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### The Epistle

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Sunday Service at 10:00 A.M.

News For The Weeks Of September 19, & 26, and  
October 3, 10, & 17, 2022

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*Return Services Requested*



### Saint Paul UMC Fall Festival: October 22, 5:00 to 7:00pm

Join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship! There will be a Bounce House, Carnival Games, Prizes, Dinner and More! It's FREE and Open for ALL! We hope to see you there!

Note: If you would like to be one of our volunteers to help us make it happen, please feel free to call the Church Office and let us know (864-582-4040). Thanks!

## The Pastor's Pen

It hardly seems possible that I am starting my third month here at Saint Paul! While I am enjoying my time here, there still seems to be so much I have to learn, including so many names! Thank you for your patience and thanks for still telling me your names!

As I am getting to know you, you are also getting to know me, so let me share a bit more. I am living on Bennett Dairy Road in a subdivision called Bella Casa. You may have noticed it if you have been to John's Café. It is nice not being too far from the church and so many things are conveniently located nearby.

My schedule varies from week to week depending on the needs of the church. In general, Monday through Thursdays I am in the office, especially in the mornings, though I do go out as pastoral care concerns demand. Sometimes I will not be in the office on a Monday, as I like to do sermon preparation, worship prep, and sermon planning early in the week and sometimes I need more quiet to do these things. I don't always finish that day, but I like to begin the week with a good idea of where things are headed. Fridays, I try to be off, but am not always successful, so you may find me in the office.

You can be of great help to me in two ways. First, please be in prayer for me on Mondays as I prepare for worship. Your prayers will help me help you.

Second, help me with the stewardship of my time:

Let me know as soon as, or before, you or a family member goes into the hospital. Just because other members of your family, or the church, or even your entire Sunday School class are aware that you are in the hospital doesn't mean that I know. Now, you may think that you don't want to bother me by letting me know you are in the hospital. However, it is more bothersome to learn on Wednesday morning that someone has been in Mary Black since Sunday and that I could have visited on Monday and Tuesday while I was there visiting others. Also, there will be days when I have a good window for a hospital visit and if only I knew of the need, I could go then. Often, though, I will learn of the need the day after that good window (even though the patient has been there several days), and my schedule may not permit me to go that day, or for several days. So, please keep me up to date as soon as you know. Also, bear in mind that as Covid cases rise and fall, going to the hospital is not always a good option for me, but I will try to touch base with the patient via phone, so knowing room numbers is essential.

Let me know as soon as, or before, you or a family member leaves the hospital. Any of you who have been in the hospital know that leaving the hospital is not a hurried affair. You have to wait for the doctor's OK and then the paperwork. Let me suggest that you fill some of that waiting time by calling the church and me and letting us know your plans—going home or to therapy. I have on more than one occasion gone looking for someone who had gone home. If I know that it is even a possibility that you may go home, I can check and not make an unnecessary trip.

Write it down. A prominent pastor in South Carolina told me once that one of the best things he ever did was to restructure his secretary's time so that on Sunday mornings she could follow him around and make notes of the important things that people told him. Since I am not in a position to do likewise, you can help me by writing down important things you wish me to know. You would not believe the number of people who come and tell me that they or a family member is going to have surgery or needs prayer for some reason. On Mondays I find myself saying, "Now what did they say?" or, "Who told me that?"

In closing, I remind you of the words of Jeremiah 33:3.  
[Thus says the Lord:] "3 Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."

Peace,

*Jeremy*



## Altar & Narthex Flowers

**Altar Flowers** are given on September 18<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Jane May in memory of her dear friend, Sonny Moss.

**Altar Flowers** are given on September 25<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Zach and Vanesa Davis in celebration of their daughter, Nadia's, 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**Altar Flowers** are given on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Glory of God by Shirley Hart in memory of Bobby Hart.

**Narthex Flowers** are given on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Glory of God by Remsen, Rebecca and JR Parrish in memory of Meredith Bauknight Parrish.

**Altar Flowers** are given on October 9<sup>th</sup> for the Glory of God by Susan Nodine in memory of her parents and grandparents.

