

# The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!  
Saint Paul's UMC



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## All Church Cookout on September 30!

Since we had to cancel Catch the Spirit, let's have a cookout! We'll have burgers, bratwurst, hotdogs and all the fixin's. We'll even try to have a few inflatable activities for the kids outside (weather permitting). It's all **free**, come and enjoy starting at 12:00 noon this Sunday, September 30th!

## The Salvage Yard is One Step Closer to a Permanent Home!

It's been an amazing two years down on Main Street. The Salvage Yard started as an idea, became a reality, and is now a permanent fixture in this city. Yes, it's true, The Salvage Yard has signed papers to purchase the building it has been renting for the last two years!

We want to thank the congregation of Saint Paul's and the Congregational Development Team of the Missouri Conference for their financial support. We celebrate this purchase as a new beginning in the ministry and look forward to what the future holds for us. Check us out at [www.thesalvageyard.com](http://www.thesalvageyard.com) or come on down to see us at 1402 Main Street, Joplin.

## A Celebration...

We celebrate good stewardship no matter what size the gift, but since you may see a few improvements around the church and wonder how they are being paid for, we thought it important to inform the congregation of the source of these improvements. A gift to the church of \$100,000 from one of our member families will allow us to do several things that are beyond our current budget. This gift will allow us to pay off our debt on The Zone (approximately \$35,000), as well as fund the remainder of The Salvage Yard purchase price (\$20,000). This gift will also allow us to make several significant improvements in our facilities, assist non-budgeted ministries, as well as complete the people-mover fund so that our older adults can have an easy-access vehicle in which to get to church.

We continue to be amazed at the generosity that God places on people's hearts and the ministry that can occur as we respond!

## Pro Musica Concert Coming to Saint Paul's

Saint Paul's will be hosting a Pro Musica concert featuring the group Rebel (pronounced Re-bel) on Thursday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Rebel began in 1991 in the Netherlands. It has earned an impressive international reputation, enchanting audiences by their unique style and highly expressive approach to the Baroque and Classical repertoire. There is no admission charge, although donations are appreciated. Bring the whole family and enjoy an evening of classical music!

## Move Conference Success!

The second annual *Churches on the Move Conference* was a hit! We partnered once again with Sedalia First UMC to put on this conference to help churches take their next move in being faithful congregations.

There were approximately 250 participants in two locations and their evaluations were very high regarding their experiences. This is a part of our vision, to help other churches lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ and it is truly amazing to see it happen!

Many thanks go to the volunteers that helped with hospitality, set-up, registration, food and so much more. We couldn't do it without you.

## Upcoming Messages

**September 30** "Making Sense of Revelation—The Return of the King"

**NEW SERIES BEGINS! "Why I..."**

**October 7** "Why I...Live"

**October 14** "Why I...Laugh"

**October 21** "Why I...Doubt"

**October 28** "Why I...Trust"

"The primary purpose of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ."

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# Student Ministries!

## Saint Paul's Youth

Grades 6-12

The Crossing meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:30 a.m.

### Youth Corner

- Wednesday, Oct. 3** 6:00-8:00 pm The Crossing
- Saturday, Oct. 6** 6:00-9:00 pm Bon fire/youth party
- Sunday, Oct. 7** 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th goes to "big church" 4:00-6:00 pm 24/7
- Wednesday, Oct. 10** 6:00-8:00 pm The Crossing
- Sunday, Oct. 14** 9:30—10:30 am Go 4th  
12:00-1:30 pm SWIM/SLUG/team  
4:00-6:00 pm 24/7  
4:00-6:00 pm Ronald McDonald House
- Wednesday, Oct. 17** 6:00-8:00 pm The Crossing
- Sunday, Oct. 21** 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th  
4:00-6:00 pm 24/7
- Wednesday, Oct. 24** 6:00-8:00 pm The Crossing
- Sunday, Oct. 28** 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th  
4:00-6:00 pm 24/7
- Wednesday, Oct. 31** 6:00-8:00 pm The Crossing Fear Factor Party

## It's Peanut Butter/Jelly Time!!

This month Saint Paul's Youth are collecting peanut butter and jelly to give to several organizations in the Joplin area.

