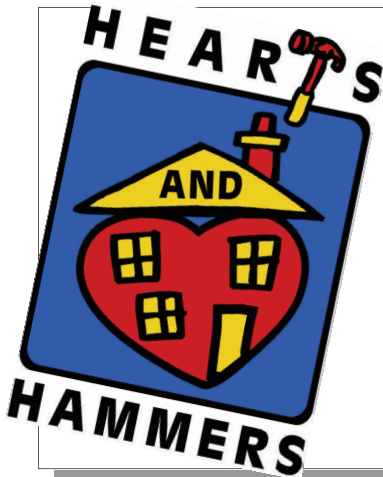


Saint Paul's theConnection

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, SERVE THE WORLD

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September 25th

Jesus calls us to serve the world and Hearts and Hammers is a great way to show our community that Jesus loves them. People from community organizations and churches can show up at **Landreth Park** in Joplin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 25th, get organized and then go out to repair, winterize and sometimes paint homes of people who either cannot afford to or are unable to do it for themselves.

If you haven't signed up and still want to help, just show up at Landreth Park on Murphy Blvd. on Saturday, September 25th at 8:00 a.m. and we will assign you to a work location.

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EPIC TURNS One

Our newest worship service is turning one! EPIC has been an amazing addition to our times of worship, offering an alternative style to worship Jesus. The average attendance for this new worship time has been 150 and it's growing! Thanks goes out to all our volunteers who make it happen by serving each week in all kinds of ways! Let us know how EPIC has impacted your life. Email Pastor Ben at ben@thesalvageyard.com.

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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."

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Aaron Brown, Lead Pastor • Sunday Worship—8:15, 9:30, 11:00, 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. at the Salvage Yard



Do you want to find some great friends, learn how to have an active faith in Jesus Christ, find an opportunity to serve in the church and the community all while having more fun than you thought was possible? Then come on up and check out what 6th-12th grade students are doing at "The Zone"!

GRAB A JAVA --- 9:00am Sunday mornings in The Zone. Come up and grab a java and a donut before GO 4TH.

GO 4TH --- 9:30am Sunday mornings in The Zone. A time to gather into small groups to discuss and challenge each other to GO 4TH into the world and make a difference.

GRAB A JAVA "AGAIN" --- 11:00am Sunday mornings in the zone. Want another java and donut? Stick around as we gather to go to the EPIC worship service together.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP --- 11:30am students gather to go to the EPIC worship service.

THE ZONE JV --- Wednesday night, 6:00-8:00pm. This is a time for jr high students to worship with other jr high students while experiencing Jesus in a BIG and relevant way.

THE ZONE VARSITY --- Wednesday night, 6:00-8:00pm. This service is just for our high school students, so all of our 9th-12th graders come out for a night that is all about you...and God... "you and God"

For more info, call Josh Jackson @ 623-7090 or email thezone.spumc@gmail.com

Have you seen the Prayer Garden lately?

A big Thank You! to the Forum Sunday School Class for adopting and renovating the Prayer Garden. It's once again a beautiful place to find a quiet connection to God. Stop by and take a look. It's on the north side of the hallway between the church lobby and KidSPace.



A Few Words From Aaron...

I've had a few people ask me my thoughts about the pastor in Florida who threatened to burn copies of the Quran on 9/11. My first reaction is that this is simply not my understanding of what it means to fol-

low Jesus—the one who had amazing love for those who persecuted him. Paul wrote, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Romans 12:18). Burning someone's holy scriptures brings violence, not peace. My second thought is that Pastor Jones wanted a publicity stunt and that's what the media gave him by calling attention to him. It's an unfortunate reflection of mainstream media and once again, all followers of Jesus get lumped together with Pastor Jones. Simply put, I refuse to be a part of that lump.

On another note. This Sunday we're going to hit the very serious topic of suicide. Please don't be afraid to be there! I attended a town meeting last week and learned that there is a lot that us average folk can do to prevent suicide. My aim is to equip us to offer help and hope to those around us. The message of Jesus was all about help and hope! We can make a difference.

See you Sunday! Aaron

Watered Gardens Office Worker Needed...

