



St. Paul's Epistle

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

IT'S STILL NEWS!

Greetings friends. It is a big month in the Still household. On June 18 our daughter, Sara, and Dan Haislett will be married at Dan's family home in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Our primary goal as parents is to raise children who will become adults, take responsibility for their own lives and out of a deep sense of confidence and faith make a valuable contribution to the world. In other words, we raise them to leave and to go somewhere in life that matters.

We are really happy to say that all three of our children are doing just that!

While we are quite excited about Sara taking this next big step in her life, we share the selfish parental impulse to mourn, just a little, this final passing of our daughter into adulthood.

Life is a beautiful cycle of living and dying, coming and going, giving and taking. We are called to remember that God is alive in all of it.

"If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest

limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast"

Psalm 139:9-10

I am confident that God waits, eager to meet Sara and Dan in their new life together. Thanks for sharing this joy with us.

"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

JULY 4TH PICNIC & FIREWORKS VIEWING

The annual July 4 Picnic will be held on the St. Paul's UMC campus, beginning at **5:30 PM, Monday, July 4**. After a grueling holiday weekend what better way to close it out than to enjoy a picnic dinner at the church and join in fellowship with others while viewing fireworks from **St. Paul's hilltop location**. There will be rides and water activities for the young (and the young at heart) and great conversation for those looking to have a "laid back" afternoon. Mark your calendars. As always, anyone interested in volunteering to help with the picnic, contact Linda Jones at 721-4147 or bamajones6@netzero.com.

The next *Epistle* deadline is Tuesday, June 28, at 10:00 AM. It will be mailed on Tuesday, July 5. Please submit all *Epistle* articles to Linda Kopp at linda_kopp@stpaulsumctucson.net.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 4, for Independence Day.

PART-TIME OFFICE POSITION AVAILABLE!

Are you looking for a part-time job that is fulfilling, personally rewarding and most important to the life of St. Paul's UMC? Then we have the job for you. St. Paul's is looking for an immediate fill for the position of Membership Secretary. The position entails 20 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. If interested, drop by the church office to pick up a position description and fill out an application soon.

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

Do you have questions about the New Testament? When was it written? Who wrote it? What's it all about? This Bible Study is for you! "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. In this small group experience, we will learn the basic themes, histories, personalities, and meanings within the New Testament. This group will meet for eight weeks from July 10-August 28 from 5:30-7:00 PM. The class will meet in Rev. Angie McCarty's home near Houghton & Drexel. The cost for the class is

\$10/person. Please indicate your attendance no later than July 3rd by emailing Angie at amccarty@qwestoffice.net.

VBS SPORTS 2011

On-line registration for VBS Sports 2011 will continue until June 26. 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. To register for VBS Sports go to: <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/stpau/sumc>.

VBS SPORTS 2011 LEADERSHIP TEAM AND VOLUNTEERS

VBS Sports is just around the corner. For our VBS Sports 2011 program to be successful, we need eight leaders. The Church Representative, Housing Director, Camp Director and Snack Coordinator positions are filled. Prayerfully consider signing up to be The Registration Coordinator, The Prayer Coordinator, The Sports Flash Coordinator, or The Mini Musical Director. In addition to these key positions, the Camp Director is seeking Assistant Coaches (age 16+) and Junior Coaches (age 13+) to work with the sports coaches from UW Ministries. Our targeted volunteer ratio is 1 volunteer for every 8 campers. Contact: Rick Hornback at rgandjb@aol.com.

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. "God loves us more than we know. He gives us more than we can ask or dream. He's unrestrained... excessive... outrageous... *Over the Top.*" **Want to have a refreshing and inspirational weekend?** Come join us for a weekend of fun with Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Sandy Patti, Mandisa and Amy Grant. 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 for additional information.

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 & Encourage-ment) 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@qwestoffice.net
Phone: 296-6149

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: Sunday, June 19, between services in Room C2.

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 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 June, Bottled Water Drive and in supporting 2 boys in Ghana through Compassion International (cost is \$76). **Water Showdown** between Jr. & Sr. High – Bring in the most and win an awesome prize opportunity. Bring bottled water to Sunday School, UMYF or Wednesday Fun Days.

If you would like to donate bottled water or help plan for mission projects please contact Peggy Jo cell/text

spumcyouth@gwestoffice.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.

6/8 TBA

6/15 Meeting at the Movies

6/22 Human Foosball

6/29 Swimming

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!**

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.

OUR SYMPATHY...

...to Pat Roberts on the death of her mother, Agnes Watson, on April 26.

...to Sylvia Flagg on the death of her husband, John Flagg, on April 28.

...to Mary Smith on the death of her husband James Smith on April 28.

...to Karen Jividen on the death of her mother, Ruth Zornes, on April 29.

...to Connie Swenson on the recent death of her mother.

...to the family of Walter Sheets on his death on May 4.

...to the family of Lloyd Surratt on his death on May 4.

...to Wilma Kingston on the death of her husband, Jim Kingston, on May 8.

...to Mary Clayton on the recent death of her son, Kevin.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

High School

Alexis Berger graduated from Catalina Foothills High School. Alexis is the daughter of Herb & Paige Berger.

Jennifer Kay Clayton graduated from Sahuaro High School. She is the daughter of Brian and Kim Clayton and the granddaughter of Mary Clayton.

David Denlinger, Jr. graduated from Thunderbird H.S. in Phoenix. He is the son of David Denlinger and the grandson of Bill & Gloria Denlinger.

Sabrina DeSchalit graduated from Santa Rita High School. Sabrina is the daughter of Michael & Billie DeSchalit.

