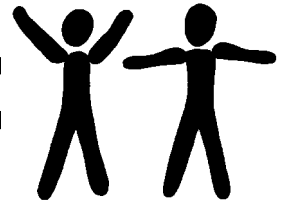


# The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!  
Saint Paul's UMC



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## Commitment Sunday this Sunday!

This Sunday, November 19, is not only Thanksgiving Sunday, but also the day that each of us is encouraged to bring our 2007 Financial Commitment Cards. Everyone is invited, and members of Saint Paul's are committed, to prayerfully and carefully come to a decision about their giving for the coming year. Remember, that it's not the amount that is important, it is taking the time to pray, "God, what do you want to do through me with the resources you've given me?" If you didn't get a commitment card in the mail, they will be available on Sunday. Let's all be sure that we are giving as God leads us to fuel the fire of amazing things that God is doing through Saint Paul's!

## 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!!!**

## Christmas Giving Tree



The Christmas Giving Tree will be in the lobby on Sunday, November 26. Tags will be placed on the tree with needs and gifts for local families and individuals. We are sponsoring 2 adopted apartment families, girls at Turnaround Ranch, plus there will be donation gifts to the Salvation Army helping local families and children in need. Please take a tag, purchase the

item, wrap it, place the tag back on the top of the gift, and bring back to the church by Wednesday, December 13th.

## Upcoming Sermons

Current Series, "In The Zone"

November 19, Series Finale! "Relearning Thankfulness"

November 26, "Christmas: It's All About the Prep"

## Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive Ends Sunday!

Sunday, November 19th is the last day to bring your non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need.

Please continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the church for the Christmas baskets as well as any monetary donations.

## 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 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

**Sunday, November 26** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sun-  
day School

**Wednesday, November 29** 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

**Friday, December 1** 6-10 p.m. Parents' Night Out

**Wednesday, December 6** 6-8 p.m.  
*The Crossing Christmas*

**Saturday, December 9** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Holiday Gift and Craft Show

## 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 reservation by signing up at the dinner display in the lobby or calling the church at 623-7090.

## Parents' Night Out!



Make your reservations now for the December 1st, Parents' Night Out! This evening of childcare is sponsored by the Children and Youth Ministries. The cost for childcare for 1 child is \$15.00. If

you have more than one child, the cost is only \$12.00 per child. Childcare is for children ages 6 weeks thru 10 years old.

The time is from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and activities will include games, movie, play time, snacks, crafts and lots of fun!!! We encourage all children to bring their pajamas for our end of the evening P.J. Party! (This is a great way to get your child rested and ready for bed!)

Sign up sheets are in KidSPace or you may call the church at 623-7090. Make reservations early as space is limited!!

## A few words from Aaron...

This Sunday I wrap up the current series with a message on re-learning how to give thanks. We're going to be looking at specific ways we can be thankful people and the results and benefits of living a thankful life. Some of those benefits include peace of mind, harmony with God and others, generosity and joy. Gratitude is one more powerful way to live in, and stay in, "the zone."

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just a few days away. It can be a busy time. It can be a bloated time! Whatever it is for you and your family take the time, make the time, to be truly thankful. Even if things in your life are not rosy right now (especially if that's the case) find time to focus on the blessings in your life. Spend time remembering and savoring the tangible and intangible blessings of God. If you're traveling with family, that time in the car is a great time to unplug for a while and take turns talking about things you're thankful for. You can do the same thing as you gather around the table, or between plays as you watch football (I dare you to do it!) Give thanks!

On December 3 I'll be starting a new series of messages called "Christmas Unwrapped." One of my oldest daughter's favorite TV shows is on the Food Network. It's called *Unwrapped*. It goes behind the scenes to tell the story of a particular food. What I want to do as we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus is unwrap some of the gifts that come to us because of Christmas. Gifts like strength, hope, and joy. As always, I'm really excited about starting this new series.

Finally, please remember to bring your 2007 Commitment Card with you to church this Sunday. Prior to Sunday, it's important for all of us to ask God, "What do you want to do through me to accomplish your will?" Asking that question, listening for God's response, and acting on what we hear is all that is necessary.

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	WNL	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Oct 22.....	661	200.....	307	\$14,541	\$ 1,830
Oct 29.....	686	212.....	278	\$18,744	\$1,076
Nov 5.....	737	206.....	269	\$17,113	\$15,952
Nov 12.....	726	196.....		\$11,504	\$1,627

*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.

