

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

February 13, 2025

**6th Sunday after Epiphany**

Sunday morning

02/16/2025

Week 1 of 3 week series "3 Simple Rules"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

**Do Good!**

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

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

**Do Good!**

11:00 a.m. Modern (Berly Hall)

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](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: Galatians 6:1-10 (NIV)**

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. 4 Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, 5 for each one should carry their own load. 6 Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

### **Message From Pastor JR**

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) The Book of Proverbs is a book full of wisdom. The scripture cited in this writing is an excellent example of that and one that we should pay close attention to. As a church focused on discipleship, we are called to hold each other accountable and to build each other up in love. We are called to sharpen one another. This church offers many opportunities for sharpening, through bible studies, Sunday school classes, fellowship times, and worship. It's no mistake that one of the very first acts of Jesus' ministry was to call disciples. He created community and ever since then our faith has centered around community. Paul encourages us in Hebrews to "not give up on meeting together" (Hebrews 10:25). As we continue to move into the future that God has planned for St. Paul's Waccamaw, it is imperative that we increasingly grow closer through the Spirit of God. We must hold each other accountable and build each other up in love, in order that we may be mature in our faith. By doing so, we will strengthen our witness to our community and our world. This work will not be complete until every knee has bowed, and every tongue has confessed that Jesus is Lord. We have work to do!

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

Pastor J.R.

### **Message From Olivia Huggins, Music Director**

Joyce English will be playing at 8:45 and Cindy Senatore will assist at 11:15 February 16. They both do a wonderful job, and I am delighted to have them in our congregation. I am also blessed to have Susan Maffa direct choir practice Wednesday.

Pray I have a safe trip February 10-18 as I tour Paris with my lifelong friend, Malinda. We will be attending organ concerts at Saint-Sulpice and Saint-Thomas-d' Aquin and worshipping at the American Church in Paris. I am excited about the commonly visited museums, sites, food, cultural history and learning more about the Christian Kings of France.

Our Chancel Choir and Handbells are growing. In the near future, I plan to share short bios of our veterans and newer musicians who dedicate their talents to serve in worship and rehearsal.

I really love serving at SPW Methodist,

Olivia

### **Message from Lynnwood H. Young**

We are looking for 2 ushers for the 11:15 services – March, June, September & December. Please email me at [Lynnwood.young@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnwood.young@gmail.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

**Church Newsletter.** **If you are not getting the church newsletter on line,** you can go to the church website at [www.spwmethodist.org](http://www.spwmethodist.org), and sign up on the bottom of the page. If you have trouble, please call the church office for help. 843-237-2294.

### **Weekly Bible Reading:**

Feb 16: Lev 11-13  
Feb 17: Lev 14-15  
Feb 18: Lev 16-18  
Feb 19: Lev 19-21  
Feb 20: Lev 22-23  
Feb 21: Lev 24-25  
Feb 22: Lev 26-27

### **Our Faithfulness Sunday, February 9, 2025**

8:45 Service 176; on line viewers 103; 11:00 Service 169; on line viewers 125; 11:15 Service 41;  
Sunday School 96

**The Sunday School Classes will meet February 16, 2025, at 10:00 TE: The Friendship Class, Youth Building, New Sunday School class called the Truth Seekers, Room 305 in the CLC Building.**

There is a new **Sunday School class for youth** and young adults which will meet in the Discovery Room in the CLC during the 10am Sunday School hour. Pastor Len Kircher and Pastor J. R. Virgin will be leading.

### **Message from the Trustee Chairperson**

#### **Repurposing of the current Youth Building for GOD's work**

The Church Council requested a sub-committee to discuss and determine the best future use of the current youth building to support our mission to do GOD's work within our church and out into the Community and the World. It was decided that repurposing the building as a very flexible, multi-purpose/multifunctional tool that can be used as we are led.

After many months of hard work and effort, a proposal/recommendation was presented to the Church Council. It was voted on and approved. The work will begin March 10th and take approximately 3 months to complete. The building will not be available for other purposes during that timeframe.

The Sunday School class currently using one of the future large meeting rooms will begin meeting in the Sanctuary starting Sunday, March 2nd and the Thursday morning Bible Study lead by Gay Kelly will meet in the Sanctuary during this time. Other activities will need to choose another meeting room that will support their size as well. Please pray for this resource to be used as we are led into the future - forward focused.

