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## Upward Sports Record Number of Participants

There are over 200 children participating in the Upward Sports program at St. Paul this year! This is more participants than we have ever had involved! Weekly practices for basketball and cheerleading began earlier this month. Saturdays are Game day! The first game is Saturday, January 14, 2012. The season runs through March 3, with the last game and Awards Celebration on Saturday, March 3, 2012.



See page 3 for how to get involved with this important and exciting ministry, or contact Brian Wright, [bwright@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:bwright@stpaulchurch.net) for more information.

## Wesley Night 2012



After our break in December, Wesley Night will begin again on January 11 with a preview night for adults. We will gather for dinner and fellowship, dismiss the children to their activities and then hear a brief overview of the adult classes/groups to be offered this spring. Adult classes/groups will begin January 18.

See page 5 for a listing of classes/opportunities.

## Michele Rickett Lectures

A best-selling author on such issues as human trafficking, [Michele Rickett](#), is coming to St. Paul with insights and stories from the trenches...

You are invited to hear her and learn how you can join in and keep vulnerable ones safe from exploitation:

- Sunday, January 22 at 10:00am (room 120, social hall)
- Sunday, January 22 at 5:30pm to share a meal (Panera restaurant, Bardstown Road)
- Monday, January 23 at 10:00am (room 219, parlor)

# From the Staff

## From Gary Gibson, Senior Pastor

St. Paul has had an exciting year in ministry. The ministries of St. Paul span a wide range of activities and ages. As always, worship was inspiring as well as the special worship services like Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas Eve. We also added a new service this year, *The Longest Night*, which was meaningful for those who struggle during the holiday season. The Cancel Choir, Worship Team, Youth and Children's Choirs, the Youth Band and soloists add so much to our weekly worship experience.

Our children and youth had a great year. We started a new *Tween Ministry* for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, which has given them a place to grow and serve. Our children enjoyed KICS (Kids in Christ's Service), VBS, Basketball Camp, Music Camp, Trunk or Treat, and Breakfast with Santa, just to name a few. These activities gave our children opportunities to learn and grow. Our youth also had a wonderful year with their *Fusion* trip to New York to sing and engage in mission. They were also involved in mission at Lake Junaluska, NC and here at home, particularly with Brooklawn Home for Children and Youth. Their weekly gatherings give them a special place to worship, study, and strengthen relationships.

The adults had opportunities for learning, service, and fellowship. We offered many small groups—from Sunday School to Wesley Night classes to various classes every day of the week. A mission team went to Haiti with Edge Outreach and installed water purification systems. We had people involved with hands on ministry at Portland Promise Center, Lighthouse Community Center, West End Boys School to name a few. We also completed our ninth Habitat for Humanity house. Many ministries were supported by financial gifts and other donations. We collected diapers for Henderson Settlement, teddy bears for Bears on Patrol, coats and blankets to the homeless here in Louisville, and collected over 700 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

We offer hospitality to our community by welcoming a large number of community groups to meet in our building. On any given week, we have over 600 people in our building for various meetings and classes. There will be a minimum of twenty groups and as many as thirty+ who meet here during the week.

It has been a great year of ministry here at St. Paul; however, it has been a challenging year financially. We ended the year with a significant deficit, \$73,000. The deficit was not due to over spending. We were under budget on expenses in every area except building maintenance. Your staff has done a great job of controlling expenses; however, our income fell short of projections. I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider an extra gift to St. Paul to help us erase the deficit.

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## Discovering the Heart of St. Paul

This process is a time for us to listen for God's call for us as a congregation. It will be a time of conversation and sharing with each other as we also discover our passions and values. At the end of the process we will have clearer understanding of what God is calling us to do and to be in our community and world. Understanding God's call will help us have a sharper focus as we plan and implement ministries. In early spring we hope to have an action plan based on God's call and our passions and values.

