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The Epistle

News For The Weeks Of
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

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Return Services Requested

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!



Volunteers for June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

Communion Assistants	06/01	Jean Ogden, Lisa Stamm, Kay Cox, Carol Mabry
	07/06	Carol Mabry, Kay Cox, Paula Fernandez
Worship Greeters	06/01	Lois Reinhardt, Kay Cox, Linda Hodge, Suzanne Seager
	06/08	Eileen & Mike Byers, Nancy Curry, Jim Harrison
	06/15	Mickey Wingo, Kemp Sigmon, Jim & Marian Hampton
	06/22	Kathy Angle, Candice Thomason, Carol Sanders, Judy Lamb
	06/29	Kay McBee, Bob McFarland, Sam & Jane Foster
	07/06	Darrell & Judy Querin, Lee & Larry Owens
	07/13	Lois Reinhardt, Kay Cox, Linda Hodge, Suzanne Seager
	07/20	Eileen & Mike Byers, Nancy Curry, Jim Harrison
Worship Ushers	07/27	Mickey Wingo, Kemp Sigmon, Jim & Marian Hampton
	06/01	Fern Powell, Kay McBee
	06/08	Rick Harward, Henry Calhoun
	06/15	Bob McFarland, Ray Parker
	06/22	Guy Davis, Kemp Sigmon
	06/29	Rick Boss, Mike Byers
	07/06	Ray Parker, Phil Womble
	07/13	Jay Hampton, Sam Foster
Liturgist	07/20	Fern Powell, Kay McBee
	07/27	Rick Harward, Henry Calhoun
	06/01	Chris Boyett
	06/08	Paula Fernandez
	06/15	Wanda Steele
	06/22	Bob McFarland
	06/29	Susan Wingo
	07/06	Lee Owens
Offering Depositor	07/13	Jean Ogden
	07/20	Fern Powell
	07/27	Roland Smith
	06/01	Shany Ezell
	06/08	Hamp Lindsey
	06/15	Sam Foster
	06/22	Kay McBee
	06/29	Zach Davis
	07/06	Bob McFarland
	07/13	Chris Boyett
	07/20	Kay Cox
	07/27	Shany Ezell

Altar Guild - June: Page Candler, Chris Boyett, Marsha Milford;
July: Suzanne Seager, Laurie Wilson

Caring Casserole Volunteers - June: Michele Bishop, Susan Owens;
July: Page Candler, Kathy Angle

The Pastor's Pen

This week I had an epiphany, thanks to a book suggestion from our very own Linda Whisnant! She recommended a book title *Awe*, by Dacher Keltner, and as I listened to that book this week I received a message from God. First, a little background into the secret lives of preachers...we REALLY want to engage our congregations in worship. And there seems to be no more difficult time to do this than in the aptly named ORDINARY TIME. That is the time between Pentecost and Advent. It's a big chunk of the calendar without any major Christian holy days. And truth be told, it can get a little boring. This seems to be most evident during the summer time when school's out, the sun is shining longer, and many of us are hitting the road for some well-deserved rest and vacation. It's hard to build momentum in worship as people come and go and have other exciting things to occupy their time.

I have been particularly struggling this past month with what I wanted to preach during the summer months. I have stared at my computer screen, talked with clergy colleagues about what they are doing, and spent time in prayer listening for an answer from God. And truth be told, I was frustrated and not excited. Until, *Awe*. After listening to just the first section, I knew, without a doubt that Saint Paul needed a SUMMER OF AWE! Sometimes God speaks in mysterious ways, through book suggestions and the science of everyday wonder and how it can transform your life.

So, starting June 8th and running through July 20th we will be hearing stories of awe from the Bible. But more than that, I hope that you will share moments of awe with me and the congregation throughout the summer. Whether you're traveling across the country, enjoying time at the lake, or simply soaking in the peace of a slower season, I know that you will find awe this summer. And when you do, I hope that you take a picture, write a journal entry, send a text or an email so that we can share in the awe together. I want to share these stories in worship, through social media, and in our weekly emails! Not only will it be a way for us to stay connected through the summer, but also to be more in touch with the God of wonder we worship together.

