

The Post

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Saint Paul's UMC



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African Children's Choir Coming to Saint Paul's November 14!

The world-renowned African Children's Choir is going to perform a concert at Saint Paul's on Friday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. The children have appeared in concerts around the world, including the Pentagon and the United Nations. The program is a colorful mix of song and dance from many regions of Africa with popular, gospel and contemporary music, much of which is accompanied on traditional instruments by the children. There is no charge for the concert, however a free-will offering will be taken at the end.

The choir is composed of 22 children from Uganda, ages 7 through 11. These children are offered a unique opportunity to travel the

world, use their God-given musical talents to inspire others, and go back to their homelands to continue their educations. We have a very unique opportunity here at Saint Paul's to host such a wonderful event. So mark your calendars for November 14th and tell your friends about this one-of-a-kind concert experience.

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test and/or change the batteries in your smoke detectors as well!



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 the 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 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Sign up on the Friendship Form on Sunday morning or call Janet Brown at 623-7090, ext. 31 if you are interested. We always love to have new voices for this special time of year!

Missouri Area Bishop Invites You for a Conversation

On Sunday, November 16, 4 to 6 p.m. Robert Schnase, the Bishop of the Missouri Area will be leading a gathering at Saint Paul's. All the churches of the Southwest District are invited to hear his vision for the United Methodist Church in Missouri and take part in a conversation about our shared mission and vision.

This is a rare and wonderful opportunity. No reservations are necessary.

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



The Gift and Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2008!

If you are interested in reserving a booth, please contact Julie Arnold at 623-7090. The deadline to reserve a booth is November 9th.

Upcoming Messages

Current Series "Shaped to Make a Difference"
 October 26 "Using Your Abilities"
 November 2 "The Purpose of Your Personality"
 November 9 "Employing Your Experience"

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

Located at 2423 W. 26th Street • Joplin, Missouri 64804 • 417-623-7090 • fax 623-7533 • www.spwired.com
 Aaron Brown, lead Pastor • Sunday Worship—8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. at the Salvage Yard • Sunday School—9:30 a.m.

Student Ministries!

Saint Paul's Youth Grades 6-12
The Crossing meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 Go 4th: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

College Student Information Needed...

If you have student in college please send their mailing addressing to Julie Arnold to help us update our records. We need information so we can share some encouragement with your student. Please email their address to juliar-nold@hotmail.com or call the church office, 623-7090.

Fall Fun and Hayride on November 1st...



Students and leaders will visit the home of Kenny and Cindy Neal, two of our youth leaders, for an afternoon of fun on Saturday, No-

vember 1st. We will leave Saint Paul's at 3 pm and return to The Zone for pick-ups by 8:30 pm. Students will get to fish, play games, go on a hayride, and enjoy some good food... that they are responsible for bringing. We ask that students bring a side dish to have with chicken. If you have questions contact Julie, 623-7090.

Confirmation 2009 Information

We invite all youth in grades 7-12 to be a part of Confirmation '09. Our confirmation experience will explore who God is and how our lives will be different because we choose to follow Jesus. Confirmation will begin in January and go through April.

For more information about joining us on this Confirmation experience or to sign-up for '09, call the youth office at 623-7090, ext. 13.



A few words from Aaron...

To state the obvious, I just have to say that these sure are some interesting times. There's the election right around the corner and the overwhelming flood of commentary on it. Then of course, there's the economy taking its toll, and all the pointing fingers of blame happening there. It's all really nothing new. These things happen from time to time and will happen again. But times of uncertainty and anger seem to point us back to where we need to be in the first place—trusting in God and following his lead. Doing these two things get us through times of uncertainty because we can be certain of God's care for us and God's love for us. His promise is to walk with us and provide for us always, period. Trusting is very important. It's an act of faith. Following God's lead in good times and bad is just as important. When we follow God's lead in the good times we're much more prepared for the bad, whether that's the economy, or any other facet of life. Following God's lead means living lives where we constantly seek God's direction in how we use our time, our money, our abilities, our relational energy. When we get God's guidance on this stuff, and follow it, life tends to flow more smoothly, especially around the hard stuff.

This Sunday we're continuing the series we started a few weeks ago called "Shaped to Make a Difference." I'm excited about this Sunday's message because I get to interview a couple of people that we can all learn from about our God-given abilities. This is truly foundational stuff and I'm enjoying the series.

As the election approaches, my encouragement is simply to be as informed as you possibly can be, to pray for guidance and for our future leaders whoever they may be, and to vote. I believe that voting is a right, a privilege and a responsibility.

See you on Sunday!

Aaron (stpauls@joplin.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.

Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Weekday Discipleship	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Sept. 21	857	214	449	\$22,441	\$782
Sept. 28	874	200	481	\$12,478	\$309
Oct 5	935	159	424	\$20,435	\$493
Oct 12	748	183	430	\$13,520	\$565
Oct 19	833	196	N/A	\$22,009	\$467

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

Mission Connections

Acts 20:35 "And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Holiday Gift Baskets

Each year, at Saint Paul's, we are able to help people in our community by giving away Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets full of food and toiletries. The Missions Team is once again giving us the opportunity to share the many blessings that God has given us. You can help needy families have a bountiful holiday by giving any of the following items: canned goods, soap, toilet paper, toiletries, and other nonperishable items. Items will be collected throughout the months of October and November.

Crosslines Pancake Breakfast

Don't forget the Crosslines Pancake Breakfast on October 25th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at First Community Church, 15th and Murphy Blvd. Tickets will be \$4.00 for adults and children 12 and under \$2.50. Pancakes, sausage and beverages will be included.

Hearts and Hammers Thanks!

This year, we had almost 50 people from Saint Paul's who helped with the Hearts and Hammers day! Helpers did many different jobs from fixing our lunches, organizing workers and team captains, to cleaning brush, painting homes, and doing fix it jobs in homes. It was an awesome day. As one of the home owners stated, "I couldn't go out in my back yard any more without crying because of the mess. And by the end of the day, after hours of clearing away brush, she was sitting with friends on her back patio just enjoying the day! Thanks so much to everyone involved."

Rainbow Network Update!

Did you know... Saint Paul's supports people in Nicaragua through financial giving to Rainbow Network. This month, our congregation supported Rainbow Network with money to supply 51 children with daily meals for one year, \$100 for medical supplies, \$1,738 to use as needed. We also received pledges to support 2 more students with their education. Thanks Saint Paul's for awesome continued support of Rainbow Network.

Mark Your Calendars for these dates!

- Saturday, October 25** - Crosslines Pancake Feed, 7 a.m.-Noon
- Friday, November 14** - Watered Gardens lunch servers
- Monday November 17** - Crosslines work day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Monday, November 24** - Assemble food baskets for Thanksgiving

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

Mitchell Kent
Curtis Phillips

Military:

Jesse Smith
Kurth Roland
Nathan Lawellin
Matthew Peak
Stephen Leadbetter
Richard Hurst
James Lesimeister
Jon Arnold
Jason Lewis

Health & Healing:

Terry Hoagland
Corrine Purdy
Katrina Feller
Dorothy Young
D.J. Frye
David Murphy

Cancer Treatment:

Lawrence Murphy
Gisela Goodwin
Jean Williams
Sonja Davidson
James Martin
Tracy Bowman

Other Concerns:

Mike Carr
Edna & Ervin Dill
Alexia & Cranor
Brooklyn, Britany & Luke Cranor
Fredie & Jim McGee
Brent & Mary Ann Sullivan
Patrick & Bobbie Hamilton & Family

Harley Riders Toy Run...

There will be over 200 motorcycles on our parking lot when the Harley Owners Group have their Toy Run on Saturday, November 22nd. Our thanks to the Harley owners group for helping us provide Christmas to local families. Thanks also to our Kitchen Team for providing chili to the riders.

Don't Forget - We Have Scrip Gift Cards in the Soul Source Bookstore!

Now is the time to get a jump on your Christmas shopping! We have gift cards for a variety of stores and restaurants. For that person who is difficult to buy for, why not pick up a gift card? Gift cards are available for purchase or there are order forms on the wall outside of the bookstore. The bookstore is on the north side of the lobby and the hours are Wednesdays 6 to 8 p.m. and Sundays 9 to 11:15 a.m.

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 12 at the church. If you would like more information call

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Halloween Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treaters...

- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on Sidewalks.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume).
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible, swords or other props.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from, and don't pet, animals you don't know.

Parents:

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out.
- Children should carry cell phones or spare change so they can call home.
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- You should know where they're going.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.



KidMo

We use video clips from recent movies to teach children through "visual parables"

For better or worse, movies are the storytellers in our postmodern time. But that means they are also powerful resources for youth workers to use in communicating the gospel--to the kids in the church.

The last Sunday of every month, in KidMo, we will use age appropriate movies to help emphasize Jesus love while teaching his word. We will use these movies to illustrate certain topics while teaching the point of a bible lesson or discussion. The discussion following the movie clips will always be referenced to the Bible and children will learn memory verses followed by discussion-starter questions. Please ask your kid's about the programs that come home every week. This is a great tool for you to discuss your kid's Sunday morning worship.

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Celebrate the Fall Harvest by carving a Pumpkin with your kids!

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.

Options for Children at Saint Paul's

Here at Saint Paul's we know that children are our future. That's why we take care to offer a variety of children's ministries on Sunday morning, Sunday evening at the Salvage yard, and mid-week programs. All Children's Ministry programming is creatively designed to support and enhance their Biblical knowledge and to teach children at age appropriate levels. Please have your children assigned to their age appropriate classes. Our classes and curriculum are set according to the ages of the children.