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**The Epistle**

News For The Weeks Of  
 November 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2024

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*Return Services Requested*

**Volunteers for  
 November 3, 10, 17,  
 & 24, 2024**

<b>Communion</b>		
Assistants	11/03	Darrell Querin, Lee Owens, Kay Cox
	11/03	Darrell & Judy Querin, Nancy Curry, Jim Harrison
	11/10	Jim & Marian Hampton
Worship	11/17	Dan & Linda Cooke, Carol Sanders, Judy Lamb
Greeters	11/24	Kay McBee, Bob McFarland, Sam & Jane Foster
	11/03	Ray Parker, Phil Womble
Worship	11/10	Jay Hampton, Sam Foster
Ushers	11/17	Fern Powell, Kay McBee
	11/24	Rick Harward, Henry Calhoun
	11/03	Zach Davis
	11/10	Paula Fernandez
Liturgist	11/17	Wanda Steele
	11/24	Bob McFarland
Sound System		Guy Davis, Stephen Stamm
	11/03	Chris Boyett
Offering	11/10	Sam Foster
Depositor	11/17	Kay McBee
	11/24	Zach Davis

**Altar Guild - November:**  
 Page Candler, Chris Boyett, Marsha Milford

**Caring Casserole Volunteers - November:**  
 Marian Hampton, Donna Harward

**The Pastor's Pen**

On Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate All Saints Day. All Saints is one of those glorious moments of grief and of hope. It is an acknowledgement of the gaps left behind by those we have loved and lost in the past year and longer. But it is also a celebration of the promise of eternity and the sense that even those we no longer see in the flesh are still a part of the foundation of our faith. We give God thanks for their witness of their lives. We ask on this day for a glimpse of the promise.

There is one All Saints Sunday in particular that I will never forget. It was November 2020. A friend and colleague died in March of 2020 right as the world began to close because of the Covid pandemic. Her family chose not to have a funeral for her right away. They waited until they felt it was safe to do so, as did many others. That November I sat in the pews of the church, I wasn't serving as a pastor at the time, so this particular holy day had snuck up on me. And as we sang For All the Saints, I found myself sobbing uncontrollably. I was overcome with grief from the death of my friend that I had not fully acknowledged until that moment. It was one of the saddest and most glorious Sundays in worship that I had ever experienced.

As we approach All Saints Sunday, I want you to know that you can bring all of your hurt and pain and grief with you to worship that Sunday. Come and allow your brothers and sisters in Christ to surround you with love and care. We will celebrate communion and experience a foretaste of heaven. We will get a peek of the beauty and presence of God that surround our loved ones who have been part of the church triumphant. We will praise God for the legacy that they have left us.

The third verse of For All the Saints says it best:

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
 yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

We will come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss.  
 And pray that God will grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, and in death resurrection.

Peace,



*Pastor Megan*

# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3 All Saints' Sunday</b> 7:30 UMM 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 SPRC Meeting 1:00 Pickleball for Members	4  Bob Powell Lisa Stamm	5 12:00 Elsie Greer Circle- Off-site	6 6:00 Choir Rehearsal  Carol Sanders Jorge DaSilva Lindsay Bartholomew	7 10:30 Pastoral Bible Study  Mary Parker	8  10:00 Threads of Agape	9 Mary Parker  10:00 Threads of Agape
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	11  Bob Powell Lisa Stamm	12 11:30 49ers	13 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Charge Conference	14 9:00 CLC Visit w/Santa 5:45 PS Board Meeting	15 10:00 Threads of Agape	16  Nancy Owens
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	18 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 10:00 Blanche Greer Circle	19	20 10:00 Anne Ratliff Circle 6:00 Choir Rehearsal	21 4:00 Helping Hands Homeless Meal Ministry @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres.	22  Anne Karegeannes Lisa Pappas	23
24 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	25  Zach Davis	26 6:30 Advent Study	27 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office CLOSED	28 Thanksgiving Day - Office CLOSED	29 11:00 Christmas Decorating 1:00 Fellowship Meal 3:00 Pickleball following Fellowship Meal  Judy Womble Elizabeth Fenner	30

## Altar & Narthex Flowers

**Altar Flowers** are given on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the glory of God by Marilyn Glasgow in memory of all Saint Paul UMC "Saints" we lost this past year.



**Altar Flowers** are given on November 10<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Fern Powell in honor of Robert Powell's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Narthex Flowers** are given on November 10<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Terry Mitchell and Barbara Barnes in honor of their Anniversary.

\*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, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Financials & Attendance

	Sept. 29	October 6	October 13	October 20
Received	\$4,416	\$8,212	\$11,885	\$5,553
Non-Restricted	\$311	\$27	\$75	\$629
Restricted	\$661	\$539	\$400	\$131
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,388</b>	<b>\$8,778</b>	<b>\$12,360</b>	<b>\$6,313</b>
Sunday School	17	27	22	27
Worship	42	99	102	84

**United Methodist Student Day, November 24<sup>th</sup>** - Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help deserving United Methodist students continue their education and their faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. Please give generously to these students on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Save The Date: November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 Our November Fellowship Meal will be the day after Thanksgiving so don't throw away your leftovers! We will also be spending some time that day decorating our church for Christmas. Further details will be provided at a later date.

**The Elsie Greer Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30AM at the church for a work day. This is also Election Day. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Eileen at 864-590-1891.

**The Helping Hands Committee**, with the support of Pastor Megan, has scheduled our church's next Homeless Meal Ministry to be held on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, First Presbyterian Church. We are very grateful to the Saint Paul UMM for purchasing and grilling BBQ chicken as our main entree.

Our benevolent church family will be asked to provide the sides, desserts and beverages. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex today, October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Committee members will be available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for 'sharing and caring' in this important ministry!

## Plan To Attend Mepkin Abbey's Annual Crèche Festival!

We will be taking a group from Spartanburg on December 2, 2024. The theme this year is "Nativity: In Glass and Under Glass." The cost is \$55 per person, which will cover the cost for a charter bus to and from Moncks Corner, SC. We will depart from Bethel UMC at 7:30am and our approximate arrival home will be 7:30pm. We will eat lunch at Gilligan's Seafood Restaurant at the Dock. Checks can be made out to Saint Paul UMC and you can sign up by calling the office. There are only a limited number of seats so sign up early!  
 Pastor Megan