We have a position open for a volunteer office worker. If you can search the internet, you have enough computer skill for this position. This is a fast pace job and we average meeting one need every five minutes. We need help on any one (or more) of our open days: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call James at 623-6030 or contact us at wateredgardens.org

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	Weekday Discipleship	Faith Offering
Aug 22.....	886	183	N/A	\$19,590
Aug 29.....	1,018	213	602.....	\$21,605
Sept 5.....	867	128	589.....	\$22,461
Sept 12.....	945	169	N/A	\$17,084

Sunday Discipleship includes all children, youth, & adult classes & courses offered on Sundays. Weekday Discipleship includes children, youth & adult ministries on Wednesday evenings.

Woman of Faith weekend in Kansas City on Nov. 5-6

Imagine having two days focused on God and His love for you. Imagine those two days filled with laughter, music, and stories that make you chuckle even as you wipe away a tear. We have reserved 50 really good seats for this event would like to see if anyone from Saint Paul's would like to join us. Each seat is \$89 (group rate) which also includes a box lunch both days. It will be at the Sprint Center from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm and 7:00 pm-10:00 pm on Friday, and 9:00 am-5:00 pm on Saturday. They have also reserved a block of hotel rooms that will be very reasonable. I'll be driving up and can provide transportation. The deadline for signing up for these tickets is Sept. 19. Please call or e-mail me for more information and to sign up. Kathy Riscoe, 417-626-8004 or jkriscoe@earthlink.net



Prayer Concerns

Serving in the military:

We honor those serving in the military by placing their names on the Military Board in the east hallway after listing new names here for one week.

Please check that board regularly.

Health & Healing

- Dee Barnes
- Judy Rawlings
- Gerry Read
- Joy Anns Read's mother

Cancer Treatment:

- Tom Feltenberger
- Rose Hymer
- Easton Murdock
- Joey Walker

Grieving:

The family of **Allen Perry**

Other Concerns:

- Dusty Clark
- Jennifer Hymer
- Nathan Spencer
- Misty Puckett and Family
- Lucille Shipman
- Tracy & Roy Happs
- Ron & Bonnie Curtis
- Lesmeister Family
- Mary, Miguel, Natalie/Noah and Mario Soriano
- Daniel Van Dyle
- Sylvia Crowton & Family
- Charolette Bowzer

Get Connected...

Coffee With the Pastor

If you're new to Saint Paul's and would like more information about the church, please join us for info and coffee. This is a great time to meet our Pastors, hear the vision of the church, ask questions and take a tour. **The next coffee is on Sunday, October 10th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 53.** Call the church at 623-7090 if you would like to join us for Coffee With the Pastor.



Missions Cargo Box...

During the month of September, we are collecting paper goods such as paper towels, napkins and toilet paper. These items will be given to area shelters and will also be given out in our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Remember, the next time you are shopping, pick up an extra paper good item and bring it to the church. Thanks for your support!

Thanks for the shoes!

Project Homeless Connect gave shoes to over 100 people in Joplin. WOW! Thanks Saint Paul's for making a difference!

Four States Idol Competition Needs Your Donations...

At the Four States Idol competition, which will be held Friday, September 24th, there will be a silent auction! Currently, we are looking for anything that you or your business might be able to donate to the cause. ASCENT Recovery Residences is a 501© corporation, so all donations are tax deductible. If you or your business has a donation, this will also be displayed at the event. Donations can include new items and business services such as hair care, massages, car services, dental, etc. All donations can be brought to Saint Paul's. Tickets will be available in the church lobby on Sunday, September 19th.

For more information, contact Lou Ann Capra at 782-6048. Please join us on September 24th for this evening of fun and entertainment

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A Family Worship Experience...is held at 11:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of every month.

Saint Paul's KidSpace presents JUMP...plugging parents into a kid's world! JUMP is an entire worship service devoted to families having a blast together! This family experience consists of a 60 minute production that will offer high-energy praise and worship, incredible storytelling that has real-life applicable for families with kids kindergarten thru fifth grade. A different Bible based value is emphasized each month. Parents will be challenged to participate in a kid's world. Families, be sure to mark your calendars and invite all of your friends to join us at JUMP!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE OCT. 18



**Parents...
Join your kids on
Sunday, Sept 26th,
at 11:00 AM for
JUMP Family
Worship
in the Kids' area!**