## Charge Conference...

Each year we have an annual business meeting where leaders are elected for the coming year, reports for ministry are submitted, business for the new year is enacted, 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.

## Upcoming Christmas Events...

- Saturday, December 9th, Holiday Gift & Craft Show.** The Holiday Gift and Craft Show is sponsored by Saint Paul's youth. It is held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center and will feature over 50 vendors from all over the area. Mark your calendar and plan to come and do your Christmas shopping!
- Wednesday, December 20th, African Children's Choir and Old Fashioned Fireside Christmas.** Fireside Christmas this year will be different than in the past. The festivities will begin with the world-renowned African Children's Choir in the worship center at 7:00 p.m. The program will feature well-loved children's songs, Christmas music and traditional spirituals, along with some ethnic instrumentation. After the program there will be homemade cookies and apple cider in the Family Life Center!
- Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services.** On Christmas Eve this year, we will be holding five candlelight worship services to celebrate the birth of Jesus. These services will be at **10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.** in the Worship Center. We will also have our first ever Mosaic candlelight worship service at the **Salvage Yard at 6:45 p.m.**
- Sunday, December 31st, New Year's Eve.** We will have our normal Sunday worship times of 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. The Salvage Yard will have its normal Mosaic service at 6:45 p.m. followed by a New Year's Eve party with local live music.

## Prayer Concerns

<b>Grieving:</b>	Dean Walker
The family of Harry Davidson	Joshua Walker
The family of Bill Cash Sr.	Zachery Oden
<b>Surgery:</b>	Sister of Karen Brooks
Crystal DeWeese	Bill Hamlin
Wilma Jones	Volney Lyons
Carrol Skelton	Mary Kennedy
Kathy James	Verna Blinzler
<b>Treatment:</b>	Chathen Roth
Tom Gibson	Cliff and Carol
Mandy Hood	Charles Rice
Dawn Whitehall	Alexander Soriano
<b>Healing:</b>	Barbara Odel
Kelly Yount	Kathy James
<b>In Iraq:</b>	Tom Apple
Sean Brantner	Mike Longan
<b>Other Concerns:</b>	Megan Hatcher
Military Troops & Families	Patrick Christie
Edna/Ervin Dill	Zachary
Patrick Hamilton Family	Brandie
	Tosha

## Healthbeat

Eating a snack with cinnamon in it may help relieve stress. The oil that gives this spice its aroma has sedative qualities that promote relaxation.

## Homebound Services

Homebound Services is a ministry of Saint Paul's that helps homebound persons who have no nearby relatives. Services include transportation to appointments, grocery shopping or handyman work around their homes. Neighbors helping neighbors remain independent.

If you would like to help for an hour or two a month, or for services, call 624-3577.



## 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, November 27th. 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.

There will not be a Prayer & Healing Service during the month December.



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### **Empty Cartridges = Cash for Kids**

The Children's Ministries is participating in an ongoing fundraising program that can help you turn your used cartridges into cash for our children's programs, and help protect our environment.

Step 1: Collect empty toner and inkjet cartridges from your home, and office. Don't forget to ask your co-workers, friends and family members to save empties too!

Step 2: Drop off the empty cartridges at the collection box at the children's wing (KidSpace) front door.

Step 3: The empty cartridges are recycled and reused, keeping them out of our landfills and generating cash for our children's programs.

We can receive up to \$1.75 for each inkjet cartridge donated and up to \$7.75 for each toner cartridge.

Start collecting empties now!

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NOVEMBER 27**

### **CrossTraining Holiday Food Baskets**

One of the things that we teach and talk to the kids about at CrossTraining are the different ways they can serve Jesus, our church, and our community. As part of this , we have encouraged each of the kids to bring canned goods, boxed or packaged items, potatoes, sugar, flour, etc. to help Saint Paul's mission to fill the Thanksgiving/Christmas baskets. These baskets will be distributed to those in need. This is a great way for kids to participate and practice serving others. We appreciate your kids and your support of this CrossTraining effort.

### **Welcome to KidMO... The Incredible Race!**

The incredible race provides a fun filled opportunity for kids to go trackside where they learn from biblical pace-setters who turned in championship performances. KidMo will help Kids prepare for the all important race of life. The green flag is up...Victory Lane lies straight ahead.

The action begins every Sunday in the Grandstand area, where kids will get tuned up and ready for the race through music, stories, object lessons, crafts and games. This month KidMo kids will learn that **Jesus knows the way...believe in Him!** It will be the race of a lifetime!