



St. Paul's Epistle

St. Paul's United Methodist Church – Tucson, Arizona

IT'S STILL NEWS!

As a child I was fascinated with the idea that so many things die in the winter and come back in the spring. At least they disappear in the winter and once again become visible in the spring. This was the metaphor my childish heart embraced to describe Easter. It is a lovely thought.

The Easter thought is far lovelier, far greater than sprouting once again in the spring. In the Bible, the Easter story freely embraces the pain of death and destruction. There is no illusion that this is simply a representation of a brief hibernation; no implication that Easter is the story of humanity and a second chance.

Easter is the story of the creation of new things. Jesus after the resurrection is different than Jesus before. You, me, all of creation is different, new, fully alive in a way we have never been before as we embrace the presence of the resurrected Christ in our once broken hearts.

Does this seem like it is too

big an idea for our broken imaginations to embrace? Of course it is! Embrace it anyway. It is the joyful, life giving mystery of faith! Hear the announcement that **“Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!”** and embrace this new life in your heart.

“We are called to be a community of generosity and love where we invite others to join us in becoming disciples of Jesus Christ for the good of the world!”

Called...for the good of the world!

Billy Still

What will you find inside? Information on Easter celebrations and up-to-date information on “The Big Fix!”

SAVE THE DATE!

All the women at St. Paul's will want to mark their calendars for the upcoming Women's Retreat which will be held at St. Paul's on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4. Keep your eyes open for more details!

What is “The Big Fix?”

“The Big Fix” is a onetime financial boost that will allow St. Paul's UMC to care for a variety of major deferred maintenance and staffing issues. Each of us will be asked to make a three year financial contribution that is in addition to our General Budget giving. The primary issue will be renovation of the Sanctuary. Caring for these issues now will help us remain vital, alive, welcoming and financially healthy.

As you have received information about **“The Big Fix”** you may have some questions. We would like to help you find answers.

On **Sunday, April 10, at 9:30 & 11:00 AM in the A-Frame** there will be a **“The Big Fix”** question and answer session. Bring your

questions and comments and we will share them with each other.

As you watch your mail, email and come to worship, let me invite you to prayerfully consider how you will choose to be a part of **“The Big Fix.”** We will begin to receive commitments for **“The Big Fix”** in worship on **Sunday, May 8.**

HOLY WEEK AT
ST. PAUL’S
Communion will be available all week from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Palm Sunday—April 17
At all services we will remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into the city. At 9:30 we will celebrate our newest church members as our Confirmation class is welcomed.

Maundy Thursday—April 21
As we remember Christ’s Last Supper with his disciples, we will worship together at **6:00 PM.**

Good Friday—April 22
A service of communion will be held at **12:00 Noon** and **6:00 PM.** Come and remember the day of Jesus’ crucifixion together as the body of Christ.

Easter Sunday—April 24
Easter Sunday will be a true celebration of the resurrection. Four services of worship will be held throughout the day. In addition, a brunch will be served on the patio.

6:00 AM—Join us for the Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden.

8:00 AM—Be blessed by the Early Bird Choir during worship at this hour in the Sanctuary.

9:30 AM—Worship in the Life Center.

10:15-11:15 AM—Brunch will be served on the patio.

10:40 AM—Join in the fun of an Easter Egg Hunt to find eggs filled with more than just candy. Generous living will be the theme of this year’s hunt!

11:00 AM—Be delighted with the sounds of the Sanctuary Choir and brass musicians during worship in the Sanctuary.

WE NEED EASTER EGGS!

What’s Easter without the traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday? To help us provide this experience for our Sunday School kids, we need your help. Our goal is to collect 30 dozen plastic eggs by Friday, April 15th. Please bring your eggs, only half filled with candy (we’re going to be putting special “acts of generosity” cards in each one with instructions) to the church office by the deadline! Thanks in advance for your help. Questions? Contact Linda Valencia at sala4juli@msn.com.

