



Saint Paul United Methodist Church  
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### The Epistle

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Sunday Service at 10:00 A.M.

News For The Weeks Of November 19, & 26,  
and December 3, & 10, 2018

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*Return Services Requested*

Enjoy  
a blessed  
Thanksgiving!



## Volunteers for November 18, & 25, and December 2, & 9, 2018

	11/18	Lillian Hudson
Bread	11/25	Page Candler
Taker	12/02	Caroline Greer
	12/09	Wanda Steele
Communion Assistants	12/02	Lee Owens, Henry Calhoun
	11/18	Beth Hudson
Nursery	11/25	Phil & Judy Womble
Aide	12/02	Cathy Boss
	12/09	Al & Paula Fernandez
	11/18	Mickey Wingo
Children's	11/25	Marsha Milford
Church	12/02	Brenda Ethington
	12/09	Nancy Bane
	11/18	Jean Ogden, Marilyn Glasgow
Worship	11/25	Lillian Hudson, Dixie Hubbard
Greeters	12/02	Jim & Marian Hampton
	12/09	Ed & Judy Lamb
	11/18	Al Fernandez, Carter Ridgeway, Austin Birch, Jon Godfrey
	11/25	Lamar Davis, Mickey Wingo, Sam Foster, Ed Lamb
Worship	12/02	Bob McFarland, Jon Schanen, Bill Duncan, Bobbi Duncan
Ushers	12/09	Jim Hampton, Jay Hampton, Sam Foster, Darrell Querin
	11/18	Jean Ogden
	11/25	Fern Powell
Liturgist	12/02	Susan Wingo
	12/09	Deb Schumann
	11/18	Madison Cooksey
Acolyte /	11/25	Ansley Vereen
Crucifer	12/02	Ballenger Cooksey / Natalie Koller
	12/09	Ansley Vereen
	11/18	Don Wasness
Sound	11/25	Phil Womble
System	12/02	Guy Davis
	12/09	A.D. Page, Jr.
	11/18	Ed Lamb
Offering	11/25	Darrell Querin
Depositor	12/02	Delton Vereen
	12/09	Barbara Barnes

**Altar Guild - November:** Pat Hutchens, Chris Boyett - Chairs;  
Judy Krueger, Bob Powell, Sandra Powell, Page Candler;  
**December:** Johnsie Page, Eileen Byers, Nancy Curry,  
Michele Bishop

## The Pastor's Pen

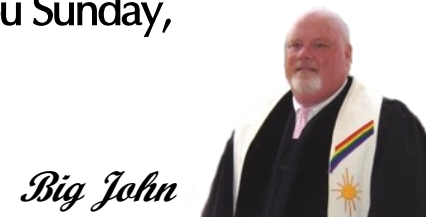
I had an interesting experience Sunday morning. It was the first really cold night leading into a beautiful clear morning. Since the temperature got below 40 degrees, it was time for my brand spanking new heat pump/gas furnace to call for that wonderfully warm gas heat. When I got up at 6AM, I went straight to the vent to see how warm the air was. I was underwhelmed. Next, I went to the thermostat to find that there was a big error message on the screen. Error code 2-7-0. Not knowing what that meant, exactly, I called the company who installed the system. They called me back about the time I got to the church. To make a long story short, the technician told me what the error code meant and said he would schedule a service call for Monday.

The problem was that the furnace was not getting gas. Being quite familiar with Occam's Razor, as soon as I got home from church, I went under the house to check things out. As I suspected, when the system was installed, nobody had bothered to turn on the gas. So I turned the valve and, low and behold, the furnace was in business.

I mention this experience because it reminds me of a very important notion. Without a source of energy, we are powerless. That is true for gas furnaces and for Christian men and women. In a world which seems often to be malfunctioning in a big way, we often speculate what would or could make things better. Our faith tells us that God has given us his power through the presence of the Holy Spirit. When we turn on this power, or accept the power God has given us, we can figuratively move mountains. There is a song which says, "What the world needs now is love, sweet love." The very essence of the Holy Spirit is the power of love, which enables us to do what the early church was accused of doing...."turning the world upside down."