I pray that this summer brings joy, renewal, safety, and AWE! This is going to be an incredible SUMMER OF AWE as we recognize the way that God is moving in the world around us.

Let the SUMMER OF AWE begin!

Peace,
Pastor Megan



JUNE 2025	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 New Members Class 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 6:00 UMM	2 VBS	3 VBS 6:00 Bible Study	4 VBS 6:30 Choir Rehearsal *Deb Teagan	5 VBS	6	7	
8 Pentecost Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 New Member Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members *Raelynn Cooke	9	10 6:00 Bible Study	11 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	12 *Doug Remeta	13 *Amy Schanen	14 2:00 Visitation 3:00 Memorial Service-Mary McFarland	
15 Father's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	16 6:00 Finance Comm. Mtg. *Kaylene Wilber, Candice Thomason	17 6:00 Bible Study	18 6:30 Choir Rehearsal *Ashley Cooksey	19 *Sam Whitt	20 10:00 Threads of Agape	21 *Teri Antonio-Librado	
22 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 New Member Class 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members *Debbie Whitt	23 Newsletter Deadline *Dale King, Kevin Boyett	24 *Jim Harrison	25 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	26 5:30 Fellowship Meal	27	28	
29 A Way Home Week 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members *Chip Steele	30 A Way Home *Connie Muzzy	*BIRTHDAYS					

JULY 2025	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 A Way Home 6:00 Bible Study *Cynthia Godfrey, Jeff Ethington	2 A Way Home	3 A Way Home Office CLOSED	4 th of July A Way Home	5 A Way Home
6 A Way Home 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 New Member Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	7 *Morgan and Ford Traxler	8	9 *Frances Maness, Riann Whitt	10	11 *Rebecca Parrish	12	
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	14 6:30 Board of Trustees Meeting *Kathy Rogers	15 *Marsha Milford	16	17 *A.D. Page, Jr.	18 10:00 Threads of Agape	19 *Veneal Williams	
20 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 New Member Class 10:00 Worship Service ~11:15 SPRC Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members *Larry Owens	21 Newsletter Deadline *Jon Godfrey	22	23 *Marion Pittman, Tiffany Hampton	24	25 *Homer Gary	26 *Cathryn Gentry	
27 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members *Rhonda Hatchette	28 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting	29 *Johnette Smith, Remsen Parrish	30 *Ballenger Cooksey	31 5:30 Fellowship Meal		*BIRTHDAYS	

Altar & Narthex Flowers



Altar Flowers are given on June 1st for the glory of God by Fern Powell in memory of her mom’s, Sandra Powell’s, birthday.

Altar Flowers are given on June 8th for the glory of God by Kathy Angle in memory of Donna and Gerald Angle.

Altar Flowers are given on June 15th for the glory of God by Rick and Donna Harward in memory of Donna’s dad, who would’ve been 91 on his birthday.

Narthex Flowers are given on June 15th for the glory of God by Nancy Bane.

Altar Flowers are given on June 22nd for the glory of God by Linda Whisnant in memory of David Whisnant, her husband.

Altar Flowers are given on June 29th for the glory of God by Jack and Karen Moyer in memory of Thelma Lewis’s birthday on June 28.

Altar Flowers are given on July 6th for the glory of God by Candice Thomason in memory of Bill Cook.

Altar Flowers are given on July 13th for the glory of God by Charlie Milford in honor of Marsha Milford.

Altar Flowers are given on July 20th for the glory of God by Page Candler in loving memory of Peter Ransom Candler.

Narthex Flowers are given on July 20th for the glory of God by Darrell and Judy Querin in memory of Marlene Querin.

Altar Flowers are given on July 27th for the glory of God by Phil and Judy Womble in honor of their children and grandchildren.

*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, July 21st. Thank you!