## **Security Cameras and card access to primary building entrances**

The Trustees' Safety and Security sub-committee is in the process of implementation of a Security cameras and card access system project. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the installation/mounting of cameras to cover the parking lot, primary entrances to all buildings and the children's classrooms, as well as the card access equipment for the main access doors of each building.

If you have experience or skills with these technologies, wiring, or cabling you are needed to assist in this effort. Also needed are folks to assist with the implementation process.

To learn more or volunteer, please contact Eric Weber ([eric@webercs.com](mailto:eric@webercs.com)) or Charles Estabrook ([Trusteechair@spwmethodist.org](mailto:Trusteechair@spwmethodist.org))

## **Spring is coming**

The Trustee Grounds sub-committee will be gearing up for Spring activities soon. They will be proposing volunteer activity plans for 1 morning per week beginning (TBD - March after Daylight Savings Time) 10am -12 noon and recurring. Plans to expand to 9am -12 noon as weather warms. Volunteers may come for all or any portion of the time. they will be working on site and will recommend areas of need and answer questions. The same for the Prayer Garden area as well.

If you enjoy gardening or dressing up your yard, volunteer to assist with doing the same for GOD's grounds as well. Look for these opportunities to participate and enjoy fellowship.

## **HELP – YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED!**

In preparation for the repurposing/remodeling of the Youth Building, your help is needed. "Anything that belongs to you, in the Youth Building must be removed by **Saturday, February 22nd.**"

If you have anything that is in the refrigerator, that belongs to you, please remove. The refrigerator will be hauled away in 2 weeks. The remodel is going to allow the church to put all new appliances for the kitchen. If you have any questions, please see Gene Posey.

## **SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Thank you so much to everyone who brought items for the February kick-off of the year-round giving program for Operation Christmas Child. What a great start!! **The next collection date will be Sunday, MARCH 2.** Collection containers are in the Narthex and Berly Hall. Listed below are the **suggested items** for March. Please remember items need to be the size to fit in a shoebox. Please join us with your donations so St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church can reach our goal of 400 boxes in November!!

**MARCH** – Plastic Dinosaur, Animal or Action Figure, Small Cars or Trucks, Balls, w/Pump if necessary, Puzzles, Yoyos, Legos, Unbreakable Drinking Bottles/Cups w/ Straws; Plastic Cereal Bowls and Spoons; Plastic Straws; Fun Eating Utensils (**AGES 5-9**)

**NO CAMO OR ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE WAR. NO SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, LIQUIDS, LOTIONS, AEROSOL CANS, CANDY OR GUM.**

If you have questions, contact Patty Younts at 843-902-9304 or Donna Schmidt 843-222-6827

## **CALLING ALL PAINTERS!! SATURDAY March 1, 9 AM - ?**

The painting team will be painting some classrooms. If you like to paint and can help out, please let us know. Lunch will be provided.

Call or text Peggy Homan 843.325.6323.  
Thank you!

## **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 <http://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@spwmethodist.org](mailto:treasurer@spwmethodist.org)

With love and blessings,

Dave Streeter  
St. Paul’s Waccamaw Methodist Church Treasurer

### 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](mailto:fharris39@gmail.com)

### LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE

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

**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 2025. This is a good way to honor someone, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, etc. on Sunday mornings.

### **Bricks**

We are within the 60 day window to order 60 bricks to complete the walkway. To date we have 125 bricks. **The cutoff date is March 31, 2025.** Don't wait for the last minute or you may miss out. **Order Now!!!**

### **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:**

**Wesleyan Way towards Wholeness class**, Tuesdays at 6 pm, Wings classroom.

### **THE REAL HEAVEN! Tuesdays 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 – jrfinnical@gmail.com**

### **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. Thursdays at 10:00 in the Youth Building. For more information contact Gay Kelly.

**Mary & Martha Fellowship**, Every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Discovery Classroom.

**Annual Endowment Dinner**, Sunday, February 23, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Berly Hall.

**Church Council**, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Youth Building.

**Blood drive**, Tuesday March 4, 8:00 am-1:00 pm., Youth Building. You can sign up online at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767. Includes Free A1C test. Many people will thank you!.

