



THE TOWER

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat Wednesday, October 29

It is time for St. Paul's annual Fall Festival! We will start off the evening with a chili and hot dog supper, served in the Coffee Shop of the Family Life Center, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. From 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., children's inflatables and face painting will be set up in the gym. The youth will host some fun fall activities for the kids in the Youth Center during this time

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Following dinner, from 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., "Trunk or Treat" will be held in the alley parking lot behind the Family Life Center. Cars decorate their trunks with a theme or game, and hand out candy or treats to children as they pass from trunk to trunk. Please consider volunteering to host a trunk! The more trunks, the more fun! Registration forms are available at the Information Center and should be submitted to Karen Garner's box at the Information Desk by Sunday, October 26. Call Karen Garner for questions or "trunk ideas" at 459-1595.

There will be no regular Wesley Night Dinner or activities (Adult or Children) on October 29.

Tom's Thoughts

A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

The country is all astir about the economy and so it should be. The losses in the varied markets over the past few weeks have been substantive. Those reversals represent real losses and, in many cases, represent the livelihood of persons who have saved for years. While not a time to panic, it is a time to pause and consider the fleeting nature of the things of this world. We are learning that there is no sure bet when it comes to finances. Over time even the safest investment can be like shifting sand.

In all the reversals of the past few weeks, let's be sure to keep our gaze upon the Lord and by so doing let's find ourselves resting in his provision for our lives. If anything, the uncertainty in the markets will cause us to place our faith more so in God and not so much in the things of this world.

As I consider my own finances, I remain thankful for God's benevolence. I realize that "*all good and perfect gifts*" come from him. In the end, I am a steward of that which God has first given. Such stewardship entails the right use of that which God has provided. Such stewardship involves living simply. It also involves giving so that others might benefit. Such giving will be a topic of our conversations over the next few weeks.

I have always been inspired by the words of the Apostle Paul when he writes, "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through him who gives the strength." (Philippians 4: 11-13)

For Paul, such contentment was born out of a deep faith and firm assurance that God would see him through. We can rest in the same for our lives regardless of market fluctuation. This is a time for faith, but then again it has always been a time for faith.

- Tom Grieb

L.O.A. Sunday School Class

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

The "Love One Another" Class invites you to be with us each Sunday as we worship God and study His word. We meet in the Chapel from 9:45 a.m.— 10:30 a.m. Laura Williams and Lucille Moss lead us in hymns of praise, a member of the class offers a devotional selection. Our lessons are from the *Adult Bible Studies*. Virginia Watkins, St. Paul's Minister to Adults, will continue to bring us messages from **Acts**: "Transformed to Witness to the Community" on October 19 and "Commissioned by the Community" on the October 26. Please join us.

Connections Class

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

The next Connections Class will be offered on Sunday mornings; November 2 through November 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Church Parlor (Room 219). Connections gives an overview of the ministry of St. Paul, as well as a summary of the United Methodist beliefs. The class, led by Tom Grieb, is geared toward those persons who are new to the church and want to know more about its ministry. All are welcome and encourage to attend.

St. Paul Welcomes Carrie Burns to Staff

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

We are pleased to welcome Carrie Burns as the newest staff member at St. Paul. Carrie will be starting as our Communications Secretary on Monday, October 13. She and her husband Robert are members at St. Paul and the parents of two children.

Celebration of Episcopal Assignment

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

You are invited to the *Celebration of Episcopal Assignment* in honor of Bishop Lindsey Davis, Saturday, October 18, at 2:30 p.m. for music and 3:00 p.m. for the celebration and ceremony at the Frankfort Convention Center.

Kroger "Mission" Card

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

Please Help! St. Paul joined the Kroger "mission" card program in December 2005. To date, we have earned \$13,107.74 for missions at no cost to us. In August, 2008 we earned only \$279.56 which is the lowest amount since the first few months of the program. Kroger cards are available from Ken Curry during the week or at the Information Desk on Sunday morning. Cards are \$5 each but have a \$5 value for your use. Every time you "recharge" your card at a Kroger Customer Service desk you are helping your mission programs. Please call 455-5607 for more information.