AED AND FIRST AID CLASS

On **Saturday, April 23**, from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, a certification class in use of our automatic external defibrillators (AED) and Basic First Aid will be offered at St. Paul’s in the **Shalom Room**. Ushers, hikers, youth program directors, and anyone else interested in learning how to use an AED are encouraged to sign up for the class. Limit 12 – a lunch will be provided. Cost for the class per person is \$8.50. Please sign up by calling the office at 296-6149. The class will be taught by an American Red Cross instructor.

SEEKING A SUNDAY MORNING CUSTODIAN

How would you like to support St. Paul’s in fulfilling its mission and get paid for it? We are in need of a Sunday morning custodian. In short, the job entails opening up the church and classrooms, turning on the Sanctuary heat/air conditioning, and generally be visible, helpful and cordial to our church attendees. The job is available immediately, from 6:30 AM until 1:00 PM. If interested, drop by the church office and pick up a position description and fill out an application.

THE WORLD OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - JAPAN EMERGENCY

UMCOR is working through relief and church partners in Japan to respond to and provide immediate assistance and long-term rehabilitation. With these partners, UMCOR is meeting the most basic humanitarian needs in northern Japan such as providing clean drinking water, food, cooking and eating supplies, clothing, and fuel for heating.

Contributions may be made through St. Paul’s UMC. Please make checks payable to St. Paul’s UMC and mark “UMCOR—Japan” on the memo and/or offering envelope.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you or a loved one will be graduating from high school, trade school, or college, please notify the church office at 296-6149 **no later than May 16**. We would like to recognize our special graduates during **worship on May 22** and in the **June Epistle**.

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YOGA TO BEGIN AGAIN AT ST. PAUL'S

Stretch your body. Calm your mind. Improve your sense of well-being. April is the best time to try out a yoga session. Jacquelyn Rafferty, a Yoga-Alliance registered instructor, is offering a 6 week session for beginners (Tuesdays) and continuing students (Wednesdays). Bring your yoga mat, a friend and a fun attitude. Cost is \$60 for 6 classes. Please contact the church office at 296-6149 for information.

Tuesday evenings- 6 PM, A-Frame, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10

Wednesday evenings- 6 PM, A-Frame, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11.

Wednesday mornings- Life Center Shalom Room, 9:30 AM, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11.

WORLD T'AI CHI DAY

On April 30, St. Paul's UMC Sports Ministries will be hosting a FREE T'ai Chi/Qigong hour from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in Brummet Hall. Around the world, starting at 10:00 AM in their local time zone, people will participate in a world-wide gathering event. This T'ai Chi/Qigong event crosses racial, ethnic, religious and geopolitical boundaries in hundreds of cities in over 70 nations. Our goal is to nourish our body and soul by consciously breathing, by sound and by movement together, renewing

global health and our own well-being. Hope to see you there. For further information, contact Rick Hornback at 520-909-9564 or rgandjb@aol.com.

ZUMBA ADDING SIX WEEK TONING CLASS

Beginning Sunday, April 17, St. Paul's UMC Sports Ministries Zumba Program will add a six week "toning" class, to be offered twice weekly (Sundays-2:00 PM and Tuesday-5:45 PM). Regular Zumba classes will continue on Monday, Thursday and Saturday, at their usual times. Cost for classes is \$45.00 for a 10 week session or \$6.00 for a one session. Class size is limited to 12 participants. For further information contact Rick Hornback at 520-909-9564 or rgandjb@aol.com.

GRIEF COUNSELING GROUP

A Grief Counseling group led by Carolyn Jackson will begin meeting on **Sunday, April 10 at 9:15 AM in the South Loft**. We have room for five additional members. Call the office to sign up (296-6149).

FAMILY CAMP IS COMING (in 5 months!)

Mark your calendar for Labor Day weekend. Christ Church United Methodist has reserved the Huachuca Oaks Camp south of Sierra Vista for Family Camp again this year and has invited us to join. Some of us went last year and had a blast. It's different from Pine Canyon (think swimming) but just as good. Hiking, a big cave, great food, indoor plumbing like a motel, corny campfire songs, crafts, paved road to the camp, etc. are included. More details to come. **Bob Kruse**

OUR SYMPATHY...

...to the family of Jean Overturf on her death on March 25.

THANK YOU...

