



St. Paul's Epistle

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

IT'S STILL NEWS!

We are currently designing a new website. We are, of course, doing this with the highest quality professional help. We want it to be attractive, inviting, welcoming and informative.

While Angie is the person primarily responsible for working on website development, I am invited to read everything we include for suggestions, editing and ease of understanding.

The target audience for this new website is not you or me. Although it will be really helpful to each of us, its primary purpose is to help new people find their way around the life of St. Paul's UMC. When asked how they found St Paul's UMC most new people say it is through our website.

It is quite challenging to imagine how we can include the broad scope of life at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in what could be considered accurate, meaningful sound bites. We are working really hard to get this right. When we try to offer the briefest, most concise summary of who we are it goes like this:

"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."

Keep your eyes and ears open for an announcement of the launch of this new website. It won't be long.

Called...for the good of the world,

Billy Still

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH "THE BIG FIX?"

We have received cash and pledges for about \$300,000. While this is short of our goal it remains a wonderful and generous outpouring of generosity. Over the next few months the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees will make recommendations to the Covenant Council concerning the establishment of priorities and a plan for implementation. No money will be spent from "The Big Fix" until these priorities are established.

As you view current maintenance on our campus they are simply a part of the routine matters required to keep us attractive and safe and are not funded by "The Big Fix."

We are grateful for everyone who worships at St Paul's UMC. If you have pledged to "The Big Fix", thank you. If you would like to pledge or to discuss a pledge we would be glad to hear from you.

"FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY" COMING SOON!

Have you ever sat down and taken a close look at your income? More importantly, have you ever taken a close look at where that income goes? Are you frightened to find out?

Being aware of how you spend your money is the first of many steps towards gaining independence from debt and building for a prosperous future! Sign up for **Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University"** and learn how to apply a "total money makeover" to your finances! Classes begin **Sunday, August 21, from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM in the Covenant Room, and will run for 13 weeks through November 20. Cost is \$99.00/couple for the course** (scholarships are available). Childcare will be provided. Contact Mark or Nancy Goforth at magoforth60@earthlink.net for more information or to register. You may sign up for the class on the Patio between services on August 7. A preview class will be offered at 10:45 AM on Sunday, August 14 in Shalom North .

HARP CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S

Join us on Thursday evening, August 18, at 6:30 PM for this delightful concert. Harpists from around the world will be performing solo and ensemble harp music. **FEATURING OUR VERY OWN ST. PAUL'S HARP CHOIR**, this concert will be a fundraiser for the Harp Choir program. A free will offering will be taken at the door. This will be an evening of fabulous music and inspiring angels!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day holiday.

THANK YOU!

Jim Kingston and Al Rambow were both long time members of St Paul's UMC who supported the church vigorously for many years. They also remembered the church in their estates. We are grateful for the love expressed by these friends throughout their lives.

HOW IS OUR CAMPUS MANAGED?

At St Paul's UMC we maintain the highest possible standards as we work to be good stewards of our physical plant. Our facilities manager, Mike Salvagio, brings the highest level of professionalism as he and our custodians manage the day to day work of caring for our campus.

Our Board of Trustees, under the leadership of Sheila Sanford, is constantly working to be sure we are doing our best to manage and care for our physical plant. Here is one great example

In the spring of 2009 we began to seek out grants from TEP that allowed us to retrofit much of the electrical service to our older buildings. The result? **A 58% decrease in utility costs!** That is huge and is only possible due to the experience, vigilance and hard work of these folks. Take the time to tell them thanks.

As we look forward to the work on our sanctuary that will be funded by "The Big Fix" you can be sure it will be managed just this well.

CONFUSED OR SCARED BY THE BOOK OF REVELATION?

Have you avoided reading or studying the last book of the Bible because some of it seems hard to understand or because someone told you that it isn't applicable to our lives today? Then join us for a look at the Book of Revelation as just what it claims to be: A final revelation from Jesus to His people. This study will cover all of Revelation along with related Old and New Testament scriptures, and will consist of 12 two-hour sessions from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings

from September 14 through December 7. There is no cost and childcare is available. See Walt and Elaine Roberts for additional information at the sign-up table on the patio between Sunday morning services during the month of August.

THE WORLD OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UMCOR responding to African famine

NEW YORK (UMNS) — The United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination's relief agency, is planning with partner organizations a regional response to the growing famine provoked by severe drought in the Horn of Africa. The affected countries include Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti.

The Blood Pressure Clinic will be closed in August. See you in September!

St. Paul's Epistle is mailed the first Tuesday of the month by St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 8051 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85710.

THANK YOU...

