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Here's What is Happening In

October

October 2, 2022 Sunday School – 9:00 AM

October 2, 2022 Estimate of Giving Cards/Time & Talent Forms DUE TODAY!!!

October 9, 2022 Council Meeting – 8:00 AM

October 16, 2022 Sunday School – 9:00 AM

October 28, 2022 TRUNK OR TREAT @ Friendship AME Church – 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM



From the Pastor's Desk

How's Your Relationship with Jesus?

As many of you know, my Ugandan friend, Peter Wamono, recently visited and shared worship and song at Friendship AME Church in the Old Village, Mount Pleasant. Peter is an accomplished musician and pastor who has planted one church in two locations in his hometown of Mbale, Uganda. Currently, he is living in Charlotte, awaiting his next call from God.

It was a joy to have Peter staying with us. We spent much time in conversation, especially about faith. If you met Peter, you would understand that he has completely given his life over to God, and even if you wanted to, you could not stop him from talking about God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and his experience with all three.

One of the subjects we touched upon was witnessing (sharing Jesus with others). Peter can witness to *anyone*. He asks questions, he listens, he listens some more, he affirms them, and then as he's praying in his mind, he brings Jesus into the conversation. For Peter, he owes everything to Jesus; he believes that. He's developed a personal relationship with Jesus, and the result is that Peter is good at talking about Jesus. Lutherans aren't typically known for witnessing or even talking about Jesus. But perhaps we should be.

Peter begins with the premise that God loves everyone. Everyone is loved by God. He first speaks of the great love that Jesus has for them. *"Have you ever heard of Jesus? For me, he changed my life. And he loves you too, more than you can imagine."* In nearly every case where people say they aren't Christians, Peter says that it's because they've had a bad experience with church or Christians. He shares with them, *"Okay, so imagine you hire a cleaning company to clean your home, but when you arrive home, you find your home still dirty. The cleaning crew did a messy job. Wouldn't you call the manager and complain? You see, the cleaners are like Christians. All too often, we do not represent God's business well. We are messy. We fight. We can be hypocritical. Is that God's fault? No. So, don't you want to know about my relationship with my loving God through Jesus? And what if Jesus truly loved you and can change your life for the better?"*

The Lutheran faith is grounded in Germanic and Nordic traditions, which are very scholarly. Therefore, Lutherans tend to be good at *thinking about* God but not necessarily good at *knowing God personally*. However, faith is a *relationship* with our God. That's why Jesus died on the cross, so all our garbage would not separate us from a perfect God. God sent Jesus so we could pray to, hear from, and feel the living God. Faith is not an exercise for the mind. Faith is trusting that what God has already done for us is true. It comes from the heart.

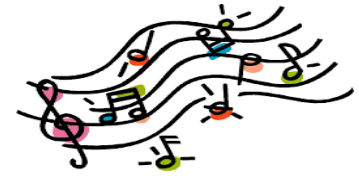
When was the last time you prayed to God as your Father? When was the last time you told someone about how Jesus is getting you through this and that? When was the last time you felt and acknowledged the Holy Spirit's work around and in you?

I believe my friend Pastor Peter is so successful in witnessing to people because he talks about his own *experiences* with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God in three persons is the source of his life. Maybe we can develop our faith relationship in Jesus and eventually confidently witness to those around us using our own stories.

I love being your pastor,
Pastor Aaron



From the Choir Loft



50th Anniversary Celebration of our Church building & Zimmer Pipe Organ

Our next program will be on Monday, October 17th at 6:30pm. This is a FREE event! This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of our church building and the Zimmer pipe organ. In recognition of this milestone, we will host the October meeting of the Charleston Chapter of the American Guild of organists. Cornell Zimmer, the grandson and son of the builders will be here to share his memories of the installation and a bit about the Zimmer Organ Company. Bill and Lucy Hightower, long time members of St. Paul's, will be on hand to give a brief history of the church. The evening will conclude with several local organists playing short pieces. All of the repertoire for the program will be drawn from the wealth of material from the pen of the prolific American composer of choral and organ music, Dr. Gordon Young (1919-1998). There will be some refreshments in the breezeway following the program.

JOIN THE CHOIR!!!

Our choir is small but dedicated. We are always looking for new members. We welcome all voice parts but are especially in need of a soprano or two. One need not read music or have a professionally trained voice to join. We are an informal group and participation would require only a small time commitment. We practice on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. There are no mid-week rehearsals to try to fit into your busy schedules. If you like to sing, please prayerfully consider joining our ranks and making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Thomas Bailey



TRUNK OR TREAT

Friendship AME Church
204 Royall Ave
Mt Pleasant SC 29464



October 28th
5pm-9pm



- *Costume Contest
- *Music
- *Food
- *Games and prizes

Please contact Leah at
leahturner758@gmail.com
to enter your car in the
event

Sponsored by



Taylor T. Turner



Leah Turner

-Chairperson-

A. Laverne Horry

-Christian Education Director-





IS BACK!

**Sunday School will begin at 9:00 am,
on first and third Sundays.**

**Meredith & Maggie
DeBenedetto**



**Will be teaching
the Combined children's
class**

**Joann Kimbrell
&
Pastor Steve Cooper**

**Will be teaching the
Adult class**

**Please DONATE Cases of Water Bottles
for our neighborhood Tennis Courts!**



**St. Paul's is starting to provide bottled waters under the tennis
court benches to our neighborhood tennis players!**

GIVE ONLINE NOW

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And of course, if you need any help making this change, please just ask the church office, and we will be glad to assist you.

