

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

September 5, 2024

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday morning

09/08/2024

Pastor J.R. Virgin

Week 6 of 6 week series "Limitless"

Will present the sermon

"Limitless Use of Me"

8:45 a.m. (Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. (Berly)

For information about Sunday Worship Service go to the website page

<https://spwmethodist.org/sunday-worship-services/>.

Each Service will be live streamed via the church's YouTube channel.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2_rB7vyTH5FmKjYMKILTSg

You can only see the livestream from YouTube.

The recorded services will be available on our Sermons webpage

<http://spwmethodist.org/sermons/> following each Service as well as on

YouTube. They will be shared with the church Facebook friends later.

Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 2:14-26 (NIV)

14 Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. 17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. 21 Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

22 Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. 25 Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Message From Your Pastor

As we continue to examine the limitlessness of God, we remind ourselves that God's love is limitless. When I ponder the love of God, I'm often reminded of the 3rd verse of Frederick M. Lehman's hymn titled "The Love of God". Verse three reads:

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made;
were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
and ev'ryone a scribe by trade;
to write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky.

Suffice it to say, that we cannot even begin to fathom how wide and long and high and deep is the love of God. In spite of our sins, failures, and shortcomings, God loves us beyond anything we could earn or deserve. God love us enough to send His One and Only Son to live, die, and rise again for our sake. That we can find forgiveness of our sins and eternal life through our belief in Jesus. The love of God is limitless, inconceivable, and undeserved. It is a gift offered to us without price. It is a blessing just waiting for us to accept.

The Best of All Is...God Is With Us!

Pastor J.R.

Message From Your Music Director

Our music ministry is back to full schedule with Handbells at 5:00 and Chancel Choir at 6:30 this Wednesday. Chancel Choir has grown in past months and snowbirds will be added later this fall, but we still welcome more singers. I am grateful for the dedicated and talented singers who enhance worship each week and take preparation through rehearsals very seriously.

About our wonderful handbell group.....

We are so fortunate to have 7 ringers, 4 who are actually part of other church ministries, including 2 who travel a good distance to rehearse. Please know we have cases of bells not being used and would love to extend our range to 3 complete octaves (3 additional ringers). Sadly, churches are selling their bells on EBay for thousands below value. Thankfully, we are continuing this important musical tradition and would love more ringers!

Chancel Choir will sing at the 8:45 traditional service. The offertory at 11:15 will be smaller groups, duets, solos, and instrumental music. Ideas and volunteers are welcomed!

My favorite part of being the music director is choosing hymns and leading congregational singing with organ accompaniment. Our church has a long tradition of outstanding congregational participation in hymn singing. Hebrews 2:12 reads "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

Singing together makes us a community worshipping together as one body declaring what we believe.

See you Sunday!

Olivia

Need Help With LiveStreaming

We are looking for people interested in learning to operate our livestreaming and presentation software for the worship services at St. Paul's Waccamaw. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Weekly Bible Reading:

September 8-Psalm 108:25-36; Isaiah 15-17; Hebrews 6:13-20

September 9-Psalm 105:37-45; Isaiah 18-20; Hebrews 7:1-10

September 10-Psalm 106:1-12; Isaiah 21-23; Hebrews 7:11-28

September 11-Psalm 106:13-27; Isaiah 24-25; Hebrews 8

September 12-Psalm 106:28-39; Isaiah 26-27; Hebrews 9:1-10

September 13-Psalm 106:40-48; Isaiah 28-29; Hebrews 9:11-28

September 14—Psalm 107:1-9; Isaiah 30-32; Hebrews 10:1-18


Our Faithfulness Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:45 Service 153; on line viewers 90 (as of 9/03/24); 11:00 Service 90; on line viewers 158 (as of 09/03/24); Sunday School 61

The Sunday School Classes will meet September 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: The Friendship Class, Youth Building, New Sunday School class called the Truth Seekers, Discovery Classroom.

