



# St. Paul's Epistle

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

## IT'S STILL NEWS!

I am quite excited as I wait for the next time it rains. I hope it rains long and hard. This will be the first time in quite some time that it will rain and I will not enter the Sanctuary worried, looking for puddles of water on the floor and pooling paint in the ceiling. It's not that we did not responsibly repair the roof; it's just that the roof was beyond repair and had to be remade!

Those of you who contribute to "The Big Fix" are making it possible for St. Paul's United Methodist Church to be good stewards of the tremendous asset that is our church campus.

Much of what makes us a church is invisible, like the roof. We arrive on the campus grateful that it is lovely, worship is inspiring, our classroom is ready, a couple of hundred children play ball, there is food for the hungry and more. Invisible though it may be this represents many hours of hard labor, many financial gifts well spent and countless prayers for faithfulness.

Thanks to your response to "The Big Fix" the Sanctuary interior will be remade this summer. New paint, upholstery, flooring and more will help insure that we remain a safe and joyfully welcoming place to meet Jesus. Thank you.

**"We are called to be a community of generosity and love were 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

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## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES - FEBRUARY 22

Join us for Ash Wednesday services at **noon and 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary on February 22.**

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**Blood Pressure Clinic: Between services on Sunday, February 19, in Brummet Hall.**

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**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** for Fall 2012 begins on February 15. Call Sheri at 260-1350 to schedule a tour, request a registration packet or for more information. Tell all your friends – word of mouth is our best advertising. A special thank you to everyone who supports our preschool through prayers and donations to our scholarship fund. Lives are truly blessed by your kindness.

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR TWO VERY IMPORTANT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

- May 4-5--Join your St. Paul's Children's Ministry friends on our first camping experience at Patagonia Lake State Park. Contact Angie McCarty by email and pay \$5 to reserve your camp site. Families must provide their own camping equipment, but sharing of supplies will also be coordinated. More details will follow, but reserving camp sites in close proximity to one another must happen far in advance. More details will come soon, but register today!
  - June 11-15--Vacation Bible School. Meeting from 8:30-12:00 each day, your children will experience the goodness of knowing that "Everything is Possible with God". Registration will begin in April.
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Jenny and Gary Fletcher** joined by Profession of Faith. Jenny is a stay-at-home mom and Gary is an attorney and CPA. They both enjoy spending time with their children and supporting them in their sporting activities and interests. They enjoy spending time with family and occasionally dining out.

**Matthew and Lezah Hale** joined by Profession of Faith. Lezah is a Financial Auditor and enjoys hiking. Matthew is a Student/Mental Health Technician.

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## SPRING FOOD BOXES

We are going to again offer food boxes to the families of Schumaker, Robles, Dietz Elementary Schools and our Church Families who might need extra food over the Spring Break at the schools. This will be different than what we do for the holidays. You will be asked to provide mostly staples for a family and some kind of meat that will fill an empty tummy. There will be a sign up table on the patio on **Sunday, March 4**. After we see how many food boxes we can provide, we will let each school know so that they can have families ready to pick them up on delivery day. Because of the different Spring Breaks, we will need to have the food boxes at church on **Sunday, March 25**, before noon so that we can deliver on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Wouldn't it be great if we could provide for 30 families? For questions or to sign up early, please email Genita Salvagio at [mgsalv@comcast.net](mailto:mgsalv@comcast.net) or call 296-7960 or Cheryl Smith at [spmike69@msn.com](mailto:spmike69@msn.com) or call 886-4804. We will have a handout with ideas for the food. Also we know how expensive food is, so two of you might want to go together to provide for a family.

## WALK TO EMMAUS

Would you like to know more about the Walk to Emmaus? There will be an informational meeting in Brummet Hall at **10:45 AM on Sunday, February 19**. All those interested in the Walk to Emmaus and members of St. Paul's Emmaus Community are urged to attend.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women Unit Meeting will be Tuesday, February 14. We will be touring the Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church located on 5th Street. Meet in St. Paul's parking lot at 9:30 AM to car pool. Lunch at Mimi's Cafe will follow the tour. All women of the church are invited to join us. For further information please contact Barbara Neubert at 296-9792.

