

# The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!

## Saint Paul's UMC



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### Missions...Holiday Food Baskets

The Missions Team is once again giving us the opportunity to share the many blessings God has given us, by helping needy families have a bountiful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We will begin collecting items on October 30. All types of items are needed - canned goods, soap, toiletries, and non-perishable items. Place items in the Missions Cargo Box in the northeast corner of the lobby. Monetary gifts for fresh food, may be left in the office. If checks are placed in the offering basket, please designate by noting "For Holiday Baskets."

### Join the Choir For the Christmas Season!

Yes! It's that time of the year again! The Choir will soon be preparing music for the Christmas season. This is a great time to make a short-term commitment (about 8 weeks) to the choir and just give it a try! In addition to singing in worship, the choir will be going Christmas caroling, singing on Christmas Eve and singing in a nursing facility. This gives us the opportunity to sing music that we love and serve others in the process. Those interested in singing during the Christmas season may join us on Thursday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Sign up on the Friendship Form on Sunday morning or call Janet Brown (623-7090, ext. 31) if you are interested. We always love to have new voices for this special time of year!

**"Pennies From Heaven"**  
**Women's Retreat Oct 27-28**  
*The Women's Retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Friday, October 27 and ends by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28.*

The retreat will be held at Saint Paul's. Bring sleeping bags, air mattress or whatever you want to sleep on and any personal items you will need. Feel free to bring anything that will make this a relaxing time for you. Bring a snack to share with others - all meals will be provided.

The cost is \$20.00 per person. You may register on the Friendship Form in the Sunday brochure or at the Information Center. If you would like more information, contact Bernice Robinson at 623-0174.

### Upcoming Sermons

Current Series: God is Closer Than You Think  
 October 22 Series Finale, "The Kingdom"  
 October 29 "Overcoming Life"

### Daylight Savings Ends October 29th!

Don't forget to set your clocks back before you to bed on Saturday, October 28th. We return to standard time on Saturday night and you can sleep an hour longer Sunday morning. When resetting your clocks, don't forget to test and/or change the batteries in your smoke detectors as well.



### Saint Paul's and ProMusica Present the Paul Mesner Puppets in...

### "The Four Seasons"

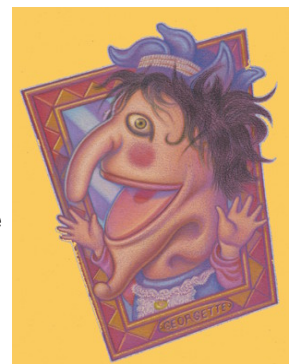
A live Vivaldi music performance

Join us on Saturday, November 18, 2006  
 At 1:00 p.m. in Saint Paul's Worship Center

**Tickets:** \$7.50 adults \$5.00 children  
 Tickets will be available November 1, 2006 at Saint Paul's UMC.

"The Paul Mesner Puppets incorporate educational values into every show and do an outstanding job of promoting the value of reading. The shows are silly enough to elicit much laughter from younger children and subtle enough to have adults in the audience chuckling as well."

**A Great Time for the whole family!!!**



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

# 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

**Saturday, October 21** 1-8 p.m. Mid High go to the Corn Maze

**Sunday, October 22** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th

**Wednesday, October 25** 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

**Saturday, October 28** 6 p.m. - 8 a.m. Senior High Lock In

**Sunday, October 29** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th

**Wednesday, November 1** 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

## Do You Like to Work Outside?

Do you like to plant and landscape? If yes, we need your help with the landscaping around The Zone. We also need people to help arrange and decorate our front entry way.



If you would be interested in helping out, call Nancy Hampton at 623-7090.

## 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 a lot of special goodies your way. So we need your address from home address! Please call the youth office @ 623-7090 or send an email to youth@saintpauls-umc.com.

## Sponsor a Newsletter!

Would you like the opportunity to reach 1,300 families and help your church at the same time? You could do this by sponsoring a newsletter. Every other week, we send out approximately 1,500 newsletters to families in our community and throughout the country. You can publicize your business or an upcoming event, show a loved one your appreciation, or simply praise God for His blessings.

