



Saint Paul United Methodist Church
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The Epistle

News For The Weeks Of
March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2025

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Return Services Requested

Volunteers for March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2025

Communion Assistants	03/02	Carol Mabry, Henry Calhoun,, Kay Cox, Lisa Stamm
	03/02	Darrell & Judy Querin, Lee & Larry Owens
	03/09	Lois Reinhardt, Kay Cox, Linda Hodge, Suzanne Seager
Worship Greeters	03/16	Eileen & Mike Byers, Nancy Curry, Jim Harrison
	03/23	Marsha Milford, Michele Bishop, Jim & Marian Hampton
	03/30	Kathy Angle, Candice Thomason, Carol Sanders, Judy Lamb
Worship Ushers	03/02	Rick Harward, Henry Calhoun
	03/09	Bob McFarland, Ray Parker
	03/16	Guy Davis, Kemp Sigmon
	03/23	Rick Boss, Mike Byers
	03/30	Ray Parker, Phil Womble
Liturgist	03/02	Deb Schumann
	03/09	Fern Powell
	03/16	Zach Davis
	03/23	Paula Fernandez
	03/30	Wanda Steele
Offering Depositor	03/02	Kay McBee
	03/09	Zach Davis
	03/16	Bob McFarland
	03/23	Chris Boyett
	03/30	Kay Cox

Altar Guild - March:
Page Candler, Chris Boyett, Marsha Milford

Caring Casserole Volunteers - March:
Nancy Omer, Suzanne Seager

The Pastor's Pen

The great and abiding metaphor of Lent is journey. As followers of Jesus, we travel with him on his last journey to Jerusalem and along the way, we explore what discipleship really means. If you have been a Jesus follower for a number of years then this journey will be familiar. But it will also be unfamiliar. Each year we explore similar Scripture passages but each year we are slightly different people, we have experienced more and hopefully learned more than we had this time last year.

This year, our lectionary focus passages shape our journey as a spiral, that wonderful symbol that is important in so many religious practices around the world. Sometimes we feel that we are in the same place we were last year, as if our lives were one simple circle. But it is not so. If we pay attention, what appears to be a simple circle turns out to be a complex spiral and we are never in the same place on the spiral as we were last year or any other year. We have, perhaps, moved a little further into the mystery of our existence and, at the same time, perhaps a little further out into the mystery of the world.

This season, as we explore the lectionary texts that are our focus, we move from the furthest outer reaches of the spiral into the mysterious heart of our individual and communal relationship with God. God always calls us deeper into the mystery of our lives, deeper into the mystery of the promises that God makes to the whole earth. We, all of us, together, have the great privilege and responsibility at all times in our lives, but especially during this Season of **Grace and Peace,** Lent of travelling more deeply into God's promises.

Pastor Megan



Journey with Jesus: A Lenten Pilgrimage of Grace

Spartanburg Area UMC Lenten Lunch Services

Wednesdays during Lent

Worship begins at Noon
followed by a free meal provided by the host church

An offering will be collected each week for Maggie Valley UMC for their
Hurricane Helene efforts

Date	Host	Preacher
3/12	Central UMC	Rev. Megan Gray
3/19	St. James UMC	Rev. Cam Treece
3/26	Trinity UMC	Rev. Brad Gray
4/2	St. Paul UMC	Rev. Morris Waymer Jr.
4/9	Silver Hill UMC	Rev. Andrew Wolfe
4/16	Bethel UMC	Rev. Ricky Howell

