know the 10 Signs, February 16th: Basics of Alzheimer's & Dementia, March 16th: Legal & Financial Planning and April 20th: Understanding Difficult Behaviors. Each session will be approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes and lunch is included. Please RSVP if you'd like to attend this enlightening and helpful series. Call Eden Terrace at 864-579-7387. For more info. call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900. Flyers are posted on our bulletin boards.

Church Offering Envelopes: Please pick-up your 2018 Offering envelopes in the Narthex foyer on Sundays after our 10:00am service. If you're unable to find yours, or are unable to attend service at this time and would like to receive your box, please let us know and we'll mail a box to you. Thank you.