## DEVOTIONAL BOOK

We need more devotionals written by St. Paul's members for our St. Paul's devotional book. The ones that you have turned in so far are wonderful, but we need more. Please take a few minutes and write a devotional for our book. You can use the format found in the *Upper Room*. Drop your completed devotion off in the church office or email it to [jim\\_moffett@stpaulsumctucson.net](mailto:jim_moffett@stpaulsumctucson.net).

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**The church office will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day.**

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## HELP YOUR FAVORITE RUNNERS!

For the last several years St. Paul's UMC has hosted and staffed the best aid station at the Old Pueblo 50 mile endurance run in Sonoita, AZ. If you're interested in helping ultra runners at their greatest point of need in this year's race on Saturday, March 3, contact Angie McCarty at [angie\\_mccarty@stpaulsumctucson.net](mailto:angie_mccarty@stpaulsumctucson.net). Morning (7 - 11 AM) and afternoon (11 AM - 3 PM) shifts are available.

## THANK YOU...

...for all the wonderful get well cards and prayers. The flowers were beautiful!  
~Annetta Rogers

...On behalf of all the men who took part in Operation Hospitality, I want to thank all the individuals and groups who helped with this year's participation in the program. The men were not shy in expressing their gratitude to us. If you did not drive, fix meals or spend the night for these fellas, you missed out on a huge blessing. The good news is, you will have another chance next year! Thanks and blessings to all of you.  
~Linda Jones

## LENTEN STUDY

Beginning **Wednesday, February 29, at 6:00 PM** in the Serendipity Room South in the Life Center and continuing through April 11, Pastor Hal will lead the class using Eugene Peterson's book, "Leap Over a Wall: Earthly Spirituality For Everyday Christians." The title comes from Psalm 18:29. Peterson writes: "In David's story, we are not presented with a polished ideal to which we aspire but with a rough-edged actuality in which we see humanity being formed. David's importance is not in his morality or his military prowess but in his experience of and witness to God." Come bring your Bible and join us. The book may be purchased on Amazon.com for a reasonable price.

## OUR SYMPATHY...

...to Donna Todd on the death of her son on December 24.

...to Theresa McWilliams & family on the death of her father on January 28.

## SOUTH DISTRICT CHURCHES

Each month we are being asked to pray for churches in our District. Please pray for our February sister churches:

**Bowie UMC Grace UMC Douglas**  
~Mary Harvey, Lay Leader

## ST. PAUL'S UMC SINGLES- Joan 751-7663

**Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 PM** - We will meet for dinner at El Corral located at 2201 E. River Rd.

**Saturday, March 3 at 5:30 PM**— Meet at Jason's Deli (5420 E Broadway) then a movie after.

## UPCOMING HARP WORLD PREMIERE

### DATES

**February 12**--Harp Choir **March 25**--Harp Fusion

**April 29** **May 13**--Harp Choir  
**June 17**

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## STAFF POSITION AVAILABLE - YOUTH DIRECTOR

The purpose of St. Paul's Director of Youth Ministries is to provide youth grades 6-12 the opportunity to grow in Christ through weekly programming, positive Christian relationships, retreats, district events, fundraising and mission trips.

The youth group at St. Paul's has great potential for growth. It is the hope of parents and adults currently invested in the youth group that youth ministries continue to focus on hands on learning opportunities, specifically growing in the area of mission and outreach. Weekly office hours are required, but are negotiable. Non-negotiable programming includes weekly UMYF meetings, retreats and a summer mission trip. Additional responsibilities include but are not limited to: nurturing and preparing adult volunteers for their interactions with youth; timely administration; weekly staff meetings; fundraising; cultivating a welcome attitude toward youth leadership. Compensation is commensurate with experience and time required to meet contract responsibilities.