Financial Stewardship Campaign

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

2008 Financial Stewardship Campaign: The Grace of Giving

Commitment Sundays are October 19 and October 26

Please make every effort to attend. Make this a matter of prayer. Come ready to respond.

New Member Brunch

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

There is a new member brunch scheduled for Sunday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. All new members that have joined in the past few months are welcome to attend.

GIFTED: Discovering your SHAPE for Ministry

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

Have you ever wondered what your spiritual gifts are? Are you sensing a call to serve God and hope to discover how you might best use your gifts to bless others? We will be offering a 4-week study on discovering your spiritual gifts during the Sunday school hour from October 12 through November 2, 2008. Classes will be led by Larry Carr and will meet in the Parlor 10:00 a.m.—10:55 a.m. Let us know of your interest in attending by calling the church office or contacting Kathy at 386-1559 or kekman@stpaulchurch.net.

Women's Retreat

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

A Relaxing Retreat for Women—Resting in God's Spirit Through the Seasons of Life on Saturday, November 1, 9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church

Retreat leader Denise Ruiz will lead the morning as we focus on *Resting in God's Spirit Through the Seasons of Life*. After a delicious lunch from The Café, the afternoon will be spent exploring different group and individual spiritual practices. Childcare is available for children 11 and under. Registration deadline for childcare is Sunday, October 19.

The fee is \$10.00. You may register at the information desk or by calling the church office at 459-1595. **Feel free to bring a friend!**

New Adult Offering

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

At this stage of life are you asking if there is more to be gained than what you are now experiencing? Do you feel pulled to explore how God can best use you? Do you want to be sure to answer life's opportunities? If you are a retiree and want to deepen your relationship with others and with God, you are invited to join a new group specifically geared towards US!

Then plan now to join ADLIFE (Accountable Discipleship: Living In Fullest Experience) at our first meeting on Monday, October 20, 1:30 p.m. in Room 113. Following a Wesleyan small group format, we will decide in what direction we want to take our focus, whether through a Bible study, Christian service or perhaps another topic. The possibilities are unlimited. If you have a question or want to express an interest, please contact Virginia Watkins 459-1595 or Dorothy Hall 491-7666.

Safe Sanctuary Training

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held at 3:00 p.m. on October 26 in the Family Life Center. This training is required for all those who will be working with our youth and children. We will cover the requirements of the United Methodist Church and how St. Paul will continue to comply with those requirements in our own policies and procedures. If you have not completed this training within the last year, please make plans to attend.

Church Clean Up Day

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

Join the Trustees in a fall cleanup day on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. We will be landscaping on the Douglas Boulevard side of the church. Please bring shovels, wheelbarrows, and rakes. There will also be inside cleaning and straightening projects available. Contact Ken Curry at the church before October 25 if you are able to provide a wheelbarrow as this information will be helpful as we plan our workday. See you then!

MOPS Consignment Sale Rescheduled!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Due to the loss of electricity at St. Paul from the windstorm, the MOPS consignment sale has been rescheduled for Friday, October 17, and Saturday, October 18, in the gym. Drop off for the sale will be Wednesday, October 15, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 16, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Presale for consignors and volunteers will be Thursday, October 16, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday's sale will be from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with the half price sale Saturday morning, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please spread the word that our sale has been rescheduled. **All consignors and volunteers are asked to please e-mail Emily Gallahue at gallahue23@insightbb.com, if you still plan to participate. It is not too late to consign! Please contact Emily for a consignor number and more information.**

MOPS Group Update

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) groups are off to a great start! Please encourage any mothers of preschoolers you know attend. Moms can join us and become a member anytime during the year. Both MOPS groups meet the second Monday of the month. The daytime group meets from 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the Coffee Shop. Childcare is provided beginning at 9:15 a.m. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Townsend at emeng2000@yahoo.com. The evening MOPS group meets from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sienna Newman at sgnewman@insightbb.com

Operation Christmas Child

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Power of a Simple Gift—Operation Christmas Child: A simple gift-filled shoe box is a tangible expression of the love of God. This project, by Samaritan's Purse, is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need of hope, in countries all over the world. Shoe boxes are filled with a variety of gifts - school supplies, small toys, hygiene items, candy, small books - for a child of your choosing, boy/girl ages 2-14. Each box is accompanied by a \$7 donation to cover shipping and project costs, and for a Gospel booklet written in the child's own language included in the box.

