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Registration

Early Registration cost for basketball is \$57; after November 4, the cost is \$67. (Includes basic uniform).

Early Registration for cheerleading is \$60; after November 4, the cost is \$70. (Includes basic uniform).

Deadline for Registration is November 15.

Registration forms are available at church or online at www.bluesombrero.com/stpaulchurch.

Evaluations and Orientations

All evaluations and orientations will take place in the St. Paul UMC Family Life Center.

Cheerleading

November 4
K-6th grade at 6:30 PM

Basketball

November 8
1st grade boys at 6:00 PM
2nd grade boys at 7:00 PM

November 9
3rd grade boys at 6:00 PM
4th grade boys at 7:00 PM

November 11
1st-6th grade girls at 6:00 PM
5th and 6th grade boys at 7:00 PM

League Schedule

Practices begin the week of Monday, November 29.

First Game is Saturday, January 8, 2011.

Awards Celebration is Saturday, February 26, 2011.

For more information, or to volunteer with this important ministry, contact Brian Wright, League Director, at 459-1595, ext 25, or bwright@stpaulchurch.net.

GARY'S THOUGHTS

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed..."* (2 Corinthians 4:8). We can go through some very challenging times in our lives, but we have the promise that God is always with us. As followers of Christ we have never been promised a life without difficulties. We have, however, been promised grace sufficient for every need.

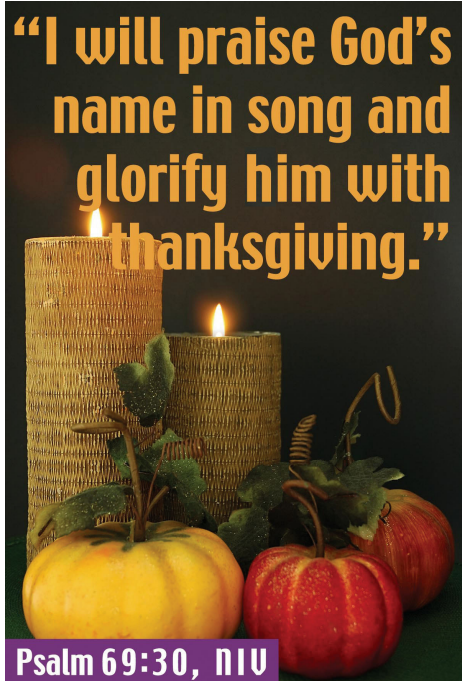
We go through different seasons during our lives. Sometimes our lives are like Spring-time. The sun is warm on our faces. Trees are budding and flowers are blooming. We are filled with much hope and new life. Sometimes the season of life is like Winter, cold and dark. When the snow covers the ground in January, we often wonder if Spring will ever arrive. It always has. Even in the darkest, coldest Winter we can have hope.

There is hope even when we are facing the most difficult and challenging seasons of our lives. Hope comes from the One who created heaven and earth. Our God is present with us in the warmth of Spring and the cold of Winter. Sometimes the pain of our challenges makes it difficult to see God in our lives, but by faith we believe in the promise of God's faithfulness.

I began practicing centering prayer a few months ago. It was a new way of praying for me, but one that has become very beneficial. This new practice of prayer has helped me to experience the presence of God in a new way. The presence of God brings peace in the midst of my chaos and strength in my weakness.

If you are facing a challenging time, God is faithful. I pray you can experience God's presence and know the peace and strength which comes from God's presence.

Gary R. Gibson
Senior Pastor



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00 PM

ST. PAUL UMC SANCTUARY

NEWS FOR ALL

Contemplative Worship Service will include Labyrinth Walk

The Contemplative Worship Service meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the St. Paul Chapel. You will find time for quiet reflection, meditative music, prayer, and silence during this lay-led worship experience. All are welcome!

On Wednesday, November 10, the Contemplative Service beginning at 6:30 PM in the Chapel will include a labyrinth walk in the gym.

Spiritual Life Retreat Thanks!