The process will be accomplished through small group gatherings. In those gatherings we will pray together, learn together, explore our current ministries, and discuss our hopes and dreams for St. Paul. Please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board across from the Information Center and choose a time to participate. We want everyone's voice to be heard.

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# Community Life

## Upward Sports Volunteer Needs: Concession Stand Volunteers

Please help St. Paul with one of our most important community outreach programs by signing up to work a 90-minute shift in the concession stand from 8:30-4:00 on any Saturday between January 14-March 3. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the gym or you may call Jason Ramsey at 645-8902 or e-mail at: [jdrams@mindspring.com](mailto:jdrams@mindspring.com).

## The New Psalms Project

The December (winter) 2011 edition of the New Psalms booklet has been published and is available (free) around the church.

The group invites members of St. Paul and the community at large to join other writers and artists who seek to express aspects of their faith through poems, prayers, essays, short fiction, and the visual arts. The group meets on the last Monday of most months from 7:00-8:00pm in room 316. Contact Mark Johnson ([mark.johnson@kctcs.edu](mailto:mark.johnson@kctcs.edu)) or Carl Smith ([CSmith@suretyholding.com](mailto:CSmith@suretyholding.com)). You can also find pieces of their work on the church website [www.stpaulchurch.net](http://www.stpaulchurch.net).

## Business @ St. Paul

The Business @ St. Paul group is celebrating the beginning of our fifth year of coming together to support and grow our businesses! Please join in the discussions and networking on Tuesday, January 17, 8:00-9:0am in the Coffee Shop. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Please RSVP to Gretchen Mahaffey at 451-0600 or [gmahaffey@kfg.com](mailto:gmahaffey@kfg.com) by Monday, January 16 if you plan to attend. (We will follow Jefferson County Schools for any closures).

## Highlands Community Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be at St. Paul on January 29, 9:00am-1:00pm in room 120. To schedule an appointment, contact the church office (459-1595) or just show up. All blood types are needed, especially type O negative. *The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood.*

## Solomon's "Front Porch" Sunday, February 26

In putting away your Christmas decorations, you are sure to come across that dusty ukelele, or guitar, or perhaps that poetry reading *baret* you have been wanting to put to use again! Here is your chance ... St Paul UMC will host an "open stage" at Solomon's "Front Porch" on February 26, 7:00pm in the Gym. If you have a gift you would love to share—singing, acting, sharing your writings or art work—sign up for this night of fellowship and fun. This is a great opportunity to put a little group together to sing, or play folk music, or present a theatrical scene from (appropriate) Broadway productions.

There will be sign up forms at the registration desk, on the bulletin board in the gym and at the greeting areas at the contemporary service. Contact Jim Rittenhouse if you have questions: 645-2256 or [jimritt@gmail.com](mailto:jimritt@gmail.com). Tell your friends and neighbors, too!

## 9am Worship Team Needs YOU! (Musicians and Technicians)

If you have noticed on Sunday mornings, our 9:00 am team has had some personnel shifts, and we are looking for singers, musicians and a/v technicians interested in being part of our music and worship ministry. We currently have spots for bass guitar, alto and/or soprano voices, and will consider other instrumentation as well! We can always use more folks to run sound and the slide presentations. If you have an interest in participating in this vital ministry, please contact Jim Rittenhouse at 645-2256, or email him at [jimritt@gmail.com](mailto:jimritt@gmail.com).

## Winter Weather Closing Policy

Just a reminder... St. Paul weekday activities follow JCPS closure. You may check the scrolling text on the website, [www.stpaulchurch.net](http://www.stpaulchurch.net), or "St. Paul Church" on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulchurch), or the television and radio stations.

# Beyond the Walls

## Diaper Drive • January 2012

During the month of January, the St. Paul Mission Team will be collecting diapers for the MIHOW\* (The Maternal Infant Outreach Workers) program at Henderson Settlement. Especially needed are sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups. Our goal is to deliver a van load of diapers at the end of the month.