Laura Merritt graduated from Sahuaro High School. She is the daughter of Karin Merritt.

Jacob Mullet is graduating from High School in Budapest, Hungary. He is the grandson of Bob & Sue Tennon.

Naomi Rhodes graduates from Marana District Learning HS June 2011. She is the daughter of Kristin Rhodes.

Adam Sanford graduated from Flower Mound High School in Flower Mound, Texas. Adam is the grandson of Tommy & Shelia Sanford.

Shelby and Kelsi Siegrist graduated from Palo Verde High School. They are the granddaughters of Susan Lake.

Ashleigh Thomas will graduate from Issaquah High School in Washington on June 10. Ashleigh is the granddaughter of Paul & Connie Ludwig.

Kelsey Utter graduated from University High School. Kelsey is the granddaughter of Joe & Grace Katusz.

Lauren Nicole Valencia graduates from Sahuaro High School. Her proud parents are Juan and Linda Valencia!

Jeremy Wakefield graduated from

Empire High School. Jeremy is the son of Kevin & Dena Wakefield.

College

Lauren Harcourt will graduate with a BM in Music Ed. from the University of Arizona in December 2011 after completing her student-teaching in the fall. She is the daughter of Kevin and Karyl Harcourt.

Kayleigh Hoffsmith graduated from the University of Arizona with a BA in English and a BA in Linguistics. She is the daughter of Craig and Liane Hoffsmith and the granddaughter of Vail Smith.

Nicholas A. LaRue graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in Philosophy. Nicholas is the son of Joann Hubbard & Peter LaRue.

Kimberly Long graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Wellness from the College of Nursing. She is the daughter of Jim & Lisa Long and the granddaughter of Jack & Lorraine Melvin and Walter & Barbara Long.

Anthony (Tony) Longo graduated from Pima Community College with an Associate Degree in Automotive Diagnostic and Repair. He is the son of Mark & Barb Longo.

Jeremy Mullet will graduate from the University of Colorado with a degree in Anthropology. Jeremy is the grandson of Bob & Sue Tennon.

Michael Scott graduated from Arizona State University. He is the son of Pat Scott.

Linda Shealy graduated from the University of Arizona with a PhD in Educational Psychology.

Christopher Utter graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. He is the grandson of Joe and Grace Katusz.

GRIEF COUNSELING GROUP

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one or any other grief producing event, please join us for grief counseling on Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Loft-South. The sessions are facilitated by Carolyn Jackson.

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).

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 dates:

June 9--Reid Park Zoo--9:30-11:30

June 16--VBS Week--Swimming at Sierra Morado Clubhouse pool--12:30-2:30

June 23--Jesse Owens Park--9:30-11:30

June 30--Tucson Children's Museum--9:30-11:30

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

ST. PAUL'S UMC SINGLES

Call Joan at 751-7663

Thursday, June 16—Dinner at Panda Super Chinese Buffet (2419 E Broadway) at 6:00 PM.

Saturday, July 2—Dinner at Dry River (800 N. Kolb) at 5:30 PM and movie after.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday, June 13, we will meet at 8:45 AM in parking lot to carpool to the Jewish Museum. No regular

meeting.

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

THANK YOU...

...to the Searcher's Class for all of their help and the United Methodist Women for their help with the luncheon after Gary Christner's memorial service. Thank you, also, for the cards and lovely notes of Christian faith

~The Christner Family,
Janet, Dustin and Jill

...for the beautiful Easter lily which you sent to me. I certainly am enjoying it!

~Lois Pressler

...for your gift in support of John Dean Town. When giving through UMCOR, 100% of your contribution is applied to the project designated.

~General Board of Global Ministries

...to Rev. Hal Cowart for his special visits.

~Marie Witter

...for giving us food.

~A Schumaker School student

...We were given a box of wonderful edible goodies. My family and I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

~A Schumaker School parent

...St. Paul's friends for all the cards, calls and flowers I received this past year and especially this last week. It really brightens my day to see I am thought of with God's love.

~Deralea Veeder

...to all and especially Lydia Circle and the Serendipity Class for your prayers, cards and kindness shown me following the death of my son.

~Mary Clayton

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.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Christina Raffler-Rovas loves baseball and helps Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Matt Rovas is newly married to Christina and transplanted from Michigan.

Ashley Wakefield volunteers in youth & children's ministries.

Jeremy Wakefield loves working with special needs children.

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. We will be celebrating the 12th Anniversary of the class with a party immediately following exercise on **Friday, June 10 at 10:15 AM**. Former class members are also invited to join us and honor Sam and his ministry. ***NOTE: Exercise Class will not meet on June 13, 15, 17 or 20 and class will resume on Wednesday, June 22.**

▶▶ 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 be going to

Marie Calendar's Restaurant on Wilmot at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 17. This will be our planning meeting. Contact Barbara at 298-9792.

Desert Roses will be going to the Iron Door Restaurant on Mt. Lemmon with the Senior Tour on Thursday, June 9. We will also go shopping and tour Summerhaven. Meet at St. Paul's Brummet (Fellowship) Hall at 9:00 AM. We will return around 2:30 – 3:00 PM. Please sign up by calling Sandy at 298-1470 as soon as possible to reserve your space. Van cost is \$5.00.

Glad Hatters will be on summer hiatus until September.

Sassy Sisters TBA. Please contact Loraine White at 885-6626.

▶▶ WEDNESDAY MORNING AT THE

MOVIES will be held June 22, at 10:30 AM in the Covenant Room. Feature film is a comedy, "Miss

Congeniality" starring Sandra Bullock. Refreshments provided—donation of 25¢.

▶▶ **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. Some 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.
