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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"*

## **Holiday Gift Baskets**

Each year at Saint Paul's, we are able to help people in our community and in our congregation by giving them Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets full of food and toiletries. You can help someone have a bountiful holiday by sharing these blessings with others. Simply bring non-perishable foods and toiletries to the church and put them in the Mission's Cargo Box at the main entrance.

Thanksgiving food basket items will be collected throughout the month of November.

## **Referrals for Gift Baskets**

If you know someone who could benefit from one of the holiday food baskets, we are now taking referrals. Please pick up a referral form in the church office or contact Nancy Hampton at 623-7090.

## **Charge Conference November 16**

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, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for this celebration of ministry!

## **Women's Retreat January 29-30**

### ***"When Wallflowers Dance: Becoming a Woman of Righteous Confidence"***

The Retreat is at Saint Paul's UMC beginning Friday, January 29 - Saturday, January 30, 2010. It begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes after lunch, with chapel, by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

For many women it is easier to be unseen and unknown. When we retreat into the "wallflower" mode, we breathe, we smile but we just blend. When our focus becomes on God's desire and passion for each of us, we are able to mature spiritually and stop trying to blend. Take this opportunity to feel and look captivating as you dance in His arms.

Mark your calendar and watch for information regarding registration which will come out in early December 2009.

# 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, December 6th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 53.** Call the church at 623-7090 if you would like to join us for Coffee With the Pastor.

## 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 13th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 53.** Sign up on The Connection in the worship program on Sunday or call the church at 623-7090.



## Did you know....

*we have several groups doing servant ministries here at the church!*

... Have you seen the Prayer Garden lately? The Forum class adopted the Prayer Garden, and last week they spent the day cleaning, trimming and sprucing up the Garden!

...One of our home groups tackled the huge project of the church photo directory! This was a major undertaking and those directories will be ready soon!

Thank you so much to these groups! If you have a group that is interested in taking on a project at the church, please contact Nancy Hampton at 623-7090.



## Have you been in the Saint Paul's Bookstore lately?

We have lots of great gifts at the bookstore. You can also purchase gift cards in the bookstore. Bookstore hours are Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Wednesdays from 5:45 – 6:15 p.m.

## Get Stuffed!

We need lots of stuffing! On Tuesday, Nov. 24, Saint Paul's will provide all of the stuffing for the Watered Gardens Thanksgiving meal. If you can donate a box of stuffing, please bring it to Saint Paul's by Sunday, Nov. 22 and leave it in the Mission's cargo box. We need enough stuffing to feed 300 people!

# Student Ministries

## **Sunday Night Youth...Check out the Edge**

AS I STAND ON THE EDGE, HE ALONE IS MY ROCK!  
GET READY FOR SOME AWESOME SMALL GROUPS...  
IN THE ZONE  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

All high school students are invited to be part of Sunday Night Small Groups called the EDGE. Small groups are a great chance for some awesome Bible study and a great chance to get to know other students better. You'll deepen current friendships and you'll meet some new friends. It's going to be great. We hope you'll get involved!

**DON'T MISS OUT!!!**



## **Cross Training...Mark your calendars!!**

We will be taking a short break for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Cross Training will end on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and begin again on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.



## **JUMP is a Family Experience!**

*Following is the Jump schedule...*

*Week 1 - A Family Worship Experience.*

*Week 2 - Rotation (children will rotate through Bible stations).*

*Week 3 - Rotation (children will rotate through Bible stations).*

*Week 4 - Movie Ministry.*

Movie Ministry is the last Sunday of every month @ 11:00 a.m. In JUMP, we will use age appropriate movies to help emphasize Jesus' love while teaching His word. We will use these movies to illustrate certain topics while teaching the point of a Bible lesson or discussion. The discussion leading into the movies will always be referenced to the Bible and children will learn memory verses followed by discussion-starter questions.

Please ask your kids about the programs that come home every week. This is a great tool for you to discuss your kids' Sunday morning worship.

For better or worse, movies are the storytellers in our postmodern time however, that means they are also powerful resources for children's ministry workers to use in communicating the Gospel to the kids in the church.

## **Prayers, Fundraiser, for Easton Murdock**

We would like to thank Saint Paul's Congregation for keeping Easton Murdock and his family in your prayers. Easton is 5 years old and was diagnosed with a tumor on his brain stem and will begin weekly trips to Kansas City for chemotherapy. A donation account for Easton has been set up at any Southwest Missouri Bank location to help with medical and travel expenses. There are also Zebra bracelets available for a donation. If you would like to make a donation for a bracelet, please call Jayne Greer @ 438-3299, Tammy Swab @ 437-4600 or Craig Greer @ 434-2942. You can visit Easton's website for more information at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/eastonmurdock](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/eastonmurdock).