



St. Pauls Epistle

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

IT'S STILL NEWS!

◆ Does God have a plan for folks in John Dean Town that will allow them to continue to educate their children while providing health care and clean water?

◆ Does God care about the single parent with two kids, in our neighborhood who is unable to buy school supplies?

◆ Does God care about the family who comes to the Food Bank, the person who comes to Stretching and Strengthening, the mother looking for support at MOPS, the disabled child who gets to join others playing basketball at Upward Sports?

◆ How about the person who has been in church all of their life and wants to go deeper or the adult who is being introduced to Jesus and the community of the church for the very first time?

“The Big Fix” assures us that things as seemingly mundane as deferred maintenance in the Sanctuary and Brummet Hall, reestablishing a modest general budget reserve and caring for our church staff will allow us to maintain and grow the kind of community that makes a measurable difference in the lives of all of these folks and more.

This one time boost will lead us in the next step of our financial recovery; allowing us to secure a healthy future by caring for the assets that God has granted us today.

Ann and I are excited to join you in bringing our commitment to “The Big Fix” to worship on May 8.

“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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13-17

At PandaMania VBS, kids will explore a bamboo forest full of fun-loving pandas! Psalm 139 comes to life as kids learn that they are God's most precious creation. In return, kids will learn to give thanks to God for all he does. Don't miss this opportunity - register now to be a part of this PandaMania VBS! PandaMania is open to children 3 years of age - 5th grade. 3 year olds must be

toilet trained and have completed one full year of preschool. Registration begins TODAY and continues until each class meets its maximum capacity. Registration deadline: June 6th.

The cost per child is \$40 which includes a high quality instructional program led by the finest volunteers, daily snack, crafts, sports and a t-shirt. Discounted registration of \$35 is available before May 31st. Get an additional \$5 discount per child if an adult pre-registers to volunteer for all five days of VBS! Participants and Volunteers can register on the web site below. Payment will be received through PayPal. Scholarships are available. Contact Angie McCarty for scholarship information or any questions you may have about this fantastic Vacation Bible School opportunity!!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

You can help with VBS! Even if you're not able to show up every day as a volunteer, we are in need of a few household items that will magically and lovingly be transformed into crafts throughout the week. Please start saving your cans (soup & vegetable cans NOT soda and tuna cans) and your toilet paper rolls. These items will help us keep the cost of VBS to a minimum and help us recycle a few resources.

Thank you for your help and support. Items can be brought into the office during the week or with you on Sunday mornings.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you or a loved one will be graduating from high school, trade school, or college, please notify the church office at 296-6149 or lkopp@qwestoffice.net **no later than May 16**. We would like to recognize our special graduates during **worship on May 22** and in the **June Epistle**.

NEW WORSHIP SERIES

On Sunday, May 15, we will begin a series of worship services where we talk about the wisdom and advice found in the Book of James. James is probably the oldest book in the NT. James may have been written as early as 48 AD...only 15 years after Jesus walked the earth. It is a wonderful example of a primitive, fresh, newly developing Christianity. Over the four weeks we will reflect on these thoughts offered to us by the Book of James:

- Speak to your doubts
 - Speak Life
 - Live the life you speak
 - Pray the life you live
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5TH SUNDAY OFFERING/ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On **May 29**, we will honor a long standing St. Paul's UMC tradition by receiving a *special*

5th Sunday offering which will go to One Great Hour of Sharing. Four times each year, when there are 5 Sundays in the month, we receive an offering that goes to fund a particular mission interest. This month's special offering will go to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) which offers hope and healing to the world's most vulnerable people. Please place this additional gift in the offering plate, clearly marked on the memo line or envelope, "**5th Sunday**".

The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day.

WOMEN OF FAITH ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held September 23 and 24 at US Airways Center, Phoenix. **Watch for additional information in the June Epistle OR** Contact Dena at 289-4601 or denawakefield@cox.net for more information.

Thank you...

...At last the job is finished! The Life Center roof has been repaired and re-coated. It was prepared by the cleaning crew: Don Howard, Don Spann, Tommy Sanford, and Wally Burlingame. The re-coating crew then took over to do the painting: Chris Ruhl, Doug Lynn, Mike Thomas, John Donovan, Fran Kanak, Pat Scott, John Carruth, Dennis Barger, Kevin Harcourt, Bob Burns, Gary Sale, Jamie Harwick, David Krantz, and Tim Cook. Nicholas Harwick,

Austin Kanak, Ryan Cook and Shelia Sanford were the gofer crew. The church saved over \$3000 with the help of all these people. The **Trustees** thank each and every one and appreciate all their hard work.

