



St. Paul's Waccamaw

United Methodist Church
Pawleys Island, SC

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

E Letter

November 9, 2017

Angel Tree

Many children on this year's Angel Tree list need warm clothing. The tree will be up in the Narthex and available for you to choose your Angel on Sunday, November 19.

Instructions and suggestions are attached to each Angel. Please be sure to sign the sheet on the table in the narthex so that we know for certain each child was taken care of. Gifts must be back no later than the 10 AM service on December 3 so that arrangements can be made to deliver them to the schools without the children knowing about them.

Without your help, a child in Pawleys Island may not get a Christmas gift. For some, the gifts you give may be their only ones. All "Angels" are local Waccamaw school children (ages 14 and under) who are identified by school nurses as being in greater need than others. Most have specific basic clothing needs.

And the good news is this—due to your generosity, this congregation has provided Christmas gifts for 2,431 children over the past 20 years!

Note: There will be gift bags in the Narthex for your uses. These were generously donated by a member of the congregation.

Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival - The Year of the Angels

Begin the Christmas Holiday Season with a trip to Mepkin Abbey at Moncks Corner to tour the 2017 Creche Festival. This is a special exhibit of nativity scenes from around the world.

We will leave from the church parking lot at **8:30 AM on November 30, 2017**.
Our tour begins at **exactly 11:00 AM** and will accommodate 20 persons.

Following the tour, we will enjoy a boxed lunch, leaving plenty of leisure time to tour the beautiful Mepkin Abby grounds with a splendid view of the Cooper River. The Abby also boasts a delightful gift shop.

The deadline for reservations is **Wednesday, November 15, 2017**. The cost \$5.00 per person, due at the time of reservations.

Please make your reservations early to enjoy this wonderful trip by calling **Shirley Mayhew at 843-235-9303**.

Santa Workshop Volunteers Needed

Friday December 15th, 2017

5:30 to 9:00 pm.

This is for parents to drop of their children so they can do some Christmas shopping without their children, Also we will be having a Kids Christmas store. If you can please donate slightly small used gift or new ones. Any questions please call the church office at 843-237-2294.

Live Outdoor Nativity

Our Live Nativity Needs You!

The Live Nativity will be Sunday December 17. If you are willing to be part of the Nativity, to help serve hot chocolate, to help set up beforehand, or to be involved in any way, please contact Aimee Efirid. We will have an organizational meeting Wednesday, December 7, at 5:00.

November 2017 Treasurer Update

Nov 8, 2017

Financial Status Reports

The October financial status report to the congregation will be distributed on November 12th as part of the bulletin.

October 2017 was a good financial month. Our income was slightly over the budget by \$1,407, while our expenses were \$4,266 less than the budget.

Our YTD income is short of the budget by \$34,985. Our YTD expenses are \$29,495 below the budget. For the year thus far, our actual expenses are about \$15,919 more than income, largely due to September income shortfalls. October pledges exceeded the plan by over \$6,000, however, non-pledge receipts continue to lag, down 24% for the year.

2018 Budget Income Concerns

We are still working on the 2018 budget for St. Paul's Waccamaw UMC. Progress has been very slow due to uncertainty on budget income.

Consecration Sunday was October 15th. We received 78 pledge cards totaling \$314,286. Since then, an additional 8 pledge cards have been submitted, increasing our 2018 pledge total to \$337,192.

Of the 86 pledge cards, 18 are new from last year's pledge baseline – very encouraging. However, there are between 30 - 40 pledges from 2017 that have not pledged for 2018.

We need your help. The Finance Committee is requesting that anyone who plans to submit a financial pledge do so within the next week, if possible. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex, the church office or can be downloaded from St. Paul's website: www.saintpaulsumc.com. This will allow the committee to make progress on the 2018 budget.

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

May the Lord bless each of you and our Church.