...to the staff and my friends at St Paul's for your visits, cards, calls, and prayers for my recovery from surgery. It was a great comfort to know you cared and it helped me greatly in the healing process! **~Gloria Denlinger**

...for all of the flowers, cards, and telephone calls. A little physical therapy and I'll be good as new!" **~Stan Sloan**

...for your recent support, helping children and single moms who are less fortunate. On behalf of the employees and Board of TMM Family Services, we appreciate your contribution. **~Don Strauch**

...to everyone who has supported Youth Ministries with financial gifts, talents, and time. Your gifts have touched the lives of many teens and will continue to make a positive impact on our community and the world. Thank you. Please contact Peggy Jo at 520-870-6825 (call/text) for more information. Thank you for all the wonderful and encouraging support Youth Ministries continues to receive! **~ Peggy Jo Harwick**

...to all who are helping in any way to provide Spring Food Boxes for 33 families. We are blessed to be able to be a blessing to others.

~Genita Salvagio—Welcoming Children Task Force

...for your calls, cards and especially all your prayers. I'm very grateful. Bless you all. **~Elnora Johnson**

...for your cards, prayers and concerns. I appreciate all of you so much. **~Mac McDonald**

UNITED METHODIST MEN SCHEDULE

3rd Friday Knights (Open gym & fellowship): 3rd Friday of every month 7:00—9:00 PM.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

John and Stacy Nolasco - Stacy joined by Reaffirmation of Faith and John joined by Transfer from Another Denomination. John is an attorney and Stacy is a veterinarian. They both enjoy running, travelling, and spending time with family.

WESLEY FOUNDATION ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

The Tucson Wesley Foundation is anticipating their annual Spring Banquet on Saturday, April 30, at 6:00 PM in the First UMC social hall. The Spring Banquet is a heartwarming occasion full of fellowship. We will be sending off those graduating seniors, and awards and scholarships will be distributed. The theme of this year's Spring Banquet is Caribbean-Luau. Tickets are on sale now: students \$5 and adults \$20. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Any questions can be directed to Rev. Dee Dee Azhikath at deedee@arizona.email.edu or (520) 623-7575. Thank you for all your prayers and support as the Wesley Foundation celebrates another wonderful year!

VBS SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School experience! June 13 through June 17! Watch for on-line registration to begin soon and for more information! To volunteer for the event, please e-mail Linda Valencia sala4juli@msn.com or Angie McCarty angie_mccarty@stpaulsumctucson.net NOW!

Want to help with Sunday School but thought it was too much of a commitment to do for the entire fall or summer sessions? Well here's your chance to help! We need you for just 2 Sundays for the entire Summer Sunday School session at both our 9:30 and 11:00 time slots! Curriculum and kids will be provided! Contact Linda Valencia sala4juli@msn.com or Angie

McCarty at angie_mccarty@stpaulsumctucson.net. You'll be so glad you did and the results will be so rewarding!

The next *Epistle* deadline is Tuesday, April 26, at 10:00 AM. It will be mailed on Tuesday, May 3. Please submit all *Epistle* articles to Linda Kopp at lkopp@qwestoffice.net.

EASTER FLOWERS

You can help St. Paul's Sanctuary bloom on Easter Sunday. You may remember, honor or thank someone special by purchasing flowers for our Sanctuary. Your name and those honored, thanked or remembered will be listed in the Bulletin on Easter Sunday. All plants remaining after 10:00 AM on Monday, April 25, will be delivered to shut-ins and the ill in our congregation. The plants cost \$8.00 each. To celebrate in this way, fill out the form below, attach a check and place it in the offering plate, take it to the church office during the week, or mail it to St Paul's UMC, 8051 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85710. Plants must be ordered no later than Monday, April 18.

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Easter Plant Order

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Name of person(s) to be *honored*, *remembered* or *thanked* (circle one or more)

Plant(s) ordered:
Number ordered: _____

Easter _____ Lilies

Spring _____ Flowers

Youth News

ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS & RETREATS INFORMATION

JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY

SCHOOL

Grades 6 – 8, 11:00 AM – Noon, in the Life Center. Join Collin Layel and Susie Goad for Bible studies for Tweens and Teens – discussions to inspire you and so much more.

