

Paul's Patter



A MINISTRY OF ST. PAUL'S UMC

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Special points of interest:

- Vision Moment
- 2019 Poinsettia Memorials
- Much More!!!

Vision Moment

My father called me the other day. We talk at least once a week about everything under the sun. But the other day he mentioned to me the words of the local Charleston-area weatherman. He said that the ground was unable to hold the water from the recent rain like it had been due to the fact that it was winter and the trees were not collecting the water as they would if they were budding.

This got me thinking about our lives. How often as Christians do we set aside our responsibilities to God to suit our own needs? What do we turn away from God's desires for our lives for?

Psalm 1:1-3 says "Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like tree planted by streams of water, which

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Rev. Ronald Daugherty
&
Rev. Brian Lee Daugherty

Online Presence

Have you wondered how to connect with your church outside of normal worship hours? Pastor Brian has been working hard at maintaining our online presence through facebook and our church website. Keep checking for updates, devotional videos, and many more surprises to come that are sure to lift your spirits and connect you to the work of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in our community and around the world. Ask questions, post stories, share news, and build onto the already rich tradition of community.



Vision Moment (cont.)

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yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.”

So instead of getting run down, feeling like we are closed up for the season, let us this winter be inspired by our relationship with God and God’s people that we open up to new possibilities in serving Christ’s way, radical, counter-cultural, and most importantly with the deepest love for all.

Scripture is from the NRSV

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials 2019

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given By</i>
Virginia Schneider	Dwight Foley
Don & Emma Lantz, Jeff Lantz, Pam Lantz Sara & Frank Heck	Janet & Larry Williams
Aubrey Smith Eleanore Minnick	Rick and Gwen Bush
Bill, Soe, and Larry Mallory	Bill, Carolyn, Megan, and Rachel Mallory
Larry James Gayleen James	Greg & Michelle Johnson
Ollie J. & Evelyn M Parsons, June Anne Parsons Aquino	Jane Wittington
Jack Hill	Bob & Sue St. Jean
Holly & Anne Holland, Gilbert & Nancy Trembly	Orville & Carol Trembly
Robert Tracewell	Geraldine Tracewell
Ed, Juanita, & Gary Simmons Walter Hickman Jr.	Larry & Karen Hickman
Bill & Myrtle Williams	Larry & Janet Williams & Sons
Jack Hill Jr. & Jack Hill Sr.	Stacy Hill
Our Parents & Our Grandchildren	Louise & Harold Brown
James E. Pfaff, Virgil & Glenda Michaels, Oren A. Sams III, Oren A and Goldie Sams	Elizabeth Pfaff, James, Tamera, Marli Mushrush, Jane Vanfossen
Bill McClure	Patsy McClure
Jack Beaty, Ward Wilson	Allegra Wilson and Family
Kay Lethcoe, Sarah & Richard Peck, Lillian and Luther Snipes	Carol & Stephen Peck
<i>In Honor of</i>	<i>Given By</i>
Waldene Hickman	Larry & Karen Hickman
St. Paul’s Singers and Ringers	Bob & Sue St. Jean

Ministry Spotlight: Breadline

All are welcome to the church any Tuesday morning at 9:00am to receive food, paper products, and personal hygiene items. Approximately 25-35 people are assisted each week. The morning starts with a short devotional reading and prayer. We serve coffee and doughnuts as folks gather. Each person draws a number to determine a random place in line.

Breadline is in need of your help! Donations of bread, paper, and personal care products are always needed. The ministry is also becoming low-staffed, and could use both delivery and support staff for passing out supplies. A substitute devotionalist is also needed in case of illness or unavailability. It is truly a wonderful community spirit at Breadline, join the community, and be blessed.

New Children's Program- Beginning in January, 2020, we will be offering a learning curriculum for our children during the church hour. We will need volunteers for approximately 15 minutes during church each Sunday. The curriculum will be provided. Please consider taking one Sunday each month, two Sundays each month, or a month at a time, if you prefer.

Stay tuned for more information.—Gwen Bush PPR Chair

Hospitality

On Saturday, January 11, at 4:30 PM, there will be a soup dinner followed by a fun evening of searching through the church on a scavenger hunt. The soup will be provided.

Please join us at the snack table before and following worship each Sunday to chat and eat some goodies provided by the committee.

Book Group

Our group meets the first Wednesday of the month but since January 1st falls on that day, we will meet January 8. We will be discussing “Elephant Company” by Vicki Constantine Croke. It’s the story of how animals helped save lives in WWII. For February, we will read “Rising Sun, Nightfall over Shanghai” by Kalla and is the sequel to “Far Side of the Sky” which we read in November. Everyone is welcome.

Carenotes

Carenotes is a service provided for church communication. Have a prayer request? A joy such as a successful birth or hospital procedure? A new address that you want everyone to have? Send an email to carenote@suddenlinkmail.com and Bob and Sue St. Jean will distribute the message. To sign up for carenotes, send a request to the email or contact Bob or Sue St. Jean.

If you wish to gain more information from a carenote, email the sender mentioned.

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Birthdays

10– Leanne Carr
17– Barbara Goldsmith
22– Gina Sellers
24– Terry Nisewarner
28– Nicole Swisher
28– Rick Bush
28– Vicky Huffman
30– Vicki Drain

Anniversaries

10– Parker and Pat Hood
31– Harold and Louise Brown

Adult Sunday School Class

Pastor Brian will wrap up his lesson on Advent on December 29. Beginning in January, Karen Hickman will teach from "Bad Girls of the Bible and what we can learn from them" by Liz Curtis Higgs. The first bad girl is Eve. Come learn about the others. Our pecan sales went very well this year but there are still a few bags of regular and cinnamon pecans available. Stop by after church to get yours. They are \$9 per bag. All the money raised will be given to missions. Thank you for your support.

Trustee Committee

Fortunately there aren't many things that need action at this time. The committee is still investigating the addition of security cameras on the outside of the building and will have a report to the Administrative Board in the near future. We have contacted a company to restore the lighting on the education wing. One of the trees in front of the parsonage will be taken down soon. We are looking into getting the plaster in the sanctuary and balconies repaired in the spring, and we're looking into getting the storm windows over the smaller stained glass windows replaced. If you see something in the church that needs attention, please contact Karen Hickman.