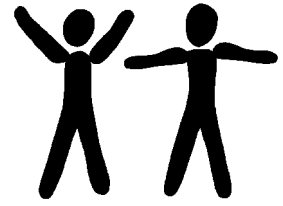


The Post

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Saint Paul's UMC



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Missions...Holiday Food Baskets

The Missions Team is 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 28th. 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."

Daylight Savings Ends November 4th



Don't forget to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, November 3rd. 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!

Tis the Season to do Yard Work...

Now that ownership of The Salvage Yard building is ours, it is time for some much needed sprucing up.

On Saturday, November 10, we will be having a work day to accomplish some interior painting, redecorating, and a bit of fall cleaning. This is a great way to serve inside the church, and learn more about a cutting edge ministry in downtown Joplin. Work will begin at 1402 Main Street at 9:00 a.m. and will last until the middle of the afternoon. All that is needed is a servant's heart and a willingness to have a good time. If you have any questions you can call Ben Bainbridge at 417-623-YARD, or email him at ben@thesalvageyard.com.

Upcoming Messages

October 28 "Why I...Trust"

NEW SERIES BEGINS! "Cantaloupe"

November 4 "In God We Trust"

November 11 "This and That"

November 18 "Harvest"

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 1st, 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!

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.



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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

Sunday, Oct. 28 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th
4:00-6:00 pm 24/7 Small Groups

Wednesday, Oct. 31 6:00-8:00 pm Fear Factor Night

Sunday, Nov. 4 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th goes to
worship 4-6 pm 24/7 small groups

Wednesday, Nov. 7 6-8 pm The Crossing

Sunday, Nov. 11 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th Sunday
School 12-1:30 pm SWIM/SLUG meeting
4-6 pm 24/7 groups small groups
4-6 pm Ronald McDonald House

Wednesday, Nov. 14 6-8 pm The Crossing

It's Peanut Butter/Jelly Time!!

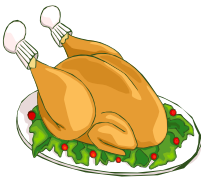
This month Saint Paul's Youth are collecting peanut butter and jelly to give to several organizations in the Joplin area.

Bring your peanut butter or jelly to the Zone entrance before October 31.

Thanksgiving Dinner...

On Sunday, November 18, the youth of Saint Paul's will host the annual Thanksgiving dinner, to be held in the Family Life Center following the 3rd worship service.

The menu will be: turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and a drink. The cost is only \$6 for adults (over age 12), \$3 for children age 2 - 11, kids under 2 are free!



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.



A few words from Aaron...

This past Sunday I spoke with 4 or 5 families who were visiting Saint Paul's for the first or second time. It brought up just how important it is that we cultivate a culture of radical hospitality here at the church. Radical hospitality is a form of welcome that goes beyond mere greetings and kindness. Radical hospitality is "the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ" (Robert Schnase, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*). Radical hospitality doesn't just happen, it is very intentional. For me, it means that I'm on the lookout for people that are unfamiliar to me, and I try to take a few minutes and visit with them. That sounds easier than it is because I really like to talk with the people I already know! But I challenge myself, and I challenge you, to be intentional about meeting and greeting the people you encounter on a Sunday morning. Churches have to be very careful about this. Almost every church says that it is warm and friendly, but for most that means that the people are warm and friendly to each other. That often means that they are cold and detached from newcomers and visitors.

Radical hospitality breaks us away from our friends so that we can extend an authentic welcome to someone we don't know yet. Radical hospitality goes beyond the norm, it exceeds expectations, it goes the second mile, it takes welcoming the stranger to the max (*Five Practices*).

Look for the person or couple standing alone, seek out the family with kids that look lost. Don't think someone else is going to make them feel welcome. Do it yourself. Let's be ever more intentional about how we as a church practice radical hospitality!

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

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Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Wednesday Nite Live	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Sept 23.....	708.....	195.....	354.....	\$23,542	\$1,450
Sept 30.....	747.....	162.....	401.....	\$13,195	\$1,966
Oct 7.....	727.....	134.....	382.....	\$14,229	\$1,157
Oct 14.....	701.....	253.....	304.....	\$17,554	\$1,857
Oct 21.....	764.....	207.....	N/A.....	\$15,632	\$1,561

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, November 11 & 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 40.

Harley Riders Toy Run...

There will be close to 100 motorcycles on our parking lot when the Harley Owners Group have their Toy Run on Sunday, November 18th at 2:00 p.m. 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.

Christmas for Las Rosas

What an awesome response for the children of Las Rosas! Through your generosity, we had enough supplies to create 252 Christmas bags for the children and youth of Las Rosas, our partner community in Nicaragua through the Rainbow Network. One of our adult groups and the children at Crosstraining organized and assembled the gift bags and prepared them for shipping. The Christmas kits and some dental supplies donated by a few of our church dentists left on a cargo container for Nicaragua on Oct 16th.

Saint Paul's members have also contributed \$9,968 through our church to be sent on to the Rainbow Network in 2007 to support the ministries of education, health, economic opportunity, and feeding centers that are creating a whole new way of life in Las Rosas. In addition, \$10,940 has been given directly to Rainbow Network by people from our church, making our support a grand total of \$20,908.25 for 2007. Our total giving to Rainbow Network since June of 2006 is \$51,678. This is a great time to celebrate what God is accomplishing through these gifts and recognize your extravagant generosity that is changing lives in Nicaragua!

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

Josh Walker
Jason Lewis
Jeremiah Mills

Hospitalized:

Linda Koehler, Joplin
Virginia Christensen
Dixie Johnson
Lori Hymer

Cancer & Cancer Treatment

Tom Gibson
Betsy Miller
Mary Wright
Deanna Brix

Other Concerns:

Lonnie/Eileen Sargent
Robert Holt
Hannah Cranor
Luke & Britany Cranor
Edna Dill & Ervin Dill
Patrick Hamilton & Family
Bernice Warner
Amy James
Audrey Efid
Jacob Collins
Leta & Darin White
Uncle Cecil
Rebecca
Brandi
Kathi Lee Conway

Crosslines Pancake Breakfast...

Don't forget the Crosslines Pancake Breakfast on October 27th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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.



Thursday Morning Bible Study...

The Thursday morning Bible Study will break for the holidays. November 8th will be our last lesson in Daniel. Watch the newsletter for the January start date with a new study. Any questions, please call Carolyn Schemahorn 782-0039.

Saint Paul's to Host Camino in February

No, not El Camino, just Camino. "What is Camino?" Camino is an ecumenical, three day spiritual walk that helps you experience the grace of God in a very real, personal way. The next weekend dates are coming to Saint Paul's in February 2008. If you would like to learn more or you are interested in attending, please contact Ben Bainbridge at 417-623-YARD, or email him at ben@thesalvageyard.com.

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REMINDER:

There will be no CrossTraining on Wednesday, October 31. Have a safe Halloween!

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

- Carry a flashlight.
- Stay on Sidewalks.
- 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.
- Walk, don't run.
- Obey traffic signals.

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- 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.



NOTE: The children will sing during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday, October 28th!