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News For The Weeks Of April 16, 23, & 30,
and May 7, 2018

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Return Services Requested

Volunteers for April 22, & 29, and May 6, & 13, 2018

	04/22	Lillian Hudson
Bread	04/29	Page Candler
Taker	05/06	Caroline Greer
	05/13	Wanda Steele
Communion Assistants	05/06	Bill & Bobbi Duncan
	04/22	OPEN-No Aide yet
Nursery	04/29	Linda Cooke
Aide	05/06	Riann Whitt
	05/13	OPEN-No Aide yet
	04/22	Marsha Milford w/Barbara Barnes
Children's	04/29	Brenda Ethington
Church	05/06	Brenda Ethington
	05/13	Nancy Bane
	04/22	Kay Berkeley, Frances Maness
Worship	04/29	Darrell & Judy Querin
Greeters	05/06	Jean Ogden, Marilyn Glasgow
	05/13	Lillian Hudson, Dixie Hubbard
	04/22	Jim Hampton, Jay Hampton, Sam Foster, Darrell Querin
	04/29	Bob McFarland, Jon Schanen, Bill Duncan, Bobbi Duncan
Worship	05/06	Guy Davis, Delton Vereen, Bill Myers, Sam Whitt
Ushers	05/13	Ray Parker, Robert Ezell, Phil Womble, Austin Birch
	04/22	Lee Owens
Liturgist	04/29	Wanda Steele
	05/06	Danny Scales
	05/13	Susan Wingo
	04/22	Ansley Vereen
Acolyte /	04/29	Madison Cooksey
Crucifer	05/06	Natalie Koller / Lydia Vereen
	05/13	Ansley Vereen
	04/22	Phil Womble
Sound	04/29	Jim Hampton
System	05/06	Guy Davis
	05/13	A.D. Page, Jr.
	04/22	Darrell Querin
Offering	04/29	Delton Vereen
Depositor	05/06	Barbara Barnes
	05/13	Richard Petty

Altar Guild - April: Connie Muzzy, Ann Karegeannes, Caroline Greer, Susan Owens; **May:** Eileen Byers - Chair; Johnsie Page, Nancy Curry, Michele Bishop

The Pastor's Pen

The month of May will be bittersweet for the Saint Paul family. We will celebrate with our Youth Intern, Helen Cribb, who will graduate from Wofford College. She will be headed back to Charleston to immediately begin her work at the Medical University of South Carolina. Helen will be pursuing her doctorate in Physical Therapy. That means we will be saying goodbye to Helen in a few weeks. I hope you will take the opportunity to personally express to her your appreciation for her time with us. We certainly wish her well in the future and look forward to an occasional visit from time to time.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is at work looking at staffing needs in the area of youth ministry as well as children's ministry. The hope is that we will be able to find another fine college intern to work with our young people and also identify a part-time staff person to work with our children up to fifth grade. Please be in prayer for our congregation as we seek effective leadership for our church.

May will also bring with it another blip on the radar from a pastoral perspective. I will be undergoing a little repair work on my recently replaced knee for a torn ligament suffered a couple of days after my last surgery. Since the doctor needs to do this repair soon, I asked if he could do the other knee replacement at the same time. Better one hospitalization than two. Surgery is scheduled for both knees on May 9. While I didn't expect to have the second replacement so soon, the other required surgery offered an opportunity to get it all over with. I will be sure that pastoral emergencies are covered. You will be pleased to know that Rev. Tim Drum, Chaplain at Spartanburg Methodist College, will be preaching on Mother's Day.

I am pleased to report that I am expecting to return to Saint Paul for a fourth year. Can you believe it has already been that long? Our future is bright and I look forward to continuing to serve you to the best of my ability. Keep Helen in your prayers as she moves on to other things. Keep me in your prayers as I get my legs working properly again. See you Sunday.