Please bring peanut butter (senior high) or jelly (mid high) by Wednesday, October 31.



Put the jars of P & J in the containers which are located at The Zone entrances.



## Saint Paul's Holiday Gift and Craft Show ...

The Gift and Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2007!

If you are interested in reserving a booth, please contact Nancy Hampton at 623-7090.



## A few words from Aaron...

This Sunday I'll finish up the current message series on Revelation. I have learned a great deal and I hope you have too. One key thing I'm taking from this series is to reevaluate how I, and my family, and our church is living **in** the world, but not **of** the world. I'm looking much closer at my life trying to see how I am accommodating too much to our culture. This is a tension that we must all struggle with as we strive to be faithful.

On October 2 we start a **new series** called "Why I..." In our rush through life, we rarely slow down long enough to ask ourselves why we do what we do. In this series, we'll discover that the amazing life God has in store for us is often just one question away. This will be great!

By the way, I heard a **rumor** today that I'm leaving Saint Paul's. I'm not sure where or how **that** got started, but it is just a rumor! We have been here almost 13 years and have no desire to go anywhere else!

See you on Sunday! Aaron

## Attention College Students (and parents!)

We need your address! If you are living away from home and attending college, we have a special gift just for you.

Every year we prepare and send away care packages. So we need your away from home address! Please call the youth office @ 623-7090 or send an email to youth@saintpauls-umc.com.

## Goal for Commitments Met!

We now have commitments of \$250,000 for Making Room For All 2! This is our one-year capital campaign to pay off the debt on The Zone (the youth building), reduce the principle on our other mortgage, and finish off the kids wing. We're well on our way! So lets all do what we can to fulfill our commitments and move us forward in our mission.

### This Newsletter Is a Gift Given by...

Rebecca Courtney of *All Decked Out* and Amanda Stanley of *Lyla's's Greetings* have partnered together to create a brand new

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Visit us Monday through Saturday 10:00 to 5:00ish!

If you would like to sponsor an issue of The Post Newsletter as an individual or business, contact Linda at 623-7090.

## Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Wednesday Nite Live	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Aug 26.....	803.....	115.....	423.....	\$13,936....	\$2,395
Sept 2.....	614.....	94.....	492.....	\$13,656....	\$1,442
Sept 9.....	744.....	175.....	409.....	\$14,280....	\$1,975
Sept 16.....	729.....	177.....	377.....	\$13,719....	\$1,490
Sept 23.....	708.....	195.....	000.....	\$23,542....	\$1,450

*Sunday Discipleship includes all children, youth, & adult classes & courses offered on Sundays. Wednesday Nite Live includes children, youth & adult ministries on Wednesday evenings.*

## Want to know more about Saint Paul's? Interested in joining?

The Saint Paul's Experience Course is a great way to discover the mission, vision and values that make Saint Paul's one of the fastest growing United Methodist churches in Missouri. This 2 week course also covers what we believe membership in the church means. Attendance is highly recommended before joining Saint Paul's. Come join us on Sundays, Oct 14 & 21 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 40.

## Christmas For the Children of Las Rosas

The tags have all been taken from the tree - Thank you!! Please bring the items you purchased back to church by September 30th and place them in the Mission Cargo-Box in the church lobby.

The children here at Saint Paul's will assemble the gifts for shipping to the children in Las Rosas.

## Thursday Morning Bible Study...

The Thursday Morning Bible Study has started again on Thursday mornings. We meet in room #51 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Our study is on the Book of Daniel. Anyone is welcome to be part of this Bible study group, so bring your Bible and come join us. If you have any questions, call Carolyn Schemahorn at 782-0039.