Blood Drive Success!

We surpassed our blood donation goal by 25%, so as a result, up to 96 people will be helped!.....I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of donors.....we had lots of help from our Members (as usual).....my plan is to have about 3 blood drives per year, so keep your sleeves rolled up....From the bottom of my heart .....Thank you.....Bill Alexander

Need Communion Servers for 8:45 a.m.

Communion Servers are needed at the 8:45 a.m. service. If you are able to serve, please contact Jan Finnical at 843-315-4063 or email: janfinnical@gmail.com. Thank you!

Name Tags

If you ordered a new name tag, please pick up yours this coming Sunday at the 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. If you did not order a name tag, and would like one, please fill out the little sign up sheet that will be provided on the table near the name tags and place it in the offering plate. **A Big Thank You to Juanita Matos for printing the Name Tags!!**

Our Little Garden Child Care

Our Little Garden Child Care at the early service will be open upon request. Please notify one of the ushers.

We are excited to nurture your little one's faith with God's love. If you would like to volunteer helping in the Nursery, please let Pam Carson know.

Calling all Nursery Volunteers!

Join us in this important ministry of nurturing our beautiful infants and toddlers! Volunteers are needed to assist Pam Carson each week during the 10am Sunday School hour or the 11 am worship service. With a commitment of only 1-2 hours per quarter, you will help to provide a special worship experience for our young families.

Contact Valerie Alexander 803-448-7462 or petvet2428@gmail.com

NEW Sunday School Class Starting

On September 8th we are kicking off a new Sunday School class called The Truth Seekers. The class will meet in the Discovery Classroom. The class is Intended for people that are seeking God's truth in a world determined to twist it. For more information contact Eric Weber by email: eric@webercs.com

Transitioned to our new church

The Webpage and church emails were updated. To access the website use www.spwmethodist.org For the church emails you need to replace saintpaulsumc.com with spwmethodist.org.

Example - Alice is now reachable at Office@spwmethodist.org.

LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE

Reminder that live streaming of our services are available on YouTube especially during inclement weather.

Missions Fundraiser Drive

We will continue to sell the Car Window Decals. If you want to pick up your Decal for \$5.00 Please stop by the Church Office and see Alice. "Your support can help us provide comfort and hope to those in need".

Counseling: on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-1pm, there will be a counselor available by appointment. If you are in need of someone to talk with, this is a great opportunity to speak with an accredited professional, free of charge. Please contact Fran Keller at 843-833-3980 with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

Church Flower Calendar for 2024

You can email the office or call the office to start signing up for the Church Flower Calendar for 2024. This is a good way to honor someone, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, etc. on Sunday mornings.

Need Help With Pressure Washing

In support of our Fall Festival on September 28, 2024, let's get together and pressure wash all the sidewalks at 9AM on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

It's a great time for fellowship with others. We can show our visitors the friendliness and beauty of our church. Please contact Gene Posey; atlast1@sc.rr.com or 803-315-0191. Thank you!

Fall Planning

Planning for the Fall Festival has begun. The Silent Auction is an exciting part of the Fall Festival. Auction hours are from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on September 28th. We hope to have many wonderful items on which to bid such as fishing trips, golf packages, resort stays, entertainment venues, art, services and so much more! If you have services or homes you wish to offer – we need you!

All items donated should be new or in like-new condition. You may drop off your items on

September 26, 2024, and September 27, 2024, in the Youth Building from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tax donation forms are available. All funds raised go towards the purchase of our Church property. Please join us in praying for the success of this ministry.

If you have any questions, contact Ann Mickle at 843-222-5706.

Calling All Bakers!