...to those who sent messages and cards for my recovery. I appreciate my church family so much. **~Jim Kingston**

...We really appreciate you, our painting space, the weekly set-up and all of your support. **~ Signed by 10 members of the Watercolor Class**

...for all the prayers, cards and visits. I appreciate all of you so much. **~Doris Russell**

...I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Shirley Ball, Jean Johnson, Betty Ott, Elaine Roberts and Mary Van Sickle for their dedicated service in providing the Altar and other decorations, especially for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. **~Diana Finley**

FAMILY CAMP Is 4 months away.

Mark your calendar for Labor Day weekend (Sept. 3-5) with Christ Church United Methodist at the Huachuca OaksCamp south of Sierra Vista. Camp starts with lunch on Saturday and ends after Monday morning breakfast. All are welcome. More details to come. **Bob Kruse**

**NEED SUMMER
ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR
KIDS?**

Aren't parents always looking for fun activities during the summer months? Beginning June 2 and continuing through July 14, Linda & Angie will be coordinating **Thursday Children's Ministry play dates!** Here are the dates:
June 2--Purple Heart Park--9:30-11:30
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

DEVOTIONAL BOOK

St. Paul's would like to publish a devotional book comprised of devotions written by our members. Please consider writing a devotion for our book. If you would like to see samples of devotions written by Lay People, some will be displayed on the patio on Sundays. For more information, contact Jim Moffett at 296-6149.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS Sports will be July 11-15, 2011, from 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Cost is \$85 per child.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lucile Porter who recently celebrated her 100th birthday!!

NEW MEMBER EVENT

Want to become a member of St. Paul's? Then plan to come to an informational meeting in Room C1 on **Sunday, May 15, at 11:00 AM** with Rev. Angie McCarty and Diane Taylor, Membership Secretary. Childcare is available. Please phone 296-6149 if you plan to attend!

**ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S
RETREAT
JUNE 3 & 4, 2011
St. Paul's United Methodist
Church**

In the midst of your daily life, never forget to... "Just Breathe"
All women are invited to attend St. Paul's women's retreat. "Just Breathe" is for any woman who:

- Could use a break from the daily stressors of life.
- Hasn't been away from their children overnight since they were born.
- Needs contact and relationship with other adult women.
- Wants to be reminded of what really matters in life.
- Desires a deeper, more trusting relationship with God.

We will begin with dinner on Friday night at 6:00 PM and conclude after dinner on Saturday night at 7:00 PM. You should bring your own bedding (including an air

mattress if necessary). Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation letter approximately one week before the event. Cost: \$50 - Scholarships are available. Cost includes all meals, retreat materials and a few surprises along the way. To register, fill out the form below or email angie_mccarty@stpaulsumctucson.net with the information included on the form. **Registration deadline: Friday, May 20th.**

Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone number _____

Dietary restrictions _____

My greatest hope for this retreat is : _____

_____ Amen

The next *Epistle* deadline is Tuesday, May 31, at 10:00 AM. It will be mailed on Tuesday, June 7. Please submit all *Epistle* articles to Linda Kopp at lkopp@qwestoffice.net.

**BLOOD PRESSURE
CHECKS: Sunday, May 15,
between services in Room
C2.**

CAMP THIS SUMMER

It's not too early to start planning for camp this summer. Contact Peggy Jo if you would like to be a counselor, donate craft items, drive the van, or financially support camping ministry. Call/Text (520) 870-6825 or email spumcyouth@qwestoffice.net

Important Note: The deadline for early registration discounts for all camps is **May 14, 2011!** All fees increase by \$25 after that date.

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.

ST. PAUL'S UMC SINGLES

Call Joan at 751-7663

May 7—Dinner at Dry River Company Restaurant (800 N. Kolb) at 5:30 & movie afterward at Century Gateway.

May 19—Dinner at Sweet Tomatoes (6202 E. Broadway Blvd).

CHURCH WOMEN

UNITED'S MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

We will celebrate Women making a Difference in the World. This will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM in Brummet Hall at St. Paul's UMC. The

speaker will be Rev. Mary Jacobs on "Human Trafficking". St. Paul's United Methodist Women will host and serve breakfast.

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, EDUCATORS, MENTORS, CHURCH VOLUNTEERS, CARING ADULTS

A summer opportunity you won't want to pass up—KidUnique! Become empowered to build a life-giving relationship with a kid—the kind of relationship that sets that kid on a path toward leading a life filled with purpose, meaning, and impact. **Sign up TODAY** for an 11-week class to gain more insight into the kids sitting in our congregations, neighborhoods, and families, taught by Angie McCarty and Peggy Jo Harwick. For more information see the KidUnique display on the patio or call the office at 296-6149.