Judy Hurst, director of MIHOW at the Settlement, works with expectant mothers in the areas of education and care of newborn babies and toddlers. Necessities (diapers, baby wipes, quilts, blankets, clothing, formula, toddler tooth brushes, etc.) are also provided for the mothers.

In the past, St. Paul members have contributed handmade quilts, blankets, baby furniture, clothing, diapers, as well as money to the program and enjoy a good working relationship with Judy. Now we are working toward the goal of a large contribution of these necessities, including diapers. "Diaper Boxes" are located at the Information Desk and in the stairwell of the gym. Please give generously since the need is great. We encourage Sunday School classes and other church groups to support this worthy project.

Please call Ray or BJ Fore (458-2702) with questions.

\*MIHOW History:

*In 1982, a Vanderbilt University program for child development in Appalachia expanded into the Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker program which now serves families in the Appalachia area of five states. The program has served more than 12,000 families. Henderson Settlement operates one of two MIHOW programs in Kentucky.*

## Senior Adult Team Announces the Second Annual BEARS ON PATROL!

Now is the time to start collecting NEW, stuffed TEDDY BEARS to be brought to worship on Sunday, April 29. These bears will be given to Law Enforcement Agencies throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana to be distributed to children exposed to traumatic situations, a house fire, domestic disputes, or a variety of personal injuries. Every month Kosair Charities distributes 1,400 Teddy Bears to children in the above mentioned situations.

Now is a good time to purchase a Teddy Bear, as they seem to be more plentiful during the holiday season.

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## "Spiritual Fluctuations:

### A Structure by Which the Art of One's Life Can Be Experienced"

Sculpture, painting and installation by Bill Wells will be exhibited at Spalding University's Huff Gallery from January 8–February 19, 2012. The artist's reception will be Sunday, January 15, 2:00-4:00pm. A series of related events including film showings and a panel discussion will also take place during the exhibit.

*"Spiritual Fluctuations" reflects upon the idea of time, 'beginning and becoming,' with a reverence for the greater spiritual nature of how we experience life as a cosmic question in the challenges of this era of modernity. Wells' multi-media approach is a reflection of his inter- weaving of social advocacy planning and art making. Foremost in Wells' work, whether it be the art of planning within the community of citizens with disabilities or his volunteer work with transportation committees, is the struggle to realize an art that reflects the flows of the 'how's' and then the 'why's' of nature's locomotion.*

For more information and related events visit [www.spalding.edu](http://www.spalding.edu).

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# Discipleship Formation

## Epiphany Devotion

The mystery of Christmas therefore lays upon us all a debt and obligation to the rest of humanity and to the whole created universe. We who have seen the light of Christ are obliged, by the greatness of the grace that has been given us, to make known the presence of the Savior to the ends of the earth. This we will do not only by preaching the glad tidings of his coming, but above all by revealing him in our lives. Christ is born to us today, in order that he may appear to the whole world through us. This one day is the day of his birth, but every day of our mortal lives must be his manifestation, his divine epiphany, in the world which he has created and redeemed.

*From Advent and Christmas: Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton*

## Wesley Night for Adults

*All adult Wesley Night studies begin at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted. Classes will break to participate in the Church-wide Lent Study.*

**Studying Other Denominations:** Learn what makes various Christian denominations unique and what we all have in common. Led by Gary Gibson (room 100)

**Jesus and the Gospels: His Ministry in Galilee:** Take a closer look at Jesus' ministry through the Gospel accounts. Meets until Lent. Led by Dean Harper (room 113)

**Invitation to the New Testament:** Gain a deeper understanding of the New Testament through this *Disciple Bible Study*. Led by Katrina Paxson (room 319)

**Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World:** Join us in a discussion of this book about finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life. Meets until Lent. Led by Grey Buchanan (room 111)

**Prayer Practices:** Explore various ways of praying and connecting to God. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6-6:30pm. Led by Cullen Hornaday (room 219, parlor)

**Contemplative Worship:** A time for quiet reflection, meditative music, prayer, and silence (chapel)

**Beading to Beat Autism:** Bracelet making to support Autism research (social hall)

## Other Adult Opportunities

(see [www.stpaulchurch.net](http://www.stpaulchurch.net) for complete list of small group offerings)

**Highlands Reading Group:** This group will meet once or twice a month in the evening for conversation on various books and articles. Contact Katrina to get on the email/ mailing list: [kpaxson@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:kpaxson@stpaulchurch.net). This group will begin in late January.