We need you! Please bring many delicious baked goods to Berly Hall on Friday, September 27, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Small items such as cookies, brownies, etc. are needed as well as your famous peach cobbler, cakes, and pies. The Bake Sale Team will be ready to receive all of your delicious goodies! Thank you in advance for your participation.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS !!! We need your help with the Fall Festival! If you are a baker please sign up to bake your specialtyWe need cakes, breads, cookies, brownies etc....please contact Barbara McCracken @ bmcbeach@gmail.com. If you have an item or skill you would donate to the auction please email Ann Mickle @ acmickle@icloud.com. Or call 843-222-5706. If you are able to help with Parking during the Festival please email Mike Collins @ mcollins5@sc.rr.com We also need cases of bottled water. If you are able to donate please contact Nancy Wetsel @ nanwetsel@aol.com or the methodist women. PLEASE mark your calendar for September 28th from 9:00-3:00 and plan to attend along with family and friends. Thank you for all your support !!!!

Sign Up Sheet! Don't forget to sign up for your baked item(s), also, on the **Baked Item Sheet.**
Please label your baked item(s) if it contains Nuts!! Call Barbara McCracken @ 843-237-9841.

Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival

Looking for volunteers to assist with the Fall Festival in the Youth Building and Berly Hall. Starting at 10 am, Tuesday, September 24, 2024. Please Sign-up in the office or with any of the Trustees. Thanks in advance for your support with this great Festival.

Bible Studies:

The Men's Bible Study meets every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Youth Building. Led by Bruce Stelow.

Thursday Bible Study on Philippians , Youth Building at 10:00 a.m. Led by Gay Kelly.

Wednesday Bible Study on James begins September 11th in the Youth Building at 10:00 a.m. (class limit 6-sign up in the office) Led by Rev. John & Nancy Hall.

Thursday Bible Study on The Daniel Plan-40 Days to a Healthier Life begins September 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Building. Led by Dr. Victoria Smith.

Tuesday Bible Study on Created to Dream begins October 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the

Youth Building. (**class limit 12-sign up in the office**) Led by John Finnical.

Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:

SPW Methodist Women, General Meeting, Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 12:00 noon. Bring bag lunch. **Please bring your favorite lipstick to the meeting. (Not a new one you use and is your favorite. You will not get it contaminated in any way).** Also, please wear your Church name tag. And if you don't have one, please send Juanita Matos an email (skixprs@verizon.net) so she will bring to luncheon.

Finance Working Budget Meeting, Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 5:30 P.M., TBD

Committee Fair, Sunday, September 15, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Berly Hall.

Silent Auction Meeting – Gift Card Drop Off, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Library.

Church Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 29 will be Consecration Sunday. This is the day that we gather the pledge cards for the coming year. Following the 11:00 Modern Worship Service, light refreshments will be provided in the Youth Building for those who would like to gather for fellowship as we await the tabulation of the pledges for 2025.

Sunday, September 29 during the Sunday School hour, Pastor J.R. Will be holding a Town Hall meeting in the sanctuary. This will be an opportunity for him to share some of the things happening at the church as well as an opportunity for you to ask questions.

On October 6, St. Paul's Waccamaw will be adding a 3rd service. The service will take place weekly at 11:15 in the Sanctuary and will be a traditional worship service. This service will also offer Holy Communion on a weekly basis.

Home Communion Outreach Ministry

Every Communion Sunday, usually the first Sunday of every month, you may have noticed little red boxes on the altar table. These boxes are faithfully prepared by Shirley Hutcheson to be used by the volunteers who take communion to our shut-ins. Pastor JR blesses them when he blesses all the communion elements. Please let Alice or Bleeker Cannon know if you know of anyone who would like to be a part of the Home Communion Ministry. This has been a welcomed outreach ministry of St. Paul's Waccamaw for many through the years.

Chancel Choir Practice

Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Handbells meet Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Students in the Word

Students in the Word meet 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Mon. – Thursday (old Friendship & wings classrooms) and Friday in the Youth Building.

