



St. Pauls Epistle

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

IT'S STILL NEWS!

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in worship we asked you to respond to this statement: "The big question I have about Christianity is _____." We told you that we would select the four most frequently asked questions and speak of them in worship **January 9 – January 30.** The series, "**Your Biggest Questions**" will be the topics each of these Sundays:

- **Is the Bible reliable and how does it relate to history and science?**
- **How Do I Become a Christian?**
- **If God loves us then why do bad things happen?**
- **I am a believer yet I still have doubts. Is there something wrong with me?**

Another frequently asked question concerned the nature of the Trinity. We will spend several weeks talking about the Trinity immediately after Easter.

It is our intention to be a community of faith where your deepest questions can be asked without fear. We will work to find the answers together.

"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

"FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY"

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, January 9, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Covenant Room, and run for 13 weeks.** Childcare is provided. Contact Carla Ruhl at carlaruhl@yahoo.com to register.

OPERATION HOSPITALITY NEEDS YOUR HELP

As always we are in need of folks to prepare dinner, breakfast, make sack lunches, set up, take down and men to drive the vans and stay overnight. Please contact Linda Jones at bamajones6@netzero.com or 721-4147 and she will help

you schedule a time to help.

January Dates: 16, 22, 28 & 29

February Dates: 5, 6, 12 & 19

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!

ZUMBA and T'AI CHI CLASSES CONTINUING

Zumba classes meet Tuesday (Brummet Hall) and Thursday (Life Center) 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.

GRIEF COUNSELING GROUP

If you have experienced the death of a loved one, or any other grief producing event

and would like to become involved in a grief counseling group, please call the office at 296-6149, or see Jim Moffett.

SOUTH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP EVENT

This is an opportunity to network, have fun, and learn! There will be workshops such as "Developing Faith-Community Caregiving Ministries", "So You're A United Methodist?" and more! Attend 8:30 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, January 15 at Christ Church United Methodist (655 N. Craycroft). Cost is \$8 for lunch, snacks, and materials. Contact Sally West at sally@desertsw.org for more information.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed all day on Monday, January 17, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

2011 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.

THE WORLD OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

United Methodists pray for peace in Côte d'Ivoire, ABIDJAN

Côte d'Ivoire (UMNS) - Amid post-election violence, the United Methodist Church of Côte d'Ivoire is calling for prayer and trying to reinforce its ministries to the people. The outcome of the West African nation's Nov. 28 presidential election is in dispute, leading to renewed tension in a country that has

been trying to regain stability following a civil war earlier in this decade. Both the current president, Laurent Gbagbo, and his opponent, Allassane Ouattara, are claiming victory.

SEEKING SUNDAY VAN DRIVER VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that every week, one or more people call St. Paul's and indicate that they would like to attend our church – but they have no way to get here? If our church could identify a couple of members willing to drive a van to bring people to the 11:00 AM service on Sundays, we could meet the needs of most of these callers. Just one driver, and one van for one service each Sunday could be a blessing in someone's life. If you can help, call Jim Moffett at 296-6149 or 954-2884.

The next Epistle deadline is Tuesday, January 25, at 10:00 AM. It will be mailed on Tuesday, February 1.

Please submit articles to David Ragland: David.Ragland@stpaulsumctucson.net

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: Sunday, January 16, between services in Room C2.

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.

THANKS...to all of you who helped with the Holiday Food Boxes and Gifts Mission Project. Because of you, we helped 31 families. Thank you again for either adopting a family, donating money so we could buy some extras, donating extra food and toys

or praying for all of those who needed a little extra help. Also, a HUGE thank you to "our Mikes" and to John and Johnny for all of the work of loading the vans and helping us deliver to Schumaker. The people of this church are **Awesome!**

-Genita Salvagio and Cheryl Smith (Welcoming Children Task Force)

...On behalf of the Schumaker staff, thank you for sponsoring our families for Thanksgiving. It was greatly appreciated. Best wishes to your families during the holiday season.

-Schumaker Staff

...to Estralita Circle for their gifts and loving thoughts, and to Joanne Hubbard for visiting and bringing a poinsettia and visiting us!

-Barbara and Walter Long

OUR SYMPATHY...

...to **Dave Brokaw** on the death of his wife, **Peg**, on October 20.

