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News For The Weeks Of May 14, 21, & 28
and June 4 & 11, 2018

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Return Services Requested



MATTHEW 19:14

VBS 2018: June 18 -21

9 am - Noon

(Toddlers through 6th Grade)

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School, June 18-21. Your response has been amazing. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up, but would like to help, please call the Church Office and let them know. We are still in need of helpers to make VBS 2018 the best that it can be for our Saint Paul children, and the children in our preschool and community.

Volunteers for May 20, & 27, and June 3, 10, & 17, 2018

Bread Taker	05/20	Linda Whisnant
	05/27	Lillian Hudson
	06/03	Page Candler
	06/10	Caroline Greer
	06/17	Wanda Steele
Communion Assistants 06/03 Hank & Simons Welter		
Nursery Aide	05/20	Nancy Bane
	05/27	Al & Paula Fernandez
	06/03	Phil & Judy Womble
	06/10	Cathy Boss
	06/17	Beth Hudson
Children's Church	05/20	Mickey Wingo
	05/27	Marsha Milford
	06/03	Brenda Ethington
	06/10	Nancy Bane
	06/17	Mickey Wingo
Worship Greeters	05/20	Jim & Marian Hampton
	05/27	Ed & Judy Lamb
	06/03	Dan & Linda Cooke
	06/10	Kay Berkeley, Frances Maness
	06/17	Darrell & Judy Querin
Worship Ushers	05/20	Kay Berkeley, Fern Powell, Rick Harward, Stephen Stamm
	05/27	Dan & Linda Cooke, Mike Byers, Kermit Williams
	06/03	Lamar Davis, Mickey Wingo, Bob Curry, Ed Lamb
	06/10	Al Fernandez, Carter Ridgeway, Rick & Cathy Boss
	06/17	Jim Hampton, Jay Hampton, Sam Foster, Darrell Querin
Liturgist	05/20	Suzanne Metts
	05/27	Bob McFarland
	06/03	Simons Welter
	06/10	Deb Schumann
	06/17	Roland Smith
Acolyte / Crucifer	05/20	Madison Cooksey
	05/27	Ansley Vereen
	06/03	Natalie Koller / Ballenger Cooksey
	06/10	Ansley Vereen
	06/17	Madison Cooksey
Sound System	05/20	Don Wasness
	05/27	Phil Womble
	06/03	Guy Davis
	06/10	A.D. Page, Jr.
	06/17	Don Wasness
Offering Depositor	05/20	Sam Foster
	05/27	Chip Steele
	06/03	Kadi Traxler
	06/10	Hank Welter
	06/17	Darrell Querin

Altar Guild - May: Eileen Byers - Chair; Johnsie Page, Nancy Curry, Michele Bishop, Mary Parker; June: Bob & Sandra Powell - Chairs; Judy Krueger, Pat Hutchens, Page Candler, Chris Boyett

The Pastor's Pen

Well, it is deja vu. Here I am, sitting in a recliner working on a newsletter article and bulletins while waiting for my knee to heal. As far as I can tell, surgery went well and I'm hoping my three week checkup will prove that to be the case. Until then, I'm pretty much confined to the house while getting my muscle strength back. Thank you so much for your prayers and words of encouragement. Hopefully I'll be able to hit the ground running (figuratively speaking) when the doctor releases me. If there is an emergency, don't hesitate to call me.

We are coming up on a very busy time in our congregational and denominational life. Annual Conference comes along the first part of June. I will be gathering with other ministers and lay delegates to conduct the business of our collective ministry as United Methodists. Soon after, our missionaries will once again be heading to Conway, SC for their annual Salkehatchie Summer Service mission work. Youth and adults will be representing us as they work to make life better for those who are, by circumstance, less fortunate than we are. Right on the heels of Salkehatchie comes Vacation Bible School, when we will have 75 to 100 children participating. Busy times!

As Helen Cribb graduates from Wofford and heads off to the Medical University of South Carolina, we are working to identify another intern to work with our youth. We have a great prospect on the horizon. Additionally, we are attempting to add to our staff a children's ministry coordinator to work with children up to fifth grade. Again, we have a great prospect. Please pray that we might successfully fill these positions so that our ministry to our children might continue to prosper.

Not only are we growing in our spiritual lives, we are growing in our membership. Recently, we have received into membership several persons and several more are poised to join when I return. Numbers don't mean everything, but they mean something. Marianne told me several Sundays ago that she had to park on the grass for Sunday worship. What do you suppose that will say to those driving by if that becomes a common occurrence? My question is, not if it will happen, but when.

