

As members of the United Methodist Church, we are invited to participate in its ministries, in compassionate ways, with our prayers, presence, witness, gifts, and service.

Counters: **Sept. 25:** Ken Stovall & Susannah Traywick
October 2: Robert Dibble & Ken Stovall

Acolytes: **September:** Mike Journey
October: Jim Cary

Ushers: **September:** Gene Atkinson & Bill Gramling
October: Johnny Gillam & Ken Stovall

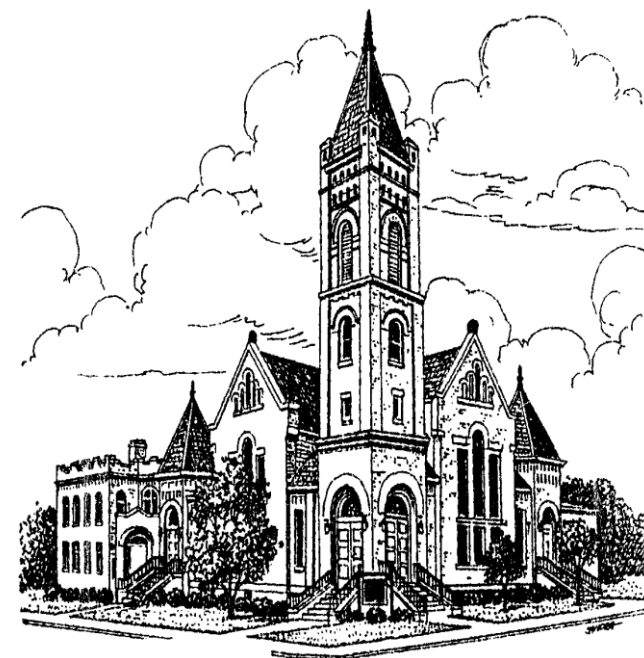
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St. Paul's United Methodist Church

*1356 Amelia Street
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115*

Reverend Fred V. Buchanan, Jr., Pastor

September 24, 2023

Order of Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023 – Liturgical Color is Green
Seeking God, Serving Others, Offering Hope

Entrance

We gather as the Body of Christ to worship our Lord.

Gathering Music *Dayle Arant*

Welcome and Announcements *Dr. Jerry Wuenscher*

Praise Chorus and Processional “Bind Us Together” FWS #2226

Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 105: 37-45

Leader: He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold, and from among their tribes no one faltered.

People: Egypt was glad when they left, because dread of Israel had fallen on them.

Leader: He spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light at night.

People: They asked, and he brought them quail and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

Leader: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; like a river it flowed in the desert.

People: For he remembered his holy promise given to his servant Abraham.

Leader: He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy; he gave them the lands of the nations, and they fell heir to what others had toiled for --

People: that they might keep his precepts and observe his laws.

Hymn “I Am Thine, O Lord” UMH # 419

+ Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ Gloria Patri

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession

God of life and wisdom, we lay before you the idle grumblings that often overtake us. When daily annoyances come, may we be aware enough of your abundance that joy may overcome bitterness. Where we have real complaints, grant us first the grace of self-examination and then the gifts of careful, honest speech and listening hearts. And when the answer is unexpected - like manna instead of fleshpots, or the last paid first - help us discern the signs, wonders, habits, and ways of your coming realm.

Pastoral Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

Offering Offertory *Dayle Arant*

+ Doxology

+ Hymn “Forward Through the Ages” UMH # 555

Scripture Matthew 20: 1-16 Pew Bible KJV pg. 19, NIV pg. 1529

Sermon “I Have a Bargain for God” *Rev. Fred V. Buchanan, Jr.*

+ Hymn “Amazing Grace” UMH # 378

Sending Forth

We go forth in the power of the Spirit to love and serve God and neighbor.

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

+ Indicates please stand, as you are able.

What’s Happening This Week:

Sunday, September 24

9:30 am **Sunday Morning Meet and Greet** (Wannamaker Hall)

9:45 am **Sunday School**

10:45 am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 25

10:00 am **Bible Study on Revelation – CANCELLED**

Wednesday, September 27

10:00 am **Knitting and Crocheting** (Wannamaker Hall)

Thursday, September 28

9:00 am **Blue Hatters** (Office Building)

What’s Happening Next Week:

Sunday, October 1

First Sunday Sharing

9:30 am **Sunday Morning Meet and Greet** (Wannamaker Hall)

9:45 am **Sunday School**

10:45 am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

Monday, October 2

10:00 am **Bible Study on Revelation** (Library)

6:30 pm **Covenant Circle** (Wannamaker Hall)

Wednesday, October 4

10:00 am **Knitting and Crocheting** (Wannamaker Hall)

5:30 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** (Wannamaker Hall)

Thursday, October 5

9:00 am **Blue Hatters** (Office Building)



**ST. PAUL'S UMC
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER. . .**

COME EAT!

We hope to see all of you Wednesday night,

**October 4, 2023,
at 5:30 pm!**

We invite you to confirm your attendance
by placing this slip in the offering plate.

Adult meal: \$6.00,
Children's meal (age 5-11): \$ 3.00
Children under 5 FREE

The menu is:
Taco Salad, Dessert, and Tea

Name: _____

No. adults ____

No. children ____

All committee chairpersons need to submit their Budget Request for 2024 to the Finance Committee. Requests can be emailed to the office or submitted in a hard copy.

First Sunday Sharing – Sunday, October 1. St. Andrew's United Methodist Shepherd's Ministry needs dry cereal.
The Filling Station – Monetary Donations

Covenant Circle - Monday, October 2, in Wannamaker Hall at 6:30 pm. Everyone is asked to bring a salad and candy for treat bags.

Wednesday Night Supper will be held Wednesday, **October 4,** at 5:30 pm. Menu is taco salad, dessert, and tea.
