

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

October 3, 2024

World Communion Sunday
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday morning

10/06/2024

Week 4 of 6 week series "Who We Are!"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

"We Are Invitational"

8:45 a.m. (Sanctuary) and 11:15 a.m. (Sanctuary) – Traditional Services

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

"Excuses, Excuses, Excuses"

11:00 a.m. (Berly) – Modern Service

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: Luke 14:15-24 (NIV)

15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

16 Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

18 “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

19 “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

20 “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

21 “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

22 “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

23 “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

Message From Pastor JR

As our church continues to grow, it is important that we continue to adapt along with what God is doing in our midst. One of those adaptations is to add a third service on Sunday mornings. Beginning this Sunday (October 6), there will be 3 services: Traditional at 8:45 and 11:15 in the Sanctuary and Modern at 11:00 in Berly Hall. The addition of a third service will enable us to offer more worship options and space for continued growth. I would encourage those who attend the 8:45 service to consider also attending one of the later services as well for the month of October, it probably won't hurt anyone to worship twice on a Sunday for a month. By doing this, you will be showing support for the church growth and will aid in welcoming new people to the church while we are adapting to the new Sunday schedule. This Sunday is World Communion Sunday so we will be celebrating Holy Communion at all three worship services. Moving forward we will celebrate Holy Communion every week at the 11:15 Traditional service, and the first Sunday of each month at 8:45 and 11:00. For the month of October, I will be preaching at the Traditional 8:45 and 11:15 services. Rev. Len Kircher will be preaching at the 11:00 Modern service for the month of October. In November, I will be preaching at the 8:45 Traditional service and the 11:00 Modern service, and Rev. Kircher will preach at the 11:15 Traditional service. The plan at present is for me to always preach the 8:45 service and for Rev. Kircher and I to swap the services during the 11:00 am hour monthly. Please continue to pray for our church as we follow God faithfully into the future. I understand that change can be difficult, but keep in mind that these changes are a response to the overwhelming blessings of God in our church. Let us praise Him for the need to

adapt and change, and for the opportunity we have to continue to be active in building His Kingdom.

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

Pastor J.R.

Need Volunteers With Live Streaming

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:

October 6-Psalm 119:17-24; Jeremiah 10-11; John 4:27-54

October 7-Psalm 119:25-32; Jeremiah 12-13; John 5:1-15

October 8-Psalm 119:33-40; Jeremiah 14-15; John 5:16-47

October 9-Psalm 119:41-48; Jeremiah 16-17; John 6:1-24

October 10-Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 18-19; John 6:25-71

October 11-Psalm 119:57-64; Jeremiah 20-21; John 7:1-24

October 12—Psalm 119:65-72; Jeremiah 22-23; John 7:25-53

Our Faithfulness Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:45 Service 157; on line viewers (as of 10/02/25); 11:00 Service 116; on line viewers (as of 010/02/25); Sunday School 11

The Sunday School Classes will meet October 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

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

NOTE: Please turn off coffee pots, lights and make sure doors are locked when you leave the building.

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.

A Message From Delisa Staton (Methodist Women)

What a joy it is to be a part of this ALIVE and THRIVING church family!!

What better way is there to get to know your sisters in Christ than to fellowship and serve God together! Please bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. A representative from Greenskeeper Florist will demonstrate fall flower arrangement and we will discuss our Operation Christmas Child campaign which begins next week.

Be sure to wear your name tag and your beautiful smile 

We believe that women have unique God given spiritual gifts that are designed to strengthen and minister to the needs of our homes and our world. Let us work together to do his good work!

Dear Church Friends,

Our neighbors in Western NC are in need of many items after the devastation of the hurricane. We want to lend a helping hand! We will collect any items that you can donate on Sunday October 6th and Sunday, October 13th. Please bring them to the Youth Building. The James Gang will deliver them to a local drop-off location.

Thank you in advance for being the Hands and Feet of Christ!

Here is a list of items needed: Water, Baby Food, Powdered baby formula, Dog food, Toiletries, Canned food, Baby wipes & Diapers, Feminine Hygiene supplies, Trash bags, Work gloves, New Socks, Blankets, Batteries, Manual can openers, Flash lights, Non perishable foods, Hand sanitizer, Toilet paper, Paper towels and Snack food.

Church Website Update

We are in the process of updating our church website and repairing links which are not working. Also, if you have any suggestions for our web site or you notice pages which need to be updated, please contact Fred Harris at 856-381-5951 or fharris39@gmail.com

Thank you so much,
Fred Harris

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.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The SPW Methodist Women would appreciate the support from the congregation again this year for Operation Christmas Child. Please take a box or boxes to fill for a child in need. They are available in the Narthex and Berly Hall from October 6th thru November 10th. Deadline to return filled boxes is **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**. If you prefer not to shop to fill a box, but would like to support this mission, donations are welcomed. We will shop and fill a box for you. To donate or if you have questions, contact Patty Younts at 843-902-9304 or Donna Schmidt at 843-222-6827.