...to the family of **Marcia Aaberg** for her death on December 11. Her memorial service will be next summer.

...to the family of **June Corkran** for her death on December 18. Her memorial service will be on January 14 at St. Mark's UMC.

...to the family of **Ralph Emerson** for his death on December 20. His memorial service will be on January 15 at St Paul's UMC.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED

This is your chance to inspire the life of a teen and share Christ's love in your own church community.

Commitment Level in 4 areas: Training, Meeting, Personal Contact, and the Ceremony. *Volunteer application & background checks are required.* Call Peggy Jo at (520) 870-6825 for more information.

2011 CALENDARS, CARDS, NOTEPADS

The **2011** inspirational calendars (\$6), cards (\$6) and notepads (\$2) are for sale! Purchase one or more on the patio on Sundays or during the week in the Office (C2). Proceeds support **Youth Ministries at St. Paul's**. Thank YOU!

LOOKING TO HELP?

The Preschool staff welcomes your support of prayers and donations. We are always in need of inexpensive white paper plates, paper towels and 5 oz. Dixie cups for snack time use. Any donations can be left in the church office or stop by the Director's office in the A-Frame and see the fun things we are up to. Thank you so much!

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Sanctuary, Brummet Hall and Covenant Room are now equipped with an oval window audio induction loop assistive listening system. Please switch your hearing aid to "T" (telephone) or request assistance from an usher.

UNITED METHODIST MEN SCHEDULE

Prayer Breakfast: 1st Saturday of every month; rotating between several different churches. Meet in the parking lot of the Life Center at **7:30 AM** to car pool to breakfast.

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

Breakfast for the Congregation: 2nd Sunday of every month **9:00 AM - 12:00 noon.**

OPEN GYM NIGHT is held on **Monday nights from 6:45-8:30 PM.** Cost is \$2.00, however, Upward Basketball Players and Cheerleaders can participate free of charge. For additional information, contact Rick Hornback at rgandjb@aol.com.

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.

WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. PAUL'S UMC? Contact David Ragland in the office (296-6149 or David.Ragland@stpaulsumctucson.net) for more information.

YOUTH NEWS ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS & RETREATS

JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grades 6 – 8, 11:00 AM – Noon, in the Life Center. This

class will study the preteen/teen personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us for a deeper look and awesome discussion.

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. 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.

YOUTH IN MISSION - YiM

All youth grades 6 – 12 are encouraged to plan and participate in a monthly mission activity – during the month of January YiM will collect computers and electronics for recycling and refurbishing for the Tucson area. If you would like to donate, volunteer, or plan for this project please contact Peggy Jo at (520) 870-6825 (call/text).

YOUTH MYSTERY EVENT

Watch the bulletin for a **YOUTH MYSTERY EVENT – MLK Weekend** (January 15-16). All youth grades 6 – 12 will be given an opportunity to "travel" with us. Contact Peggy Jo at (520) 870-6825 for more information.

REVOLVE – TEEN GIRL

RETREAT

Awesome music, real-life stories, drama, and a ton of fun combine for a high-energy, inspirational, encouraging 2-day weekend event for teen girls! Revolve is a retreat designed by the supporters of Women of Faith – Join us for an amazing weekend growing closer to Christ and each other!

Revolve Retreat Weekend is for teen girls and you can even bring your Mom. Tickets Includes: Transportation, Lodging, Event Tickets, Parking, and Meals (and fabulous memories). **February 24-26** Only 18 Tickets available for \$150 per person. Contact Peggy Jo to sign up or for more information at (520) 870-6825 (call/text).

UPWARD SPORTS BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING LEAGUE OPEN REGISTRATION

Registration for the Winter 2010/Spring 2011 Session of Upward Basketball and Cheerleading for boys and girls is open until January 8. Registration is open for K-8 grade, boys and girls. Evaluation days will be January 10, 11 and 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Each basketball player must attend one Evaluation Day. Cheerleaders can try on uniforms during any basketball evaluation period. Practice will be one hour per week, beginning January 31, and will be scheduled for one day Monday-Thursday, 5:30-6:30 PM. First game of the season will be Saturday, February 12. The session will end on May 7 with an awards banquet and celebration. Registration will run through Evaluation Week. **Upward Sports is open to all**

children. We are looking for coaches and assistants (basketball and cheerleading), sponsors to pay for children of financially challenged families, and referees to assist with the league. Sign up **on-line** at <http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/stpauls>. For more information call Rick Hornback at (520) 909-9564.