The Adult Ministry team would like to thank the following people who helped with the Fall Spiritual Life Retreat in so many ways:

Virginia Watkins for the inspiration to invite Robin Hansel as retreat leader

Cathy Miller and Susan Stopher for consultation

Lorie Williamson and Virginia Haselden for music

The Café, Sal and Cindy Rubino for lunch
Carmaleta Combs and Jan Pfeifer, for decorations

Scott and Stephanie Middleton, Gail Henson and Nancy Krause, for organizing food

Pam Jones, Martha Jones, and Genie Yockey for registration, set up

Mark Johnson, Amy Lee and Joe Proctor for labyrinth set up, and take down

Joe Proctor for printing, photography, laminating, errand running and jack-of-all-trades!

Mar Leathers, Audra Kays and Sam Foster for clean up

Paul Wesslund for publicity

Beth Thrush, Gail Henson, Jan Deaton and Angie Dortch for registration

Tony Fowler, Larry Beasley, and Dennis Sanders for a fantastic job!

Thanks to all who participated and enriched this retreat experience with your presence.

St. Paul and Highlands Community Ministries: THE GIVING TREE



HCM
GIVING TREE

Once again, this Holiday season, St. Paul will support HCM with gifts.

You will soon see *The Giving Tree* on the bulletin board near the Social Hall. The ornaments will represent needy families in the Highlands area.

Business @ St. Paul

Let's give thanks for great opportunities to connect with new prospective customers or clients or your next strategic business partner through the Business @ St. Paul networking group. We invite you to our next meeting on Tuesday, November 16th at 8:00 a.m. in the café at St. Paul. This is a great opportunity to meet other St. Paul members and our friends and learn how we can help each other grow our businesses. Coffee, tea and pastries will be provided. Please RSVP to Gretchen Mahaffey at gmahaffey@kfg.com by Monday, November 15th. For more information, contact Gretchen at 451-0600.

St. Paul Christmas Cards

St. Paul Christmas Cards are for sale at the Information Center.

- 1 packet (12 cards) - \$10.00
- 2 packets (24 cards) - \$15.00
- 3 packets (36 cards) - \$20.00

American Red Cross Blood Drive

November 21
9:00 AM- 1:00 PM, Room 120

WITNESS & MISSIONS

Portland Promise Center

Book Drive

St. Paul is sponsoring a new outreach ministry and partnership with the Portland Promise Center to support their work with Portland families in the area of education. Brad Matthews has agreed to be the facilitator of that effort. They currently provide educational programs and tutoring for elementary, middle, and high school students and are in need of more books at all three levels.



Revolution Church began this effort as one of their *Promise Fest* goals by having children bring a children's book as their admission to the fall festival. In November, St. Paul will launch a book drive to broaden that support and you can participate in several ways:

Donation of Quality Used Books

Collecting boxes will be established in several places around the church for you to deposit used children and juvenile level books. These books will be reviewed for reading level and taken to the Portland Promise Center for use in their programs including giveaways to support family literacy.

Donation of New Children's Books

purchased and donated. The same collection boxes may be used.

Wesley Night Book Review Volunteer

Volunteers will be needed, periodically, to review all donated books for usability and reading level assignment. This group may also be used as an advisory group for other Portland Promise Center outreach initiatives related to education. Contact Brad Matthews if you are interested in this work at bradmatthews@bellsouth.net or 451-6759.

For more information on The Portland Promise Center, visit their web site: www.portlandpromise.org.

We are on our way to 600 Boxes!

A simple gift: a filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love. This *Samaritan's Purse* project is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Christ to children in need of hope, in countries all over the world. Shoeboxes are filled with a variety of gifts, school supplies, toys, hygiene items, candy, books, socks – for a child of your choosing, boy/girl ages 2-14. Each box should be accompanied by a \$7 donation to cover shipping, and most importantly, for a Gospel booklet written in the child's own native language.

