

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

January 2, 2025

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday morning

01/05/2025

Week 1 of 6 week series "All In"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

All In!

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

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

All In!

11:15 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

For information about Sunday Worship Service go to the website page

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

The 8:45 am and 11:00 am services 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 for 8:45 am and 11:00 am 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: Malachi 3:6-12 (NIV)

6 “I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. 7 Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

8 “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty. 12 “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.

Message From Pastor JR

Happy New Year! What an exciting time of the year as we look forward to the possibilities of what God has in store for 2025. God certainly blessed St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church in 2024. But as a church we are forward focused. It is important for us to continue to press on to what God has next. This should not only be a movement of the church body collectively but must also be a movement of each one of us in our individual daily lives. Let us commit ourselves to growing nearer to God each and every day of this year. Let us recognize the promise of God that as we draw near to Him, He draws near to us. God is calling us into the future He has planned. Let us be faithful each and every day that we may experience the fullness of His promises.

The Best of All Is...God Is With Us!
Pastor J.R.

Message from Charles Estabrook, Trustee Chairperson

The New Year is here, and the Trustees would like to take the opportunity to reiterate the trustee support process. For approval of any changes or approvals to the buildings or property or to report any item you'd like repaired and taken care of, please send a detailed description of the item(s), your name, and reason for the request to trusteechair@spwmethodist.org. We will follow up for a deeper understanding if needed. We manage a detailed list of projects and potential project that are prioritized and processed as appropriate.

Thanks in advanced for your assistance.

New Members Class

I will be holding a new members class on **Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 12:30 pm**, in the Youth Building. If you are interested in taking this class, please email the office at: office@spwmethodist.org or call 843-237-2294.

Thank you, Pastor JR

Weekly Bible Reading:

Jan 5: Job 6-9
Jan 6: Job 10-13
Jan 7: Job 14-16
Jan 8: Job 17-20
Jan 9: Job 21-23
Jan 10: Job 24-28
Jan 11: Job 29-31

Our Faithfulness Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:45 Service 143; on line viewers 103 (as of 12/31/2024); 11:00 Service 97; on line viewers 118 (as of 12/31/2024); 11:15 Service 55; Sunday School 47

The Sunday School Classes will meet January 5, 2025, at 10:00 TE: The Friendship Class, Youth Building, New Sunday School class called the Truth Seekers, Room 305 in the CLC Building.

e-Giving – How to Start e-Giving and How to Update Transactions

Thank you for using e-Giving to electronically deliver your donations to the church.

If you are new to the church, or want to start using e-Giving, you can sign up today for e-giving. Start by going to www.spwmethodist.org web page and clicking “Online Giving” at the top right of the home page. On the next page you will see a link that provides recently updated instructions on how to sign up and make your donations ([e-Giving Donation Information an Instructions](#)). You can print these instructions or review them online to setup your e-Giving donation and account.

For those who already use e-Giving, a **reminder** that you may need to update your e-Giving account if you changed your pledge amount for 2025. If this applies to you, the short guidance is to login to your e-Giving account and edit your profile information. You can update your donation amount, payment method and next transaction date. Be sure to save your changes.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions or to get assistance. You can reach me at 703-786-0670 (cell). Church email address: treasurer@saintpaulsumc.com.

With love and blessings,

Dave Streeter
St. Paul’s Waccamaw Methodist Church Treasurer

CALLING ALL PAINTERS!!
SATURDAY JAN. 11TH 9 AM - ?

The painting team will be painting the classrooms in Berly Hall. If you like to paint and can help out, please let us know. A pizza lunch will be provided. Call or text Peggy Homan 843.325.6323.

Thank you!

Chili—Super Bowl Sunday

Please see the insert in the bulletin this coming Sunday to sign up for the Chili—Super Bowl Sunday. **Orders can be placed January 5—February 2** and will be available for pick up on **Saturday, February 8 from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** in Berly Hall. Proceeds will be used toward the principle of the disaffiliation loan.

Pint of Chili \$5

2pcs. Cornbread \$1

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

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 or your child can sit with you in the service. 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.

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.

Decals

If you need to replace your decal because it is fading, please stop by the Church Office and we will give you a replacement.

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 2025

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.

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.

We need your help!

We are asking you to support us and purchase a beautifully engraved grey 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.

Please make sure your email address is on the order form so that you can receive the virtual brick illustration.

A Message From Janet Parsons

Thank you to everyone for your phone calls, cards and meals in the passing of my husband, Marion Parsons.