In our own way, let's join together as a community of faith and turn our little world sphere upside down by the power given us through the Holy Spirit. And then, what will happen? God only knows!

See You Sunday,



*Big John*

## Children & Youth Birthdays

<b>November 15</b>	Quinn Scales	<b>December 9</b>	Charlie Birch
<b>November 20</b>	Tripp Graham	<b>December 24</b>	Benjamin Farley
<b>December 8</b>	Lynn Birch		

## Birthdays

<b>November 15</b>	Garrett Spencer
<b>November 16</b>	Nancy Owens, Bob Curry
<b>November 17</b>	Libby Carter
<b>November 19</b>	Wade Hampton III
<b>November 22</b>	Ann Karegeannes, Lisa Pappas
<b>November 26</b>	Kermit Williams, Maryellen Horton, Tom Lowrimore
<b>November 29</b>	Judy Womble
<b>December 1</b>	Jon Berkeley
<b>December 2</b>	Kay Stinson
<b>December 3</b>	Lewis Moyer
<b>December 4</b>	Gregory Pappas, Jr.
<b>December 5</b>	Hamp Lindsey, Jack Moyer
<b>December 6</b>	Linda Fansher
<b>December 7</b>	Jerry Jackson, Roland Smith
<b>December 8</b>	Marlene Gary
<b>December 9</b>	Lou Lindsey, Sarah Newman
<b>December 11</b>	Darrell Owen
<b>December 14</b>	Larry Koller
<b>December 15</b>	DeeDee Mitchell, Jim Hampton
<b>December 16</b>	Alma DuPont
<b>December 18</b>	Bob Muzzy
<b>December 20</b>	Bill Berkeley
<b>December 24</b>	Jay Hampton
<b>December 25</b>	Doris Luther, Jeff Newman
<b>December 26</b>	Diane Remeta, Chris Freeman

## Upcoming Events

<b>Every Monday</b>	Scouts 6:30pm
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	Choir Practice 6:45pm
<b>Every Thursday</b>	Cub Scouts 6:30pm
<b>Every Sunday</b>	UMYF 4:30pm (unless otherwise noted)
<b>2nd Sunday of Each Month</b>	Blood Pressure Checks ~11:15am
<b>2nd Monday of Each Month</b>	Preschool Board Meeting 4:00pm
<b>November 18</b>	Stewardship Sunday
<b>November 19</b>	Invitation to Romans Bible Study 6:30pm
<b>November 21, 22, &amp; 26</b>	Church Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday
<b>November 22</b>	Thanksgiving Day
<b>December 2</b>	UMM Breakfast 7:30am Christmas CANTATA 10:00am Children's Program Practice 5:45pm
<b>December 9</b>	Children's Christmas Program during Service
<b>December 12</b>	Finance Meeting 6:00pm

## Financials & Attendance

	<u>October 21</u>	<u>October 28</u>
Received	\$6,715.98	\$16,383
Non-Contributed	\$99.98	\$30
Restricted	\$1,161	\$239
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,455</b>	<b>\$16,114</b>
Sunday School	79	55
Worship Service	150	142
	<u>November 4</u>	<u>November 11</u>
Received	\$14,546.48	\$17,910.55
Non-Contributed	\$0.00	\$10
Restricted	\$1,505.48	\$919
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,041</b>	<b>\$16,981.55</b>
Sunday School	77	69
Worship Service	174	136

## Altar & Narthex Flowers

**Altar Flowers** are given on November 18<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Marion and Jane Pittman in honor of their children and grandchildren.

**Altar Flowers** are given on November 25<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Jeff and Brenda Ethington in memory of Jeff's parents, James and Joyce Ethington.