How can you get involved? Pack a shoe box with a child in mind and include items you/your child/grandchild would enjoy themselves on Christmas morning. Pray over the box that the child receiving it will come to know the greatest gift of all - Jesus Christ. Don't want to pack a box? Consider a donation to cover the costs of shipping for 20 boxes to be prepared by MOPS in early November.

Dates to know: An information table will be set-up after the 9:00 a.m. service and before the 11:00 a.m. service beginning October 26 and every Sunday thereafter. A volunteer will be there to answer questions, show examples, and hand-out brochures with packing instructions and suggestions. November 16 is the drop-off deadline for St. Paul! Questions can be directed to Amy Benton 456-0428 or amybenton@mac.com

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...." James 1:17

“Nothing but Nets” Mission Project

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

St.. Paul’s Children’s Ministries will be participating in the “Nothing but Nets” campaign throughout the remainder of 2008. The children would love to see the whole church involved! “Nothing but Nets” is a campaign to bring mosquito nets to the millions of people affected by malaria each year. Malaria is a disease caused by a blood parasite, which is transmitted by mosquitoes. More than 500 million people are infected, killing more than a million, each year. Ninety percent of those who die are African children.

There is a very simple and cost effective solution to the problem, bed nets. For just \$10.00, a net can be purchased and delivered to a family. These nets create a protective barrier against mosquitoes at night, when the vast majority of the transmissions occur. When enough nets are used, the insecticide treated nets make the entire community safer.

The St. Paul children will collect money in Sunday school class, Wesley night, as well as at the Fall Festival. If you would like to purchase a net for \$10.00, or a portion of a net, please make checks payable to St. Paul, with “Nothing but Nets” in the memo line. The children’s collection bank will be in room 309 on Sunday mornings. All donations throughout the week should be given directly to Karen Garner or placed in Cleve Iler’s box.

Parent’s Night Out

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Looking for an evening out without the kids? Join us for our next Parent’s Night Out, Saturday, October 18, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per child, and parents should provide a sack supper for each child participating. All children ages birth – 12 years old are welcome to participate. **Parents must R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, October 15, with the names, ages and allergies of the children participating, to kgarner@stpaulchurch.net.**

Children’s Ministry Volunteers Needed!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

What better way to serve the Lord than by serving His children! St. Paul’s growing children’s ministry is ALWAYS in need of parent volunteers. Check out the Children’s and Youth Volunteer sign-up table on Sunday, October 12, outside the sanctuary. Various volunteer opportunities will be available including childcare, teaching Sunday school (a mere three-Sunday commitment!), Upward Cheerleading and Basketball, Fall Festival, Breakfast with Santa, Kids in Christ’s Service (KICS) and Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS). Is your name on the list?

Parent Open House

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parents of youth are invited to our second annual Parent Open House. You are invited to join your youth group member on Sunday, November 9 for dinner, small group time, activity, and worship. This is an exclusive “behind the scenes” look at what your youth participates in every week. Please come and support your youth group member! Sign up by e-mailing Brian at bebel@stpaulchurch.net

Paintball

YOUTH MINISTRY

On November 8, 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. we will go out to the Open Range in Crestwood, KY to enjoy paintball. To sign up email Brian at bebel@stpaulchurch.net

Upward Volunteer Opportunities

ACTIVITIES MINISTRY

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading needs your help!

Does Upward need ME to help this year? Not counting advertising, there are **256** potential positions that will need to be filled this season.