If this sounds like your passion, please fill out an application (found in St. Paul's main office), submit a resume and a letter of intent to Angie McCarty. St. Paul's anticipates with excitement who God will send to lead our youth in Christ.

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**Stop Hunger Now**—**THANK YOU!!!** What an amazing way to start the New Year.....saving lives. On Sunday, January 1, 2012, a total of 226 amazing individuals packed 20,016 meals. St. Paul's continues to live its mission: *Called...for the good of the world!* We are considering another event in the future. Please contact Nancy Walter if you have feedback on what worked and what could be enhanced.

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**Strategic Task Force Groups** - Would you like to get more involved at St. Paul's? Would you like to build deeper relationships with those you worship with each week? We can help.....we have 8 task force groups that are busy planning 2012 initiatives and you are welcome. Here are details on 4 of the task force groups: (Each month 3-4 task force groups will be highlighted.)

• **Community Events Task Force**

**Leader: Linda Jones**

A planning meeting was held on January 26 and the task force developed a full year plan which includes: 1.) An event the Sunday after Easter; 2.) A July Fourth Event in partnership with the Stewardship Development Task Force; 3.) A fall event and 4.) Halloween Daze. More to come in future Epistles and bulletins.

• **Developing Relationships between Parents and Children**

**Leader: Jenny Fletcher**

The initial area of focus is developing a process and curriculum for spiritual learning to take place at home between parents and children. A survey will be distributed in February to all families with children to allow for feedback as the spiritual learning plans are finalized.

• **Developing Relationships among Men**

**Leader: Jamie Harwick**

Monthly book studies for men began Sunday, February 5 at 11:00 AM in Brummet Hall East Room. The book studies will address struggles and solutions to balancing church, family, and work. Each month, a new book will be read/discussed in easy to digest 4 week blocks. Men can join the February book study at any time. There will be a new men's book study in March.

• **A Welcoming Sunday Experience**

**Leader: Sam McCarty**

Our Welcome Table has been a success and allows our visitors to quickly obtain answers to questions, get directions, etc. All of us are responsible to welcome each other, members and visitors alike. With that in mind, we have opportunities for

you to be a Welcome Table greeter and will conduct a short training session in February. Please contact Sam McCarty or Nancy Walter if you are interested in this important volunteer opportunity. Thanks.

*If you would like to join one of our task force groups or have questions, please contact Nancy Walter at [Leadership@stpaulsumctucson.net](mailto:Leadership@stpaulsumctucson.net) or 520.296.6149.*

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## Youth News

### ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS & RETREATS INFORMATION

#### CROSSROADS & JR. HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

For Grades 6—8, **11:00 AM - Noon**, Shalom South, led by Betty Howard & Claire Bothwell. Join us to get connected to God's Word with an in-depth study of the life of Moses, encouraging us to get with God and engage in a life-changing encounter with Scripture. Don't forget to bring your Bible – or see Betty or Claire for a Bible.

#### SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

For grades 9—12, **11:00 AM - Noon**, in the Life Center Loft, led by Jamie Harwick. A youth chosen, in depth class, takes a deeper look into scripture, what it means to Live Courageously.

#### UMYF - GRADES 6 - 12

ALL YOUTH WELCOME! Sundays 12:30 – 2:30 PM, in the Life Center. Believer, searching, growing; it's all good! Come as you are to worship, eat lunch, pray, play a game or two and have fun connecting with peers as we discuss "Topic Points for Teens." Bring your friends!

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH

### **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 are looking for about three people to increase the number of our Friendly Visitors. We would particularly like to have at least one additional retired nurse volunteer to become a Visitor. If you can help, please call Jim Moffett at 296-6149.

### **HEALTH AND RECOVERY MINISTRY—**

St. Paul's is beginning a health and recovery ministry. If you have any of the following credentials: MD, RN, NP, LPN, CAN, EMT, PA, MA, or certified care givers and would be willing to help implement this new ministry, please call Claudia Perry at 296-6149.