## Financials & Attendance

	<u>August 21</u>	<u>August 28</u>
Received	\$6,049	\$25,563.83
Non-Contributed	\$1,161	\$185
Restricted	\$0	\$50,000
Total	\$7,210	\$75,748.83
Sunday School	36	48
Worship Service	99	127
	<u>September 4</u>	<u>September 11</u>
Received	\$7,958	\$11,991
Non-Contributed	\$387	\$922
Restricted	\$0	\$0
Total	\$8,345	\$12,913
Sunday School	42	48
Worship Service	120	110

## Upcoming Events

<b>Every Sunday</b>	Pickleball for Members 1:00-3:00pm UMYF 4:30pm (unless otherwise noted)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month</b>	Blood Pressure Checks ~11:15
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month</b> (not July & August)	Elsie Greer Circle 12:00pm-2pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Each Month</b> (not July & August)	Blanche Greer Circle 10:00am-12pm
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month</b>	49ers 11:15am in Poston Hall
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month</b>	Anne Ratliff Circle 10:00am-11:30am
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month</b>	Threads of Agape 10:00am-12:00pm
<b>October 12</b>	Board of Stewards Meeting 6:00pm
<b>October 22</b>	Saint Paul UMC Fall Festival 5:00pm
<b>October 31</b>	Halloween

**The 49ers Are Back** and will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11:15am in Poston Hall. We will be having different activities, including speakers, off-site trips, games and, of course, fellowship. As previously, the church will provide chicken/meat, water and tea and ask that participants bring a covered dish to share. If you're unable to make something yourself, feel free to bring a food item from your favorite grocery store.

We hope you'll join us as we venture forward, socially being together again, for great food, fellowship and renewed knowledge!  
Susan Owens, Coordinator

## Children & Youth Birthdays

<b>September 22</b>	Nadia Davis
<b>October 10</b>	Olivia Bravo
<b>October 23</b>	Madison Cooksey
<b>October 24</b>	Clarissa Vereen
<b>October 31</b>	Devin Purdy

## Volunteers for September 18, & 25, and October 2, 9, & 16, 2022

Communion Assistants	10/02	Jean Ogden Lisa Stamm
	09/18	Peter & Linda Hamel
	09/25	Dan & Linda Cooke
Worship Greeters	10/02	Connie Muzzy, Bob McFarland
	10/09	Darrell & Judy Querin
	10/16	Lois Reinhardt, Bob McFarland
	09/18	Paula Fernandez
	09/25	Deb Schumann
Liturgists	10/02	Jean Ogden
	10/09	TBA
	10/16	TBA
	09/18	Rick Boss, Mike Byers
	09/25	Fern Powell, Kay McBee
Ushers	10/02	Ben Graham, Austin Birch
	10/09	Bill & Bobbi Duncan
	10/16	Rick Harward, Peter Hamel
	09/18	Don Wasness
	09/25	Phil Womble
Sound System	10/02	Guy Davis
	10/09	A.D. Page, Jr.
	10/16	Don Wasness
	09/18	Guy Davis
Offering Depositors	09/25	Chris Boyett
	10/02	Bill Duncan
	10/09	Delton Vereen
	10/16	Peter Hamel

**Altar Guild - September:** Johnsie Page-Chair; Eileen Byers, Michele Bishop, Amy Schanen, Nancy Curry, Mary Page Yarborough; **October:** Laurie Wilson-Chair; Suzanne Seager, Sherrill Bland, Mark Parker

## Birthdays

<b>September 17</b>	Marlene Wasness
<b>September 18</b>	Shirley Hart, Ed Purdy
<b>September 19</b>	Lee Owens
<b>September 21</b>	Marilyn Glasgow
<b>September 24</b>	Richard Petty
<b>September 25</b>	Camille Whitlock
<b>September 26</b>	Bonita Cash
<b>September 27</b>	Marge Petty, Ginger Page
<b>September 28</b>	JoAnne Calhoun
<b>October 1</b>	Jon Schanen, Briggs Hardy
<b>October 3</b>	Rick Harward
<b>October 4</b>	Anne Ratliff
<b>October 13</b>	Jesse Cooksey
<b>October 14</b>	Sylvia Robertson, Suzanne Seager
<b>October 16</b>	Steve Gurganus
<b>October 17</b>	Cathy Boss
<b>October 21</b>	Donna Gurganus
<b>October 26</b>	Page Candler, Stephanie Davis
<b>October 27</b>	Mark Seager
<b>October 31</b>	Andy Horton, Barrett Hardy