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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"**



Ash Wednesday Worship Service

We will begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. This is a very multi-sensory worship service that begins our preparations for Easter. During this special worship time, we will have an opportunity to step away from things that stand between us and a closer relationship with God; to focus on Him, the meaning of the season of Lent and the glory of Easter. This is always a powerful event that you will not want to miss.

"Souper Bowl Sunday", February 7th

Crosslines Churches of the Joplin Area are again sponsoring their special collection of soup to help those in need throughout our community. Please donate cans of soup and boxes of crackers here at the church and we will deliver them to Crosslines after the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 7th. A can of soup will provide a nourishing meal for your neighbor in need! *Hebrews 13:16 says: "Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."*



The Salvage Yard will hold its 4th Annual Super Bowl Party!

Whether you are a football fan or not, everyone is welcome to come cheer for their team at The Salvage Yard on Sunday, February 7th. The party begins at 4:00 p.m., will include a time of worship, and will end sometime after the game ends. This is a potluck style of event that is "family friendly." Check us out online at www.thesalvageyard.com or call us at 417-623-YARD. The Salvage Yard is located at 1402 South Main Street in Joplin.

"A Medley of Chocolate"

This delicious event will be presented by the Lamplighters and Ruby Circle. It will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Saint Paul's. The afternoon will be spent eating a variety of chocolate goodies!

Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10 years old. Tickets are available for purchase on Sunday morning (February 7th) in the church lobby or during the week in the church office. Door prizes will be given out every 15 minutes.

If you have questions or would like more information, you can contact...Maril Thompson @ 623-7803, Dixie Garvin @ 624-3333 or Doris Surbrugg @ 781-0940. All proceeds will go to local, national and international missions.



“WILL STARVE FOR FOOD”

Feb. 26th & 27th

– the theme for World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine this year -- by going without food for 30 hours to get a taste of what the world’s poorest children and families face everyday.

How can we as a church help them?

All youth (Grades 6-12) can help! Mark your calendar, put the date in your phone or post it to your facebook calendar; whatever works so you can come help us make a difference on Friday, Feb. 26th @ 6 pm (but remember not to eat anything after lunch that day) until Saturday, Feb. 27th @ 6 pm! Youth

can stop by The Zone office for more information.

In the coming weeks you’ll hear more about the 30 Hour Famine. So here’s where our wonderful Saint Paul’s congregation comes in: please pray for the Famine participants, and then prayerfully consider how you can offer your financial support to help save kids’ lives.

Visit With Josh Jackson New Director of Student Ministries, Sunday Morning, Feb. 21

If you’re the parent of a teenager, or maybe you would just like to know more about what’s going on in The Zone, come join us on Sunday, February 21st at 10:45 a.m. You can take a tour of the youth area, ask questions and hear what programs and activities Josh has planned for the youth in 2010. Who knows, you may even find this is a place where you would like to get involved!

Confirmation 2010

We invite all youth in grades 7 – 12 to be a part of Confirmation 2010. This year, Confirmation will be held during the month of March. The Confirmation group will meet on Sundays, March 7 and 21 and for a deeply intense spiritual weekend retreat on March 26 – 28. For more information about this Confirmation experience call the youth office, 623-7090 ext. 13.

Educational Scholarships Available...

Application forms for the Methodist Women’s Educational Scholarships may be picked up in the church office or at the Information Center. **Members** of all ages who are pursuing any form of education beyond high school are eligible to participate. *Previous winners are not eligible.* **APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON, MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010.**

If anyone has questions or would like additional information, please call Nancy Hoagland @ 781-1264.

Kindermusik Still Enrolling for the Winter/Spring Semester!

“Kindermusik is so much fun!” Those are the words you hear from children enrolled in classes. Our winter/spring semester of classes just began so it’s not too late to be a part. The classes are divided into three different age groups: Newborns - 18 months, 18 months - 3½ years and 3½ years - 5 years. Classes run for 15 weeks and will be completed in mid-May.

Stop by the Kindermusik display in the church lobby for more information about this unique music and movement program designed especially for little ones. You may also contact Janet Brown at 623-7090 9ext. 31) or email her at spumcmusic@gmail.com. Sign up now and let your child be a part of the fun!

Haiti Update...

So far we have collectively given \$18,544 which has gone directly to the relief effort through UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief). Let's continue to give over and above our normal giving to help the Haitian people recover. **What else can we do?** UMCOR is asking for Hygiene Kits. You and your family can assemble one or more and bring it to the church. **Hygiene Kit:** 1 hand towel (16" by 28"), 1 wide tooth comb, 1 nail clipper, 1 bar of soap, 1 washcloth, 6 band aids, 1 toothbrush, all sealed in a one gallon plastic bag with zipper closure. Let us do what we can as we keep praying for the people of Haiti...

Get Connected...

Coffee With the Pastor...

Find out more about Saint Paul's!

The Newcomers class 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. The course covers what we believe membership in the church means. Attendance is highly recommended before joining Saint Paul's. **The next Newcomers class will be held on Sunday, February 14th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 53.** If you are interested in this class, please come join us!

The Core - A New 3-Week Course About the Essentials of Faith.

Join Pastor Mark February 7th thru 21st from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for this three-week introduction of the core elements of a life of faith. The first week will be about core beliefs and the second week will be about core practices of the Christian life. Bring your questions and come join us!



Attn: Parents

"SOUP-ER" BOWL SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2010

Lets fill Crosslines Soup pantries with all kinds of canned soup. On Sunday February 7th, 2010 send a can (s) of soup with your child to KidSpace!!

**Family Worship
This Sunday!**
**February 7th in KidSPace
at 11:00 a.m.**

JUMP — Saint Paul's Family Worship Experience is an energetic, interactive program where families learn and experience what's happening in KidSPace for elementary children and their parents. Join us Sunday, February 7th at 11:00 a.m. Your family will be talking about it all month! Contact Todd Taylor at toddtaylor@fastfreedom.net if you have any questions.



See you and your family on Sunday!