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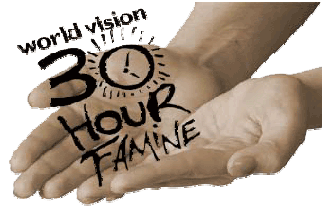
Reaching Up! Reaching Out!
Saint Paul's UMC



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30 Hour Famine

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Friday, Feb. 24 at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday Feb. 25 at 6:00 p.m. for the 30 Hour Famine. All youth interested in attending, need to pick up a participant packet and start raising money. All participants must raise a minimum of \$25.



The actual Famine starts after lunch on Friday so don't eat after that! We will stay at the church and participate in various fun and service activities and studies. This is a GREAT event open to youth who are serious about helping others. We would love for adults to help us by sponsoring a youth member, joining us for the 30 Hour Famine or spending time praying for us.

Upcoming Easter Events

- **Easter Musical**, Sunday April 9, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday Worship Service**, April 13, 7:00 p.m.
- **Children's Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.
- **Easter Worship Services**, Sunday, April 16, 6:30, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Educational Scholarships Available...

Application forms for the Methodist Women's Educational Scholarships may be picked up in the church office. Members of Saint Paul's of all ages who are pursuing any form of education beyond high school are eligible to participate.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2006.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please call Loretta Crim at 623-5415.

Spiritual Gift Identification Class Begins Feb 19

When we understand our gifts, we become effective, dynamic servants. Dan Distler will be teaching a class to help individuals discover those spiritual gifts.

A two week class will begin on Sunday, February 19th, **9:30-10:30 a.m.** and end Sunday, February 26th. If you are interested in signing up for this class, please sign up on the Friendship Form in the Sunday brochure.

The Saint Paul's Experience Course

Join Pastor Mark as he leads this short-term study of the vision and values that make Saint Paul's such a great place to be. During this study we'll examine the scriptural and historical foundations that we use as models for effective ministry today, we'll review the expectations for membership, and we'll help you take the next step into another course or ministry.

The course is for everyone – newcomers as well as veteran leaders of our congregation – anyone who wants to learn more about vision, values, direction and goals we have as a church. It will be offered on three consecutive Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., beginning February 19th. Sign up by calling the church office or use the Friendship Form at Sunday worship.

We Need Your Recipes!!

Fundraising has started for Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2006 and we are asking for everyone's help. We will be selling cookbooks to help support VBS this year and we would like to collect as many recipes as possible. Please go through your recipes and select a few of your favorites to turn in at the Information Desk or email them to brownhairedpookie@yahoo.com. Don't forget to include your name and maybe a short description of where your recipe comes from. We'll keep you updated on when the cookbooks will be released and thank you in advance for supporting VBS!

Upcoming Sermons

This Sunday we start a new series that will focus on one of the most important aspects of the Christian faith...

February 12 "Contagious...part 1"

February 19 "Contagious...part 2"

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

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Aaron Brown, Senior Pastor • Sunday Worship—8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 6:45 p.m. • 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:30 a.m!

Youth Corner

Sunday, February 12 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ronald McDonald House (Sr. High) 5-6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. 24/7

Wednesday, February 15 6-8 p.m. The Crossing

Saturday, February 18 TBA Confirmation Service Project

Sunday, February 19 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Camp/Missions Information Meeting

5:30-6:30 p.m. 24/7

Wednesday, February 22 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Crossing

Friday, February 24-Saturday, February 25

6:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 30 Hour Famine

Sunday, February 26 4:30-5:30 p.m.

SWIM/SLUG meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. 24/7

WOW!!! WOW!!!

Thanks to everyone who donated soup and crackers for "Souper" Bowl Sunday.

We donated 276 cans of soup and 22 boxes of crackers to Crosslines!

Rummage Sale Items Needed

This spring the youth are sponsoring TWO exciting fundraisers: the annual Rummage Sale and a Golf Scramble! Both events will be held this spring and we need your help!

We are now collecting items for the Rummage Sale and giveaways for the Golf Scramble! If you have anything that you would like to donate to either of these events, please contact the youth office at 623-7090.

