



# St. Pauls Epistle

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

## IT'S STILL NEWS!

Hello friends! Are you glad that you are a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church? As we complete one week of Vacation Bible School and prepare for another we find that we rarely receive anything but affirmation concerning the program life of the church. The same is true for the worship life of the church. Recently we surveyed the congregation concerning music in worship. The responses were wonderfully affirming and the changes you recommended have already been incorporated into the worship life of the church.

These things don't happen magically. They are the result of hard, God alive, Spirit filled work. Many of you who are committed to maintaining the infrastructure of the church have made gifts and commitments to **"The Big Fix."** You will hear about next steps soon.

Inside this edition of *The Epistle* you can read about staff changes designed to keep the church vital and alive. You can also read about how you can save gas money by skipping the trip to Las Vegas and still see Michael DeShalit's Amazing Comedy, Magic & Illusion Show in the Life Center on July 16. Of course, Michael is donating all the money to **"The Big Fix."** It requires love, not magic to offer your gifts on behalf of your church!

**"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

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## AN EVENING OF COMEDY, MAGIC & ILLUSION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH "BIG FIX"

On July 16, St. Paul's United Methodist Church will play host to a Magic Show Fundraiser starring Multi Award Winning Magicians, The DeSchalit's.

The DeSchalit's are Multi Award Winning, World Class Magicians with over 20 years of professional performance experience. They have performed in venues such as The Four Seasons Luxury Resort in Vegas, The RMS Queen Mary, Hollywood's World Famous Magic Castle and most recently, exclusive engagements at the Circus-Circus Hotel and Casino, The Riviera Hotel and Casino, and The Orleans

Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas Nevada, and the Treasure Chest Casino in New Orleans.

This show is filled with high energy illusions, comedy and magic, and will leave your sides hurting from laughter and your mouths open with amazement. The show is appropriate for families with children.

The show is Saturday, July 16, at 7:00 PM and will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist in the Life Center. Tickets can be purchased on the patio in between services from Rick Hornback, Sports Ministry Director. Advance purchase tickets for the Magic Show are \$7.00 for adults and \$5 for children 12 & under, with a family maximum of \$25.00. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the show for \$9.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 & under with a family maximum of \$35.00. Because there will only be one performance, tickets will be subject to availability.

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## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

### —Sunday, July 31

We will be collecting school supplies for Schumaker, Dietz and Robles Elementary Schools on Sunday, July 31. We are including a list of the most needed supplies for the schools:

Copy paper – White and colors  
3 ring notebook paper - wide ruled  
Pencils  
Little kid scissors  
Construction Paper-any color  
Post It Notes  
Tissues (Kleenex) Hand Sanitizer  
Crayons  
Glue  
Backpacks  
Spiral and/or black/white composition notebooks

The principals are so very grateful for your generosity towards the schools. Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Genita Salvagio at 296-7960 or email Cheryl Smith at spmike69@msn.com.

### 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!

## VBS SPORTS 2011

On-line registration for VBS Sports 2011 will continue until July 5. VBS Sports is open to children, ages 6-12, plus an additional skills development program (Team 45) for children ages 4 and 5 only. VBS Sports will be July 11-15, from 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Cost is \$85 per child. Scholarships are available. Programs offered are basketball, cheer, soccer and drama, a mini-musical (sports related). **Returning this year:** A full-day, (8:30 AM to 5:00 PM), VBS Sports Program for up to 30 children. In addition to the morning session of VBS Sports, the afternoon session will include lunch, fellowship, sports activities, movies and/or field trips.

Cost for full-day VBS Sports is \$135.00. For additional information contact Rick Hornback at [rgandjb@aol.com](mailto:rgandjb@aol.com). To register for VBS Sports go to: <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/stpaulsumc>.

## VBS SPORTS 2011 TEAM AND VOLUNTEERS MEETING

VBS Sports begins Monday, July 11, 2011. The VBS Sports Team from UW Ministries will be attending the 9:30am worship service on July 10, 2011 and the Sports Team and all VBS Sports Volunteers will meet at **11:00am, July 10, 2011, in the Life Center** for a pre-opening day planning meeting. If you have signed up as a volunteer or if you would like to volunteer to assist at VBS Sports (half-day or full-day session) please plan on attending the meeting. For our VBS Sports 2011 program to be successful, we need leaders/volunteers. Prayerfully consider signing up to as an Assistant Coaches (age 16+) or Junior Coaches (age 13+) to work with the sports coaches from UW Ministries. Additionally, we are in need of a certified lifeguard (one to one and a half hours a day) to assist in swimming outings during the full-day session of VBS Sports. If you need additional information or would like to volunteer, contact Rick Hornback at [rgandjb@aol.com](mailto:rgandjb@aol.com) or [520-909-9564](tel:520-909-9564)