Building a Walkway Brick by Brick Project

The walkway will be called "**We Walk by Faith**"

The Church is now undertaking the building of a memorial brick walkway to the site of the Jesus, The Teacher Statue and Flower Garden.

But we need your help!

We are asking you to support us and purchase a beautifully engraved gray brick to pave the way to the statue and garden.

Dedicate your personalized brick to honor or memorialize loved ones. The bricks will be placed in the walkway as a lifetime reminder that will be seen by current and future members of the Church.

A display of the bricks will be displayed outside between Berly Hall and the Christian Learning Center Building this Sunday.

VOTING INFORMATION

Deadline to register to vote

October 4 5:00 pm In-person at Voter Registration Office

October 6 11:59 pm online www.scvotes.gov

There are 3 ways to cast your Vote:

- 1) Absentee Ballot
- 2) Early Voting
- 3) Vote on Election Day Nov. 5 at your Precinct

ABSENTEE BALLOT

There are 2 ways to request an Absentee Ballot Application:

- 1) Call the Voter Registration and Elections Office or
- 2) In-person

Voter Registration and Elections Office
303 N. Hazard Street
Georgetown, SC 29440
(843) 545-3339

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting is October 21 through November 2 (excluding Sundays)

8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Locations:

Andrews Recreational Center
220 S. Cedar Ave., Andrews, SC
Choppee Recreational Center
8259 Choppee Rd., Georgetown, SC
Waccamaw Regional Recreational Center
83 Duncan Ave., Pawleys Island, SC
Voter Registration and Election Office
303 N. Hazard St., Georgetown, SC

NOVEMBER 5 – ELECTION DAY

General Election Day November 5

7:00 am – 7:00pm

At your regular voting precinct
To verify your voter information,
visit SCVOTES.gov/voters/

Bible Studies:

Monday Bible Study on Roundtable: A Journey Through Romans starting October 7, 2024, Discovery Classroom, 6:00 p.m. Led by Thomas Gullede. Please email the church office at office@spwmethodist.org if you would like to sign up or email Thomas Gullede at Thomas.gullede@spectralSC.com.

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

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.

Thursday Bible Study on The Daniel Plan-40 Days to a Healthier Life, Youth Building, 6:00 p.m., 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.

Monday Bible Study on Romans Roundtable: A Journey Through Romans, October 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., Discovery Classroom.

Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:

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.

Methodist Women General Meeting, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 12:00 noon. Please bring a bagged lunch and wear your church name tag.

Fall Festival Follow-up meeting, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Youth Building.

Finance Committee meeting, Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Discovery Classroom.

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
Mark Lange
Linda Chevine
Yvonne Moran
Dan Wetsel
Bob Maffa
Jann Bullock
Herb Herrman

Ann Sarver
Dottie Wright
Lee Horton
Ryan Heck (a friend of Betty & Henry Jobe)
Rosemary Beaver (a friend of Keri Geddings)
Ashley Calhoun (Karen Calhoun's nephew's wife)
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)
 Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia, severe reactions to treatment)
 Vicki Medlin (a cousin of JD & Sandi Whitmire)
 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
 Johanna Morrison
 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)
 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

October Birthdays

Fred Bischoff	10/1
Jarrold Homan	10/1
Frank Hawkins	10/4
Sandra Ridenour	10/6
Steve Staton	10/6
Lisa Collins	10/7
Robert Duchene	10/7
Patricia A. Jones	10/7
Olivia Huggins	10/9
Carol Stevens	10/10
Forrest Meiere	10/12
Selma Piver	10/13
James Bodemann	10/16
Jewell Clark	10/16
Ramah Carle	10/17
Elijah Virgin	10/17
Nancy Truluck	10/18
Ashlyn Cooper	10/20
Mary Wynne Kellett	10/20
Herbert Herrman	10/21

JR Roscher	10/21
Nancy Hall	10/22
Yvonne Moran	10/22
Tom Gullede	10/24
Jim Kemp	10/24
Nancy Wetsel	10/26
Joshua Carlyle	10/27
Delores Cox	10/27
Peggy Muravnick	10/28
Delisa Staton	10/29
Fred Harris	10/30
Carolyn McGill	10/31
Marion Parsons	10/31

October Anniversaries

Travis & Angela Bass	10/5
Charles & Doris Overby	10/8
Phillip & Peggy Cusick	10/9
Robert & Teresa Welsh	10/10
Luke & Lee Bryant	10/17
Rev. J. R. & Allison Virgin	10/20
Jackson & Wanda Freeland	10/23