### **BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC—**

Volunteers are needed to assist with the monthly blood pressure screenings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in Brummet Hall. If you can help, please call the church office at 296-6149 and leave your name and phone number. Claudia Perry, RN, our volunteer Director for St. Paul's Health Ministry will contact you.

### **KITCHEN HELP**

**NEEDED-** If you would be willing to clean in the kitchens occasionally, please see Nancy Kern. We need to keep OUR kitchens clean!!

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### **YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE**

**Months of Saving!** Storage available thanks to CoolBox - Donations are accepted year round for this spectacular youth fundraiser which funds the youth budget & youth mission activities. Please Call Angie McCarty at 296-6149 to schedule a donation pick up or with any questions. Thank you for your generous support!

The next *Epistle* deadline is Tuesday, February 28, at 10:00 AM. It will be mailed on Tuesday, March 6. Please submit all *Epistle* articles to Linda Kopp at [linda\\_kopp@stpaulsumctucson.net](mailto:linda_kopp@stpaulsumctucson.net).

## **MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)**

MOPS is hosting "Be the Match", an informational meeting to learn more about the Bone Marrow Registry. The meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, from 9:00 -11:00 AM in the Covenant Room. Information will be given about saving your own child's cord blood for use in saving a family member or donating cord blood to give hope to someone with life threatening disease. Technological advances for less invasive procedures will be covered. There is no cost to attend. Contact Carol Savard ([520-940-1198](tel:520-940-1198)) with questions.

### **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).

## **SPORTS MINISTRY**

### **ZUMBA and T'AI CHI CLASSES**

Zumba classes meet Monday (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](mailto:rgandjb@aol.com).

## YOGA TO BEGIN AGAIN AT ST. PAUL'S

Jacquelyn Rafferty, is offering 4-week hatha yoga sessions. Bring your yoga mat, a friend and a fun attitude. Cost is \$40 for the 4 week program. All **evening classes** will be held in the **A-Frame**. **Morning classes** are in the **Life Center Shalom Room**. Please contact Jacquelyn at 991-6712 for more information. Hope you will join us.  
**Tuesdays 6:00 PM - February 21, 28 & March 6, 13**  
**Wednesdays 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM - February 22, 29 & March 7, 14**

## ST. PAUL'S CYCLING

**GROUP** meets **Saturdays** 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](mailto:chrisruhl@yahoo.com).

## NEW VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SPORTS

**CAMP:** VBS Sports at St. Paul's UMC will have a different look this year. In past years we have contracted with another agency to provide leadership for VBS Sports. It was a costly endeavor, which threatened the sustainability of VBS Sports. This year we will be conducting the sports program **in-house**. To that end, VBS Sports is seeking **volunteers** willing to plan and oversee one of several sports divisions during VBS Sports, which will be **July 9 to July 13**. We will be offering basketball, cheerleading, soccer and for 4 and 5 year olds, motor skills games. We also need directors to handle administrative work and a Snack/Lunch Preparation director. We will purchase the syllabus from Upward Sports and it will provide all the materials and plans for running the Sports Camp. If you are willing to volunteer as a sports division director please contact Rick Hornback, [520-909-9564](tel:520-909-9564) or [rgandjb@aol.com](mailto:rgandjb@aol.com), by February 19. Our first team meeting will be held February 22, at 6:30 PM, in the Life Center. Anyone interested in helping with VBS Sports is invited to attend the meeting.

## 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

Our class meets Mondays from 10:30 – 1:30 PM in the A – Frame. Bring your lunch or a snack. Please call Nancy Anderson at 546-1533, or Larre Freeman at 749-3537 for more information.