Youth-Parents Meeting!

There will be an informational meeting in the Family Life Center on Sunday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. for all youth in grades 6 - 12 AND their parents!

At this meeting, we will discuss mid-high and senior high mission trips, Camp Galilee, Acquire the Fire Conference and Christ In Youth Colorado Camp.

We encourage all youth in grades 6 - 12 to join us this summer on one of our many week-long experiences!



A few words from Aaron...

This Sunday I'm excited about starting a **new sermon series** simply entitled *Contagious*. When we hear that word lots of things can come to mind. Negative things like the flu, other illnesses and computer viruses. It can also bring to mind things like discouragement and anger which are also contagious. We don't want any of those to spread, but there are some things that we **do** want to be spread to us and from us. Things like joy, hope, meaning, purpose. How do we get contagious about these things that are at the heart of the Christian faith? That's what we'll be looking at. Be ready to be challenged in your faith and in your thinking.

On another note, the 11:00 a.m. worship time has been very full over the last several weeks. That seems to be the primary time that we have the most guests and people checking out the church. So I want to ask those of you who are members to consider worshipping at one of the other services. By choosing an earlier service you'll get a jump start on your day and by choosing the Mosaic service at 6:45 p.m. you'll get to sleep in! Either way, you will make room for those who are looking for a church home. We've been receiving donations to purchase 50 more chairs, but we lack approximately \$1,000 to complete that order (the cost of shipping). Let's do what we can to make room for those who are looking to find a church home and looking to connect with Christ.

See you on Sunday!

Aaron (stpauls@joplin.com)

Come Join the Bell Choir!

We have a lot of fun and we get to ring the bells too!! Practices are Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Room 50 which is located right outside the worship center. Come join us and help us "ring them bells"!!

For more information call Nancy Karst at 624-1154.



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 1,300 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	Faith WNL	Making Room For All
Jan 15.....	741.....	266.....	320.....	\$15,623.....\$9,184
Jan 22.....	808.....	249.....	336.....	\$14,750.....\$1,678
Jan 29.....	782.....	257.....	310.....	\$17,026.....\$5,708
Feb 05.....	660.....	204.....		\$19,038.....\$12,739

Sunday Discipleship includes all children, youth, & adult classes & courses offered on Sundays. WNL includes children, youth & adult ministries from Wednesday Night Live.

Church Financial Reports are available at the Info Center.

Camino in February...

Are you looking for something that might help you find one of life's missing ingredients? Maybe you should attend a Camino weekend. The weekend is a three day journey through the Christian faith designed to deepen your faith and daily walk with Christ. The next Camino weekend is set and will be held at the First Christian Church of Cassville, Missouri.

The Men's Weekend is February 16 - 19, and the Women's Weekend will be the following weekend on February 23 - 26. We will provide the transportation for the weekend, all you need to do is relax and enjoy Christ's Grace.

If you are interested in participating in one of these weekends, please contact Ben Bainbridge at 529-2065 or Dorothy Poe at 624-2581 or 624-6339. Applications must be submitted two weeks before the weekend.

Love Is In the Air!!



*Roses are red
Violets are blue.
Give your sweetheart
A gift card from you!*

Gifts cards are available at the church to many fine stores and restaurants!! Call 623-7090, ext. 20 for more info!

New "Prime Timers" Monthly Lunch For Adults Over Age 55...

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. Our program this month will be with Rev. Brian Chaffin from Pathways United Methodist Church. Make plans to be here for a good meal, good fun and great fellowship!

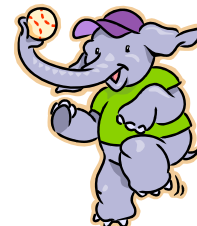
Reservations are needed by **February 27th** for the **March 1st** dinner. The cost of the meal \$5.00 and the menu for March 1st is Pork Loin, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, tossed salad, frosted banana bars, rolls and coffee/tea. Make an extra reservation and invite a friend to join you!! To make a reservation or for more information, call Maril Thompson at 623-7803 or the church at 623-7090.