With Love,
Janet Parsons

Bible Studies:

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

Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:

New class, Wesleyan Way towards Wholeness, will begin on Tuesdays at 6 pm beginning January 7, 2025, Youth Building For 8 weeks. **If you are interested in coming to this Class, please email Victory so she know how many are attending!**

If you are interested in a New Year of improved physical, mental, and spiritual health, join us as we journey on the way to improved health and relationship with God. This is Rick Warren's Daniel Plan with adaptations for Methodists. Keep those New Year's Resolutions with a spiritual focus. Class leader Victory Smith. Please email Victory at drrommel@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Course mission statement
Mark 12:29

Week one small group
Matt 18:20
Bring your favorite Bible verse
Your prayer concerns
And a 3 ring binder

Intro to Wesley's concept of classes
Meet class members
Complete a personal inventory (will not be shared with class)
Discuss mission project
Instruction on SMART goal
Pick up journal
Daniel plan friends

Week 2 Faith Week 3 Focus Week 4 Food Water Week 5 Fasting Week 6 Shalom. The peace of rest Week 7 Fitness Week 8 Living the lifestyle

THE REAL HEAVEN! Next Bible Study, Begins January 14th at 10:00 a.m. Youth Building

Heaven is a hot topic on today's bestseller lists. But what does the Bible tell us about the afterlife? What happens the moment after we die? And what will our redeemed relationships be like? Ingram digs into Scripture to reveal what God wants us to know about the hereafter—and how it affects our decisions today. **If you would like to sign up** or for more information **contact John Finnical – jfinnical@gmail.com**

New Bible Study:

The unique Bible study Experiencing the Heart of Jesus by Max Lucado will help build a deep relationship with our Savior. For 52-weeks, we will step into Christ's presence and experience grace, forgiveness, love and prayer. Study begins January 9, 2025, at 10:00 in the Youth Building.

For more information contact Gay Kelly.

[Blankets for Babies](#), Wednesday, **January 8, 2025**, 10:00 a.m., Administrative Building.

[New Members Class](#), Sunday, January 12, 2025, 12:30 p.m., Youth Building.

[Finance meeting](#), Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Discovery Classroom.

[Church Council](#), **Monday, January 27, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Youth Building.**

[The Golf Committee has announced a tentative date for the Church Golf tournament](#) Wednesday June 11, at Wachesaw East Golf Course, with a rain date of Wednesday June 18.....We are also looking for volunteers for all committees....Contact Bill Alexander 803-448-7461 or Gene Posey 803-315-0191 for more information.

Chancel Choir Practice

Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays at 6:30 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

Eva Baxter

Mark Lange

Linda Chevine

Yvonne Moran

Dan Wetsel

Bob Maffa

Jann Bullock

Jan Estabrook

Amylou Antes

The family of Josie Shehane

The family of Herb Herrman

The family of Anna Marie Barrie
Terry Stephens

Alexandra Pappas (Angela and Travis Bass daughter)
Connie Corriher (Jan Estabrook's sister-cancer returned)
Somchai (Nan Black's father)
Alan Smith (a friend of James & Leslie Hare)
Sheila Gryder (Jan Estabrook's cousin)
Carmen Barnard (a friend of Steve Staton)
Joseph & Mary (friends of Rachel Shumaker) (Joseph has cancer)
Liz Dallago (Bob Lawrence's daughter)
Cindy Munn (Pat Terrill's daughter Mark Merolla (Leslie Hare's friend)
April (Rachel Shumaker's great great niece)
Diane and Jim Casto (friends of Leslie Hare)
Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia)
Sheila Baxter (daughter in law of Eva Baxter)
Ann Sarver
Dottie Wright
Ryan Heck (a friend of Betty & Henry Jobe)
Rosemary Beaver (a friend of Keri Geddings)
Ashley Calhoun (Karen Calhoun's nephew's wife)
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)
(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)
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

January Birthdays

Herbert (Gene) Varn	1/02
Tom Swatzel	1/05
Madison Virgin	1/05
Sharon Willmann	1/06
Lynn Young	1/06
Robert Lawrence	1/07
Karen Dill	1/8
Marsha Marsh	1/8
Barbara Stephens	1/8
Daniel Wetsel	1/09
Karol Anderson	01/10
Terry Stephens	01/12
Austin Rowell	01/14
Ann Hammond	01/16
Karen Calhoun	01/19
Rachel Shumaker	01/19
Michele Sizemore	01/19
Bob Welch	01/20
Scott Homan	01/21
Valerie Alexander	01/22
Donald Marsh, Jr.	01/23
Helen Black	01/26
Ro Johnson	01/27
Liz Knorr	01/27
Jeff Rowell	01/27
Jason Walters	01/27
Heather Jordan	01/28
Linda Chevine	01/31
Pink Kellett	01/31
Al Sirmon	01/31

January Anniversaries

John & Nancy Hall	01/03
James & Selma Piver	01/11
Robert & Rebecca Archambeau	01/14
Bill & Anne Marie Hoyle	01/17
Don & Janell Lerche	01/21
Robert & Darlene Duchene	01/28