...The wonderful members of St. Paul's continually remind me each time I am among you of the goodness within the church and of the power of prayer. So many of you have been lifting me up to God everyday since my cancer was diagnosed on December 17, of last year. Last week I had my 6 month checkup and none of the results indicated the presence of cancer. I attribute that report solely to the daily prayers to God which so many of you has made on my behalf. I shall be forever in your debt. However, I continue to covet your ongoing prayers during the numerous checkups to come over the next several years. **-Yours in Christ, Jack Robinson**

...to everyone for your cards and for recognizing me in worship. **~Fred Perry**

...through the generous donations of our church family and Upward supporters, the youth participating in Upward Basketball this season now have usable basketballs for practices and for games. This would not be possible except through the donations given by the congregation and basketball team supporters. All the youth, volunteers and the coaches express their gratitude for the generosity of the congregation and invite everyone to stop by to see them practice and play games with quality basketballs obtained through your donations. God Bless you all. **~Rick Hornback**

OUR SYMPATHY...

...to Debra Hegedus on the death of her mother, Beverly Parrent, on June 28.

...to the family of Fran VanWaning on her death on June 28.

...to the family of Ann Fleming on her death on July 18.

THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

The Mental Health Support Group at St. Paul's UMC welcomes people who have friends or family members dealing with issues of mental illness as well as people who are dealing with their own problems. We would like to diminish the stigma and false information about mental illness. The group meets on **Wednesdays at 1:00 PM in Room C1**. Contact: Virginia Shuman (296-9398).

DEVOTIONAL BOOK

St. Paul's is preparing a devotional book composed of devotions submitted by our members. Please consider contributing a devotion(s) that you have composed. Check the "Upper Room" or "Guide Posts" if you want to see a format, or you can develop your own format. Drop them off at the office, or email them to: jim_moffett@stpaulsumctucson.net

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS FOR FALL

Preschool registration for Fall 2011 is ongoing! Call Sheri at 260-1350 to schedule a tour or for more information. Also, the preschool is establishing a scholarship fund to assist families who, without assistance, could not send their child to preschool. Tax-deductible donations can be left in the preschool mailbox in the church office, or mailed to the preschool.

ST. PAUL'S UMC SINGLES

Call Joan at 751-7663

Saturday, August 6 - Dinner at 5:30 PM at Dry River (800 N. Kolb Rd.) and a movie after.

Thursday, August 18 - Dinner at Jason's Deli (across from Park Place Mall) at 6:00 PM.

FAMILY CAMP IS HERE— LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Camp is located at Huachuca Oaks south of Sierra Vista and St. Paul's is going with Christ United Methodist Church. Sign-up on Sundays between services through August 21. Included will be swimming, hiking, cave exploring, archery, games, basketball, tetherball, songs, smores, 6 great meals, motel-style rooms, indoor plumbing & more. We had a great time last year. \$90/person 12 and up. \$73/person 6-11. Family max = \$325. For more information contact Bob Kruse, 760-1439.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

We encourage everyone to use numbered offering envelopes. You do not need to pledge to receive envelopes. **Reminder: Taxpayers wanting a tax deduction for charitable gifts must have written proof of all cash contributions - no matter how small.** Just contact Linda Kopp at 296-6149 or lkopp@qwestoffice.net - or mark the box on the attendance sheets at

worship services if you would like offering envelopes.

ST. PAUL'S CYCLING GROUP

meets **Saturdays at 6:00 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.

Youth News

ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS & RETREATS INFORMATION

JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

For grades 9 – 12, 10:30 AM – Noon, in the Loft. 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.

August 21st begins the 2011/12 school year classes – Jr. High & Sr. High will meet in separate classes – check bulletin for more details.

UMYF - KICK OFF

GRADES 6 - 12

Sunday August 21st 12:30 – 2:30 PM, in the Life Center. **Bring your parent(s) or guardian.** Free Gift for youth who sign up early! Sign up on patio, email, or in main office during regular business hours. Contact Peggy Jo at Cell/Text 520-870-6825 or email spumcyouth@qwestoffice.net for more information and/or to sign up.

YOUTH IN MISSION - YiM

All youth grades 6 – 12 are encouraged to plan and participate in a monthly mission activity – during the month of August, supporting 2 boys in Ghana through

Compassion International (cost is \$76). If you would like to help plan for mission projects please contact Peggy Jo cell/text spumcyouth@qwestoffice.net OR (520) 870-6825 .

The next *Epistle* deadline is Tuesday, August 30, at 10:00 AM. It will be mailed on Tuesday, September 6. Please submit all *Epistle* articles to Linda Kopp at linda.kopp@stpaulsumctucson.net.

SUPPORTING YOUTH MINISTRIES

If you or your group would like an opportunity to support youth ministries there are several open afternoons for providing a simple lunch for UMYF. 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!

YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE

Seven Months of Saving! Storage available thanks to CoolBox - Donations are accepted year round for this spectacular youth fundraiser which funds the youth budget and mission activities. Please Call/Text Peggy Jo at 520 -870- 6825 to schedule a donation, pick up or with any questions. Thank you for your generous support!