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

## A few words from Aaron...

The recent school shootings, particularly last week at Memorial, has my mind going in many different directions. I pray for the student, Thomas White, and for all those affected. I pray particularly for the administrators, teachers, and students in all our schools. I pray for all of us who are parents of students (our oldest daughter attends Memorial one day a week). There are many issues that come to the fore in the wake of this event: school security, parental responsibility, gun control, etc. But the overwhelming thought that drives my mind, is how we as a church play a role in seeing that events like this do not happen. A large part of our ministry at Saint Paul's is to children and youth. We provide a place for them to grow, to learn, to connect with God, to develop life skills, to know that they are loved and valued by God and others. As we teach and shape kids we are investing in their lives in ways that will lead to a less violent community.

But here is what grieves me. We have many children and youth that participate in our ministries only occasionally, simply because their parents choose not to bring them to church—too busy, tired, don't want to get out on a Sunday or Wednesday night. As a parent I know that a huge part of my children's spiritual upbringing rests on my choices, and the same is true of all parents. It is vital that we choose wisely for our kids. This means that we do not abdicate our responsibility and that we do not let our busyness or laziness hamper the spiritual development of the children God has entrusted to us. So parents, please know that God is counting on you to make mature decisions about the spiritual upbringing of your kids. The goal of the church is to partner with you to help that happen. We provide awesome, engaging ministries for your children, and you back that up by taking an active role in keeping them connected here and at home.

The time, ministries, money, encouragement that we invest in our kids has a very real impact on their lives individually and it has a very real impact on the greater life of our community. Let's do all we can spiritually, relationally and financially to lead our kids (and all people) to an active faith in Jesus Christ. It's worth it in so many ways.

See you on Sunday, Aaron (stpauls@joplin.com)

## Sponsor Needed for "Spiritual Fitness" Minute...

Have you caught Aaron's weekly "Spiritual Fitness" challenges Friday mornings just before 7:00 on KODE-TV? Each week Aaron gives a message that's almost two minutes long and that often captures his sermon for the week "in a nutshell."

These messages are made possible by five sponsors who pay \$20 a week (in 13-week segments). You'll notice at the end of each message the sponsors are identified with their logos and by an announcer. **Right now we have an opening for a fifth sponsor.** The total cost is \$260 for a 13-week run, and sponsors are not billed until all 13 weeks have aired.

It's fair to say Aaron has a "following," and perhaps some viewers have even come through the doors of Saint Paul's as a result of these messages. It's one more way we're leading people to an active faith in Jesus Christ!

If you are interested in being that fifth sponsor (or being put on the waiting list for when another sponsorship slot becomes available), please contact Kathy Norris by phone at 417-437-7849 or by email at adsystems@sbcglobal.net.

## Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	WNL	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Sept 24	704	208	331	\$13,450	\$10,841
Oct 1	709	214	338	\$17,278	\$1,633
Oct 8	714	197	388	\$14,998	\$ 4,930
Oct 15	674	219		\$11,939	\$3,027

*Sunday Discipleship includes all children, youth, & adult classes & courses offered on Sundays. WNL includes children, youth & adult ministries from Wednesday Night Live. Complete Church Financial Reports are available at the Info Center.*

## Crosslines Pancake Breakfast



Crosslines Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser will be held Saturday, October 21st at First Community Church at 15th and Murphy Blvd. The serving hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is our only fundraiser and proceeds will be used to purchase much needed food for our pantry from which we serve approximately 300 families per month. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Adults - \$4.00 Children 12 and under - \$2.50 The menu includes pancakes, sausage and beverages.

## Prime Timers...

All adults age 55 and over are welcome to the Prime Timers fellowship dinner, held on the first Wednesday of each month. The meals are catered, and are followed by entertainment from area groups, programs, or games. Make plans to be here for a good meal, good fun and great fellowship!

Reservations are needed before October 30th for the meal on Wednesday, November 1st. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The menu is meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, lettuce salad, rolls, pumpkin roll and coffee/tea. The program is Keen Agers, a singing group. Call Maril Thompson for a reservation at 623-7803.

## 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 12-step 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 24 at the church.

If you would like more information call Robby Boyd at 438-2354 or Teddy Steen at 624-3745.

