



Sunday, April 12th, 2026
The Second Sunday of Easter
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina
Parish Mission: "Growing in Christ, Serving God's People"
Diocesan Vision: "Making, Equipping, Sending Mature Disciples of Christ"

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Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries, Jane Kilpatrick
Interim Organist Steven Aycock
Parish Secretary, Brenda Vale

This Week's Schedule

Sunday at 8:00 AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist
Sunday at 9:15 AM	Bible Study with Father Ed
Sunday at 10:30 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist
Tuesday at 11:00 AM	Book Study
Thursday	Office Open
Friday	Office Open

St. Paul's Prayer List

*May God the Father bless you; May God the Son heal you; May God the Holy Spirit give you strength.
May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to His
heavenly country, where He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

Those in need of prayer:

Shelly Artello, Sally Beyer, Henry Carter, Dan Centea, Marianne Clark, Russell Hawes, May Hennessy, Robert Krychiw, Libby Justice, Mary Ann Saint, Michele Erickson, Rachel Joiner, Ron Covington, Keira Esposito, Rita, Jan Arnold, Linda Anderson, Craig, Douglas Devanney, Kevin Meyer, Heather Hovde, Don Peeler, Joe Monza, the King family, Rick Smith, Blaine Walker, Pat Malchak, Zoe Lloyd, Paul Kanute, Bobby Billings, and Charles Lieske Jr.

Please pray for those who have died

If you need to be added or have someone that we need to pray for, please email the church office at stpaulsfortmill@gmail.com or call 803.547.5968 and leave a message. Unless requested, each name will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks.

Reminder: Please wear your name badges especially during this transition time with our Interim Rector and Interim Organist.

Check the coat hooks in the Narthex for your completed name tag. Name tags are in alphabetical order by last name. You may need to check a couple of hooks to find your new tag.

Please let Brenda know via email @stpaulsfortmill@gmail.com or phone 803-547-5968 if you need a new name tag.

**In the event of a pastoral emergency,
contact
The Reverend Edmund Pickup, Jr.**

Important Announcement

In the coming weeks we will be updating our newsletter.

If you are already subscribed please add the following to your contacts to avoid it going to the spam folder:
Communications@stpaulsftmill.org

If you are not yet subscribed but would like to be, please message us directly.

Once the new newsletter is active, we will have a direct subscription link on our website. Thank you!

Mark your calendar

May 3rd – Between the services (approx. 9:15 AM) we will enjoy the Monthly Parish Breakfast.



Food truck/Ascension Sunday - May 17th. We will have a single service from 10 - 11 am, then a BBQ and taco food truck from 11 - 12:30. Grab lunch and eat in Close Hall. There may also be a desert truck. More information will be available later.

Bible and Book Studies

The Weekly Bible Study with The Reverend Ed – On Sunday, April 12th, we will discuss Luke 24:13-35, the road to Emmaus. On Sunday, April 19th, we will discuss John 10:1-10, the Gate for the sheep.

The Tuesday Study Group will begin discussing *Jesus Changes Everything*, by Stanley Hauerwas on April 14th at 11 AM, starting with part I. Participants may like to read the introductory sections as well if they have time. Everyone is welcome; come join us if you can!

The Tuesday Study Group is a wonderful place to explore and grow your faith in fellowship with other thoughtful, compassionate, and encouraging adults. Please join us if you are able!

Christian Education

In addition to volunteers, those welcoming and leading our children and youth are:

Nursery: Aiyana (Miss Flowers) Flowers, Nursery Coordinator (2016), has a Masters in Literacy from Winthrop University and is a third-grade teacher.

Kids' Corner and Youth Groups: Jane (Ms. Jane) Kilpatrick (2015), Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries, has a Masters in Christian Education and has served in Episcopal churches for over 20 years.

Youth Groups: Phoebe Arthur Connor (Middle School), Stephanie and Chris Krafft (High School) are experienced in teaching children and youth. There are five boys between the two families.

Kids' Corner (K-4), Sunday mornings beginning at 10:15 – we explore the lessons through stories, scripture, discussion and a variety of crafts, experiments, puzzles, and art. On Sunday, January 25th we will discuss the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.

Nursery and Kid's Corner begins at 10:15 AM, both located in Homan Hall.

