



St. Paul's Waccamaw

United Methodist Church

Pawleys Island, SC

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

E Letter

January 12, 2018

Starting this Sunday January 14, 2018 worship services will be 8:45am Traditional and 11:00 am Celebration Service Sunday School at 10:00am.

“Our Cottage Dinners kickoff party will be next Friday, January 12, at 6:00 pm in Berly Hall. This is when everyone will find out what dinner group they are in, and have a chance to get together with their group to schedule their first dinner. It will be a time of fun and fellowship for all who signed up.”

Need Volunteers for Baskervill Food Pantry

St. Paul's WUMC serves the Pantry every Tuesday. We urgently need additional volunteers. We were short this week and found a volunteer on an emergency basis. Without this person generously and unexpectedly giving his time, the pantry would have been shut down leaving those who needed food to wait until tomorrow. This is an opportunity to serve the local community and to fellowship with your fellow congregational members. If you want to volunteer occasionally, monthly or more often, please contact Anne Lawrence, Co-Chair Missions (843-237-5129 or AofAandB@sc.rr.com).

What Our Peanut Butter Collection Means to Pawleys Island

- St. Paul's is 1 of 7 churches contributing to Baskervill Food Pantry.
- Our peanut butter (PB) is part of the food provided.
- Your donations on the first Sunday of each month are used to buy PB at rock-bottom prices—Carrie and Al Smith take advantage of bargains and have been successful at getting PB from \$1.00 to \$1.49/jar!

The need is great and increases every year. In 2017:

- The pantry served 2051 households.
- A total of 5598 individuals.

- An increase of 12.3% over 2016!

Those involved in running the pantry expressed their gratitude for the blessings of ongoing support by donors, volunteers and friends of the Pantry. To that, the Mission Committee adds its “Thank you.”

St. Paul’s Helping Hand Fund

St. Paul’s Waccamaw United Methodist Church has a special fund which is separate from its operating moneys—it is supported by gifts, not by the budget. The fund is designed to provide aid to our members in their time of extreme personal hardship, tragedy or catastrophe; and when that need is beyond the member’s and their immediate family’s resources, capability or other resources. The fund is administered on a very confidential basis so there is no need for anyone needing help to be embarrassed about requesting it. If you are in need (or know someone who is), the easiest place to start is by talking to Rev. Scott Efird.

Thanks!
Anne

Please Return Keys to Dave Streeter if you are no longer a Committee Chairperson.

Thank you....

January 2018 Treasurer Update

January 5, 2018

Financial Status Report

The December financial status report to the congregation will be distributed on January 14th as part of the bulletin. Here is the summary in advance of the report:

December income exceeded expenses by \$17,873. Income was better than the budget by \$8,980. Expenses were less than the budget by \$6,981.

YTD expenses have exceeded income by \$6,123. YTD income is short of the budget by \$38,076. YTD expenses are less than the budget by \$38,553.

Significant Factors: Pledge and non-pledge income was strong in December. For the year, we received 97.3% of budgeted pledge income. Non-pledge income was short of the budget by 21%. Our unrestricted cash balance recovered from negative \$14,000 in November to a positive balance of \$1,580 at year end.

e-giving

Now is a good time to sign up for e-giving for the new year. You can set up your pledge giving and other donations to St. Paul’s Waccamaw UMC. Go to St. Paul’s website (saintpaulsumc.com) and click on the online giving box. If you prefer, you can set up online giving with a paper form available from the church office.

A reminder to all those who have been using e-giving, please be sure to update your donation amounts if your pledge has changed for 2018. These changes are easily edited in the “My Scheduled Transactions” section once you login to your e-giving account. Call Dave Streeter if you have any questions or need assistance (contact information listed below).

2018 Budget Approved by the Church Council

The 2018 budget for St. Paul's Waccamaw UMC on December 14th by the Church Council. The budget has planned income of \$498K and expenses of \$497K. I anticipate some small updates as we implement the budget in our accounting system. This budget is nearly \$50K less than the budget for 2017. Because of the reduced budget, many budget line items were affected and will require careful attention as we move through the year.