**Creating an Intimate  
Marriage Small Group**  
Join us for this incredible  
marriage series!  
**Featuring Dr. Jim Burns**  
On DVD

**6 sessions on vital marriage  
topics:**

- Making Your Marriage a Top Priority
- Creating A.W.E. (Affection, Warmth & Encouragement) in Your Marriage
- Communication: The Key to Warmth in your Marriage
- Improving Communication and the Friendship Factor with Your

Spouse

- Creative Romance
- Growing Spiritually Together

**Dates: July 13-August 17, 2011**

**Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

**Location: The McCarty Home**

**Cost: \$5/couple**

**Please contact: Angie McCarty for more information or to register for the series.**

**Childcare provided by request.**

**Email: [amccarty@gwestoffice.net](mailto:amccarty@gwestoffice.net)**

**Phone: 296-6149**

## STAFF CHANGES!

Here is some news concerning the folks who work so hard to insure that St. Paul's UMC is a community of generosity and love!

While retaining her job as Financial Secretary, **Linda Kopp** is now the Office Manager. **Mike Salvagio** remains the Facilities Manager.

**Debbie Macko** has joined our office staff as Membership Secretary. Debbie, her husband John and their adult sons, G.W. and John are long time members of St. Paul's UMC.

How do we continually identify the strategic direction in which the Spirit is leading us? As we become clear about such things how do we intentionally engage the community in acting on what we are learning? How does this turn into the kinds of things we can see and measure. How do we identify and train leaders in the community, follow up on their work and support them in their mission? For the last two years we have left several staff positions vacant. This has resulted in the neglect of these vital areas of ministry. What to do? **Nancy Walter is joining our staff as Director of Leadership Development.** It will be exciting to see what happens when our programming, planning and lay leadership training receive a new kind of direction and attention.

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.

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

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## THANK YOU...

...St. Paul's Vacation Bible School Volunteers are far and above the best volunteers on the planet. Giving tirelessly of themselves to 76 children, these 39 individuals didn't just show up with a smile. They arrived each day filled with energy and enthusiasm for God's great love in their lives. It's been said that in volunteering, you receive much more than you give. Our volunteers gave fully, and received an abundance of goodness in return. Thank you for making this year's VBS an amazing experience of God's love! We can't wait until next year!  
~Angie & Linda

...for all the cards, calls and prayers you sent me while I am recuperating from my fall. I am doing better now but still have a way to go. God Bless you all.  
~Margaret Phillips

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## OUR SYMPATHY...

...to the family of Kathleen Remington on her death on May 27.  
...to the family of Al Rambow on his death on June 17.

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## 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).

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## NEED SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR KIDS?

Aren't parents always looking for fun activities during the summer months? Continuing through July 14, Linda & Angie will be coordinating **Thursday Children's Ministry play dates!** Here are the July dates:  
**July 7**--Brandi Fenton Water Park--9:30-11:30  
**July 14**--This is Sports VBS week--Swimming at Sierra Morado Clubhouse pool--12:30-2:30

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Melissa Gilbert** joined by Transfer from Another UMC. She is the proud mom of Ramsey and wife of Robert. She enjoys cooking, knitting, music and fishing.

**Bob and Joan Logan** joined through Reaffirmation of Faith. Bob is a retired Engineer. Bob and Joan just celebrated their wedding anniversary. They enjoy hiking, reading, and jazzercise.

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## 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](mailto:jim_moffett@stpaulsumctucson.net)

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## ST. PAUL'S UMC SINGLES

**Call Joan at 751-7663**

**July 21** - Dinner at 6:00 PM at Pinnacle Peak in Trail Dust Town (6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd.).  
**August 5** - Dinner at 5:30 PM at Dry River (800 N. Kolb Rd.) and a movie after.

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## WOMEN OF FAITH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's theme is "Over the Top" and will be held on September 23 and 24 at US Airways Center, Phoenix. **Want to have a refreshing and inspirational weekend?** Come join us for a weekend of fun. See Dena Wakefield on the patio between services to sign up or get more information. Cost is \$89 for the conference only. Each person is responsible for their own hotel accommodations. Contact Dena at 289-4601 or [denawakefield@cox.net](mailto:denawakefield@cox.net) for additional information.