Youth Groups

April 19th – 10:15 AM 5th grade, Middle School and High School for Sunday Morning Thoughts.
12:15 PM Fifth grade, Middle School and High School Laser Tag.

EDUSC SUMMER MISSION TRIP

GRADES 7 - 12

Our 2026 diocesan summer mission trip will take place June 21-26 in Laurel Springs, NC at the Laurel Springs Camp & Conference Center. We will be participating in a variety of projects to help those in the local community. The cost is \$500 and will include lodging, all meals, and supplies for our projects throughout the week.

To register go to: <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/DOZL>
Payment will be collected at a later date. Scholarship funds are available.

God is Always with You and God Always Loves You.
Be in Touch! Jane Kilpatrick, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries

Fellowship Opportunity



It is once again time to sign up for our St. Paul's Dinner Groups. These groups provide us with a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with other members of our parish — to meet new people or to get to know each other better and to enjoy some wonderful meals.

There are two different types of groups:

The “In-home” groups are usually made up of about eight people. The main dish for the meal is provided by the host/hostess with the others providing the appetizer, vegetables, salad, or dessert. Soft drinks are provided by the host and each person /couple should bring wine or other drinks if they would like them.

The “Restaurant” groups get together in different restaurants with members taking turns selecting the restaurant choosing the date, and making the reservation.

If you are interested in participating in either or both of these groups, please sign up in the sheet on the bulletin board downstairs or contact Mary Luzzi.

Serving Our Parish

Our 8 am service is in need of additional readers and Eucharistic ministers. It is wonderful to have so many regular parishioners attending our 8 am service. We'd like to encourage more participation in the church service and also give others an opportunity to grow in their worship experience by reading a morning bible passage as we share God's word with others at 8 am. We only have 3 Lay Ministers to assist Father Ed at our 8 AM worship. We need a fourth person to help with the month's schedule. It can be a challenge if all 3 Eucharistic ministers are away at the same time. A fifth person to act as substitute would be ideal. Please give this prayerful consideration as we can continue our worship at the 8 am service. Reach out to Father Ed, or any of the Eucharistic Ministers with any questions. Training is provided.

Many of our Google reviews are aged. We encourage members to leave a review based on their experience at St. Paul's.

Instructions

On a Desktop/Browser

1. Go to Google Maps: or Google Search and search for the business.
2. Click on the business's profile: on the right side of the search results.
3. Find the Reviews section, click the stars, then click "Write a review".
4. Rate and write your review, add photos if desired, and click "Post".

On a Mobile Device (App)

1. Open [Google Maps](#): and search for the business.
2. Tap the business name, then scroll down to the "Reviews" section.
3. Tap the stars: to select your rating (1-5).
4. Write your review: and add photos if you like, then tap "Post".



Serving Our Neighbors 2025



Fort Mill Care Center –April needs include canned pasta, baked beans, scalloped and au gratin potatoes, frosting, mayonnaise, salt and pepper, laundry detergent, Perishable items needed are fresh or frozen hams, cheese, eggs, frozen chicken breasts or thighs. At the current time, they do not need peanut butter, green beans, corn or macaroni and cheese. They also have posted an Amazon wish list on their website fortmillcarecenter.org **Please drop off non-perishable items in the grocery cart outside by the main door. Please do not leave Perishable items in the grocery cart.**

If you're able to make financial donations, please consider:

Please do remember that cash donations are always welcome at the organizations we help to serve:

<https://bethelshelters.org/services>

<https://www.fortmillcarecenter.org/monetary-donations/>

www.FoodForThePoor.org www.SAMS-USA.org (the Vivanco Family)

The Historic Paradise Foundation, 105 Lestina Court, Fort Mill, SC, United States, 29715

www.educationequalshope.org

<https://www.defendthefatherless.org/donate>

Notes from the Office

Forward Day by Day Daily Devotions for Disciples edition for May, June and July 2026 is now available. Copies can be picked up in the Narthex or on the table in hallway by the offices.

In an effort to eliminate scam texts, etc, from now on, the office will use only your email address that is currently on record. If you need to update your email information, there is a form on the Church Secretary's office door to notify the office of the change.



Please continue to be alert and cautious if you receive any suspicious emails or texts. Do not respond to them. If any doubt, please contact the Church Office. Remember, Father Ed will not ask for money or gift cards!