**Disciple 1 - Old Testament:** Takes participants through the Old Testament, prompting them along the way to consider their human condition and become disciples. New Testament will be held in the fall. Led by Sandra Dickinson & Ray Fore. (8 people required for class to occur). Sundays, 5-7pm starting January 22 (room 319)

**Abraham:** A study on Abraham using a variety of sources. Led by Ron Sauer. Thursdays at 2pm starting January 26 (room 219, parlor)

**Forgotten Girls: Stories of Hope & Courage:** A study of the book by Strom & Rickett. Led by Ann Riedling. Mondays at 10am starting January 23 (room 219, parlor)

**Redemption:** Trace the Biblical story of redemption from Genesis to Revelation. Led by Lori Elbert. Sundays, 6-7pm starting April 15 (room 113)

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Study starting at 10am on Wednesdays. Led by Sue Harper (room 113) On January 18 the Wednesday Morning bible Study will begin a 13-week study of 1st and 2nd Samuel. A study book will cost \$10. All are welcome to join this lively, friendly class. For more information or to order a study book, call Sue Harper 452-1207.

# Spiritual Formation

## **Knowing God**

Pastor Gary's New Year's Day sermon challenged us to be alert, as the Magi were, to evidence of God at work in our world. How do we tune our ears and eyes to the voice and face of God? How do we make space and time for this most important relationship? What kinds of practices and habits help us to cultivate awareness of the divine in our lives?

Now, in this moment of New Year's resolutions, what are your deepest spiritual desires for the coming year? If you would like to experience some new or ancient ways of deepening your faith journey with God and others, consider trying a labyrinth walk or contemplative service on Wednesday evenings. Enjoy some time for quiet reflection, prayer or reading in the *Windsong Room*. (Room 108 is open anytime the church is open. Books can be checked out and meditative music, guided meditations and suggestions for prayer practices are available.)

Finding a regular practice that suits your personality and life may require some experimentation. God has equipped each of us to hear the divine voice in unique ways. The Magi studied the heavens and knew they were in the presence of something good and powerful that they wanted to be part of. If we take time to attune ourselves to the signs as they did, we cannot fail to see the life-giving work of God in our world. When we do, we will also want to participate by bringing whatever gifts we have to join in God's loving and creative work among us.

## **Introductions to Prayer Practices**

Once a month we will meet together in the Parlor to explore a different approach to prayer and to experience it as a group. Join us for all or some of these prayer practices followed by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in the gym or attend another Wesley night class. This is a new class offering that will meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:00-6:30pm in the Parlor (room 219).

February: Breath Prayers  
 March: Centering Prayer and Silence  
 April: Praying with Nature

## **Walk the Labyrinth**

Walking the labyrinth is a form of prayer that involves body and spirit. It can be a time of simply opening yourself to the presence of God without any particular agenda in mind, or you may walk with a specific prayer concern for yourself or others or perhaps a question for which you are seeking some guidance. If you have never walked a labyrinth, you may find that it leads you to experience God or know God in a new way. The Labyrinth is set up in the gym on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:00-8:00pm.



## **Upcoming Events at The Thomas Merton Center**

The Merton Center at Bellarmine University is hosting guest lectures on January 15 (Philip Sheldrake speaking on "Spirituality and the City"), January 30 (George Kilcourse) and February 29 (Roseanne Haggerty). More information about these speakers and their topics can be found at [www.merton.org/Events/](http://www.merton.org/Events/).

