

THE EPISTLE



HAPPY NEW YEAR! This oft repeated refrain rings out with hope and best wishes for a year that is better than the last. As 2019 begins, you may be thinking of ways to improve your life in this new year by making different choices about your personal health, your finances, your family relationships, etc.

I want to challenge each of you to make one choice toward growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ in this new year.

Here are three opportunities that may help you jumpstart this effort:

1. Spend time with Rev. Dr. Winston Worrell, former World Director of the World Methodist Evangelism Institute, on January 27 and February 23, as he preaches at St. Paul and then teaches us about sharing our faith with others through Practical Faith-Sharing training.
2. Attend the Greenwood District discipleship training opportunity "Developing An Intentional Discipleship System" on January 20. St. Paul UMC will host this event.
3. Hit the RESET button on your spiritual life by attending the SC Conference sponsored RENEW Adult Spiritual Retreat at Myrtle Beach, January 29-31. Pastor Susan will provide transportation to this event on the church bus.

More information is available on all of these opportunities at the church office, in the newsletter/bulletin/website/Facebook page, or by calling Pastor Susan at 803-507-7365.

What choice will you make to take a step forward in your discipleship journey in 2019?

God's blessings,

Pastor Susan

"My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples." John 15:8

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

Prayer List

Nursing Home: Dorothy Phillips, Ann Thompson, Billy Coleman, Kathleen Padgett, Irene Riddle, Eileen Quattlebaum

Shut Ins: Linda Beber, Grace Givens, Helen Humphries

Military: Chuck Bearon, Ryan Caulder, Robbie Grafton, Shannon Corley, Parker Hite, Patrick Wilson, Matthew Rollins, Ben Walker, Ryan Matthews

Friends and Family: Roy Rogers, Maryann Bayer, James Grasso, Jessica Coleman, Loretta Brock, Charles Yonce, Jonathon Smith, Nancy Ann Coleman Wooten, Larry Easler

Condolence: The pastor, staff and congregation extend loving sympathy to the family of Grig and Alice Dawn Herlong in the death of her mother Rudelle Perry.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1-Bruce Horne, Sadea Bush, Troy Hudson
- 3-Sam Wheeler, Libby Cromley, Billy Coleman
- 4-Grig Sawyer, Alicea H. Warren,
Maribeth Werts, M/M Carroll Dorn
- 5-M/M Bruce Horne
- 7- Liam Cromley
- 9- John White, Carey Ridgell
- 10- Erin Williamson
- 12-Harley Trotter
- 13-Nyla Jordan
- 14- Anne Bayer
- 15- Brian Humphries, Megan Hallback
- 16- Fairy Smith, Michelle Vereen, Natalie Jordan
- 17-Diane Easterlin
- 18- Cameron White, Anna Yonce, M/M Davy Hite
- 19- Kim Hopkins, Abby Langford
- 20- Hope Shealy Gulledge
- 22- Sammy Wheeler, Jarrett Maffett, Cliff Rollins
- 23- BJ Herlong, McKenzie Myers, Susan Maddox
M/M Merle Maddox
- 25- Jonathon Pridmore, Jennings Peyton Walker
- 26- Nick Riley
- 27- Claire Jones
- 28- Rebekah Miller
- 30- Memphiss Rodgers

Memorials

In honor of Viola Goff's 98th birthday by Mr. & Mrs. Lauren Yonce

In honor of the marriage of Dr. & Mrs. Sam Wheeler by Kay Rankin

In memory of Lloyd May by Dan & Jane Guy

Thank You Notes

A word of appreciation to all of you whose time and effort went toward making this Advent and Christmas time special: the choir, our musicians, volunteers and staff who work behind the scenes so that all the rest of us can benefit from the wonder of the season.

Dear St. Paul UMC,
Thank you for all of the gifts you donated during Christmas with Epworth! Our children will be able to open a special gift on Christmas morning in their cottages, and it is all thanks to you! We could not do it without your support. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Jessica Unbach

St. Paul Church & Care Group,
We wanted to say thank you so much for thinking of us as our family has grown with the birth of Adeline, who was born on October 2, 2018. We appreciate the Target gift card and hope to be back in church soon.