2017 Reflections

I have learned a lot about the role and duties of treasurer this year. I am thankful to those who have assisted me and offered advice. I am also thankful for the patience of the staff and congregation as I have implemented some new procedures and methods. Here is a short list of changes / improvements put in place this past year:

- Implemented a digital filing system for all invoices and vouchers
- Implemented a credit card use approval form to manage credit card expenditures
- Transitioned to auto bill payments for recurring bills to save on postage, checks and administration
- Implemented the e-giving program – 20 people have used e-giving; 18 automatic donation plans in place
- Implemented a monthly congregation financial status report and TreasurerUpdate (ongoing changes based on feedback)

If you have any questions, need assistance or have suggestions, please feel free to call or email me. You can reach me at 703-786-0670 (cell) or 843-314-3539 (home). My home email address is: dstreeter@usa.net; Church email address: treasurer@saintpaulsumc.com.

With love and blessings,

Dave Streeter

St. Paul's Waccamaw UMC Treasurer

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Starting January 2, 2018 there will be new church office hours.

Monday thru Thursday: 9am - 4:00pm

Friday: 9am - 1:00 pm

Funtastics News

Funtastics have reserved 2 days for Yawkey Wildlife Preserve Tours. The tours are from 10 am to 2 pm.

January 17 (Wednesday)

January 25 (Thursday)

There is no charge and the tours are in a comfortable van.

If you are interested, call Ann Hammond 843-237-1254 for information or to reserve seats.

REMINDER 2018 Flower Chart

Please sign - up for Altar Flowers for 2018. The Flower Chart is in the Narthex for sign-ups. The cost of the flowers are \$55.00. Thank you in advance for signing up for a Sunday Service. Any questions please call the church office.

**Reminder for saving canceled stamps. We need your canceled stamps from all your Christmas cards, etc. Basket is inside the door of Berly Hall that opens from the outside. This is a year around project.
Thank you Roslyn**

The Marion Mission Storehouse is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers and acts as a distribution center to ship needed items to our Christian workers in Africa. The Mission is a vital connection in the life and work of the United Methodist Church in Africa. Their purpose is to empower the African church to become self sustaining in its work and ministry.

For over 46 years the Marion Mission Storehouse (MMS) has been a vital link and tool in the life and work of the United Methodist Church in Congo and Zambia. Since 2000 over 1 million pair of shoes have been shipped through the MMS to people who otherwise go barefoot and live with parasites that can be prevented by wearing shoes. Along with shoes, used clothing, medical supplies, maternity and baby items are also provided. School children receive backpacks with school supplies.

One or two times a year, Large containers (semi-Truck size!) are sent to Africa. The cost of the shipping something like that is expensive and takes six months to get there and travels by ships. One of the ways to defray the cost of shipping is by earning the money to send their con-tainers to Africa (it costs about \$15,000 - \$20,000 per container) by saving postage stamps. Do remember that no prepaid stamps can be used.

Marion Mission Storehouse requests that the stamps keep coming. The Storehouse is run by volunteers. They ask that we continue to pray for the Storehouse, its mission, and all the volunteers.

The UMW would like to thank all of those who have donated stamps . Keep them coming!!

**2018 Men's Ministry Weekend
Christ United Methodist Church, Myrtle Beach, SC
February 16-18, 2018**

REGISTER

Event Information

DESCRIPTION

This is a Spiritual Gathering of men with one purpose, to equip men to become men that God can use in their families, churches, and communities. The event is designed to help men grow deeper in faith through worship, music and workshops lead by leading pastors and laity in ministry to men. This weekend is designed specifically to help men stay planted in the fertile soil of salvation, keep in the full sun of Jesus, and be watered well by Gods word. Methodist men of South Carolina believe by disciplining men, the Church will grow. As the church grows, the world will be a better place, one soul at a time. Come join us. Come see what God is doing through men in South Carolina. Come with open minds, thirsty to soak up spirit of Christ. Come and see.....