## R(each) U(p) B(eyond) Y(ourself) - THE RUBY CIRCLE...

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17th, at 11:30 a.m. in Room #51 at Saint Paul's. Oxford Health Care has requested time to come and present a program explaining their services. Ms. Karri Most will make the presentation. All ladies of the church are invited and (as always) invite a guest and bring your lunch/snack if you desire.

## Prayer Concerns

### Serving in Iraq:

Josh Walker  
Jason Lewis  
Jeremiah Mills

### Health & Healing:

Kaleb Miller  
Swede Tilberg  
Garrett Krause  
Ann Howell  
Debi McNair

### Hospitalized:

Linda Koehler, Joplin

### Surgery:

Kim Noll

### Grieving:

Mick Sweeten at the death of his mother Beatrice Sweeten

### Other Concerns:

Jim McCandless  
Hannah Cranor  
Luke & Britany Cranor  
Edna Dill & Ervin Dill  
Patrick Hamilton & Family  
MD Andersen  
Audrey Efird  
Elnora Parker  
Parker Family  
Kara Hulsey  
Willa Mae Crawford  
Jeff Lindsay  
Rodney & Janet Brewer  
Alexander Soriano  
Melissa Ware  
Jordan Hicks  
Zachary

## From the Mailbox



Saint Paul's UMC,

We would like to give you all an update of our family. We moved to Topeka, Kansas, on July 26th. Unfortunately, with all that we had to do to prepare for the move, we were unable to contact everyone about our departure. The church leaders and our friends from Alpha, Crown Financial, Sunday School, and Jennifer's Mom-To-Mom group are greatly missed. You have all touched our lives in more ways than we can say. We know that there is not another Aaron Brown or Saint Paul's church, but we pray that God will lead us to the next best thing. We will always consider Saint Paul's our home! Thank you all for touching our lives with hope, patience, and love.

Jay, Jennifer, Josh, Justin,  
Madison & Mallory Pokorny

To Our Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for the "truckload" of paper products. We are so blessed by your thoughtfulness and generosity each and every year. We truly appreciate each one of you!

Sincerely, Lafayette House Staff and Clients

## Recovery Support Group

Do you suffer from alcohol or drug addiction and feel like nobody understands you? Well we understand and want to help you. The Recovery Support Group at Saint Paul's is a small-group-style, Christ-centered program and you are invited to join us.

Recovery is a wonderful thing, so let's celebrate together! We meet each Thursday at 6:00 PM in Room 12 at the church. If you would like more information call Robby Boyd at 438-2354 or Teddy Steen at 624-3745.



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### **Check out KidSPaCe**

With the help of our committed volunteers, Saint Paul's provides a safe environment where children can enjoy great learning and loving relationships from **birth through 5th grade**.

In KidSPaCe, we believe that learning should be fun. This results in Bible lessons that are age-appropriate, interactive and relevant to today's children. You and your children are invited to visit KidSPaCe during any weekend service, and experience our commitment to working with every family in laying a spiritual foundation children can build their lives on.

### **Saint Paul's Sunday School**

Sunday School is the place that serves 3 year olds through grade 5 during our 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service. Every week we supplement parents in their desire to develop and grow their kids spiritually through a fun and safe environment. Kids are taught the Bible in a relevant and creative style and relationships are developed with their leaders and friends. Saint Paul's goal is to be one of the best hours in every kid's week!

## **Celebrate the Fall Harvest at Saint Paul's Pumpkin Patch!**

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes off all the dirt you may have gotten from other pumpkins. Then He cuts the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Last, He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for the entire world to see.



Saint Paul's Children's Ministries will be opening a pumpkin patch again this year. There will be pumpkins of all sizes, so make sure you check out our pumpkin patch beginning October 7. The pumpkins will be located here at the church.

Bring your family and pick up your pumpkins for this harvest season.

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