## Children and Family Ministries

### Wesley Night Kids Klub

Wesley Night Kids Klub along with Children's Choirs will begin for the spring on Wednesday January 11. We will once again have some downtime in the gym to help the transition from the long school day and then a mission related activity. Please note that the gym is not available to us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Mike & Tammi Kinser will be heading up the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade activities this spring during the 6:00pm hour. As I brush up on my *Safe Sanctuaries* policy, I am reminded of how important it is to have two adults present at all times when supervising children. Please look for a completed volunteer schedule for the spring and let me know as soon as possible if you will not be able to fulfill your commitment.

### KICS (Kids In Christ's Service)

#### Mission Possible Kids

The next meeting is January 15, 5:30-7:30pm in room 100. Dinner will be provided by the French's. Our mission this month will be to make "warm fuzzy gifts" for children in various places such as homeless shelters, rehab. centers, family grief support groups as well as some social services centers.

### TweenZero

#### ...at level zero ready to be filled

TweenZero will meet January 22, 5:30pm in the Coffee Shop. Our topic for the evening will be "What is a perfect family?" Studying the family issues Joseph faced, taking a look at some TV families, and studying God's expectations for families will help us learn that there is no perfect family. Our evening will end in worship with the youth.

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Choir News

Many thanks to our Youth Choir for leading us in worship during Advent and Christmas! What a treasure this group of young people are to the ministry of St Paul UMC. Here are some exciting things ahead—we welcome any and all youth (grades 7-12) to participate as we begin our Winter and Spring schedule.

Rehearsals are Sundays at 5:00pm. No rehearsal January 15 (Martin Luther King Jr Holiday). Our first worship service to lead is Sunday, February 5 as part of the Youth Futures campaign.

### Youth Choir Mission Tour-June 9-13

... we are going to "Motor City" ... Detroit, Michigan! There will be an informational session January 29 at 4:00pm in the Choir Room. We will be keeping this trip as affordable as possible so that all who can might participate (especially if you are going to Guatemala). Any Choir parents or interested adults willing to chaperone or assist in planning, please call Jim Rittenhouse at 645-2256 or [jimritt@gmail.com](mailto:jimritt@gmail.com).

### Youth Choir Rehearsal Retreat

The Youth Choir retreat will be Saturday, February 18, 9:00am-4:00pm. We will gather to both work on music and to be in workshop with a choral clinician. Details will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Please mark this day on your calendar.

### International Mission Trip June 23-29 Prince of Peace Home for Girls, Guatemala

**Who:** High School youth (rising 9<sup>th</sup>-graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders); youth who graduated last year (2010)

**Cost:** \$600 – \$750 (Transportation, lodging, meals) Other Costs: Passport, vaccines, spending money

#### Upcoming Important Dates:

**January 22:** Trip Meeting  
(\$150 non-refundable deposit)

**February 26:** Trip Meeting (\$100 deposit)

# Around the Church

## Our Sympathy to...

Sally Spalding and family on the death of her husband, John Spalding, who passed away on December 11, 2011.

The family of Ruth Kasey, who passed away on December 14, 2011.

Martha Hultz and family on the death of her husband, Billy Hultz, who passed away on December 15, 2011.

Marg Suffill and family on the death of her mother, Dorothy Nell Bradley, who passed away on December 23, 2011.

Becky Terry and family on the death of her sister, Jane Griffin, who passed away on December 23, 2011 in Columbus, OH.

The family of Frances Fantoni, who passed away on January 1, 2012.

