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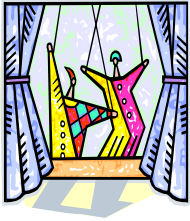
Reaching Up! Reaching Out!  
Saint Paul's UMC



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## Saint Paul's and ProMusica Present the Paul Mesner Puppets in "The Four Seasons"

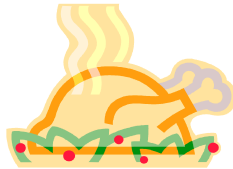
*A live Vivaldi music performance*



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 are now available 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!!!**

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Everyone is invited to join us for a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 19th. The dinner, sponsored by Saint Paul's Youth will be held in the Family Life Center from 12:00-1:30 p.m.



The meal will be turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, green beans, salad, dessert and a drink. The cost per person is: Adults \$7.00 and kids under 12 \$4.00. Make your reservations by filling out the Friendship Form in the Sunday brochure or by signing up at the dinner display in the lobby.

## 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.

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."

## Upcoming Sermons

**NEW SERIES BEGINS! In the Zone**

**November 5 "GodHearted"**

**November 12 "Skittles"**

## African Children's Choir Coming to Saint Paul's!

The world-renowned African Children's Choir is going to perform a Christmas concert at Saint Paul's on **Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Worship Center. The children have appeared in thousands of concerts around the world, including the Pentagon and the United Nations. The program will feature well-loved children's songs, Christmas music, and traditional spirituals, along with some ethnic instrumentation. There is no charge for the concert, however, a free-will offering will be taken at the end. The choir is composed of 26 African children, ages 7 through 11. Many have lost one or both parents through the devastation of war, famine and disease. 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 very a unique opportunity here at Saint Paul's to host such a wonderful event.

So mark your calendars for December 20th and tell your friends about this one-of-a-kind concert experience.

## Holiday Gift and Craft Show

Join us on Saturday, December 9th at the annual Holiday Gift and Craft show at Saint Paul's. This show features many gift and craft vendors from all over the area. The time is from 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m. and it is held in the Family Life Center and foyer area of the church.

Admission is by donation and all proceeds go to support youth camps and missions.

"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

**Sunday, November 5** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th

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

**Sunday, November 12** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th  
12-1:30 p.m. SWIM/SLUG/E team meeting  
4:00-5:30 p.m. Ronald McDonald House

**Wednesday, November 15** 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

**Sunday, November 19** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th  
11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser

**Wednesday, November 22** Thanksgiving Break  
*NO Crossing*

**Saturday, November 25** 1-8 p.m. Barn Swinging

## Care Package Items Needed!

We are now collecting care package items for our away from home college students. If you would like to donate something to these students, please bring items to the church by Sunday, November 12. Items needed might include: pens, pencils, gum, hard candy, popcorn, hot chocolate mixes, note pads or anything else that you think would be appreciated by a college student! Please do not give items that are easily broken (cookies, crackers, etc.) since we are shipping these care packages! Also, if you are living away from home and attending college, we need your school 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...

This Sunday I'll be starting a new message series called *In the Zone*. Often when people are feeling like things are lined up, working right, and flourishing they will say, "I'm in the zone." We can be in the zone playing a sport, in the zone in our careers, and in the zone relationally. So how do we get in the zone with God? This three-part series will look at how we get to a place where we can say, "I'm really in the zone spiritually, in my relationship with God." This Sunday I'll be talking about how to be God-hearted. This has turned up some fascinating things to me that I think you'll want to know. Things that can make a difference in your life.

On another note, I've had several people ask me about the upcoming vote on amendment 2. The Missouri Annual Conference has prepared some informational material that is now available at the information center. But frankly, I still have questions that need to be answered before I can make an informed decision. Many of my questions revolve around definitions and scientific terms, as well as the need for and long-term impact of constitutional changes. People that I respect have taken opposite views on this issue, and I'm sure that will happen within many organizations, churches and families. Like me, you will have to do your research and come to as informed a decision as possible. To see the arguments of both sides you might want to visit these web sites: [www.MissouriCures.com](http://www.MissouriCures.com) and [www.nocloning.com](http://www.nocloning.com). You can also go to [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) and type "stem cell research" into the search field. This will lead you to the official United Methodist documents on stem cell research, ethics, etc. As with all issues regarding life, we must be very prayerful and careful and do our best to be knowledgeable and faithful. And when we disagree, we do so with love and respect.

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 [adssystems@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adssystems@sbcglobal.net).

## Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	WNL	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Oct 8.....	714 .....	197.....	388 .....	\$14,998 .....	\$ 4,930
Oct 15.....	674 .....	219.....	329 .....	\$11,939 .....	\$3,027
Oct 22.....	661 .....	200.....	307 .....	\$14,541 .....	\$1,830
Oct 29.....	686 .....	212.....		\$18,744.....	\$1,076

*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.*

## 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 Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Call Janet Brown (623-7090, ext. 31) if you are interested. We always love to have new voices for this special time of year!

## Saint Paul's Experience

Step deeper into the values, vision, mission and purposes that make Saint Paul's such an awesome place to be. This is a 2 week class beginning on Wednesday, December 6th thru December 13th, 2006, 6:00-8:00 p.m. You can sign up for this class on the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship brochure or call the church at 623-7090.

## Recycling Reminder...

Just a reminder that we have containers on the north side of the garage for recycling. There is a container for all types of cardboard, including cereal boxes. Also, a paper container for newspapers, magazines, office paper, and phone books. We also have a container for aluminum cans. If you are drinking soda pop in the church, there are several receptacles for the cans. There is one by the pop machine in the foyer, and the youth have a container by the kitchen outside door and the proceeds help support their compassion child in Indonesia.



So, why not bring your "trash" to the church? This will help the church and the environment!!

## Prayer Concerns

<b>Under Treatment:</b>	Makiak Newman
Tom Gibson	Kara Hulsey
<b>Recuperating:</b>	Edna & Ervin Dill
Hannah Seward, surgery	Patrick Hamilton & Family
<b>In Iraq:</b>	Kaitlin, David & Braden
David Eck	Hamilton
<b>Other Concerns:</b>	Duston Davenport
Military Troops & Families	Shane James
Becky Felts	Tim Brodie
Nathan Lawellin	Sarah James
Vonda Bryson	Laurie Farmer
Kara Richardson	Zachary
Carrol Skelton	Brandie
Jr. Skelton	Tosha
Alexa Gott	Emily Shannon
Aaron Pilgrim	Lndell Murry
Audrey Efrid	
Mary Kennedy	

## Charge Conference...

Each year we have an annual business meeting where leaders are elected for the coming year, reports for ministry are submitted and our District Superintendent shares her vision for the new year. This meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.** All are encouraged to attend.

## The Gift Card Program

All profits realized from the sale of Gift Cards here at Saint Paul's are currently being directed to Children and Youth Ministries which helps lower the cost for these ministries.

Unlike most fundraisers, the funds raised do not come from the people who participate in it. All profits from purchasing the Gift Cards come from the chains themselves. If you do not purchase your gift cards from Saint Paul's, this would be a terrific time to do so.

Gift cards are available at the Information Center in the main lobby after all Sunday worship services and weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Your participation in our Gift Card Program is needed and appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the gift cards, call 623-7090.

## Birthday Lists...

The November birthday lists may be found at the Information Center in the church lobby.

## Brats (Bratwurst) For Sale!

The kitchen team has several cases of Johnsonville Bratwurst in the freezer for sale. The cost is \$30.50 per case and each case contains 40 brats.

If you would like to purchase a case or you have questions, call Becky Burress at 825-9710.





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## CrossTraining

**CrossTraining ends on November 15, 2006 and will resume on January 10, 2007**

Mark your calendars...We will be taking a short break for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. CrossTraining will end on November 15, 2006 and will begin again on January 10, 2007.

## Awesome Adventure Preschool & Kids Day Out

October was a month filled with opportunities to learn and November promises to be also!

The children will be learning about colors, shapes, and scents of the season. They will also be learning the importance of giving thanks.

The following are some dates to put on your calendar! Preschool will be closed on the following days - **November 22, 23, and 24** for Thanksgiving break.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and/or helped with our Halloween Harvest Party and Parade. It was a great time for the children.

## 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Spend Day at Watered Gardens

As God's children, they too are called to be in partnership with God. In age-appropriate ways, we must teach children that they are partners with God and provide opportunities for them to be in partnership. (See 1 Corinthians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 6:1.)

The 4th and 5th grade girls from Saint Paul's Sunday school class spent their day out of school last Friday serving people in need at Watered Gardens. The girls said it was a little scary seeing homeless people, for the first time, but they are ready to go back and help serve a meal. Nancy Hoagland and Julie Jones, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school teachers, said it was great to be part of the girls' mission to serve others. Nancy said that it is so exciting to hear the girls planning other ways that they can help serve others. God depends on the partnerships of children and adults to carry out the mission of God.

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