



St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

April 17, 2025

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday morning

04/20/2025

Week 7 of 7 week series "The Week That Changed the World"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

**"Resurrection"**

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

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

**"Resurrection"**

11:15 a.m. Traditional (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](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: John 20:1-18 (NIV)**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Message From Pastor JR**

Over the past six weeks we have taken a closer look at the occurrences of Holy Week. We have heard about Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the turmoil in the Temple on Monday, the cursing of the fig tree and woman with the alabaster jar on Tuesday, Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane on Thursday, and Jesus on the cross on Good Friday. While we have covered a number of events from that week, there are still many we have not examined in depth. I would encourage you to plan to attend the Holy Week services at St. Paul's Waccamaw. On Thursday, April 17, we will hold our Maundy Thursday service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Friday April 18 is Good Friday, and the Sanctuary will be open from Noon-3pm for prayer and worship. Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday, we will gather at 6:30am at the Clubhouse Deck at Litchfield by the Sea for a Sunrise Service. We will also have 3 services on Easter Sunday morning at St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church: 8:45am & 11:15am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary and 11:00am Modern Worship in Berly Hall. You are invited to join us for any or all of these services as we share the Good News of Jesus defeat of death and our subsequent promise of eternal life through Him.

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

Pastor J.R.

#### **Message From Olivia Huggins**

Kudos to our Chancel Choir, Handbells, and Cindy Senatore for outstanding worship presentations Palm Sunday. My apologies to a new Handbell ringer, Anne Oplanick, for omitting her name in the bulletin. Festival hymn anthems arranged for organ, choir, bells, and congregation are my favorite and the Hebrew folk song Handbell selection was beautifully played.

Cindy Senatore will play "The Via Del Lorosa" as a piano solo and join me for piano and organ duets Maundy Thursday. The Communion meditation will include hymn tunes for four hand piano, and organ solos by Bach and Mozart.

**Chancel Choir will sing at 8:45 and 11:15 Easter Sunday! More great anthems and joyous congregational singing will lead our Easter celebration.**

**See you in worship, Olivia**

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday - The Sanctuary will be open for prayer and worship from Noon - 3pm.

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunrise Service - Will be held on the Clubhouse Deck at Litchfield by the Sea, 6:30am. **(Breakfast will be served in Berly Hall after service for our members)**

**Blood Drive**, Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, email Bill Alexander at petvet2428@gmail.com.

#### **Weekly Bible Reading**

Apr 20: Ps 121/123-125/128-130

Apr 21: 2Sam 1-4

Apr 22: Ps 6/8-10/14/16/19/21

Apr 23: 1Chron 1-2

Apr 24: Ps 43-45/49/84-85/87

Apr 25: 1Chron 3-5

Apr 26: Ps 73/77-78

**Our Faithfulness Sunday, April 13, 2025**

8:45 Service 229; on line viewers 121; 11:00 Service 138; on line viewers 224; 11:15 Service 45; Sunday School Children and teachers 99

**The Joy and Friendship Sunday School Classes will NOT meet April 20, 2025, at 10:00 TE: The Truth Seekers will meet, Room 305 in the CLC Building.**

**Our Little Garden Child Care** is now open for all 3 worship services and the Sunday School hour! Children of every age are also welcomed to sit with you during the service-we love the beautiful sound of children in church! **Adult volunteers are needed to assist with the birth-3 yr. nursery as well as the 4/5 yr. class. Only 2-3 hours per quarter can make such a difference in these little one's lives! Call or text:Valerie Alexander 803-448-7462**

**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. Please ensure you note your User Id (email address) and password for your account. You will use this information to login to your account to make any changes or review your electronic giving. Please do not create another e-Giving account if you have already signed up in the past. Call me or email if you need help.

For those who already use e-Giving, a **reminder** that you can update your e-Giving account if you need to update your giving amount or add new donations. The brief instructions are to login to your e-Giving account and edit your profile information. You can update your donation amount, payment method and next transaction date. You can also see your history of giving. 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

### **Brick Walk Way Update**

All inquiries on the installation of the Walkway must go through Bob Carson. The cutoff date for interested parties to identify themselves will be April 23. The team will meet April 29 to select a contractor and a walkway layout.

### **44 additional spaces have been added for church parking.**

The spaces are located to the left of the Youth Building, where the dumpsters are located. Our church is blessed to have so many people wanting to attend.

### **Discernment Fund**

There are different ways you can give toward the Discernment Fund. You can write a check out to St. Paul's Waccamaw Church and on the memo of the check, put Discernment Fund and drop in the offering plate. **(You do not have to have an envelope)**. There are some envelopes in the Narthex and Berly if you want an envelope. You can also give with e-giving on our website and **designate Discernment**. Follow the instructions above on e-giving.

