

The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!
Saint Paul's UMC



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Memorial Sunday May 25 *Bring fresh flowers!*

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Summer Session Courses

Wednesday Night Live Summer Session

(June 4 - July 16) Everything you love about Wednesday Night Live at Saint Paul's; dinner, activities for children and youth at the same time, and great opportunities to grow! Courses vary in duration, so check out the descriptions for more details. You can sign up for these courses on the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship program or call the church at 623-7090.

S.H.A.P.E. course will help you find ultimate meaning as you live and serve out of your spiritual strengths, God-given passions, and unique abilities to impact the lives of others. June 4 – July 16.

The Pictures of Jesus in the New Testament. In this three-week course, you will discover what these pictures of Jesus look like from the writers of the Gospels and from Paul. June 4-18

The Faith, Heart and Practice of a Methodist. When and how did the Methodist Church come to be? What is distinct about Methodists? What do we share in common with other denominations? Find out this and more. June 25- July 9.

Love and Logic for Parents of Children up to 6 years old. Discover solutions & healthy discipline techniques of Love and Logic for your children. Materials cost of \$10. A waiting list starts after 25 registrations. June 4-July 16.

Beth Moore's Living Beyond Yourself. By encouraging participants to develop and maintain an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God, this study will help them to nurture and cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in their daily lives. This is a video-based study with a materials cost of \$16. Led by Lynda Kyger, this course begins on June 4 and runs for 10 weeks.

Relief to China and Myanmar

Emergency relief is reaching thousands in both China and Myanmar through the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Every United Methodist is a partner to the relief efforts of UMCOR around the world because part of the regular gifts and offerings received every Sunday go to support this global ministry.

In Myanmar, UMCOR is working with a partner network called Action by Churches Together. Through this network, we have been able to distribute water purification tablets, food, and materials for shelter, as well as funding for other support. In China, UMCOR is working through a partner organization called the Amity Foundation to assist to get materials and food directly to the people in need.

White Elephant Sale!

Remember Friday's the day to find treasures at the White Elephant Sale. **Friday, May 23rd, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** Be there!!

Huge Rummage Sale!

Saturday, May 24th, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center! The Family Life Center will be full of great second-hand finds for your home and your closet, for fun, for cooking, for entertainment and so much more! Proceeds will support Saint Paul's Student Ministries summer camps and mission trips. Come join the fun!!

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Tornado Recovery Report

On Saturday, May 17, Saint Paul's had 24 volunteers who worked on tornado clean up. We spent the day with chain saws, work gloves and lots of trees as we worked on cleaning up the property of Mark and Lin Harris. Thanks so much to everyone who helped! It was an awesome day of work and it truly touched the lives of others. We are currently working on organizing help for other people as soon as it is possible. If you are interested in helping, contact the church at 623-7090.

Also thanks so much to Chris and Kim Mitchell for organizing the Teddy Bear Drive. We collected 324 bears! These bears have been distributed to the Salvation Army in Neosho and they will give them to children who have been affected by the tornados.

"The primary purpose of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ."

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Aaron Brown, Lead Pastor • Sunday Worship—8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. at the Salvage Yard • Sunday School—9:30 a.m.

Student Ministries!

Saint Paul's Youth

Grades 6-12

The Crossing meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Go 4th: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

May 23 : Rummage Sale Set Up 3 pm until it's set up

May 24 : Rummage Sale-be here to work at 6:45 am, Sale from 7 am - 4 pm (clean up from 4 until it's done)

May 28 : **Kick off Cook Out & Games** @ Saint Paul's

June 4 : **Ice Cream Party** : Jesus Doesn't Microwave

June 11 : **The Climb** **Special time: 5:45 pm @ SPUMC**

we will travel together to The Bridge. Cost: \$9. Students can be picked up @ The Bridge between 8 and 9 pm.

****MUST HAVE PERMISSION FORM****

June 18: Write Your Own Rules Wiffle Ball : Who's Writing your Rules in Life

June 25 : **Crud Wars** at Saint Paul's ****wear your gettin' messy clothes****

Go 4th is Sunday School for 6th-12th graders. It meets on Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am in the Zone.

May 25 : Horton Hears a Who: We are called to be 100% Faithful

June 1 : Go 4th is going to church!

June 8 : The Cards You've Been Dealt

June 15 : Overcoming Laziness

June 22 : God's Chisel

June 29 : Mr. Accountability

Steak Dinner

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Thank You! Gracias! Danke! Merci! Grazie!

Thanks to... (drum roll please) Nancy Hoagland for her dedication to both the Community Clinic and Watered Gardens. Nancy has given hours and hours of service as she has organized, prepared and served meals at both of these organizations. She is now "retiring" from her role in this ministry.

We serve lunch at Watered Gardens on the 2nd Friday of each month. We serve at the Community Clinic on Thursdays, approximately every six weeks from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

If you would be interested in helping out with either of these ministries, please contact Nancy Hampton at 417-623-7090.



A few words from Aaron...

This Sunday we start a new two-part message series that will be practical and spiritually challenging. It's entitled "How to Spend a Day with Jesus." This Sunday is also the day we'll remember the people we loved who have died. Bring a fresh-cut flower in

their memory.

We are nearing completion on the KidSpace building project. It looks great and should be ready for use as we start our summer programming for kids. Take a walk through there if you haven't in a while. As you do, pray for the lives of kids who will be reached through the ministries that will take place there.

On a related note, we are near the end of our capital campaign, Making Room for All 2. This is a great time to finish off your commitment if you've not already. We are very close to hitting our goal of \$250,000, let's finish strong!