## Prayer Concerns

### Grieving:

The family of Jane Prince.  
The family of Gerald Sappington.  
The family of Jack Renfro

Carrol & Jr. Skelton  
Zachery Oden  
Bill Cash  
Tru Ledford  
Carly Hodgson  
Linda Overturf

### Surgery:

Mandy Hood

Cynthia Craig  
Don Sotta

### Other Concerns:

Military Troops & Families  
Brian Cable  
Tom Gibson  
Janice Keller  
Adrian Neville

Lori Vazquez  
C. Johnson  
Emily Shannon  
Brandon Wortman  
Zachary

## From the Mailbox



To the Congregation of Saint Paul's UMC,

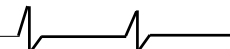
The pleasure of your company is requested at the marriage of Melissa Katherine Ingram and Jerry Lee Holcomb on Friday, November tenth two thousand and six at six thirty in the evening at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, 2423 W. 26th Street, Joplin, Missouri 64804. Reception immediately following ceremony. "No gifts please".  
Jerry Holcomb and Melissa Ingram

## Prayer & Healing Service..

*"And pray for each other, so that you may be healed."*  
James 5:16

Come to the Church at 7:00 p.m. on Monday night, October 23rd. The Prayer & Healing Service will be a worship time that includes prayer, communion, and time for individual prayer for those who desire it. This service is for everyone. The Prayer & Healing Service will be a time to truly rest and recover in His presence.

## Healthbeat



Lung cancer facts: Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer related deaths in the U.S. About 157,000 Americans died of this cancer in 2003. It kills more people than cancers of the breast, prostate, colon and pancreas combined. Cigarette smoking accounts for nearly 90% of all lung cancers.

## WOMAN TO WOMAN

The **Lamplighters Circle** is a group of women at Saint Paul's that meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes. The meetings are for all ages of women - they study, pray and have lots of fun. The next meeting will be October 24th at the home of Dixie Garvin. If you have questions, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.



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## VeggieTales Premiere!

### Gideon: Tuba Warrior

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 4, 2006  
**WHAT:** Two Shows, 10:00a.m. & 2:00p.m.  
**WHERE:** Webb City Route 66 Theater

CAN A CUCUMBER WITH A TUBA DEFEND A NATION? FIND OUT IN THE ALL-NEW VEGGIETALES ADVENTURE! Strike up the band! Sound the horns! Count your peas and carrots? Great Expectations presents the all-new Veggie-Tales adventure, Gideon: Tuba Warrior, an extraordinary story based on a legendary biblical hero. The episode stars Larry the Cucumber as Gideon, a loyal leader whose faith is tested when he's asked to do the impossible. Featuring a lesson in trusting God. A "Silly Song" with hula-dancing turtles, a surprise visit from the Pirates Who Don't Do Anything.

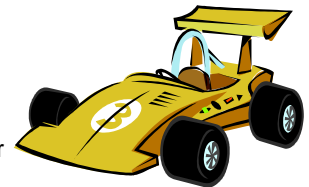


**Added Bonuses: Play Games and Win Prizes!**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE OCTOBER 30**

## KidMo – The Incredible Race

Reving engines, cheering crowds, and checkered flags all signal that something exciting is just around the next turn at Saint Paul's KidSpace. Strap on your helmets and fasten your seat belts! It's time for full-throttle fun!



Join us for **The Incredible Race** which will be running from 11:00 a.m. till 12:00 Noon every Sunday beginning November 5th 2006 right here at Saint Paul's KidMo. When the green flag waves, young race drivers (no license required!) will experience hands-on involvement as they accelerate onto the race track, following biblical pacesetters that have turned into championship performances.

This is an opportunity to get kids out of the grandstand and prepare for the all-important race of life. We'll help fill their tanks with God's Word and tune up their engines. Kids will cheer as Otto, joins them in the race. **Trackside Praises** will keep us revving our engines. **Full Throttle Fun 'n Games** will have us running the course. **Pit Stop Crafts** will keep us all fueled up!

**Don't miss the checkered flag!** Join us at our Qualifying Race on Sunday, November 5th, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Let's Run the Race!