Please observe the speed limit in the entire neighborhood but especially on Pine Street and Springs St. We want to be good neighbors in this community. The neighbors help keep watch over the church, and we want to respect the neighborhood.



April Birthdays

3 rd	Brandon Polan	14th	Clare Hawes
7 th	Jay Abraham	16th	Pam Farley
9 th	Sarah Meyer	21st	Frank Stewart
10 th	Sally Reimers	22nd	Tina Girndt
11 th	Bayo Akinpelu	22nd	Aiyana Flowers
12 th	Yvonne Howland	26th	Amanda Riker
12 th	David McRell	26th	Sally Franklin
14 th	Lauren Condon	28th	Greg Counts



April Anniversaries

8 th	James & Becky Traynor
12 th	Walter & Laura Verastegui



Altar Flower Sign up.

The 2026 flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may sign up to donate the altar flowers and your dedication will be in the Sunday bulletin (**please email the church office with the dedication so that Brenda may add it in the bulletin before Wednesday**). Flowers are **\$50** and checks can be made out to St. Paul's with "altar flowers" in the memo line.

The flowers this month are given to the glory of God and

April 12th- Mike and Sue Craven in memory of their parents, Witson and Betty Smith and George and Mary Craven.

April 19th - Available

April 26th - Available

2026 Vestry members

Senior Warden: Chris Masoomian

Jr. Warden: Dee Hodnett

Clerk: Amanda Riker

David Dudley

Stephen Lovejoy

Carolyn Line

Ben Madej

Chris Lombard

Treasurer: Dennis Edwards

Finance Committee: Kent Weymouth

Contributions Secretary: John Connor



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday 7 PM	3 Good Friday Solemn Prayer Noon Stations of the Cross 5 PM	4 11 AM Youth stuff and hide eggs
5 Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt following 10:30 Service No Breakfast	6	7 Book Study 11 AM	8	9 Father Ed is in the office Office Open	10 Father Ed is in the office Office Open	11
12	13	14 Book Study 11 AM	15	16 Father Ed is in the office Office Open	17 Father Ed is in the office Office Open	18
19 Vestry Meeting	20	21 Book Study 11 AM	22	23 Father Ed is in the office Office Open	24 Father Ed is in the office Office Open	25
26	27	28 Book Study 11 AM	29	30 Father Ed is in the office Office Open		

	Date	4/5/2026	4/12/2026	4/19/2026	4/26/2026
	VOD	Chris Lombard	Carolyn Line	Steve Lovejoy	Chris Masoomian
8 am service	Counter 1	Dennis Edwards	Donna Dudley	Diane Lawton	Barbara Bartell
	Counter 2	Dee Hodnett	Libby Chambers	Niall Paule	Marry Luzzi
	Flower Guild	EVERYONE	Libby Chambers	Kelly Lovejoy	Pam Farley
	Altar Guild	Clare Hawes	Leah Abraham	Donna Dudley	Betty Allegretti
	Eucharistic Minister	Leah Abraham	Carolyn Line	Dee Hodnett	Leah Abraham
	Lector 1	Sally Weymouth	Betty Allegretti	Chris Lombard	Clare Hawes
	Lector 2	Clare Hawes	Clare Hawes	Sally Weymouth	Betty Allegretti
	Usher	Kent Weymouth	Holly Russell	Kent Weymouth	Chris Lombard
10:30 am service	Altar Guild	Donna Dudley	Janice Hage	Mary Luzzi	Pam Centea
	Eucharistic Minister	David Dudley	Dan Bartell	Mary Luzzi	Dan Bartell
	Lector 1	Jennifer Dickson	Diane Lawton	Mary Luzzi	Ginny Arthur
	Lector 2	Steve Lovejoy	Janice Hage	Amanda Rikers	Sam Kraft
	Usher	Dennis Edwards	Barbara McQueen	Dee Hodnett	Barbara Bartell
	Acolyte 1	Ben Madej	Ben Madej	Ben Madej	Ben Madej
	Acolyte 2	Brandon Polan	Brandon Polan	Brandon Polan	Sam Kraft
	Acolyte 3	Sam Kraft	Vanessa Polan	Vanessa Polan	Elaina Hodnett
Acolyte 4	Elliot Kraft	Cassie Polan	Cassie Polan	Vanessa Polan	
		Vanessa Polan			
		Cassie Polan			