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YOUR MID-MONTH UPDATE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND SAINT PAUL'S



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"THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO LEAD PEOPLE TO AN ACTIVE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST"

E-news



Kindermusik Now Enrolling for the Winter/Spring Semester!

Children love to sing and dance! Here at Saint Paul's we encourage that natural love of music by offering Kindermusik classes. Kindermusik is a unique music and movement program that uses singing, playing instruments, and dancing to help children grow in their cognitive, language, social, emotional, and musical skills. The classes are divided into three different age groups: Newborns-18 months, 18 months-3½ years and 3½-5 years. All classes for the winter/spring semester begin the week of January 28th. Please stop by the Kindermusik display in the lobby to pick up brochures and enrollment forms.

For you grandparents, you might consider giving the gift of music as a Christmas gift. Kindermusik gift certificates are available! Contact Janet Brown at 623-7090 (ext. 31) for more information.

CrossTraining News....

We will be taking a 7 week break beginning on November 21 for Christmas, Fireside Christmas and New Year's. CrossTraining will resume again on January 9, 2008. Each week on Wednesday nights from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. children, 3 years old through 5th grade, can be part of an exciting and active environment. CrossTraining goes beyond fun to teach strong biblical principals and also communicates values. Each lesson is designed to teach biblical principles, using a variety of teaching methods to create a fun learning atmosphere while impacting the children spiritually. Each lesson includes stories, object lessons, activity reinforcements, memory verses and a large group message in the Worship Center. Cross-Training makes the Bible come alive in children's hearts. But don't take our word for it, bring your kids and let them tell you all about it.

Sunday School Children will perform during worship services at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. on December 18th. Mark your calendars to come and enjoy the reason for the season!

Commitment Sunday this Sunday!

This Sunday, November 18, is not only Thanksgiving Sunday, but also the day that each of us is encouraged to bring our 2008 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 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.

Student Ministries...

• Thanksgiving Dinner

Everyone is invited to join us for a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 18th. 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 \$6.00 and kids under 12 \$3.00.

• 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 25. 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.

• Peanut Butter & Jelly

Thanks for bringing the Peanut Butter and Jelly! Saint Paul's youth collected 71 jars of peanut butter and jelly to give to the Children's Haven of Joplin. Thanks so much to all the people who brought in their jars!

Parents' Night Out

Register now for Parents' Night Out on Friday, December 14th. Would you like to spend an evening Christmas shopping without the kids? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Register your kids through age 10 for an evening of fun at Saint Paul's.

The time is from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. and the cost is \$12 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Kids will be supervised by Saint Paul's youth, parents and staff. The cost will include a small snack, movie, crafts fun and games! Sign up by December 9th. You may sign up on the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship brochure or in KidSpace.

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 **Monday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.** This will also be a time when we will address the next step in completing the children's area. All are encouraged to attend.

"Pictures of Jesus in the New Testament"...

will begin on November 28th. This is a short 2-week course and gives the overall picture of Jesus from the various writers of the New Testament. It is amazingly unified and yet, each writer presents a unique picture of Jesus. In this course, you will discover what these pictures of Jesus look like from the writers of the Gospels and from Paul.

The course is led by Mark Statler on Wednesday nights, November 28 and December 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner is included.

Please sign up on the Friendship Form in the Worship Brochure on Sunday or call the church at 623-7090.

Saint Paul's Experience...

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 Nov. 9 & 16 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 40.

You can sign up on the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship brochure or call the church at 623-7090.

Thanksgiving Offering...

This Sunday, November 18, we have the opportunity to make a special offering. We do this each year and the offering is directed to various missions. This year our primary focus will be on relief for Nicaragua. We sponsor a village, but with recent flooding and crop devastation, food and medical supplies are desperately needed. There are other mission needs internationally and locally that this offering will assist. Let's give thanks by giving to others.

Shop With Scrip!

With the Christmas shopping season upon us, now is a great opportunity to support Saint Paul's by purchasing gift cards in anticipation of your holiday shopping. These gift cards can be used to purchase gifts, and used safely for online purchasing.

Stop by the Bookstore in the church to order from our extensive merchant list and/or choose from our limited supply that we have on hand for your convenience. For more information, call the church at 623-7090.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving tree will be in the lobby by November 25th. Tags will be placed on the tree with needs and gifts for local families and individuals. We are sponsoring 2 adopted apartment families, some Watered Gardens families, 10 boys and girls at Tumaround Ranch, plus there will be donation gifts to the Salvation Army helping local families and children in need. There will be an informational sign by the tree.