### **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!!**

### **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.

### **Bible Studies:**

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

### **Bible Study:**

**Experiencing the Heart of Jesus** by Max Lucado, every Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary.

**Revelation Bible Study**, every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary **starting April 1 – May 20**. Please email John Finnical if interested in taking the new study – [jfinnical@gmail.com](mailto:jfinnical@gmail.com)

**Bible Study – Who Is Jesus?** Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Discovery classroom starting May 6 – June 10. "...Before Abraham was born, "I Am" John 8:58. Please contact Roslyn Keck if interested at 843-651-1608 or email: [roslynkeck1@gmail.com](mailto:roslynkeck1@gmail.com).

### **Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:**

**Mary & Martha**, every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Discovery classroom.

### **The Trustee Grounds sub-committee**

Thank you to the Volunteer Gardeners who have worked faithfully and tirelessly to get St Paul's Waccamaw ready for Easter. It would not have been successful without each and every one of you.

No Tuesday Gardening April 22 or April 29 - as we take a short break until the next phase. Thank you gardeners! Angela Bass [acbass95@gmail.com](mailto:acbass95@gmail.com)

**Golf meeting**, Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 a.m., Berly Hall.

**Church Council**, Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

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

Thank you so much to everyone that has donated to the Operation Christmas Child year-round giving program! **The next collection date will be Sunday, May 4**. Collection containers are in the Narthex and Berly Hall. Listed below are the **suggested items** for May. 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!!

**MAY** – Toys such as Jump Ropes; Marbles; Handheld Games; Harmonica/other Musical Instrument; Slinky; Kaleidoscope; Etch-A-Sketch; Small Chalkboard and Chalk; Backpacks; Sunglasses; Pants; Dresses; Skirts; Shoes (**AGES 10-14**)

**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

### **IT'S ALMOST GAME TIME**

Sunday, April 20th, is your last opportunity to purchase tickets to the Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball game on May 6th. For \$20 you can enjoy some good baseball, come together for fellowship with friends, see our Pastor JR throw out the first pitch, and stand up proudly as our church choir leads us in the National Anthem. See Bob Maffa or Gene Posey to purchase your tickets.

It's going to be a fun night at the ball park.

**Trustee Board Meeting**, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Truth Seekers Classroom.

### **Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show Fundraiser**

Mark your calendars for May 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show in Berly Hall from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Our Fashion Sponsor will be Pawleys Island Wear from the Hammock Shops. Tickets will be on sale after church at the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services on 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11. The ticket is \$30. When you purchase your ticket, save it to get in and to enter your name for the door prizes. Please bring as many friends as you can. This is your opportunity to be invitational. Groups of eight may sit together. Lunch and home-made desserts will be served. Our Praise Band will lead us in praise and worship. Mark your calendars ladies. Come and enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship on May 17<sup>th</sup>. **(After the 11:00 am service, Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will need volunteers to help set up for this event)**

**Mission Committee Meeting**, Monday, May 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Joy Classroom.

**The Golf Committee has announced a date for the Church Golf tournament** Wednesday June 11, 2025 at Wachesaw East Golf Course. 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. **The St. Paul's 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. Paul's Waccamaw Golf Registration Form" found above the calendar of events!**

### **Chancel Choir Practice**

Handbells meet Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. (no practice April 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Chancel Choir meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (no practice April 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Modern band rehearsal Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

### **Students in the Word**

Students in the Word meet 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Mon. – Thursday (Truth Seekers & wings classrooms) and Friday in Berly Hall.

### **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  
Nancy Hall  
Fred Hutcheson  
John Hall  
Rachel Shumaker

Marie Beaver  
Frank Antes  
Rachel Sirmon  
Janet Parsons  
Janis Lange  
The Family of Lee Horton  
Milton Gardner (Pam Gardner's husband)

Heather (Bob & Pam Carson's daughter)  
Don Hayes (loss of wife) (friend of Polly Simack)  
Kristen Canine (daughter-in law of Dave and Paula Canine)  
The family of Nan and Keith Black (Nan's father passed away)  
Kay Long, (friend of James and Leslie Hare)  
Geri Cole and son Michael Adkins (lost everything in the flood in Kentucky)  
Ann (Rachel Shumaker's sister)  
Doretha (Rachel Shumaker's cousin)  
Matthew Leyendecker (George & Clem Leyendecker's son)  
Connie Corriher (Jan Estabrook's sister-cancer returned)  
Sheila Gryder (Jan Estabrook's cousin)  
Liz Dallago (Bob Lawrence's daughter)  
Mark Merolla (Leslie Hare's friend)  
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)  
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



**April Birthdays**

Gene Posey	04/17
Chad Reese	04/17
Gregory Dennis	04/18
Linda Averette	04/20
Julie Morris	04/20
William Scott Lewis	04/23
Bill Eisenhauer	04/25
Frank Slater	04/26
Margaret Smith	04/28
Eva Baxter	04/29
Bruce Stelow	04/29
Diane Strickland	04/30

**April Anniversaries**

Gregory & Melinda Dennis	04/18
Nelson & Susan Bartlett	04/20
David & Juanita Matos	04/22
Ronald & Carol Tedesco	04/24