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Those Serving St. Paul's in October 2022

Sundays after Pentecost

	<i>October 2, 2022 17th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>October 9, 2022 18th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>October 16, 2022 19th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>October 23, 2022 20th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>October 30, 2022 Reformation Sunday</i>
Providing Altar Flowers	Roy/Brenda Fischer		Ruby Schweers		
Pews, Colors, Banners & Candles	Freesi Nelson	Freesi Nelson	Freesi Nelson	Freesi Nelson	Freesi Nelson
Project/Facebook	Nelson	Nelson	Nelson	Nelson	Nelson
Counters	Tina Carter & Lisa Peeples	Emi Kent & Freesi Nelson	Becky Beckett & Colleen Coste	Jon Nelson & Sue Detar	Bob Curry & Carolyn Doig
Worship Assistant	Meredith DeBenedetto	Freesi Nelson	Bob Curry		
Offering Presenter	Deacons	Deacons	Deacons	Deacons	Deacons
Deacons/Ushers/Greeters	Judy Snyder & Caroline Mauney	Judy Snyder & Caroline Mauney	Judy Snyder & Caroline Mauney	Judy Snyder & Caroline Mauney	Judy Snyder & Caroline Mauney

Flower Baskets/carriers and take home vases available in Sacristy. Contact Betsy Cappelmann.

Service	Scheduler	Cell Phone #	Home Phone #	Email
Evangelism/Visitation	Caroline Mauney	843-509-8815	843-884-2679	cbmauney@bellsouth.net
Flowers	Betsy Cappelmann	843-830-3438	843-881-3146	betsycap@comcast.net
Deacons/Counters/Sacristy	Laura Togami	843-327-4194	843-883-3153	Lktogami1@comcast.net
Worship Assistants	Lisa Peeples	843-834-3542		5Peeples@bellsouth.net

If you would like to serve St. Paul's in 2022 in any of these ways above, please let Laura Togami know!!!

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY:

We need more volunteers to help The Nelson's & Togami's with running the sound board/Streaming services through Facebook Live/Projecting Powerpoint slides for services! If you are at all capable of helping, please let Laura Togami know! *You will be trained before jumping into this!*

Options for Communion in 2022



**If you are still unable to attend church services at this time,
but want to partake in communion:**

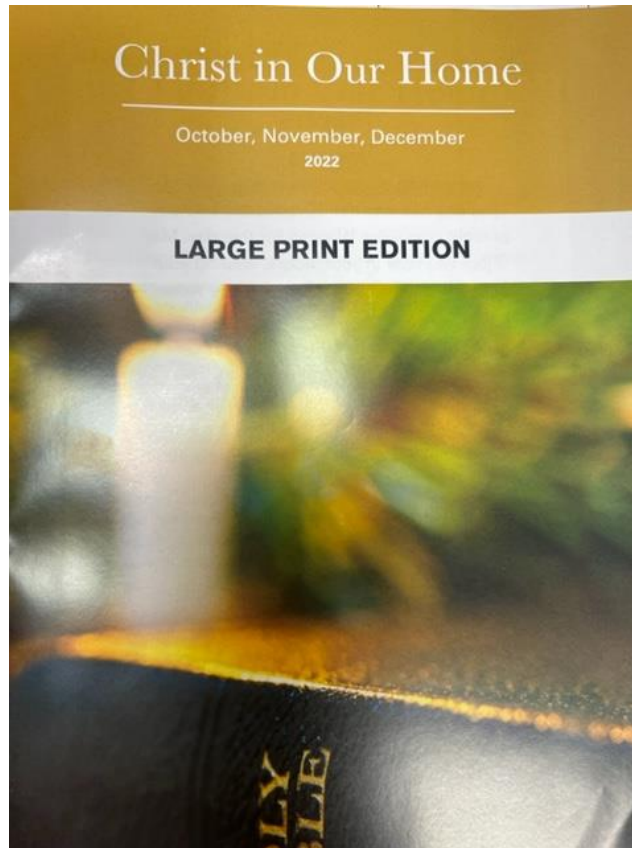
- You may come pick up some of these awesome individually wrapped communion packets for your family, which can be used as you worship with us through Facebook Live! Just email or call Laura Togami in the church office to schedule a pick-up time.

Christ in Our Home Daily Devotional Books

For October, November, December



AVAILABLE NOW!!!!!!



These devotionals are great for a quick and easy daily read!

It's a great start to your day!

If you would like us to send you one in the mail,
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RightNow Media!



Whether at home or in the back seat on a long drive, families with children of all ages now have unlimited access to an enormous library of entertaining and educational Bible-based content just for kids.

In 2022, Think about sending these people a card to celebrate their special days!



Steven & Staci Mays	10/13
Jon & Freesi Nelson	10/19
Tyler & Frances Wiedmer	10/19
Paul & Julie Peeples	10/24



Becky Beckett	10/04
Norm Jenness	10/07
Pat Flynn	10/08
Ally Jenkins	10/08
Mary Poole	10/13
Earl Fischer	10/14
Cliff Lewis	10/16
Michael Hair	10/17
Laura Togami	10/21
Kenzie Kent	10/22
Bob Curry	10/26
Skyla Kershaw	10/26

A Christian Community Striving to Share God's Love with All

Guiding Principles

Jesus is Savior and Lord.

God transforms and heals in surprising ways.

Worship, Word, Sacrament and Prayer strengthen our faith.

We joyfully, faithfully & courageously share the good news

In thought, word and deed.

We welcome all to join us in God's work.



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