If you are interested in being part of the volunteer effort of this event please contact the Men'n Ministry Leadership team at menministriysc@gmail.com

Things To Do In Myrtle Beach, SC Conference Spirituality

SHARE WITH FRIENDS

Facebook

Facebook Messenger

LinkedIn

Twitter

email

DATE AND TIME

Fri, Feb 16, 2018, 2:00 PM –
Sat, Feb 17, 2018, 9:00 PM EST

Add to Calendar

LOCATION

Christ United
2901 Fantasy Way
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

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Prayer Concerns

Church Family

Norma Wolfe
Tom Kelly
Garland Porterfield
Jack Dempsey
Ed Osterhuber
Alan Farley
Debbie Cooper
Teresa Duffee
Harlan MCCaskill
Jacque Way
Dianne Lykins
Chris Hogan
Pat Shelly
Dave & Linda Chevine
Al Smith
Walters Family
Imogene Friedrich
Josie Shehane
Doyle & Honey Yates
Barb Evans
Bruce Nicoll

Eva Baxter
Mary Seipel
Sam Calhoun
Joe English
Keith Black Family

Family & Friends

Jacquelyn & Chris May Robin
Ken Biddle
Lee Hackney Speakmon
Sam Fish
Timothy Wainscott
Corrie Farrar
Rosa Speranzo
Bill Damron
Henry Culberson
Alice Dorosh
Mary Cannon
Jim Panos
Barb Wells
Mark Stevens
Joann Lekperic

Barbara Peterson
Marlene Henke
Dokota Miller
Jayne Cannon
Matt Nation
Rosalee Sites

TOOMBS KAY MINISTRY

Joe & Joanne Goldy
Lloyd Waniscott
Dottie Bodie
Arline Cribb
Don & Pat Kennedy
Jim Reitano
Mae Fuerneisen
Doris Lanier
Marge Rinehart
Betty Greenwood
Jim Simmons
Bob Ottinger

This Week's Events

Sunday,

January 14

8:45 am: Traditional Service

9:45 am: Coffee/Fellowship

10:00 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Celebration Service

1:30 pm: The Lakes of Litchfield Service (Pastor Scott)

Monday,

January 15

Office Closed in Observance of Rev. Martin Luther King's Birthday

10:00 am: Students of the Word, (Mon.-Thur., Friendship Room, Fri. Youth Bldg.)

10:00 am: Social Day Program- Respite Care, Youth Building

6:00 pm: POW Bible Study, Wings Room (People of the Word)

Tuesday,

January 16

9:00 am: Handbell Rehearsal

10:00 am: UMW General Meeting, Berly Hall

5:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Youth Building

6:00 pm: Finance, Discovery

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts, Youth Building

7:00 pm: AA Meeting, Joy Room

Wednesday,

January 17

10:00 am: Social Day Program – Respite Care, Youth Building

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

6:00 pm: M2P Band Rehearsal, Berly Hall

7:15 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday,

January 18

8:00 am: Men's Bible Study, Discovery Room

10:00 am: Bible Study, Wings, Room

11:45 am: Evangelism Meeting, Discovery Room

7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous, Joy Room

Friday,

October 13

7:00 pm: AA, Joy Room

Saturday,

October 14

7:00 pm: AA, Joy Room

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Theme: Cross Words

**12:00 pm each Wednesday during Lent,
followed by a light lunch**

February 21: Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Preaching: Jason Roberson

February 28: Service at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Church

Preaching: Father Paul MacNeil

March 7: Service at All Saints Church

Preaching: Frank Holsclaw

March 14: Service at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Preaching: Percy Strickland

March 21: Service at Precious Blood Of Christ Catholic Church

Preaching: Mitchel Adger

Dear St Paul's Church Family,

It is with much sadness that John and I say our goodbyes. We are looking forward to our new adventure in Ohio. Sunday, the 14th will be our last Sunday here at St. Paul's. My last day in the Church Office will be the 19th of January. We will certainly miss our family here, you have all been great in helping us through my father's passing, it meant a lot to us. I want to thank the staff for their support and friendship. Most of all I would like to thank the congregation for their love, understanding, and kindness through all these years. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Church Secretary. I know I will leave the office in good hands with Cindy Smith.

Blessings and much love,

Pat

“Lord we pray for the ongoing blessing of the Holy Spirit on this community of believers, at St. Paul's. Guide St. Paul's as it grows as a church, and give it prayerful discernment as it navigates the challenges ahead. Strengthen bonds with fellow members. Give the boldness to take new steps in faith and also the humility to remember that St. Paul's is just one part of the body of Christ. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.”