Dave Streeter
St. Paul's Waccamaw UMC Treasurer

PRAYER CONCERNS

Church Family

Olivia Huggins
Jacque Way
Chris Hogan
Daryl Greene
Karen Sinkway
Pat Shelly
Jackie Formato
Brenda Harman
Ed Osterhuber
Dave & Linda Chevine
Joanne Gantt
Jean Elmore
Al Smith
Walter's Family
Imogene Friedrich
Martha Hoyns
Josie Shehanne
Doyle & Honey Yates
Barb Evans

Bruce Nicoll
Eva Baxter
Mary Seipel
Sam Calhoun

Family & Friends

Jacquelyn & Chris May
Corrie Farrar
Rosa Speranzo
Bill Damron
Henry Culberson
Alice Dorosh
Mary Cannon
Jim Panos
Barb Wells
Mark Stevens
Annie Mara
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

REMINDER

A new social ministry is forming called Cottage Dinners, for ANY adult in the church, whether a single, a couple, member or attending non-member - anyone who would like to socialize with other church members, share a meal and have an evening of fun and fellowship.

Here is how it will work. We will divide those who want to participate into groups of 8. Each group of eight will get together throughout the year for dinner, with each couple or person taking a turn at hosting a dinner in your home for your group. How that is accomplished, how often you meet, and where you meet is decided by each group. If the group occasionally wants to go to a restaurant, that is fine. Each dinner group decides for themselves.

After a year, we mix up the groups, and start all over again forming new groups. It is that simple. Our fervent hope and goal is to bring our church family together in love and fellowship so that we form a stronger bond with one another.

If you would like to try out our Cottage Dinners, please contact either Ginny Hoover at 843-651-0430 or Carol Streeter at 843-314-3539 with your names, address, phone number and email address BEFORE NOVEMBER 30. After that, we will work on setting up the individual groups

Mark your calendars!! On Friday, January 12, 2018, at 6:00 pm, we will have a Mocktail Mixer party for all participants. At that party, you will find out who is in your dinner group, and you will have an opportunity to get together to decide where and when your first Cottage Dinner will take place.

We sincerely hope everyone will want to participate in this exciting and fun ministry.

Upcoming Events

November 12: Veteran's Day Sunday

**December Services will be at 10:00 am
(Only one service for the month of December)**

This Week's Events

Sunday, November 12

- 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 (Jesse & Gay)

Monday, November 13

- 10:00 am: Grief Share, Wings Room
- 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, November 14

- 9:00 am: Handbell Rehearsal
- 10:00 am: MOPS
- 5:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Youth Building
- 5:30 pm: Finance Meeting, Discovery
- 6:00 pm: Patrol Leaders Council Meeting, Friendship Room
- 7:00 pm: Trustees Meeting, Discovery Room
- 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts, Youth Building
- 7:00 pm: AA Meeting, Joy Room

Wednesday, November 15

- 10:00 am: Social Day Program – Respite Care, Youth Building
- 10:00 am: Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm: M2P Choir Rehearsal

7:15 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16

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

10:00 am: MMO

10:00 am: Book Club, Discovery Room

10:00 am: Bible Study, Wings, Room

7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous, Joy Room

Friday, November 18

7:00 pm: AA, Joy Room

Saturday, November 19

7:00 pm: AA, Joy Room

OUR SERVICE: Sunday, November 12, 2017 8:45

Altar Guild: Judy Virnelson

The Altar Flowers: Are given to the glory God by Blanche Perotti in memory of Loved Ones.

Acolyte: Kyle Player

Crucifer: John Armstrong

Reader: Ginny Hoover

Ushers: John & Pat Armstrong

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Reader: Carolyn McGill

Ushers: Steve & Delisa Staton

Thank You, Veteran

As Christians in America,
We put God number one.
He so loved the world
That He sent His only Son.

Christians love America,
And for our nation we pray
That God will give us mercy.
Some pray this every day.

Many veterans live among us.
Part of their lives they gave,
Serving these United States.
Freedom, they wanted to save.

Thank you, honored veterans,
For serving our great nation.

We know it was not easy,
Moving from station to station.

Some of you dear veterans
Fought for our great land.
You risked your life to go,
And for freedom took a stand!

We must not ever forget
Those who gave their lives,
Fighting for our country,
Leaving parents, kids, and wives.

Thank you, dear veterans.
On Veteran's Day, we honor you.
You served this nation well.
For it, you stood so true