### ▶▶ THE BELLES OF ST. PAUL'S

welcoming ladies 50 years and older to join us for fun, food and fellowship.  
Chapeaux Rojas will be going to the Rodeo Daze Luncheon in Brummet Hall on Thursday, February 23, at 11:30 AM. Make reservations with Barbara at 296-9792 by Monday, February 20. You can pay at the door.  
Desert Roses will be going to the Rodeo Daze Luncheon. Make your reservations with Sandy at 298-1470 by Monday, February 20. You can pay at the door.  
Glad Hatters will be going to lunch at Canyon Crown Restaurant, 6958 E. Tanque Verde Rd., on Friday, February, 17, at 11:30 AM. Contact Trudy Stave at 777-8024. Hostess is Elnora Johnson.  
Savvy Sisters will be going to Sam Hughes Championship Dining at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Campbell Ave. for lunch on Saturday, February 11, at 12:00 noon. Please contact Loraine White at 885-6626.

### ▶▶ RODEO DAZE

St. Paul's Savvy Seniors invite you to our Rodeo Daze Luncheon on Thursday, February 23, at 11:30 AM in Brummet Hall. We will have a delicious luncheon with vegetarian options. The Rincon Country

Gentlemen will be singing for our entertainment. Cost is \$6.00 per person. Registrations accepted on the church patio on Sundays (February 12 and 19 between services) or call the office at 296-6149. Deadline to register is Monday, February 20. Come and join us for a fun afternoon with great music, food and friends!

### ▶▶ WEDNESDAY MORNING AT THE MOVIES

Our movie for Wednesday, February 15, is "Golden Boys". This very funny film is about three old sea captains living on Cape Cod in 1906 and their bumbling search for a wife – starring: David Carradine, Rip Torn, Bruce Dern and Mariel Hemingway. The movie begins at 10:30 AM in the Covenant Room just after Exercise Class. Bring 25¢ for refreshments.

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

### ▶▶ FEBRUARY HIKE:

Wednesday, February 22 - We will take the Bug Spring Trail – 5 miles - from the Middle Bear Camp Ground on Mt. Lemmon and end at the Gordon Hirabayashi Prison Camp. The first ½ mile of this trail is up a series of switchbacks through the pines and is quite steep. We'll take two vans and use a shuttle system so the van fee needs to be \$7.00. Bring a snack, 2 liters of water and dress in layers. If the weather is too cold, and the possibility of snow and ice exists, we'll take an alternate hike to Bridal Wreath Falls in Saguaro Nat'l Park-East. This is also a tough hike - 6 miles. Van fee for Bug Spring - \$7.00, for Bridal Wreath- \$3.00. We'll leave from church at 9:00 AM and should return before 3:00 PM. Call the office at 296-6149 to sign up before February 16. Be sure to leave your phone number.

### ▶▶ SAVVY SENIOR

**TOUR:** On Saturday, February 11, we will visit the Tubac Arts and Crafts Festival. We will leave from the church parking lot by Brummet

Hall promptly at 9:00 AM. We should return to the church by 2:00 PM. Bring your lunch and water, or you can purchase lunch in Tubac. This is always a popular event so sign up early by calling the office at 296-6149. Be sure to leave your telephone number. As with all tours and hikes, our trip is contingent on the weather. Van fee \$5.00. Limit 16 people.

►► **HEALTH &  
RECOVERY WORKSHOP:**  
Alzheimer's Information,

Wednesday, February 29, at 10:30 AM in Brummet Hall. Rosanna Alcoverde, R.N. will lead the workshop. Lunch will be served. Call the church office at 296-6149 to register by Thursday, February 23.

**FUTURE WORKSHOPS – MARK  
YOUR CALENDAR**

- Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) “Healthy Living Workshop”, Tuesdays, March 27 – May 1 at 12:30 PM in the Covenant Room
- “Hospice Care”, Wednesday, March 28, at 10:30 AM in Brummet Hall – lunch will be

served.

- Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) “A Matter of Balance Workshop”, Mondays and Thursdays, April 2 – April 26, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM in Brummet Hall
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