UPWARD CONCESSION STAND

All youth grades 6-12 and their parents are encouraged to sign up for the Saturday Upward Concessions Stand. Funds raised at the concession stand support Youth in Mission projects like buying food and Christmas gifts for adopted families at the holidays and for summer mission trips. Call or email Peggy Jo at 520 870 6825 (call/text) to sign up!

GREETINGS FROM THE WESLEY FOUNDATION!

With your support, the Wesley Foundation has been able to continuously ease academic stress by providing an encouraging outlet for students. This past semester students have had many opportunities to strengthen their faith and create new and lasting friendships through many activities, bible studies and small groups, missions and outreach. The students of the Wesley Foundation want to thank you for all your gracious support and prayers this semester.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will be meeting on Tuesday, January 11th at 9:30 AM in Brummet Hall. Our program will be "A Call to Prayer and

Self-Denial" presented by the Estralita Circle. All women are invited to attend. Coffee and lunch will be served. Bring a friend! Remember: "Tomorrow contains more joy than any yesterday you can recall".

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.

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. **There will be no class on Monday, January 17–Martin Luther King Day.**

▶▶ 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. **There will be no class on Monday, January 17.**

▶▶ 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 lunch at El Coqui, 5443 E. 22nd Street, at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 21. Make your reservation with Sue at 795-3952 by January 19.

Desert Roses will be going to the Singing Wind Bookshop near Benson, AZ on Sunday, January 30 for an afternoon at the ranch filled with readings and music by cowboy poets, fiction writers and western historians. There will also be music and munchies. Free admission. We will be taking the church vans and departing St. Paul's at 11:15 A.M and returning by 4:00 PM. We will decide together whether to stop at a restaurant for a late lunch on the way back. Last year the advertised "munchies" were like a meal. Van fee is \$4.00 and payable at departure - please bring exact amount. We will meet at Brummet Hall by the flagpole. We encourage you to attend church at the 8:00 or 9:30 A.M service. Ya'll come! Contact Sandy at 298-1470 by January 17 for your reservation.

Glad Hatters will meet for lunch at 11:30 AM on Friday, January 21. Location TBA. Contact Betty Ott at 886-2276.

Sassy Sisters will be going to Sam Hughes Champion Dining, 446 N. Campbell Avenue #150, for lunch at 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 22. Please contact Loraine at 885-6626.

▶▶ **MORNING AT THE MOVIES** Monday, January 17 is a holiday, so we will not have Monday Morning at the Movies during January.

▶▶ **ST. PAUL'S HIKING CLUB** (open to hikers of all ages) Our hike will be on

Wednesday, January 26. We will hike the Cactus Forest Trail in Saguaro Nat'l Park—West to Lime Falls. This is an easy, mostly level 4.3 mile hike through beautiful desert. We will leave from Brummet Hall promptly at 8:30 AM. If you have a Senior Pass for the National Parks, please bring it with you. Dress in layers and bring 2 liters of water. Van fee is \$1.00 and payable at departure.

▶▶ **SPECIAL SAVVY SENIOR TOUR** Come to the Singing Wind Bookshop near Benson, AZ on Sunday, January 30 for an afternoon at the ranch filled with readings and music by cowboy poets, fiction writers and western historians. There will also be music and munchies. Free admission. We will be taking the church vans and departing St. Paul's at 11:15 A.M and returning by 4:00 PM. Van fee is \$4.00 and payable at departure - please bring exact amount. We will meet at Brummet Hall by the flagpole. Call the church office at 296-6149 for reservations.

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

▶▶ **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.

▶▶ **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 make it to the church. Contact Jennie Dodd at 751-3749 for more information.

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.

ST. PAUL'S CYCLING GROUP meets Saturdays @ 6:30 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 @ 205-1225 or chrisruhl@yahoo.com.

USHERS NEEDED

Dan Tremblay is looking for additions to the Sunday Morning Usher Crew. Please contact Dan at daniel.tremblay@cox.net.