## Memorial Gifts

### *In Memory of Jean Hauck*

Richard & Janet Dowdell

Pauline Tandy

### *In Memory of Alberta James*

Karen Koehler

### *In Memory of Ruth Kasey*

Martha Abbott

Ray & Betty Jo Fore

Clyde & Betsy Foshee

Allan & Nancy Morris

Pat Updegraff

Wilma Wise

### *In Memory of John Neblett*

Martha Abbott

### *In Memory of Edwin Nolan*

Lauren & Ben Hines

### *In Memory of Judy Phillips*

The Bailey Family

Robert & Karlyn Grise

David & Gail Slater

### *In Memory of Madeline Wallace*

Richard & Peggy France

LOA Sunday School

Frances Risley

Wilma Wise

Mildred Young

### *All of Our Church Family Who Have Passed on This Year*

John & Susan Henderson

**St. Paul UMC January 15-28, 2012**

<p><u>Sun Jan 15</u>              8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)              9:00 AM Worship (FLC Gym)              9:45 AM Aldersgate Class (319)              9:45 AM LOA Class (Chapel)              10:00 AM Sunday School Classes              11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)              1:30 PM Motet (113)              3:30 PM St. Paul Youth Bball (Gym)              5:00 PM Youth Choir (302)              5:30 PM KICS (100)              6:00 PM Youth Group (120, YC)              8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)</p>	<p><u>Mon Jan 16</u>              9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi Class (120)              10:00 AM MOPS Steering mtg(305,308,309)              12:00 PM HCM Line Dancing (Gym)              2:30 PM Open Gym              6:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)              6:00 PM Upward B-Ball Practice (Gym)              6:15 PM HCM Steering Team Mtg (110)              6:30 PM Companions in Christ (219)</p>	<p><u>Tues Jan 17</u>              9:00 AM Yoga (YC)              9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi Class (120)              2:00 PM Sr Adult Spirituality Gr (219)              6:00 PM Upward B-Ball Practice (Gym)              6:30 PM Tai Chi (113)              7:00 PM BSA (WH, FLC 16, 18)              7:30 PM Depression &amp; Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) (110, 113)              8:00 PM Better Days AA Group (120)</p>	<p><u>Wed Jan 18</u>              9:00 AM Yoga (YC)              9:00 AM Zumba Gold (Gym)              5:30 PM Wesley Night Dinner (120)              6:00 PM Preschool Music Class (309)              6:00 PM Caroler Choir (306)              6:00 PM Kid's Klub, gr. 3-6 (310, 312)              6:30 PM Contemplative Worship Service (Chapel)              6:30 PM Denominations (100)              6:30 PM Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World (111)              6:30 PM Invitation to the New Testament (319)              6:30 PM Jesus &amp; the Gospels (113)              7:00 PM Kid's Klub, gr. k-2              7:00 PM Wesleyan Choir</p>	<p><u>Thur Jan 19</u>              9:00 AM Yoga (YC)              2:30 PM Open Gym              5:30 PM Upward B-Ball Practice (Gym)              6:30 PM Upward Cheer Practice (YC)              7:30 PM Depression &amp; Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) (110, 113)</p>	<p><u>Fri Jan 20</u></p>	<p><u>Sat Jan 21</u>              7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (100)              9:00 AM Upward Game Day (Gym, CS, YC)              10:00 AM Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)              8:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)</p>
<p><u>Sun Jan 22</u>              8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)              9:00 AM Worship (FLC Gym)              9:45 AM Aldersgate Class (319)              9:45 AM LOA Class (Chapel)              10:00 AM Sunday School Classes              10:00 AM Lecture by Michele Rickett              11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)              12:00 PM Family Ministry Tm (319)              1:30 PM Motet (113)              3:30 PM St. Paul Youth Bball (Gym)              5:00 PM Youth Choir (302)              5:00 PM Disciple 1: Old Testament (319)              5:30 PM Dinner with Michele Rickett (Panera, Bardstown)              5:30 PM Tween's (310)              6:00 PM Youth Group (120, YC)              8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)</p>	<p><u>Mon Jan 23</u>              9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi Class (120)              10:00 AM Lecture by Michele Rickett, Forgotten Girls Class (219)              2:30 PM Open Gym              6:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)              6:00 PM Upward B-Ball Practice (Gym)              6:30 PM Companions in Christ (219)</p>	<p><u>Tues Jan 24</u>              9:00 AM Yoga (YC)              9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi Class (120)              2:00 PM Senior Adult Spirituality Group (219)              6:00 PM Upward B-Ball Practice (Gym)              6:30 PM Tai Chi (113)              7:00 PM BSA (WH, FLC 16, 18)              7:30 PM DBSA Guest Speaker (100)              7:30 PM Depression &amp; Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) (110, 113)              8:00 PM Better Days AA Group (120)</p>	<p><u>Wed Jan 25</u>              9:00 AM Yoga (YC)              9:00 AM Zumba Gold (Gym)              5:30 PM Wesley Night Dinner (120)              6:00 PM Preschool Music Class (309)              6:00 PM Caroler Choir (306)              6:00 PM Kid's Klub, gr. 3-6 (310, 312)              6:30 PM Contemplative Worship Service (Chapel)              6:30 PM Denominations (100)              6:30 PM Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World (111)              6:30 PM Invitation to the New Testament (319)              6:30 PM Jesus &amp; the Gospels (113)              7:00 PM Kid's Klub, gr. k-2              7:00 PM Wesleyan Choir</p>	<p><u>Thur Jan 26</u>              KY UMC Winter Blitz              9:00 AM Yoga (YC)              2:00 PM Abraham (219)              2:30 PM Open Gym              5:30 PM Upward B-Ball Practice (Gym)              6:00 PM YES! YSAG Group (120)              6:30 PM Upward Cheer Practice (YC)              7:30 PM Depression &amp; Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) (110, 113)</p>	<p><u>Fri Jan 27</u>              KY UMC Winter Blitz              4:00 PM Centenary UMC Shelbyville overnigher (YC)</p>	<p><u>Sat Jan 28</u>              7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (100)              9:00 AM Bryers Tai Chi (120)              9:00 AM Upward Game Day (Gym, CS, YC)              10:00 AM Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)              4:00 PM Centenary UMC Shelbyville overnigher (YC)              8:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)</p>

