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The Epistle

News For The Weeks Of
 October 1, 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2024

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Return Services Requested

**Volunteers for
 October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2024**

Communion	
Assistants	10/06 Jean Ogden, Lisa Stamm, Kay Cox
	10/06 Dan Cooke, Linda Cooke, Carol Sanders, Judy Lamb
	10/13 Darrell Querin, Judy Querin, Sam Foster, Jane Foster
Worship Greeters	
	10/20 Kay McBee, Bob McFarland, Lee Owens, Larry Owens
	10/27 Lois Reinhard, Kay Cox, Linda Hodge, Suzanne Seager
Worship Ushers	
	10/06 Rick Harward, Henry Calhoun
	10/13 Bob McFarland, Stephen Stamm
	10/20 Guy Davis, Kemp Sigmon
	10/27 Rick Boss, Mike Byers
Liturgist	
	10/06 Fern Powell
	10/13 Roland Smith
	10/20 Deb Schumann
	10/27 Chris Boyett
Sound System	
	10/06 Guy Davis
	10/13 Guy Davis
	10/20 Stephen Stamm
	10/27 Phil Womble
Offering Depositor	
	10/06 Sam Foster
	10/13 Kay McBee
	10/20 Zach Davis
	10/27 Bob McFarland

Altar Guild - October:
 Suzanne Seager, Laurie Wilson

Caring Casserole Volunteers - October:
 Nell Davis, Kathy Angle

The Pastor's Pen

We are excited to be entering into our fall Stewardship Appeal this October. 1 Timothy 6:18-19 says "Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future." This verse encourages us to live our lives in a way that we aren't just building up treasures for ourselves on earth but passing our treasure along to future generations and saving for ourselves a treasure in heaven. Our grateful response to this gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ is to give our best to extend God's Kingdom on earth and in heaven.

Together we are on a mission we can fulfill: sharing the love of God and caring for our community. This year, in particular, we can support this mission by sustaining ministry excellence and providing outreach opportunities in our community. As we all pull together and give generously in support of this work, we will see our mission realized for the glory of God.

As part of the Stewardship program this year, you will be invited by letter to consider increasing your offering for the coming year. Please pray about this request and do your best to respond generously as God leads you.

Then, on Sunday, October 27, we will observe Stewardship Sunday by presenting our Statements of Intent (pledges) during the worship service. You are also welcome to mail your Statement of Intent to the church office or fill out a Statement of Intent online at stpumc.org if you are not present on Stewardship Sunday.

People from whom a response has not been received by October 28 will be followed up with to assure everyone has the opportunity to present their offering plan for the coming year.

Peace,

Thank you for being part of this faithful congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach out with the Gospel.



Pastor Megan

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Elsie Greer Circle Workday 6:30 6-week Bible Study Don Wasness Jon Schanen Briggs Hardy	2 6:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 Church Council Planning Meeting Rick Harward	4 10:00 Threads of Agape Anne Ratliff	5
6 World Communion Sunday 7:30 UMM 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 5:30 United Youth	7	8 11:30 49ers 6:30 6-week Bible Study Trish Ratliff	9 6:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study 5:45 PS Board Meeting Olivia Bravo	11	12
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 5:30 United Youth Jesse Cooksey	14 10:00 Blanche Greer Circle Sylvia Robertson Suzanne Seager	15 6:30 6-week Bible Study Trish Ratliff	16 10:00 Anne Ratliff Circle 6:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study Cathy Boss	18 10:00 Threads of Agape	19
20 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 SPRC Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members 5:30 United Youth	21 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Blanche Greer Circle	22 6:30 6-week Bible Study	23 6:00 Choir Rehearsal Madison Cooksey	24 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Meal w/ Saggy Bottom Band playing afterwards Clarissa Vereen	25	26 Rod Harley Page Candler Stephanie Davis
27 Commitment Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 5:30 United Youth Mark Seager	28	29 6:30 6-week Bible Study	30 6:00 Choir Rehearsal Tony Ravan Rocky Herdinar	31 HALLOWEEN 10:00 CLC Trick-or-Treat 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study John Ratliff, Sr. Andy Horton Barrett Hardy Devin Purdy		

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on October 6th for the glory of God by Beth Stott and Melanie Owen in memory of their parents, Shirley and Bobby Hart.



Altar Flowers are given on October 13th for the glory of God by Jack and Karen Moyer in loving memory of Jack's parents, Gene and Gladys Moyer.

Altar Flowers are given on October 20th for the glory of God by Linda Whisnant in honor of our Church Staff.

Narthex Flowers are given on October 20th for the glory of God by Cyndi Hutchens Wilson in loving memory of her son, Colby Wilson's, birthday.

Altar Flowers are given on October 27th for the glory of God by Michael Greer, on behalf of her family, in memory of his aunt, Mary Morris.

*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, October 21st. Thank you!

Financials & Attendance

	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22
Received	\$12,898	\$7,247	\$5,507	\$4,189
Non-Restricted	\$166	\$100	\$668	\$15
Restricted	\$1,406	\$416	\$371	\$525
Total	\$14,470	\$7,763	\$6,546	\$4,729
Sunday School	25	25	40	27
Worship	90	104	87	94

World Communion Sunday, October 6th - The World Communion Sunday offering funds graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships, with at least half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Your donations also provide for undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. Please give generously to this important Ministry!

The Elsie Greer Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 1st, at 9:30am at the church. This will be a workday followed by lunch. Please contact Eileen Byers at 864-590-1891 to RSVP.

The Church Planning Council will meet on Thursday, October 3rd, 6:00pm, Room 104. Please plan to attend

Our Fellowship Meal in October will be on Thursday, October 24th due to Halloween on October 31st (the last Thursday of the month). We hope to see you there!

Halloween, Thursday, October 31st. If any individuals or groups from the Church would like to help our Learning Center 2s, 3s, and 4's celebrate Halloween from 10 to 11 am, please sign up through Lisa. She will assign a room. You can dress up if you'd like, or just come as yourself, and hand out treats such as M&Ms, stickers, suckers, bubbles, individually wrapped candies, etc. **NO PEANUT PRODUCTS**, please. We at the Learning Center would appreciate having interaction with our Church family! Thank you, Wanda Steele, Chair, CLC