How you can volunteer:

- ◆ Preseason Opportunities include advertising, prayer partners, evaluation/orientation night volunteers, or basketball and cheerleading coaches.
- ◆ Opportunities Beginning January 10, 2009 (Saturday - Game days) include giving a halftime devotion, working the concession stand, running the time clock, or serving as a referee.

If you have any questions about any of these opportunities, or if you want to volunteer, contact Brian Wright at 459-1595 or bwright@stpaulchurch.net

For additional information including important dates, see the back page of the Tower or go online to the St. Paul website at www.stpaulchurch.net and check out the Activities Ministry page. This also includes a registration link for you to sign up your child to participate!

Senior Adult Fall Fling

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday, November 9 at 12:15 p.m. the Senior Adult Ministry is hosting the Fall Fling. Music will be by The Spaulding and Grieb Singers as they present *The Sounds of St. Paul*. Catering is provided by Upper Crust and a freewill offering will be taken at the event. Please sign up by calling the church office at 459-8228 or sign up at the Information Desk.

Boar's Head Casting

MUSIC MINISTRY

2008 Boar's Head Festival Dates are:

Monday, December 29, 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30, 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

We are casting for the Boar's Head Festival. Non-speaking roles are available for children, youth and adults. Please contact casting director, Anita Taylor, at 425-8775 or abtaylor@insightbb.com to express your interest in participating in the festival. This is a wonderful way to end the Christmas Season, so bring the whole family and get involved!

Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra

MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Paul Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra present John Rutter's Requiem on Sunday, November 2, at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services in honor of All Saints Day. The Requiem is a musical work about death, life, and renewal, which will help us to honor the lives of those who have gone to be with the Lord.

Thank you for the visits, cards, and prayers for my mother, Juanita Torsch, before, during, and after surgeries. Mother is currently in rehabilitation and progressing well. We appreciate you more than you can know.

- Eilene Collins

Sympathy to

AROUND THE CHURCH

.....the family of Betty Lee Peterson who died on September 25, 2008

.....the family of Mary Lawrence Bennett who died on September 26, 2008

New Members

AROUND THE CHURCH

Dar and Mike Perez
September 28, 2008

Katie and Shelby Jett
October 4, 2008

ST. PAUL UMC - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

- 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 Worship (FLC Gym)
 9:45 Aldersgate Class (319)
 9:45 LOA Class (Chapel)
 9:55 Sunday School Classes
 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary)
 1:15p Motet Singers Rehearsal (113)
 3:00 Worship Team Rehearsal (Gym)
 4:30 One Accord Rehearsal (Gym)
 6:00 Beading to Beat Autism (111)
 6:00 Beth Moore Bible Study (319)
 8:00 AA Group Mtg. (100)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 10:00a MOPS Steering Meeting (308)
 1:30p ADLIFE (113)
 4:00 UNA (113)
 6:00 AA Group Mtg. (120)
 7:00 Companions in Christ (219)
 7:00 Disciple III Bible Study (319)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 2:00p Senior Adult Spirituality Group (219)
 5:30 Yoga Class (YC)
 7:00 Tai Chi (YC)
 7:30 Depression & Bipolar Support Group (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 10:00a Companions in Christ (219)
 10:00 American Sewing Guild (CS)
 10:00 Wednesday Morning Bible Study (113)
 1:00p Walk the Labyrinth (Gym)
 5:30 Wesley Night Dinner (120)
 6:00 Preschool Music Class—Ages 3 & 4 (309)
 6:00 Cherub Choir—Kindergarten (303)
 6:15 Wesley Kids Klub Grades 1 & 2 (305)
 6:15 Wesley Kids Klub Grades 3—5 (308)
 6:15 The Way (Sanctuary)
 6:15 Digging Deeper, Going Deeper (110)
 6:15 Just Neighbors (100)
 6:15 Faith @ Work (113)
 6:15 Care for the Caregiver (111)