March 2025

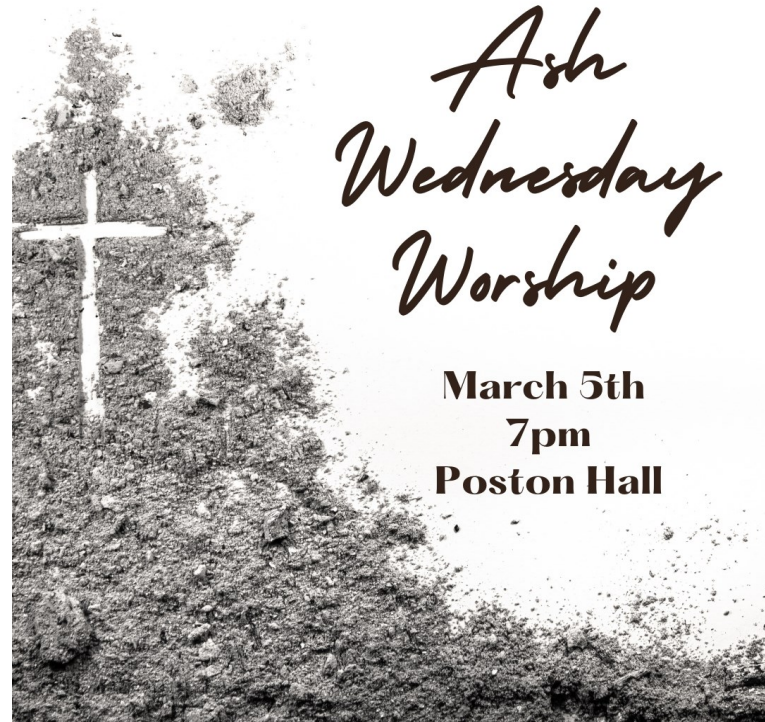
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 7:30 UMM 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 4:00 Survey of the Old Testament June Wasness Beth Fenner Lamar Davis Kathy Angle	3 Lindsey Graham Lydia Vereen	4 6:30 6-week Lenten Study	5 Ash Wednesday 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service Phil Womble	6 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study Henry Purdy	7 10:00 Threads of Agape Madelynn Purdy	8 Guy Davis
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 4:00 Survey of the Old Testament Suzanne Mauldin	10 6:30 Board of Trustees Meeting Lindsey Graham Lydia Vereen	11 11:30 49ers 6:30 6-week Lenten Study	12 12:00 Lenten Lunch-Central UMC 6:00 Choir Rehearsal Phil Womble	13 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study Henry Purdy	14 Madelynn Purdy	15 Guy Davis
16 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service ~11:15 SPRC Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members 4:00 Survey of the Old Testament Suzanne Mauldin	17 10:00 Blanche Greer Circle Blanche Greer	18 6:30 6-week Lenten Study Ann Jackson Ted Fansher	19 10:00 Anne Ratliff Circle 12:00 Lenten Lunch-St. James UMC 6:00 Choir Rehearsal Jane May	20 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study Neth Nettles	21 10:00 Threads of Agape Madelynn Purdy	22 Guy Davis
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 4:00 Survey of the Old Testament Julie Smith Karen Moyer	24 Newsletter Deadline Deb Schumann	25 6:30 6-week Lenten Study	26 12:00 Lenten Lunch-Trinity UMC 6:00 Choir Rehearsal Jane May	27 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Meal Henry Purdy	28 Madelynn Purdy	29 Guy Davis
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Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on March 9th for the glory of God by Linda Whisnant in honor of her sons, Clayton and Aaron.



Altar Flowers are given on March 16th for the glory of God by Zach and Vanesa Davis in celebration of their Anniversary.



Financials & Attendance

	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16
Received	\$3,036	\$9,775	\$27,580	\$12,140
Non-Restricted Contributed	\$1	\$1,466	\$483	\$57
Restricted	\$339	\$2,952	\$560	\$490
Total	\$3,376	\$14,193	\$28,623	\$12,687
Sunday School	25	23	23	24
Worship Service	96	84	86	58

*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, March 24th. Thank you!

Church Grounds Clean-up Day: Saturday, March 1, 10:00am-1:00pm, Breakfast Refreshments at 9:00am. Please sign-up by calling our Church Office and letting them know you can help out! We need your help in beautifying our church grounds. Thank you.

The 49ers will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 11:30am. We will explore the safest ways to use the internet, access information on websites and learn the difference between having a social media account (i.e. Facebook) hacked and/or having the account hijacked. We'll also discuss options advertised by antivirus programs and what their product offerings mean. This Learning session will be presented by Chris Boyett who is teaching a more detailed class at Life Long Learning at Wofford. You'll learn more about the church's webpage and other helpful hints. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. The church will provide the chicken and tea.

The Blanche Greer Circle will meet on Monday, March 17, at the church in Poston Hall at 10:00. Light refreshments will be served.

Saint Paul UMC Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 19th
10:30am

Please join us for our
Annual Easter Egg Hunt!



Bring your basket and
join your friends!