Thank you for your continuing support of the work of Christ among us. God is good....all the time, and we have been richly blessed. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Hope To See You Soon In
Worship and Sunday School,

Big John



Children & Youth Birthdays

May 20 Corbett, Nora, and Oliver Omer
May 26 Sylvia Bridges
June 18 Rob Metts

Birthdays

May 2 Claire Hardy
May 6 Kent Edwards
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
June 3 Sandra Powell
June 9 Peggy Grant
June 10 Carter Ridgeway
June 12 Doug Remeta
June 13 Amy Schanen
June 16 Kaylene Wilber, Candice Thomason
June 17 Kathy Sigmon
June 18 Ashley Cooksey
June 19 Sam Whitt, Tim Gergen, Carolyn Moore Eubanks
June 21 Teri Antonio-Librado, Gordon Farley
June 22 Debbie Whitt
June 23 Walt Ratliff, Dale King
June 24 Emily McFadden
June 27 Karen Harpe, Jessica Correll
June 29 Chip Steele, Dianne Connor
June 30 Connie Muzzy

Upcoming Events

Every Monday Scouts 6:30pm
Every Wednesday Choir Practice 6:45pm
Every Thursday Cub Scouts 6:30pm
Every Sunday UMYF 4:30pm (unless otherwise noted)
1st Monday of Each Month Preschool Board Meeting 4:00pm
May 20 Pentecost Sunday
June 3 UMM Breakfast 7:30am
June 9-16 UMYF Salkehatchie Trip - Conway
June 18-21 Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00

Financials & Attendance

	<u>April 22</u>	<u>April 29</u>
Received	\$5,048.00	\$9,476.00
Non-Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restricted	\$435.00	\$585.00
Total	\$4,613.00	\$8,891.00
Sunday School	74	49
Worship Service	169	185
	<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 13</u>
Received	\$10,858.00	\$9,488.00
Non-Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restricted	\$2,359.00	\$1,505.00
Total	\$8,499.00	\$7,983.00
Sunday School	67	81
Worship Service	163	190

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on May 20th for the Glory of God by Chip Steele to honor his wife, Wanda, and celebrate her recent birthday, and in loving memory of her sister, Cynthia's, upcoming birthday.

Narthex Flowers are given on May 20th for the Glory of God by Darrell and Judy Querin in celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary on May 18th.

Altar Flowers are given on May 27th for the Glory of God by Rick, Donna and Emily Harward in celebration of the marriage of Scott and Eleanor Harward on May 8th in France.

Altar Flowers are given on June 3rd for the Glory of God by Jerry and Ann Jackson's children and grandchildren in celebration of Jerry and Ann's 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 31st.

Altar Flowers are given on June 10th for the Glory of God by Jim and Marian Hampton in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 1st.

Narthex Flowers are given on June 17th for the Glory of God in memory of Gene Hutchens by his daughters, Cyndi Wilson and Beverly Johnson and their families.

Prayers & Squares Ministry - Since 2007, and seeded by the Ann Ratliff Circle, the Prayers and Squares Ministry of Saint Paul has offered prayers and comfort to members of the congregation. Over the years, 66 quilts have been tied and presented to those in crisis and also those sharing special joys.

We are looking for someone who might feel called to take over the leadership of this ministry going forward. The rewards and fellowship far outweigh the effort. It is a true blessing to serve the congregation through the gift of "making squares and saying prayers". If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cathy Boss at 864-573-7057.

Peace With Justice Sunday - May 27th:
 Peace with Justice Sunday enables the United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. This special offering benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conference and through the General Board of Church and Society. Please give generously on May 27th.

Saint Paul UMC Men's Club will be having their annual Spring BBQ this Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and will, once again, be having our famous Chicken BBQ and Chopped Pork BBQ. Plates are still only \$8.00 each and we encourage everyone to come early, and invite your neighbors and coworkers, as we are raising money for our overseas, church-sponsored mission trips. See you on the 19th!

The Blanche Greer Circle will meet Monday, May 21, at 11:00 am for lunch in the home of Lillian Hudson. We will be in for a treat with Elizabeth in the kitchen. Linda will hold a short business meeting and a devotional. If you have any questions, call Linda at 579-4032 or 415-0431.

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)