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY

SCHOOL

For grades 9 – 12, 10:30 AM – Noon, in the Life Center. A youth chosen in depth class takes a deeper look into relationships and Christ with their everyday lives. Join us for a deeper look and awesome discussion.

UMYF - GRADES 6 - 12

Grades 6 – 12, **Sundays 12:30 – 2:30 PM**, in the Life Center. **Bring a friend or three!** Believer,

searching, growing; it's all good. Come as you are worship, eat lunch, pray, play a game or two and have fun connecting with peers as we discuss various teen challenges and how they relate to the Bible. **"Live Out Loud"** and take Jesus outside the church. Join **UMYF** for fellowship and fun as we grow closer to Christ. Contact Peggy Jo at Cell/Text (520) 870-6825 or email spumcyouth@qwestoffice.net for more information on Youth activities.

NO UMYF or SUNDAY

SCHOOL

Easter Sunday, April 24. Contact Peggy Jo for more information! Cell/Text (520)870-6825 or spumcyouth@qwestoffice.net

YOUTH IN MISSION -

YiM

All youth grades 6 – 12 are encouraged to plan and participate in a monthly mission activity – during the month of April help with the community clean up and in supporting 2 boys in Ghana through Compassion International (cost is \$76). If you would like to donate, volunteer, help remove landscaping debris or help plan for these projects please contact Peggy Jo cell/text (520) 870-6825 OR spumcyouth@qwestoffice.net.

YOUTH 2011 - JULY 2011

Youth 2011 is the national youth gathering for the United Methodist Church. It is an event that only happens every four years and is the largest single gathering of UMC youth in existence. This four day conference is sure to be a life-changing event with Passionate Worship Experiences, Concerts, Bible Study, Small Groups, Workshops and Trainings, Interactive Exhibits, Late-night Fun & Games, and more! Youth 2011 will be focused on what unites our denomination: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Find out more at <http://www.youth2011.org>. To help reduce the cost of this trip, donated **airline miles** will be graciously accepted. **Financial donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated too!**

CAMP THIS SUMMER

It's not too early to start planning for camp this summer. Contact Peggy Jo if you would like to be a counselor, donate craft items, drive the van, or financially support camping ministry. Call/Text (520) 870-6825 or email spumcyouth@qwestoffice.net.

Important Note: The deadline for early registration discounts for all camps is May 14, 2011! All fees increase by \$25 after that date.

THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

provides a place to share problems, disappointments, and joys. We meet at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays in Room C1. For more information, call Virginia Shuman at 296-9398.

ST. PAUL'S CYCLING

GROUP meets **Saturdays at 7:30 AM at the Starbucks on Broadway and Houghton**. Come out for coffee and a bicycle ride (maybe breakfast too)! For more information, contact Chris Ruhl at 205-1225 or chrisruhl@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING HARP SUNDAYS

Would you like to hear music from our harpists in worship? Here's when they'll be with us: April 10 (Harp Choir), May 8, June 19 (Dr. Carrol McLaughlin will provide the message), and July 17 (Harp Choir).

ST. PAUL'S UMC SINGLES

Call Joan at 751-7663

Thursday, April 21—Dinner at Mama Louisa's (2041 S. Craycroft) at 6:00 PM.

Friday-Sunday April 29-May 1—Spring Single's Retreat at St. David.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 9:30 AM in the East Room of Brummet Hall. Lydia Circle will present an Easter program. Mary Hoiles will host a "Build Your Own Salad" lunch. We would like you to join us and bring a friend! "When God wants to bless you, He puts a person in your life".

ANNUAL WATERCOLOR SHOW AND SALE

St. Paul's Watercolor Class is having their annual show and sale on **April 10, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, in Brummet Hall**. Refreshments will be served. Meet the artists! For more information, contact Janet Satterfield at 290-9316.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY— TUESDAYS 6:30 PM

New Celebrate Recovery Groups include:

- **Women's Step Study**
- **Spiritual Secrets to Weight Loss**
- **Men's 12- Step Study group**

As with all Celebrate Recovery groups and worship services, everyone is welcome. You do not have to be recovering from alcohol or drugs to attend. Everyone can

benefit from working the 12-steps and attending the worship services. All activities are conducted on Tuesday evenings beginning with worship at 6:30 PM.

