



# St. Paul United Methodist Church

*New Ellenton, SC*

## *The Goodnews Letter*

**May 2023**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

-St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226 A.D.)

St. Francis of Assisi beautifully places into words the life and nature of the Christian love ethic. As Christians our whole lives are formed, conformed, and transformed by Jesus' cross and resurrection. Jesus' dead on the cross for our sins and his resurrection proves God's love for us and thus fills our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit with the same love (agape) that was demonstrated to the world on Good Friday (Romans 5:5-8, 6:4).

The love ethic of our faith fills us with the desire to see the grief, pains, wounds, and sorrows of our neighbors and thus equips us to be Christ's hands and feet in our world.

Presbyterian pastor Rev. Donald Gray Barnhouse, in the same spirit of St. Francis, described according to St. Paul's words from Galatians 5:22-23 how the fruits of the spirit reflect God's love in our outward lives and actions:

Donald Gray Barnhouse on Galatians 5: 22-23:

Love is the key.

Joy is love singing.

Peace is love resting.

Long suffering is love enduring.

Kindness is love's touch.

Goodness is love's character.

Faithfulness is love's habit.

Gentleness is love's self.

Self-control is love holding the reins

May the Love of God be expressed in the fruits of the spirits in our everyday lives and may we go into our world as an instrument of peace to uplift, encourage, and inspire souls who yearn to know the truth at the core of their inward being- they are loved by God more than they will ever conceive or imagine.

This sounds like the Gospel. This must be good news!



## ST. PAUL UMC VOLUNTEERS

### Acolytes

05/07 David Ignaffo  
05/14 Lauren Akins  
05/21 Zoey Hall  
05/28 Vivianna Ignaffo

### Communion Preparation

Ann Summer

### Nursery Volunteers

05/07 Destiny Ramos & Toby James  
05/14 Amanda Kirkland & Eirene Ferguson  
05/21 Minnie Goodman & Christy Boatright  
05/28 Kathy Moore & April Ramos

### Lay Servants

05/07 Jimmy Brinkley  
05/14 Charles Goodman, Sr.  
05/21 Charlie Wyont  
05/28 Melinda Brinkley


### Offering Accountants

Kathy Moore & Bob Ferguson

*Lay Servant Substitute: Jennifer Akins*

*If you are unable to serve on the Sunday you are  
scheduled for, please find a replacement  
and contact the church office.*

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St. Paul UMC is scheduled to load the ACTS food distribution truck on the 4th Thursday of the month.

**ACTS Food Distribution**  
Friday, May 26, 2023  
8:30 AM  
New Ellenton Civic Center

## ***Mother's Day Prayer***

*We praise you, O God, for your gift of motherly love, both gentle and fierce,  
both strong and humble, both kind and true.*

*For mothers who have joined you in heaven  
and whom we miss dearly this day, we give you thanks.*

*For mothers who work day and night  
to raise and care for their children, we give you thanks.*

# MAY 2023

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 600 Main Street South  
 New Ellenton, SC 29809

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 5 PM Nurture/ Outreach meeting.-FH Deborah Eubanks (B) Stacie & Lyle Usry (A)	5	6
7 10:30 AM Worship 5 PM UMWF-FH 5 PM MYF-FLC Ansley Sharpe (B)	8	9 Debbie Kirkland (B)	10 5:15 PM–Mini M&M Choir Practice	11	12 Nolan Akins (B) Rick Crosby (B)	13
14 Mother’s Day 10:30 AM Worship Mini M& M Sing Jennifer & Charles Goodman, Jr. (A)	15 Kevin Ignafio (B) Wendy Reid (B)	16	17 Joe Eubanks (B)	18	19	20
21 10:30 AM Worship 5 PM MYF-FLC	22	23 Pat Matera (B)	24 Barbara & Tommy Johnson (A)	25	26	27 Wendy & Billy Stephens (A)
28 10:30 AM Worship	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			



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# Ordination

*By the Grace of God*

*and the Power of the Holy Spirit*

*The Resident Bishop L. Jonathan Holston*

*of the South Carolina Conference*

*of the United Methodist Church will ordain*

*Joseph Daniel Kovas*

*to the Sacred Order of Elder*

*in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic,*

*and Apostolic Church*

*Sunday, Fourth of June*

*Two thousand and twenty three*

*At seven o'clock*

*Florence Civic Center*

*3300 W Radio Drive*

*Florence, South Carolina*

Your prayers and presence are welcomed.

Livestreaming available at

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