Also, let's stay strong in our efforts at tornado recovery. Please don't forget about those who've been affected. We'll continue to send out clean-up teams for as long as they are needed. This is an awesome way to be the hands of God.

See you on Sunday, Aaron.

Kindermusik Summer Fun!



We are pleased to be providing two unique summer *Kindermusik* classes. *Sign and Sing* is for children ages 6 months to 3 years of age. This class combines songs and playful interaction to help children learn

some basic signs from American Sign Language. *Adventures* is a program designed for children ages 18 months to 4 years of age. In this class, children will sing, dance and play instruments. Both classes begin the week of June 9th and run for 5 weeks. Please stop by the *Kindermusik* display in the church lobby to pick up more detailed brochures and enrollment forms. Or contact Janet Brown (623-7090, ext. 31). *Kindermusik* is a wonderful way to bond with your child and strengthen his/her brain and muscles at the same time! So...come join the summer fun!

Upcoming Messages

New Series Begins! "How to Spend a Day with Jesus"

May 25 and June 1

Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Wednesday Nite Live	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
April 20	800	203	60	\$36,550	\$1,997
April 27	787	191	37	\$20,454	\$2,357
May 4	846	136	28	\$24,176	\$24,395
May 11	928	192	48	\$17,309	\$937
May 18	712	176	N/A	\$18,548	\$1,766

Sunday Discipleship includes all children, youth, & adult classes & courses offered on Sundays. Wednesday Nite Live includes children, youth & adult ministries on Wednesday evenings.

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Severe Weather Policy

Spring, as we have recently experienced, can bring severe weather to the four states. With this in mind, we would like to remind everyone about what to do should severe weather strike while activities are going on at the church.

The main thing to remember is to stay away from areas where there is a lot of glass. In the older parts of the church the safe areas are the hallways on the east, north and west sides, and the bathrooms on the east side. In the newer areas of the church, the bathrooms in the hallway connecting to KidSpace and in KidSpace, also the stairwells are the safest places. Remember once you have reached these areas, please get on the floor and cover your head.

Camino Weekends Coming in July!

Are you in need of a spiritual renewal? Are you looking for something more in your walk with God that goes beyond the Sunday worship experience? If you can answer yes to these questions, then the Camino weekend may be just what you are looking for.

Camino is an ecumenical weekend that takes you on a journey in the Christian life. The next weekends will be July 24th thru 27th for men, and July 31 thru Aug 3rd for women.

If you would like more information about the weekends or how to attend please contact Ben Bainbridge at 417-529-2065, or email him at ben@thesalvageyard.com.

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

Eric Larson
Mitchell Kent

Military:

Nathan Lawellin
Matthew Peak
Stephen Leadbetter
Richard Hurst

Cancer Treatment:

Sandy Risor
Cameron Pulliam

Martha Moser

Health & Healing:

Chris Branch

Other Concerns:

Brooklyn, Britany & Luke Cranor
Hannah Cranor
Jim & Freddie McGree
Allison & Lizzie Curci
Michelle Oetinger
Chris Greninger
Vivian Harper

Get Connected...

Homebound Services - Homebound Services ministry has been a part of Saint Paul's for the last 18 years. They help homebound senior citizens maintain their independence. They provide grocery shopping, medical transportation and light safety repair work for those who have no family in the area and find these tasks difficult or impossible. Grocery volunteers are matched with one client at a time and they shop once weekly or bi-weekly. Transportation volunteers and handyman repair workers are chosen on availability and location. If you feel you would like to be a part of this worthwhile church program or if you know someone who needs assistance, please call Vivian Price at 624-3577.

Take the S.H.A.P.E. Class - This study is designed specifically to take you to that next level of purpose - to reveal how God has designed you. Each session includes tools that help bring crystal clarity to your future goals and show you how to have the most fulfilling life possible - a life lived for God's purposes, by God's design. 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 for 6 weeks on Sunday mornings beginning June 1st from 9:30-10:30 a.m. It is also offered as a part of the Summer Wednesday Night Live classes beginning Wednesday, June 4th. You can sign up on the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship program or call the church office at 623-7090.

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, June 1st at 9:30 a.m. in room 53. You can sign up for this on the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship program or call the church at 623-7090.

Lamplighters

The Lamplighters will meet on Tuesday, May 27th at the home of Kay Wolfskill at 7:00 p.m. The program is "Tapping Your Way to Better Health" by Dr. Carolyn English, D.C. If you have questions, call Kay Wolfskill at 782-9064.

Just in case you missed it!

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Saint Paul's Day Camp

June 2 – July 18, Mon, Wed, Fri, 9:00am to 3:30pm

We invite you to join the FBI – Treasure Seekers Kids team! During this spectacular adventure, current K through 5th grade children will journey into awesome adventures while fulfilling daily missions. As members of God's courageous team of special agents, we will have the opportunity to grow in our knowledge of what it means to serve God with courage! We will create stellar crafts, play exciting games, sing upbeat songs, enjoy amazing snacks, and take field trips on Friday's!

This is one **MISSION** you won't want to miss!

Vacation Bible School

July 21 to 25, 9:00 a.m. to Noon



Send your kids to **Power Lab**, where they'll discover Jesus' miraculous power! This is the spot that's oozing with adventure, new friends, hyper-speed games, incredible music, amazing crafts, wacky snacks, and more!

Children will gain a new enthusiasm for God's Word and for Jesus! As

kids engage in fun, science-themed surprises, amazing things will happen. The delighted smiles...the memorable Bible points...they all add up to making a life-long difference in the lives of children!

We're really excited about this summer's **Vacation Bible School**, and we hope you are too! Everyone can be involved: **Invite kids to come!** (programs for ages 3-5, and grades K-5) **Volunteer!** (we need helpers)

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