Love,
David, Kaitlin, Anna Grace & Adeline Oswalt

Thanks to everyone who donated and helped with Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes in November at our church. The children did a great job packing some of the boxes for us. Thanks to Carol Bradshaw, Myrle Holmes and Karaleigh Holmes who stayed at night to help collect the boxes. Also thanks to Ben Smith, Charles Long, Benji Bradshaw and Samuel Stevens for helping pack the crates on the trailer for delivery. Special thanks to Benji Bradshaw for letting us use his truck and trailer to deliver the boxes to Lexington. We could not do this without the help of everyone.

Johnnie

Growing in God Kids

GIG Kids will start meeting again on **January 13 at 5:30**, and will continue to meet each Sunday at the same time.

COMMISSIONING & TRAINING OF 2019 LEADERS

As we welcome our new Church leaders beginning their terms, let us be thankful for all those who have served our congregation faithfully this past year. God bless you for your service and for your support of our incoming leadership for 2019.

On Sunday, January 13, we will commission our 2019 leaders during morning worship. Immediately following worship, we will have an orientation and training for all members of the administrative team and the ministry team. We will conclude at 12:30.

For our incoming leadership, there is a Greenwood District Leadership Training to be held on Sunday, January 20, from 3:00 to 6:00 in the Family Life Center at St. Paul UMC. Information about this training follows.

DEVELOPING AN INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM

Leader: Jeff Campbell, Executive Director of Annual Conference Relationships, Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

“Growing churches have an intentional system for developing disciples.” Thom Rainer, *Simple Church*

When a person connects with your church they need to be plugged in to a system that will develop them as a disciple whatever stage they are in their development. This 3 hour seminar will share a guide on how to develop disciples in your congregation. What will be covered in this event?

Developing an Intentional Discipleship System

- What is discipleship?
- Why create a discipleship system?
- What is an Intentional Discipleship System?
- Tips for creating your Intentional Discipleship System
- Stages of Discipleship Development
- Engaging Your Community

2019 LEADERSHIP

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

1. Convener—Bruce Horne
- 2a. Trustee—Kay Rankin
- 2b. Trustee—Tim Taylor
- 3a. Finance—James Wills
- 3b. Finance—Doug McDaniel
- 4a. Staff Parish Relations—Ben Bradshaw
- 4b. Staff Parish Relations—Libby Cromley
5. Lay Member to Annual Conference—Dan Guy (alt. Tommy Taylor)
6. Minutes/Communications—Debra Shealy

MINISTRY TEAM

1. Convener—Nancy Jordan
2. Children—Melinda Taylor and Michelle Smith
3. Youth—Durand and Robin Hall
4. Adult—Maurica Easler will help plan a quarterly activity for adults in coordination with others, such as family ministries, the pastor, district or conference opportunities
5. Family Ministry—Sheree Riley
6. Nurture—Cece Yonce and Connie Sample
7. Outreach/Witness—Myrle Holmes and Carol Bradshaw
8. Worship—Jill Able and Wendy Corson
9. Logistics—Kes Holmes, Britt Trotter, Michael Trotter
10. Minutes/Communications—Janet Papp

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1. Lynn Anderson
2. Walker Beddoes
3. Thomas Sample
4. Tommy Taylor
5. Janice McDaniel
6. Ronnie Able
7. Gwen Shealy

Tenure in office is for one year, renewable up to three years of service.

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*May you rejoice in the blessings of His
love this New Year and always.*

*The Church staff wishes you a
Happy New Year!*

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Commissioning of 2019 Leaders 10:00 Orientation & Training 11:00 GIG Kids 5:30	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 District Leadership Training 3-6 in FLC	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Rev. Dr. Winston Worrell preaching	28	29 RENEW RETREAT in Myrtle Beach	30	31		