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## 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-deductable donations can be left in the preschool mailbox in the church office, or mailed to the preschool.

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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 at [sala4juli@msn.com](mailto:sala4juli@msn.com) or Angie McCarty at [angie\\_mccarty@stpaulsumctucson.net](mailto:angie_mccarty@stpaulsumctucson.net). You'll be so glad you did and the results will be so rewarding!

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## UNITED METHODIST MEN

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

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## 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.

#### 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](mailto: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 July, 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](mailto:spumcyouth@qwestoffice.net) OR (520) 870-6825 .

#### SUMMER FUN DAYS - YOUTH GRADES 6-12

Each Wednesday will be a different fun event for all youth and your friends. Cost will range from \$3 - \$10 depending on the event, partial scholarships are available. Contact Peggy Jo for more information.  
7/6 Skate Country

#### 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!**

The next *Epistle* deadline is Tuesday, July 26, at 10:00 AM. It will be mailed on Tuesday, August 2. Please submit all *Epistle* articles to Linda Kopp at [linda.kopp@stpaulsumctucson.net](mailto:linda.kopp@stpaulsumctucson.net).

#### GRIEF COUNSELING

**GROUP** is held Sundays, at 9:15 AM in the Loft - South. The sessions are facilitated by Carolyn Jackson. Several of you have requested this program and we have an outstanding facilitator. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, or any other grief producing event, take advantage of this healing opportunity.

#### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUMMER SCHEDULE

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

#### 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](mailto:chrisruhl@yahoo.com).

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

"The Bible From Scratch: The New Testament for Beginners" is an accessible, easy-to-understand overview of the New Testament for adults who have--or fear they have--little or no Bible knowledge. This group will meet from July 10-August 28 from 5:30-7:00 PM in Rev. Angie McCarty's home near Houghton & Drexel. The cost for the class is \$10/person. Please indicate your attendance **ASAP** by emailing Angie at [amccarty@qwestoffice.net](mailto:amccarty@qwestoffice.net).

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

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.

July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 21, 30 - 6:00 PM  
July 27, August 3, 11 (**Thursday**), 17, 24, 31 - 9:30 AM and 6:00 PM

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## 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 later in the summer.

▶▶ **THE BELLES OF ST. PAUL'S** invite ladies 50 years and older to come and join us for fun and fellowship!

**Chapeaux Rojas** will not meet in July. The August activity will be announced in the next Epistle.

**Desert Roses** will be having lunch and a movie on Thursday, July 7, at 11:30 AM in the Life Center Covenant Room. Bring a sack lunch and beverages and dessert will be provided. The movie will be "The King's Speech." Call Sandy at 298-1470.

**Glad Hatters** will meet again in September. Contact Betty Ott at 886-2276.

**Sassy Sisters** will be meeting on Sunday, July 31, at 10:00 AM at Prince Chapel (AME Church) for Missionary Day Service. Speaker will be Loraine White. Please contact Loraine at 885-6626 for the location.

### ▶▶ WEDNESDAY MORNING AT THE

**MOVIES WILL NOW BE SHOWN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.** The movie for July will be "True Grit". This is the

new version and it is great! Join us on Wednesday, July 20, at 10:30 AM in the Covenant Room. 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. ---

▶▶ **JULY HIKE:** Thursday, July 21: We'll hike the Meadow and Lemmon Trails to the fire lookout. This is a beautiful 3.3 mile hike. This is not a real tough trail, but we will be at an elevation of 9,000 feet. Bring 2 liters of water and a snack. We'll leave from Brummet Hall promptly at 8:30 AM. We should return to the church before 3:00 PM. Van fee: \$4.00. Limit 10. Call the church office at 296-6149 and be sure to leave your phone number. If fire restrictions are still in effect, we'll have to cancel and try again in August. ---

### ▶▶ SAVVY SENIORS

**TOUR:** We'll go to Mt. Lemmon and have lunch at the Iron Door on Thursday, July 28. We will leave from Brummet Hall promptly at 9:30 AM. We'll stop along the way for sight-seeing and then proceed to the very top of Mt. Lemmon – over 9,000 feet in elevation and walk over to the observatory. Afterwards, we'll drive down to Ski Valley and have lunch at the Iron Door Restaurant. Count on a lunch expense of around \$10.00 - \$12.00. We should be back at the church by 3:00 PM. If fire restrictions are still in effect we will not be able to go. Register by calling the office at 296-6149: **BE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE WE HAVE TO CANCEL.** Van fee \$4.00. Limit 10.

### ▶▶ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.