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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"**



Christmas At Saint Paul's!

Wednesday, December 10, Old Fashioned Fireside Christmas. The festivities begin at 6:30 PM! Come sit by the fireplace and enjoy Christmas songs. We will sing lots of Christmas Carols, there will be a special time for kids and a retelling of the Christmas story. Come join us in celebration as we fellowship together and share homemade cookies and apple cider! Childcare will not be provided, bring the kids in with you!

Saturday, December 13, Holiday Gift & Craft Show. The Holiday Gift and Craft Show is sponsored by Saint Paul's youth. It is held from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Family Life Center and will feature over 50 crafters from all over the area. Mark your calendar and plan to come and do your Christmas shopping!

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. On Christmas Eve we will be holding five candlelight worship services to celebrate the birth of Jesus. These services will be at **4:00, 6:00, 8:00 and 11:00 PM** at the main campus and **6:00 PM** at The Salvage Yard. You are invited to bring your family to celebrate and worship at the time that best suits your schedule. Nursery care will be provided at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 for children preschool age and younger.



Kindermusik Now Enrolling for Winter/Spring!

Free Demonstration Classes

Children love to sing and dance! Here at Saint Paul's we encourage that natural love of music by offering Kindermusik classes for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and children ages 5-7. The winter/spring semester begins the week of January 26th and runs for 15

weeks. Participate in a demonstration class and see what it's all about. Also take a look at the Kindermusik display in the lobby or call Janet Brown at 623-7090, ext. 31 for more information.

Demonstration Class Schedule

Newborns-18 months - 5:30-6:00 p.m. (Monday, Jan. 12th)

18 months-3½ years - 6:30-7:00 p.m. (Monday, Jan. 12th)

3½-5 years - 5:30-6:00 p.m. (Tuesday, Jan. 13th)

5-7 years - 6:30-7:00 p.m. (Tuesday, January 13th)



Let's go!

Wednesday Night Live Begins Jan 7th

"Do Life Better!"

Be a part of this dynamic growing ministry! On average, over 450 adults, youth and children connected to God and each other in our fall session. Why so many? Cross Training for children is a fun and engaging way for kids to learn about Jesus. The Crossing helps our youth (grades 6-12) grow in their relationship with Jesus and live it out. And 15 different courses help adults get or stay connected to God. Our adult courses fall into one of four categories; Scriptural Courses, Parenting Courses, Financial Life Courses, and Relational Courses. Everyone is welcome... doesn't matter where or if someone attends church... everyone is welcome to join a group that will help them **"do life better"**. We start each session with dinner and it all begins on January 7th. Register for the course of your choice through the Friendship Form on Sunday.

Student Ministries

Confirmation 2009 Information

We invite all youth in grades 7-12 to be a part of Confirmation '09. Our confirmation experience will explore who God is and how our lives will be different because we choose to follow Jesus. Confirmation will begin in January and go through April.

For more information about joining us on this Confirmation experience or to sign-up for '09, call the youth office at 623-7090, ext. 13.

Camino Coming In February!

If you have been thinking about how to take the next step in your faith journey, then Camino might be just what you are looking for. Camino is an ecumenical (multi-denominational) spiritual retreat weekend that takes place twice a year. The next camino weekends are February 19th-22nd, 2009 for men and February 26th-March 1st, 2009 for women. This event will take place in Monett, Missouri and there is plenty of room for you. If you would like more information or want to sign up, please contact Ben Bainbridge at 417-623-9273 or email him at ben@thesalvageyard.com.

Chicken Noodle Lunch this Sunday

ASCENT Recovery Residences is holding a Chicken Noodle Dinner Fundraiser this Sunday, December 7th following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Stay and enjoy the meal at noon or pick up a to-go order after each worship service. The cost of each dinner will be \$5.00. With this meal you will receive chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, a hot roll and dessert.

The proceeds will go to ASCENT Recovery Residences whose mission is 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. For more information contact: Teddy Steen @ 417-825-6272 or Cathy Garver @ 417-529-3707.



Women's Retreat

Jan 16-17

A highlight event for women every year! The Retreat is at Saint Paul's UMC and 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). Flyers are available at the Information Center. For more information call Bernice Robinson at 623-0174.

Children to Sing December 14

Parents and Grandparents don't forget! On Sunday December 14th during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services the children will perform a Christmas song!

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 Christmas Food Baskets. You can help by donating nonperishable foods and placing them in our mission box at the front entrance. 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.

Christmas Giving Tree

Deadline is December 14th

The Christmas Giving tree is in the lobby! Tags have been placed on the tree with needs and gifts for local families and individuals. We are sponsoring 2 adopted apartment families, some Watered Gardens families, boys and girls at Turnaround Ranch, plus there will be donation gifts to the Salvation Army helping local families and children in need. Please take a tag, purchase the item, wrap it, place the tag on the gift and bring it back to the church by December 14th.

GET CONNECTED...

Coffee With the Pastor

If you are new to Saint Paul's and would like more information about the church, please join us for this get acquainted time. This is a great time to meet our Pastors, hear the vision of the church, ask questions and take a tour. Join us on Sunday, December 7th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 53. Sign up for Coffee With the Pastor by calling the church at 623-7090.

Newcomers Class...

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, December 14th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 53. Sign up on the Friendship Form in the worship brochure Sunday or call the church at 623-7090.