CAMP HOPE is our conference camping program that serves persons who are cognitively impaired or developmentally disabled. We provide toiletry kits to our campers and are in need of travel size lotions (the size offered at hotels). There will be a donation box in the church office. We are grateful for your wonderful support of our campers! **Blessings, Sandy Cannon, Camp Hope Program Director**

DEVOTIONAL BOOK

St. Paul's would like to publish a devotional book comprised of devotions written by our members. Please consider writing a devotion for our book. If you would like to see samples of devotions written by Lay People, some will be displayed on the patio on Sundays. For more information, contact Jim Moffett at 296-6149.

SAVVY SENIORS

▶▶ STRETCHING AND STRENGTHENING

CLASS We meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00 AM in the Life Center Activity Room. Our leader is Sam Freeman. A donation of \$1 per class is appreciated. If you have not filled out an emergency card for class, please see Sam. The perimeter of the gym has a walking track so come early and walk – it's safe! New T-Shirts are available for \$11 each.

▶▶ ST. PAUL'S WATERCOLOR CLASS

is held on **Mondays at 10:30 AM** in the A-Frame. Janet Satterfield (290-9316) is the instructor. Beginning painters and those new to drawing are welcome. Classes usually run until 2:30 PM so bring your lunch. A \$1 per class donation is appreciated.

▶▶ THE BELLES OF ST.

PAUL'S invite ladies 50 years and older to come and join us for fun and fellowship!

Chapeaux Rojas will be going to Maynard's Restaurant, 400 E. Toole Avenue on Friday, April 15, at 1:00 P.M. Call Barbara at 296-9792 by April 13.

Desert Roses will be going to Buddy's Grill East, 7385 S. Houghton Road at 12 noon on Thursday, April 14. Call Sandy at 298-1470 by Monday, April 11 for reservations and carpooling, if needed

Glad Hatters will be going to Buffalo Bistro at Copper Country, 5055 E. Speedway Blvd., on Friday, April 15, at 11:30 AM. Contact Shirley Burlingame at 886-6177 or Betty Ott at 886-2276.

Sassy Sisters will be going to lunch at the home of Charlene Montoya on Saturday, April 9, at 12:00 noon. Please contact Loraine at 885-6626.

▶▶ MORNING AT THE MOVIES

Watch for the announcement in the

Sunday Bulletin and at Exercise Class.

▶▶ SPECIAL SAVVY SENIOR TOUR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 TO BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM. THIS WILL BE GREAT! EXPECT WILD FLOWERS. The arboretum is an Arizona State Park near Superior (about 2 hours from Tucson). Admission is \$7.50. There will be a \$7.00 van fee to cover gas. We will leave from Brummet Hall promptly at 8:00 AM. A tour has been scheduled for us with a guide. We will eat a late lunch in Superior, so bring some snacks and some water. We should return to St. Paul's around 5:00 PM. You must register for this special trip by calling the office at 296-6149. Be sure to leave your phone number.

▶▶ BIBLE STUDY The Bible Study Class meets Monday mornings in the Covenant Room at 10:30 AM. Lee Harter leads the class.

▶▶ APRIL HIKE We'll hike the Phone Line trail in Sabino Canyon on Wednesday, April 13. We'll leave

from Brummet Hall promptly at 8:30 AM. This is about a 5 mile hike. The first ½ mile is fairly steep, so we'll take it easy. Bring at least 1-1/2 liters of water and energy snacks. Van fee: \$2.00. Register by calling the office at 296-6149. Be sure to give the office your phone number. IF YOU HAVE A SENIOR PASS TO NAT'L PARKS AND FORESTS, PLEASE BRING IT. Park Shuttle fee \$7.00. Limit 10

▶▶ THE ELDER CIRCLE

Elder Circle will begin on Wednesday, April 20, at 10:30 (after Sam's class). The circle will be held in Serendipity South. There are four components to the Elder Circles: life review, life repair, legacy and mentoring. All are welcome.