**Altar Flowers** are given on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Glory of God by Larry and Lee Owens in memory of their parents, Ansel and Vivian Owens, and Tom and Ann Belcher.

**Altar Flowers** are given on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Glory of God by Lillian Hudson in memory of Eva Hudson.

**Altar Flowers** are given on December 9<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Jane May and her family in memory of Melanie's birthday.

**Dearest Church Family,** Words cannot express how much all of you mean to us. We could not have found a closer, more wonderful group of friends. You've laughed with us, cried with us and cared for us. We're already looking forward to when we'll be coming back for a visit! And we sincerely hope you will come visit us. We love you all! Hank and Simons (Our new address: 162 Greenfield Circle, Brevard, NC 28712.)

**The Blanche Greer Circle** will meet on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the home of Nancy Bane (356 Harrell Drive) at 10 AM. Ann Karegeannes will be the co-hostess. Mrs. Patrina Mims will present the program with an update on the Bethlehem Center. Visitors are welcome.

**A Christmas Program:** Our Saint Paul UMC children will be presenting a Christmas Program during our December 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday service. Alex Smith, our Children's Director, will be holding practices for the children in Poston Hall on November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. These will be held from 5:45PM to 7:15PM and dinner will be provided. If your child will be participating, please be sure to sign-up with Alex, children@stpumc.org. Parents will drop off their children at the Visitor door near Poston Hall at 5:45PM and will pick them up at the same spot at 7:15PM. Also, any church members willing to help as a volunteer, would be greatly appreciated. Please call Lisa at the church office and let her know ASAP.

**Poinsettias:** Anyone willing and able to help wrap poinsettias on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM, please contact Suzanne Seager at sgseager60@gmail.com or 864-706-1235. ALL helping hands are greatly appreciated!

**United Methodist Student Day - November 25<sup>th</sup>** - United Methodist Student Day is dedicated to supporting students. There are many United Methodists without the resources to attend the school of their choice, or for some, any school at all. These are bright and dedicated students who need scholarships.

The United Methodist Student Day offering supports United Methodist scholarships administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. This Special Sunday helps prepare our students for a life that unites faith with knowledge. Please give generously this Sunday!

**Our 2019 Altar & Narthex Flower** sign-up sheets are now in our Sunday bulletins. Look for those special dates on your calendar and sign-up in honor, or in memoriam, of one of the special people in your life. The cost is still \$61 for altar flowers and \$38 for narthex.

**Our Altar Guild** is meeting at the church on Dec. 1, 9AM, to hang the wreaths and put up the Chrismon tree. We're in need of some younger gentlemen's help, due to the tree being so tall. If you're able to help out, please let Danny Scales or Johnsie Page know. Thank you!

**The UMW Of Saint Paul** is having a Christmas brunch on Saturday, December 8, at 2 Samuels restaurant at 11:30AM. All are welcome. We ask you to please sign up at the table in the Narthex after church services on Nov. 18, 25, or Dec 2. The cost is \$15, payable at the restaurant, and is all-inclusive of tip and dessert. There are 3 choices of meals. Please mark your selection at sign-up. We hope you'll join us!

**Backpack Buddies:** Our Loose Cash collection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month is now being given towards our Backpack Buddies Mission. Any extra "loose cash" on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is greatly appreciated!

If you prefer to provide food, there is a barrel outside Poston Hall for Backpack Buddies with copies of the list of foods provided (in a baggy clipped to the barrel). Please take one and put your items into the barrel after you shop. If you'd like to make cash donations, make your check payable to Saint Paul UMC and indicate it is for Backpack Buddies. If anyone wants to help with packing the food on Fridays, just let me know. We would be thrilled to have some more helping hands. Thanks again for being so wonderful! Bobbi Duncan, bhducun52@gmail.com.

**The Attractions Dining & Value Guide** is still available through December and it's just \$20! Each book includes great savings and they make great Christmas gifts. Contact the church office or Dinie Koller, 612-9925.