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**YOUR ELECTRONIC 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



African Children's Choir Coming to Saint Paul's November 14!

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 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.



Missouri Area Bishop Invites You for a Conversation...

On Sunday, November 16, 4 to 6 p.m. Robert Schnase, the Bishop of the Missouri Area will be leading a gathering at Saint Paul's. All the

churches of the Southwest District are invited to hear his vision for the United Methodist Church in Missouri and take part in a conversation about our shared mission and vision.

This is a rare and wonderful opportunity. No reservations are necessary.

Books Are Fun
by Reader's Digest

HOLIDAY SALE!

Bring Family and Friends!

Book Fair
Monday, November 10
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saint Paul's New KidSPace

Student Ministries

Register for WOW a youth event in Springfield, MO that will be attended by over 2000 youth! There will be live bands, including Stellar Kart, comedians, and speakers that won't be boring. WOW is in Springfield January 24-25, 2009. The cost for this weekend is \$50 plus money for 2 meals. If students work the Christmas Gift and Craft Show December 11th, 12th or 13th they can reduce the cost of their trip to \$30 plus money for 2 meals. Registration is due December 3rd. To register contact Julie Arnold (623-7090) or put your registration money in the black box outside of the youth office in The Zone (make sure to use an envelop or write WOW in the memo of your check). Check out the WOW video at... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4RkblKcGFw>

We must have a 1 to 6 adult to youth ratio for WOW. If you are parent reading this please consider going with us. If you would like to attend WOW with us you must be Conference Safe Sanctuary Certified. To find out about that certification contact Julie Arnold, 623-7090.

College Students (and parents!)

We need your address! If you are living away from home and attending college, we have a special gift just for you. Every year we prepare and send away care packages. So we need your away from home address! Please call the youth office at 623-7090 or send an email to juliearnold@hotmail.com

Buy Gift Cards for Christmas!

With the Christmas season right around the corner, 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.



Women's Retreat January 16 - 17, 2009 Saint Paul's UMC

A highlight event for women every year! Retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

All meals included along with fun and fellowship. Cost: \$20.00. (Scholarships available)

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 Don't forget, we are currently collecting for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. You can help by donating nonperishable foods and placing them in our mission box at the front entrance. We suggest that each time you visit the grocery store, you purchase at least one item to give away. 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. You can help needy families by giving any of the following items: canned goods, soap, toilet paper, toiletries, and other non perishable items. If you know of someone who might be in need of a basket, please contact the church office at 623-7090.

Please bring donations and leave them in the Mission 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.

Mark your calendars for these dates:

- Friday, November 14 – Watered Gardens lunch servers.
- Monday, November 17 – Crosslines workday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Monday, November 24 – Assemble food baskets for Thanksgiving

Get Connected

The Cheergiver team visits people who are not able to get out of their home very often. If you know someone who you think might like to have a cheery visit in their own home or in their nursing home, please let us know. The people who are visited do not have to be members of Saint Paul's. For more information, please call Jim Gant at 291-4432 or Anna Jean Dye at 623-7090.



Hearts & Hammers Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who helped this year with the annual Hearts & Hammers Day! It was awesome!