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 or Angie McCarty at angie_mccarty@stpaulsumctucson.net. You'll be so glad you did and the results will be so rewarding!

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WELCOME CONFIRMANDS

Ryan Cook, son of Tim & Pat Cook

Ashley DeSchalit, daughter of Mike & Billie DeSchalit

Sabrina DeSchalit, daughter of Mike & Billie DeSchalit

Austin Kanak, son of Fran & Karen Kanak

Roberto Pedrazzini, grandson of Elodia Sigvenza

Brianna Sonnleitner, daughter of Brian & Nikki Sonnleitner

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.

Tuesday evenings- 6 PM, A-Frame, May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5.

Wednesday evenings- 6 PM, A-Frame, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6.

Wednesday mornings- Life Center Shalom Room, 9:30 AM, May 4, 11.

OUR SYMPATHY...

...to Janet Christner on the death of her husband, Gary on March 31.

...to the family of Evelyn Baker on her death on April 24.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches how to achieve financial goals. There will be an upcoming class beginning in August. For more information, you are welcome to attend a preview on Sunday, May 15, at 11:00 AM in Serendipity Room or stay tuned for details.

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.

SUMMER 2011 UPWARD SPORTS

Upward basketball and cheerleading for boys and girls, Kindergarten through 8th grade, will start the Summer session evaluations the week of May 23, from 5:00-6:30 PM. First practice will be the week of June 13 and first game of the season will be June 25. The season will end on August 20. Cost is \$75.00. Registration begins May 7. As with every session of Upward Sports, volunteer coaches (basketball and cheerleading), referees, devotion leaders, life center monitors and snack bar operators are needed. To register on-line go to: <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/stpaulsumc>.

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.

▶▶ 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.

▶▶ 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 the Hog Pit, 6910 E. Tanque Verde Road on Friday, May 20 at 1:00 P.M. Call Barbara at 296-9792 by May 18. This is our planning meeting.

Desert Roses will be going to Maynard's Restaurant and the Train Museum, 400 E. Toole Avenue at 11:30 AM on Thursday, May 12. Call Sandy at 298-1470 by Monday, May 9 for reservations and carpooling, if needed.

Glad Hatters will be going to Mayes Restaurant (on the north side of Speedway just

west of Country Club) on Friday, May 20 at 11:30 AM. Contact Dee Gabhart at 721-2597 or Betty Ott at 886-2276.

Sassy Sisters will be going to the U of A's Poetry Center for a guided tour and then to the Marriott Hotel for lunch. Meet at the Poetry Center at 12 noon on Saturday, May 14. Hostess is Jessie Zander. Please contact Loraine at 885-6626 for additional information.

▶▶ MORNING AT THE MOVIES

will be held May 16, at 10:30 AM in the Covenant Room. The film is a romantic comedy entitled "Morning Glory" with Harrison Ford and Diane Keaton. Please 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.

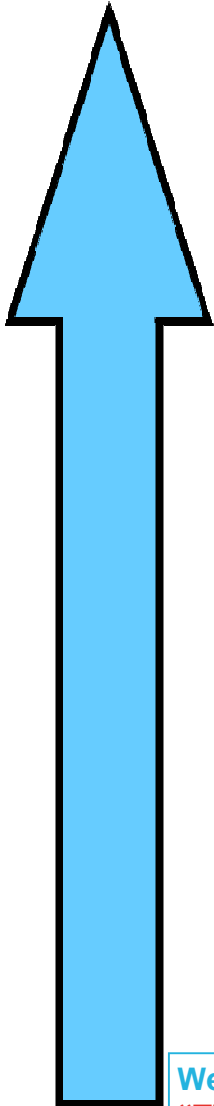
▶▶ THE ELDER CIRCLE

Elder Circle is held on Wednesday at 10:30 AM (after Sam's class). The Circle is held in Serendipity South. There are four components to the Elder Circles: life review, life repair, legacy and mentoring. All are welcome.

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Facts and Priorities

“The Big Fix” is a three year commitment that is beyond our general budget giving. How much will this cost and what will it accomplish?



Stretch Goal = \$985,000

Redesign Phase2 ≈ \$500,000

Children's Center

Brummet Hall Redesign

Priority Goal = \$485,000

Staff Investment = \$120,000

2 part-time staff additions
over 3 years

Formal Reserve = \$75,000

Investment: 1-month of expenses

Brummet Hall

Improvements = \$40,000

Investment: Heating & Cooling

Sanctuary

Improvements = \$250,000

Repairs: New Paint, Roof

Safety Issues: Floor Replacement

General: Upgraded Seating

Investment: Heating & Cooling

We will begin to receive commitments for
“The Big Fix” in worship on Sunday, May 8.