Hope To See You Soon In
Worship and Sunday School,

Big John



Children & Youth Birthdays

April 29	Isabela Antonio-Librado
May 1	Emilija Vandys
May 6	Barnes Graham
May 20	Corbett, Nora, and Oliver Omer
May 26	Sylvia Bridges

Birthdays

April 20	Helen Martenson, Betsy Alston
April 21	David Mitchell, Bob McFarland, Hank Welter
April 25	Rick Boss, John Seager
April 29	Michelle Purdy
May 1	Tom Abbott
May 4	Liam Nettles
May 6	Jane Abbott
May 8	Janet Oran, Craig Ravan
May 9	Wanda Steele, Leslie Hardy
May 13	Shany Ezell
May 24	A.W. Smith, III, Carrie Vereen
May 26	Robert Ezell
May 27	Susan Rayner
May 28	Hunter Hatchette
May 29	Mary McFarland
May 30	Mark Bush, Angie Ravan, Dillon Moyer

Upcoming Events

Every Monday	Scouts 6:30pm
Every Thursday	Cub Scouts 6:30pm
Every Wednesday	Christian Believer 30-week Bible Study 6:30pm
Every Sunday	UMYF 4:30pm (unless otherwise noted)
April 22	Fellowship Lunch following Worship Service / Directory Pictures taken
April 24	Board of Stewards Meeting 6:30pm
April 29	Joint Sunday School 9:00am
May 6	UMM Breakfast 7:30am Pre-Conf. Training 3:00pm
May 7	Preschool Board Meeting 4:00pm
May 20	Pentecost Sunday

Financials & Attendance

	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>	<u>April 1</u>
Received	\$10,457.05	\$11,940.12	\$17,406.12
Non-Contributed	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$0.00
Restricted	\$2,279.00	\$3,239.12	\$1,354.12
Total	\$8,178.05	\$8,665.00	\$16,052.00
Sunday School	77	79	64
Worship Service	160	210	254
	<u>April 8</u>	<u>April 15</u>	
Received	\$13,470.21	\$10,220.00	
Non-Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Restricted	\$349.00	\$596.00	
Total	\$13,121.21	\$9624.00	
Sunday School	69	61	
Worship Service	178	159	

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on April 15th for the Glory of God by Guy and Nell Davis in memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Davis and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hunter.

Altar Flowers are given on April 22nd for the Glory of God by Pat Campbell in memory of Larry L. Campbell.

Narthex Flowers are given on April 22nd for the Glory of God by Trip and Kathlena Wilber Sloan in memory of Trip's dad, Sam Sloan.

Altar Flowers are given on April 29th for the Glory of God by Bob and Sandra Powell in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Altar Flowers are given on May 6th for the Glory of God by Jane May in loving memory of Doug May.

Narthex Flowers are given on May 6th for the Glory of God by Bob and Nancy Curry in memory of Sheryl and Linda and in honor of Sandi.

Altar Flowers are given on May 13th for the Glory of God by Inolah Chaplin in loving memory of the birthday of her mother, Sara Savage.

Narthex Flowers are given on May 13th for the Glory of God by Hazel Francis in memory of her husband, Walter, and in memory of her son, John, honoring his birthday on May 15th.

Welcome to our newest baptized member, Jason Ray Lassiter!

The Chancel Choir would like to welcome Dr. Zachary Davis as our newest bass! Come join Zach and the rest of this fun group! We understand if you cannot attend every rehearsal or service. We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 6:45-8:15pm. Just show up!

Epworth Mother's Day Offering - May 13th

Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home gave 184 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each of these children had this opportunity because people and churches like us embrace and provide for this wonderful ministry for the children and families in South Carolina. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 13th, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life-changing ministry. For more information, you can visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

VBS 2018: June 18 -21, 9 am - Noon

Thank you to all that have signed up to help with Saint Paul's Vacation Bible School. We are still in need of more volunteers and hope you will consider how you can be a part. We have special needs for help with music, drama, publicity, and registration. A sign up table will be in the area outside the Narthex after Sunday worship services. Also, a meeting will be held for all VBS leaders in the church library on Sunday, April 29, immediately following church.

Can You Hear Me Now? - Sadly, many people have hearing challenges and cannot afford hearing aids. It's Sertoma's Mission to improve the quality of life of those impacted by hearing loss.

Please help our local Uptown Sertoma Club by collecting hearing aids no longer being used. Ask your friends and family too! All can be refurbished by Hearing Aid Charities and given to people in need.

As a member of Uptown Sertoma, it's my goal to collect 20 aids by June 2018. YOU CAN HELP. Spread the word and give any used hearing aids you find to me. I'll send them to Hearing Aid Charities. Thank you for helping those who need hearing assistance! Barbara Barnes (barbara.barnes@charter.net)