**Shrove Tuesday** (also known as **Pancake Tuesday** or **Pancake Day**) is the final day of **Shrovetide**, marking the end of **pre-Lent**. **Lent** begins the following day with **Ash Wednesday**. Shrove Tuesday is observed in many **Christian countries**.

Join us for a **Pancake Shrove Tuesday Supper** on March 4th in Berly Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Donations will be accepted, and all proceeds will go to the St Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Discernment Fund.**

If you have any questions, please see Alisa Chapella.

## "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME"

On May 6, 2025 the Myrtle Beach Pelicans will play the Delmarva Shorebirds at Pelican Park. Game time is 6:35 P.M. Tickets are \$20 each. There is a good possibility that our Pastor JR will throw out the first pitch and our church choir can sing the National Anthem if they would like to. We will sit together as a group.

To purchase tickets please see Bob Maffa or Gene Posey.

Let's get together for some great fellowship and some great baseball.

**"PLAY BALL"**

**The Golf Committee has announced a tentative date for the Church Golf tournament** Wednesday June 11, 2025 at Wachesaw East Golf Course, with a rain date of Wednesday June 18th. We are also looking for volunteers for all committees....Contact Bill Alexander 803-448-7461 or Gene Posey 803-315-0191 for more information. Information on the first St. Paul's Waccamaw Golf Tournament is now on the church website. Included are entry fees as well as how to sign up for this mission fundraiser. You may access this page by going to the church home page and selecting the pull down menu; "Ministries & Activities". Then choose "Fundraisers" and here you will see a button for St. Paul's Waccamaw Golf Tournament. Any questions, please ask Bill Alexander or Gene Posey.

## **ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!**

**The St. Pauls Waccamaw Golf Tournament Registration Form is now available on the Church's home page. Please go to <https://spwmethodist.org/>. Once there, scroll down and select the button titled "St. Pauls Waccamaw Golf Registration Form" found above the calendar of events!**

### Chancel Choir Practice

Handbells meet Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir meet 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:office@spwmethodist.org)*

*Thank you, Alice*

### Prayer Concerns/Church Family & Friends

Susan Walters

Eva Baxter

Yvonne Moran

Jann Bullock  
Amylou Antes  
Nancy Hall  
Fred Hutcheson  
John Hall

Matthew Leyendecker (George & Clem Leyendecker's son)  
Richie Ballengee (cancer -friend of Patty Younts)  
Sam Stump (Patty Younts brother-in-law)  
Connie Corriher (Jan Estabrook's sister-cancer returned)  
Somchai (Nan Black's father)  
Sheila Gryder (Jan Estabrook's cousin)  
Carmen Barnard (a friend of Steve Staton)  
Liz Dallago (Bob Lawrence's daughter)  
Mark Merolla (Leslie Hare's friend)  
April (Rachel Shumaker's great great niece)  
Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia)  
Sheila Baxter (daughter in law of Eva Baxter)  
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)  
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)  
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)  
Dan Litton (a friend of JD Whitmire)  
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

### **February Birthdays**

Shirley Hutcheson	02/03
Betty Jobe	02/04
Mary Seipel	02/04
Alisa L. Chapella	02/05
Ed Clark	02/06



Cynthia Phillips	02/06
Sharon Bray	02/07
Travis Bass, Sr.	02/08
Bob Carson	02/08
Catherine Dorosh	02/08
Alan Walters	02/08
John Shumaker, Jr.	02/08
Robert Davis, Jr.	02/11
Mark Neill	02/15
Clem Leyendecker	02/16
Edward Bowers	02/19
Peggy Homan	02/20
Kim Leatherwood	02/21
Mary Jane Miller	02/25
Samuel Miller	02/26
Debbie Ann Wright	02/26
Patty Younts	02/26
Linda Annette	02/28
Jane Sipe	02/28

**February Anniversaries**

Tom & Susie Swatzel	02/10
Carl & Helen Marie Beaver	02/12
Jim Kay & Elizabeth Satterfield	02/12
David & Diane Strickland	02/16
Daryl & Titi Greene	02/21
Ray & KayKay Wells	02/27
JR & Carol Roscher	02/29