YOUTH 2011 PURDUE TRIP

Thank you for the generous donations and support for this leader training seminar. Our group had an amazing time with valuable training – THANK YOU!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUMMER SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 18 at 9:00 AM. we will meet in the Covenant Room to work on crafts for the Christmas Coffee.

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.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT THE 12-STEP?

Did you know that they are based on the Beatitudes? A new 12 - Step class for women is beginning on Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM. This is where the real healing takes place. Study of the 12 - Steps will help anyone! **Call the office to register at 296-6149.**

A WORD FROM YOUR CHURCH

Every week, OK, almost every week, there is an e-mail message from Billy's desk. It is usually an inspirational thought that relates to worship and the life of the church. It also includes announcements and details of coming events at St. Paul's UMC. Do you receive this message? Would you like to? If so just send your request to spumc@gwestoffice.net or include it on the Sunday registration pad.

MEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Stop by the A-Frame on Saturday mornings anytime between 7 AM and 9 AM for free coffee and doughnuts. Feel free to stop in for a quick cup of coffee or stick around to visit with other men.

TELECARE MINISTRY— IMPORTANT

We need a few volunteers to serve as callers for our Telecare Ministry. This is an easy way to provide discipleship and serve members of St. Paul's community who cannot always come to church. Contact Jennie Dodd at 751-3749.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

We still need volunteers for this important ministry. If you are interested in training to become a Friendly Visitor, please call Jim Moffett at 296-6149....

ZUMBA and T'AI CHI CLASSES

Zumba classes meet Tuesday (Brummet Hall) and Thursday (Brummet Hall) at 5:45 PM and Saturday morning (Brummet Hall) at 8:30 AM. T'ai Chi classes meet Thursday (A-Frame) at 4:00 PM for beginner level participants. For Beginning participants unable to attend the 4:00 PM class, Beginning participants/Intermediate level group meets at 5:30 PM. Both Zumba and T'ai Chi are continuously open for enrollment. If interested, or need more information contact Rick Hornback at 909-9564 or rgandjb@aol.com.

FREE ZUMBA CLASS/DEMONSTRATIO N

May Parker, Zumba Instructor, will provide a free night of Zumba Class for anyone interested in experiencing Zumba. Current participants will be able to buy Zumba Class Punch Cards at a reduced rate, as will new participants who attend the demonstration. Zumba is open to all youth and adults. Child Care will be available. The demonstration will be from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 24, in the Life Center Gym. If you are interested, or need more information contact Rick Hornback at 909-9564 or rgandjb@aol.com.

FLOWER CALENDAR

If you would like to have flowers on the altar for a special occasion or in remembrance of someone, please sign-up on the flower calendar located in the Narthex. The cost is \$27.00 per bouquet.

WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. PAUL'S

UMC? Contact Debbie Macko, Membership Secretary, at 296-6149 or membership@stpaulsumctucson.net for more information. The next Membership Class will be held on **Sunday, August 7 at 11:00 AM.**

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. 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 taking a break until September. Watch for info in the September Epistle.

▶▶ THE BELLES OF ST. PAUL'S

welcoming ladies, 50 years and older to join us for fun, food and wonderful fellowship ...

Chapeaux Rojas: For information regarding next get together, please contact Barbara at 296-9792.

Desert Roses will be having lunch at Dolce Vita Restaurant, 7895 E. Broadway (near Sunflower Market at east corner) at 12 noon on Thursday, August 18. Call Sandy at 298-1470 for reservations and information.

Glad Hatters will be meeting again in September. Please contact Betty at 886-2276.

Sassy Sisters: Please contact Loraine at 885-6626 for information.

▶▶ WEDNESDAY MORNING AT THE

MOVIES WILL NOW BE SHOWN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. The movie for August will be announced in the Bulletin and at exercise class. A donation of 25¢ for refreshments is appreciated.

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

▶▶ **SPECIAL TOUR!!** Canyon de Chelly, Canyon del Muerto, Navajo Reservation, Petrified Forest, plus historic sites around Flagstaff as time allows. The dates are October 16, 17, 18. Approximate cost for hotel - two nights double occupancy in Chinle,

all day tour and van fee: \$426.00, (\$273.00 if room cost is shared) plus whatever you pay for your meals – Estimate: \$70. These costs are subject to changes depending on small fluctuations in the charges for the hotel, tour and gasoline. You are asked to indicate if you want to share a room when you register. Reserve your place by calling the church office at 296-6149.

Deadline August 15 - This is absolute, as rooms must be reserved early. Limit 15 people. Contact Jim Moffett for additional information.

NOTE: On the all day tour of both canyons, you will be riding in the open in the back of a large 6-wheel drive truck. Although the truck travels slowly, the ride can be rough and the tour lasts 8 hours. A small amount of walking will be required at sites

along the way. Be sure that you are fit enough to enjoy the tour and participate in all of the events.

▶▶ **ELDER CIRCLES:**

These are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 10:30 AM (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.