- 6:15 Damascus Road Men's Bible Study (319)
 6:15 PSALMS Prayer Group for Women (219)
 6:15 Salt & Light Small Group (316)
 6:45 Caroler Choir Grades 1 & 2 (303)
 6:45 Wesley Kid's Klub for Kindergarten (305)
 7:00 Wesleyan Choir Grades 3—5 (302)
 7:30 Knitting Group (CS)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
 10:00 The Way of Discernment (219)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 5:30p Volleyball (Gym)
 5:30 Yoga Class (YC)
 6:00 Nutrition 101: Finding Your Own Path to Wellness (CS)
 6:00 UMW (113)
 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (302)
 7:30 Frederick Buechner Reading Group (219)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 9:00a Tai Chi (120)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 7:00a Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study (100)
 9:00 Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)
 9:00 Church Work Day
 8:00p AA Group Mtg. (120)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 Worship (FLC Gym)
 9:45 Aldersgate Class (319)
 9:45 LOA Class (Chapel)
 9:55 Sunday School Classes
 10:00 New Member Brunch (120)
 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary)
 1:15p Motet Singers Rehearsal (113)
 3:00 Safe Sanctuary Training (YC)
 5:00 Youth Choir (302)
 6:00 Metamorphosis (FLC)
 6:00 Beading to Beat Autism (111)
 6:00 Beth Moore Bible Study (319)
 8:00 AA Group Mtg. (100)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 9:30a MOPS Steering Meeting (308)
 1:30p ADLIFE (113)
 6:00 AA Group Mtg. (120)
 7:00 Companions in Christ (219)
 7:00 Disciple III Bible Study (319)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
 10:00 Senior Adult Ministry Team Meeting (319)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 2:00p Senior Adult Spirituality Group (219)
 4:00 UNA (113)
 5:30 Yoga Class (YC)
 7:00 Tai Chi (YC)
 7:30 Depression & Bi-Polar Support Group (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 10:00a Companions in Christ (219)
 10:00 Wednesday Morning Bible Study (113)
 1:00p Walk the Labyrinth (Gym)
 5:30 Wesley Night Dinner (120)
 FALL FESTIVAL—See front page of Tower information

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
 10:00 The Way of Discernment (219)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 5:30p Volleyball (Gym)
 5:30 Yoga Class (YC)
 6:30 Cub Scouts (120)
 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (302)
 7:30 Frederick Buechner Reading Group (219)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 9:00a Women's Retreat

The above times and events are listed according to the church calendar at the date of printing. For additional information please call the Church Office at 502.459.1595.



Upward Basketball and Cheerleading **ACTIVITIES MINISTRY**

For Boys and Girls in Kindergarten - 6th grade. Registration for Basketball is \$60, Cheerleading is \$65

Online Registration is available! Visit our website at www.stpaulchurch.net

Deadline is November 13, 2008.

- ◆ Basketball Evaluations will take place November 3, 6, and 11.
- ◆ Cheerleading Orientations will be November 13.
- ◆ Practice begins the week of December 1.
- ◆ First game is January 10, 2009.
- ◆ Every player receives equal playing time, a T-shirt, and jersey.
- ◆ Every cheerleader receives a uniform, megaphone, and poms.
- ◆ Separate leagues for boys and girls.

Registration forms are available at the Information Centers.

WORSHIP SERVICES **8:30, 9:00 & 11:00**

Sunday, October 19

Sermon Title: The Grace of Giving:
A Rich Privilege
Stewardship Campaign

Scripture: II Corinthians 8:1-7
Mark 10:17-22

Rev. Tom Grieb Preaching

8:30 Music: Bill Williams, Solo
9:00 Music: Praise Team & One Accord
11:00 Music: Chancel Choir
Bill Williams, Solo

Sunday, October 26, 2008

Sermon Title: The Grace of Giving:
A Matter of the Heart
Stewardship Campaign

Scripture: II Corinthians 9:6-11
Mark 12:41-44

Rev. Brian Ebel Preaching

8:30 Music: Men of the Chancel Choir
9:00 Music: Praise Team & Youth Choir
11:00 Music: Chancel Choir and
Youth Choir

Weekly Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Worship
Sept. 28	289	699
Oct. 5	218	633

Tower Deadline: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 21, 2008

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