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**YOUR ELECTRONIC UPDATE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING  
 IN AND AROUND SAINT PAUL'S**



# SPwired E-news

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

## Hearts and Hammers October 11th

Jesus calls us to extend his love to others and Hearts and Hammers is a great way to show our community that Jesus loves them. Folks from all sorts of community organizations and churches show up at Landreth Park in Joplin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 11th, 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 already, then join us at the park and we'll put you on a team! Better yet, bring some friends with you and have a great day together!



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

The world-renowned African Children's Choir is going to perform a concert at Saint Paul's on Friday, November 14th 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 is a colorful mix of song and dance from many regions of Africa with popular, gospel and contemporary music, much of which is accompanied on traditional instruments by the children. There is no charge for the concert, however a free-will offering will be taken at the end.

The choir is composed of 22 children from Uganda, ages 7 through 11. 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 a very unique opportunity here at Saint Paul's to host such a wonderful event.

So mark your calendars for November 14th and tell your friends about this one-of-a-kind concert experience.

### Get in S.H.A.P.E.!

At Saint Paul's, we encourage everyone to get connected in a Life Group. Life Groups are small groups of people who meet regularly to "do life together". They are meant to encourage, challenge and support you on the Journey of Life. The S.H.A.P.E. class is our next designated Life Group study. It is designed specifically to take you to that next level of purpose – to reveal how God has designed you. Join us as we find ultimate meaning as you live and serve out your spiritual strengths, God-given passions and unique abilities while impacting the lives of others. This course will be offered in Life Groups beginning in October or on Sunday mornings beginning October 19th from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Group meeting times and locations vary. If you would like to join a life group, you can sign up on the friendship form in the Sunday

### Youth At Ronald McDonald House...

It's all smiles while students cook dinner at Ronald McDonald House. 6th-12th grade students serve at Ronald McDonald the second Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join us. We meet at The Zone at 4 pm and return to The Zone by 6 pm.





## 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 the 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 on Thursday, November 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Sign up on the Friendship Form on Sunday morning or call Janet Brown at 623-7090, ext. 31 if you are interested. We always love to have new voices for this special time of year!

## Serving the Nursery Ministers to a Family!

By volunteering to serve in the nursery (Infants—4 yr olds), you become a partner in our mission to provide a safe, loving, and fun environment for our kids and enable a mom and dad to have a distraction free time with God in worship. Whether you can join us once a week, once a month or once a year, you can use your gifts to help on Sunday morning 8:15 ,9:30 and 11:00 am during morning worship services.

If you would like to get involved, stop by KidSPace for more information about serving in Children's Ministries. You may also contact Todd Taylor at 623-7090 or email [toddtaylor@fastfreedom.net](mailto:toddtaylor@fastfreedom.net).

## Pro Musica Concert in Oct! "Bash the Trash"

Saint Paul's is excited to host yet another Pro Musica concert on Saturday, October 11th at 11:00 a.m. This will be a family concert called "Bash the Trash." This unique group of musicians/educators is dedicated to raising environmental awareness through their art. They build and perform on instruments made from recycled and reused materials. The performance will be a journey into sound, science and music - how instruments are made, why they work, and how to make your own! Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 3-12. Come and enjoy this one-of-a-kind concert!

## 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 **Monday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to join us for this celebration of ministry!

10TH ANNIVERSARY  
group life conference 2008  
October 17-18 Via Satellite on CCN  
essential for the human heart  
COMMUNITY

Saint Paul's is the regional host site for a live satellite broadcast of the Group Life Conference from Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago. Small Group Leaders from across the nation will be sharing their experiences and expertise. Anyone from Saint Paul's is welcome to attend at no cost. Contact Pastor Mark via email at [mstaller@fastfreedom.net](mailto:mstaller@fastfreedom.net) for more information.

Friday, Oct 17 from 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Published Registration Cost \$59

# Missions

*Acts 20:35 "And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' "*

**Holiday Gift Baskets** Each year, at Saint Paul's, we are able to help people in our community by giving away Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets full of food and toiletries. The Missions Team is one again giving us the opportunity to share the many blessings that God has given us. You can help needy families have a bountiful holiday by giving any of the following items: canned goods, soap, toilet paper, toiletries, and other non-perishable items. Items will be collected throughout the months of October and November.

Please bring all donations and leave them in the Mission's Cargo Box in the church lobby. If you would like to make a monetary gift, just simply note "Holiday Baskets" on your check and turn it in to the church office or place in an offering basket.

**ASCENT Recovery Residences** ASCENT is designed to provide sustained recovery management in a faith based environment that encourages a generation of young men to develop the integrity, self-discipline, work ethic and attitude to become productive members of society. As ASCENT is opening their second residence, they are in need of several household items. See the Sunday worship program for a detailed list. If you have any of these to donate, please contact Cathy Garver at 417-529-3707.

**Watered Gardens** Each month, we support Watered Gardens both financially and physically. This month, we are requesting a special plea for food pantry donations. If you have non-perishable food that you can donate, please drop off the food at the Watered Gardens, 531 Kentucky any time between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

## Mark Your Calendars for these October Dates:

**Friday, October 10**—Watered Gardens lunch. The 2nd Friday of each month, people from Saint Paul's make and serve a meal to the people at Watered Gardens, 531 Kentucky, Joplin. The time is 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 11**—Hearts and Hammers is a great way to show our community that Jesus loves them. Folks from all sorts of community organizations and churches meet at Landreth Park in Joplin at 8:00 a.m. before going to their assigned work location.

**Monday, October 20** Saint Paul's workday at Crosslines, 131 S. High Street, Joplin. Join us as we work there any time between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 25** Crosslines Annual Pancake Feed at First Community Church, 15th and Murphy Blvd from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.