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FREE WORKSHOP THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

Tuesday, May 6th at 6pm

COMPLIMENTARY
DINNER,
CHILDCARE, AND
GAS GIFT CARDS

LEARN NEW STRATEGIES TO:

- Foster a positive learning environment
- Use assertive discipline
- Take better care of yourself as a parent



A special event at
St. Paul United Methodist Church!

REGISTER TODAY



The Pastor's Pen

Dear Saint Paul Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to each and every one of you who made our Lenten season so very meaningful.

You showed up! So many of you showed up for Lenten lunches, our special worship experiences, our Easter Egg Hunt. And not only did you show up, but you served. You served through greeting our friends and neighbors for worship, through the food you prepared, through the spaces you made beautiful and welcoming, through the fun you made happen.

By being present and serving you were an incredible witness to your faith in Jesus. And I know that it wasn't always easy. We were busy and I watched many of you work very hard. There were days that we all left this place very tired. It was those days that I was reminded that Jesus asks a lot of his disciples. It might not have been a cross we picked up, but there were definitely sacrifices made.

I was reminded recently that following Jesus is not something that we have to do. We could all walk away from Christ tomorrow. And that reminder makes me even more grateful for each of you. You have made a choice to serve God and God's people! And in doing so you have demonstrated the overwhelming goodness of God.

I pray that in this Easter season, you have identified something in Jesus that is so good, that it gives you incredible meaning and purpose. I know that without that meaning in my own life, things would be very different... the world would be a much more dreary place. I think that we can all agree that we have found something good...in Jesus and in his church! Even good enough to share with others!

Thank you for who you are and what you are doing to be a light to our community!

Peace,



Pastor Megan

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 7:30 UMM 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Church Planning Comm. Mtg. 1:00 Pickleball for Members Liam Nettles	5 11:30 Elsie Greer Circle 6:00 Board of Trustees Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	6 11:30 Elsie Greer Circle 6:00 Board of Stewards Meeting Mary Goode Shany Ezell	7 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 1:00 Pickleball for Members Kent Edwards	8 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study Wanda Steele Leslie Hardy John Houston Bain	9 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study Mille Vandys	10 2 10:00 Threads of Agape 1:00 Pickleball for Members Claire Hardy
11 Mother's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members Liam Nettles	12 6:00 Board of Trustees Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	13 11:30 49ers 6:00 Board of Stewards Meeting Mary Goode Shany Ezell	14 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 1:00 Pickleball for Members Kent Edwards	15 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study 1:00 Pickleball for Members Kay Cox	16 10:00 Threads of Agape 1:00 Pickleball for Members Carrie Vereen Jason Lasiter	17 3 10:00 Threads of Agape 1:00 Pickleball for Members Claire Hardy
18 7:00 Easter Sunrise Service 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 New Member Class 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 SPRC Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	19 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Blanche Greer Circle 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	20 6:00 5-week Bible Study 1:00 Pickleball for Members Mary Goode Shany Ezell	21 10:00 Anne Ratliff Circle 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 1:00 Pickleball for Members Gordon Farley	22 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study 4:00 Helping Hands Meal at First Pres. 1:00 Pickleball for Members Gordon Farley	23 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study 4:00 Helping Hands Meal at First Pres. 1:00 Pickleball for Members Mary McFarland	24 10:00 Threads of Agape 1:00 Pickleball for Members Rebecca Gentry
25 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 New Member Class 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	26 Memorial Day Office - CLOSED 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	27 Abadi MT Condensed Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	28 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	29 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Meal 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	30 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Meal 1:00 Pickleball for Members Eleanor Bain	31 10:00 Threads of Agape 1:00 Pickleball for Members Claire Hardy

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on May 4th for the glory of God by Jane May in memory of her husband's, Doug's, birthday.



Altar Flowers are given on May 11th for the glory of God by Nola Chaplin in loving memory of the birthday of her mother, Sara Savage.

Altar Flowers are given on May 18th for the glory of God by Sam and Jane Foster in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Narthex Flowers are given on May 18th for the glory of God by Darrell and Judy Querin in honor of their 62nd Anniversary.

Altar Flowers are given on May 25th for the glory of God by Linda Whisnant in memory of David Whisnant, her husband.

The 49ers will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 11:30am in Poston Hall. We will end the year playing BINGO. The church will provide the chicken and tea. Please bring your favorite side to share and come and enjoy the fun with us!

New Member Classes will be held on May 18, 25 and June 1 at 9:00am in Poston Hall. If you're already a member but would like to know more about the United Methodist Church you are also welcome to join us. Our new members will be joining our congregation during worship on Sunday, June 8. Thank you.

5-Week Bible Study

Title: Psalms according to the lectionary

Overview: We will study the Psalms using the weekly Revised Common Lectionary scriptures. The Bible study will last five weeks.

Dates and Time: May 20 - June 17 (each Tuesday) at 6 pm

Being taught by DiAndra Jefferies

The Helping Hands Committee is happy to announce their next homeless meal ministry to be held on **THURSDAY, MAY 22**, at First Presbyterian Church. Sign-up sheets are available after worship service today and on April 27. Thank you for your never-ending kindness and outpouring of love to our neighbors in need.



	March 30	April 6	April 13	April 20
Received	\$7,724	\$7,088	\$5,904	\$8,797
Non-Restricted	\$111,206	\$742	\$14	\$133
Restricted	\$618	\$238	\$161	\$225
Total	\$119,548	\$8,068	\$6,079	\$9,155
Sunday School	22	21	18	17
Worship	92	87	87	139

*If you would like to put church-related information in the Newsletter, please send an email with your "blurb" to churchsecretary@stpumc.org before the Newsletter deadline date, May 19th. Thank you!

VBS Save-the-Date! June 2nd - June 6th

A Way Home: The community's temporary shelter program for homeless families in Spartanburg County has been resurrected! Formerly known as SPIHN, the program has been named A WAY HOME. Local churches will provide shelter, food, and other needs in a loving, safe environment for these families and children in need.

Once again, Saint Paul will serve as a host church. We are thrilled that Bethel UMC will partner with us as our support church.

Our first rotation is Sunday, June 29 to Sunday, July 6. There will be a congregational call in the near future for Saint Paul volunteers to assist in this meaningful and critically important ministry. Thank you!