## Sunday Worship Services

8:30 and 11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship, Gym

**January 15, 2012**

John 1:43-51

Rev. David Garvin

Music:

8:30 service: Will Simpson, Organist

9:00 service: Worship Team

11:00 service: Will Simpson, Organist,  
Chancel Choir

**January 22, 2012**

*Approaching The Future With Faith*

Genesis 12:1-9

Rev. Gary Gibson

Music:

8:30 service: Will Simpson, Organist

9:00 service: Worship Team

11:00 service: Will Simpson, Organist,  
Chancel Choir

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[cburns@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:cburns@stpaulchurch.net).

### Weekly Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Worship
December 18	172	676
December 25	N/A	168

It is the point in time where we start making resolutions.  
What will you resolve to do this new year?

- Become physically fit through exercising with Pam Jones' "Noon Pump" exercise class in the Youth Center?
- Grow spiritually fit through one of the many Bible Studies offered at St. Paul?
- Draw closer to family and friends?

The Family Life Ministry team's introduction of "The Great Date Experience" will be the perfect manner to fulfill two of those resolutions. The Great Date Experience gives you an opportunity to build your relationships with Jesus Christ, spouses, family and friends.

The Great Date Experience will take place one Saturday each month, beginning January 14, 2012, 5:00-9:00pm. Childcare will be provided for those who participate, at the cost of \$10 a child. Reservations required for childcare.

The event will include a social gathering designed for forming new acquaintances while strengthening old friendships, then, off you go to give a boost to that bond with your spouse!

Our first assembly of *Great Date Experiences* will be based on Action Thriller movie themes, with these themes (Romance, Documentary and Sci-Fi) to follow. There will be suggestions for conversation topics as you spend time together.

So, get your reservations in early! And Happy New Year!

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