AA

AA meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

District 82 AA, every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

Please let me know if I need to remove, change, or add to the following Prayer, Birthday or Anniversary list. Also, if you have a meeting coming up or an event or event article that needs to go in the newsletter, please email me at the

Church Office: office@spwmethodist.org

Thank you, Alice

Prayer Concerns/Church Family & Friends

Susan Walters
Josie Shehane
Marion Parsons
Eva Baxter
Chris Hogan
Mark Lange
Linda Chevine
Rev. Buddy Phillips
Yvonne Moran
Annette Dow
Dan Wetsel
Bob Maffa
Jann Bullock

Corky & Mary Raab (friends of Betty Jobe)
George Schmidt (Colleen Welch's dad)
Sandy Lowder (a friend of Alice Cochran)
Anne Miller (a friend of Phillip and Peggy Cusick)
Linda Boswell (Sandy Thompson's sister)
Billy McGill (son of Carolyn McGill)
Michael Williams (Nancy Hall's son)
Corby & Brian Kennison (friends of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
Rick Bruce (a friend of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
A friend of – did not want to name (Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
Jerry Payne (Susan) Marie Beaver (Carl) Jim Richardson (Betsy) (friends of Jon Stuckey)
Denise (a friend of Harriet and David Moore)
Tina Licari (a friend of James & Leslie Hare)
Andy Gunn (a friend of Delisa & Steve Staton)

Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia, severe reactions to treatment)
Vicki Medlin (a cousin of JD & Sandi Whitmire)

Diane Casto (a friend of James & Leslie Hare)
 Stephen Johnston (son of Ron & Ruth Johnston)
 Sue Hawkins (a friend of JD & Sandi Whitmire)
 Roxanna Earp (daughter of Nancy Wetsel)
 Tracy (a friend of Leslie Hare)
 Marnie Heck (a friend of Henry & Betty Jobe)
 Robert "Bobby" Nave (James & Leslie Hare's cousin)
 Garvin Gilley
 Sammie Scarpelli (delivers our flowers on Sunday)
 Johanna Morrison
 David Cormier (a close friend of James & Leslie Hare)
 Tina Kolb (a close friend of James & Leslie Hare)
 Diana (a friend of John & Nancy Hall)
 Eva (a friend of Janis & Mark Lange; missing)
 Dan Litton (a friend of JD Whitmire)
 Pat Gadek (friend of Frank Slater)
 Carolee Bryant
 George Leyendecker's sister
 Sarah Wilson (Jan Estabrook's friend)
 Sue Panos
 Ofelia and Jorge Beltran (friends with JD and Sandi Whitmire)
 Kerry Lennard (friend of Keith Black)
 Milia Black (Keith Black's mother)
 Judy Ellis

September Birthdays

Jackson Freeland	9/02
Rebecca Archambeau	9/03
Banks Ward	9/05
Albert Hoyns	9/07
Carol Tedesco	9/07
Fran Heaton	9/08
Susan Posey	9/09
Marc Davison	9/12
Evelyn Virgin	9/12
Mary Ethel Bowers	9/13
Sandi Whitmire	9/14
Sarah Elizabeth Cundiff	9/15
Peggy Cusick	9/17
John Finnical	9/17
Leah Gutekunst	9/18
Jan Estabrook	9/18
Laurie Ward	9/18
Pastor J.R. Virgin	9/20
Carl Beaver, II	9/21
Carol Clary	9/21
Jerry Knorr	9/21
Mark Lange	9/22
David Matos	9/23

Doris Overby	9/23
Jann Bullock	9/26
Teresa Welsh	9/26
Susan Walters	9/28

September Anniversaries

Duane & Roslyn Keck	09/03
Matthew & Judy Drohan	09/05
Frank & Nancy Hawkins	09/06
Donna & Robert Davis, Jr.	09/07
Keith & Nan Black	09/10
Terry & Barbara Stephens	09/14
Fred & Shirley Hutcheson	09/16
Tom & Wan Gullledge	09/20
Ronald & Ruth Johnston	09/20
Dave & Alice Gustafson	09/25
Samuel & Mary Jane Miller	09/28