Prayer Concerns

Military Troops and Families	passing
Difficult family relationships	Collen Chorum
Cathy Stanley at the death of her father Richard Stanley	Elsie Chorum
Jerry Webster	Eric Shank
David & Kandra Garwood	Teresa Cooper
Kortlynn McCallister	Lee Butler
Elizabeth Snyder	Danny Hill
Dishman Family	The Community Clinic
Ashley Cozad	Kara Hulsey
Gerald Sappington	Beth Wood & Family
Jim Wasson	Jim Wood
Carrol Skelton	Edna & Ervin Dill
Caleb Erwin	Patrick Hamilton & Family
Zachary Palmer	
Rob Boyd	Justin Burch
John Preston	Chris & Amy Hale
Anne Carnes & family of Louise McCoy at her	Scott Yount
	Hospitalized
	Jackie Smith
	Harry Davidson
	Stephanie Stephens

White Elephants Wanted!

Spring is coming! Believe it! It's time to clean out rooms, closets, cabinets and drawers for the **May 5th "White Elephant Sale"** at Saint Paul's! Storage for your useable, unwanted items is still available in Pauline Lewis's garage. Be sure to call her first at 623-1393, before you deliver items. **NO CLOTHES** please! If you have questions, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.



WOMAN TO WOMAN

- A new women's circle has been established! **The Ruby Circle** is in honor of Ruby Lassiter. They will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in Room 51. The next meeting will be February 15. Bring your lunch and a beverage, if you like, and enjoy fellowship, praise, and prayer. All women are welcome **Reach Out Beyond Yourself**. For more information, call Loretta Crim at 623-5415.
- The **Lamplighters Circle** is a group of women at Saint Paul's that meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in members' homes. The meetings are for all ages of women - they study, pray and have lots of fun. The next meeting will be February 28, in the home of Pauline Lewis. If you have questions, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.



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Kids' Corner

Pick Up a Registration Form & Join Us at Camp Galilee!!

June 5- 10 or July 6- 8 and Make Summer Count!!

Camp Galilee is a Christian camp situated on 240 acres located outside of El Dorado Springs, MO. Camp Galilee provides activities such as fishing, boating, basketball, volleyball, hiking, horseback riding, and an open ball field for many other games and activities. Kids will have a great experience experiencing God's love through worship, playing quiet times and fellowship with other campers and counselors. Todd Taylor will be directing the camp this year.

Sign up now. Limited spots available. A \$50.00 registration fee holds their spot.

Call Todd at 623-7090 or email toddtaylor@fastfreedom.net for more information.

Counselors Needed for Camp Galilee!!

Without the generous volunteers & counselors at Camp Galilee, it simply would not work. If you would like to be part of this rewarding ministry, please contact Todd Taylor at 623-7090 or email at toddtaylor@fastfreedom.net

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FEBRUARY 20

Un-BEE-lievable Adventure

Dive into the Un-BEE-lievable Adventure of our Christian book fair. It is **Christian Book Reading Week** and your children will receive packets of information this Sunday about the **Take-Home Christian Book Fair**. Help us have a successful book fair by helping your kids take orders from your family and friends at work and church. This is a great opportunity to shop for any gift giving occasion!!! Our children's ministry will receive 30% of sales in Cash and 10% in products. Stop by Creation Station and take a look at some of the products on display. The book fair will begin on February 6th and will end on February 20th.



These products are designed to expand your child's imagination, help them grow in their faith and ultimately point them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Give us a call at 623-7090 for more information.

2006 Vacation Bible School Fiesta!

Where Kids are Fired Up About Jesus!

Come Celebrate! July 24- 28!!

It's never too soon to start planning for Vacation Bible School. Children and volunteers will experience high-energy, faith-filled fun! VBS is a great week that allows children to share the joy of God's love. Kids will enjoy their week at Sing & Play, Chadder's Dessert Drive-In Theater, Cactus Crafts, Grande Games and Maraca Munchies. Watch for more information!