Contact Amy Benton amybenton@mac.com or 456-0428 (home) or 553-0577 (work).

Important Dates

Nov 14: Boxes Due!

Children's Ministry and other volunteers will assemble boxes with donated materials and secure boxes for transport.

Nov 21: Blessing of the Boxes

Nov 22: Cartons leave St. Paul for Collection Center



Give Hope to Haitians

St. Paul UMC Mission Trip Feb 19-26, 2011

Despite all the foreign aid and media attention given to Haiti following the earthquake, the country is still in great need. Millions of Haitians lack access to safe drinking water, housing and medical care. Here is your opportunity to make a profound difference in the lives of the Haitian people. The team is limited to 12 adults. The cost is approximately \$1700-\$2000 depending on airfare and fundraising. Team members are required to attend a 2-day training at EDGE OUTREACH, during which they will learn how to purify water, conduct vision clinics and teach health and hygiene lessons. Contact Team Leader Sue Butler at 550-8384 or suesheabutler@hotmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

From Mrs. Lorie...

Calling all Men!

I was very happy to be allowed to continue directing the Children's Choirs on Wednesday nights when I took on the position of Director of Children and Family Ministries. However, if I am to do that, we need a new plan in place for the 3rd-5th grader's Kids Klub on those nights.

Due to the age and make up of this group, I would specifically like to call on male leadership. As you all surely know, this is the time when our children really begin to grow out of being our babies and into being our boys and girls who have independent thoughts, their own likes and dislikes, and a real need to identify with positive role models. It is my belief that children of this age can benefit greatly when this leadership comes from men. While I in no way want to discredit or deemphasize the role women play in their upbringing, I feel that the leadership of men in this instance could be more powerful.

I am asking all men of the church to consider a time commitment of 45 minutes per week on Wednesday nights. Please contact me at lwilliamson@stpaulchurch.net or 459-1595 ex.17 with your thoughts and ideas.

Sunday School

As a new year approaches a new year of planning must occur. I would like to encourage all adults of the church to consider sharing their life knowledge through teaching Sunday School. I especially want to speak to those whom have older children, those whom have already raised their children and those whom may not have children but have a particular interest in the spiritual well being of children. We have a wonderful curriculum in place with many different options from which to choose. The maximum time commitment is three weeks per unit. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talents.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

The November (morning) meeting will be moved to **November 15** due to JCPS being out of school on November 8.

St. Paul offers two MOPS groups, both meeting *usually* the 2nd Monday of the month, one in the morning and the other in the evening:

The daytime group meets (9:30 am-12:00 pm) in the Coffee Shop.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Townsend at emeng_2000@yahoo.com.

The evening group meets (6:30-8:00 pm) in room 113. For more information, contact Sienna Newman, sgnewman@insightbb.com.

Together We Can, By Elise Williamson (Submitted to JCPS Essay Contest)

If we work together we can...send surprises to children who don't get Christmas presents. When we work together we can do anything so why don't we help children who don't get Christmas presents. We can do this by packing a shoebox with small little treats & toys and we can send it across the world and maybe send a card and they might write back. So you could be pen pals from 2 different countries.

Think about it, getting no presents for Christmas, no smiling faces. Only we can bring a smile on a child across the world.

What you can do to help? Buy shoes, well they come in shoeboxes! You can buy little items for the dollar stores or make little crafts. And also maybe send a card. You might be able to send a little bit of money. Every little bit counts!

Why are we doing this? Well most of us know that children and adults love Christmas. Most of them enjoy presents the most. But some children across the world do not get Christmas. They do not have Christmas trees, no decorations, no Santa Clause, no Christmas story, no presents. But we can help that. We can send a shoebox full of small items and still get a smiling face.

Who do we give it to so they can send it? Most churches are doing this mission. For example St. Paul Methodist Church is doing this. All you have to do is pack a shoebox and bring it to the information desk. Ask where to put it and put it there. That's all, it's simple. Just think about a child's face.

The mission we're doing is called Operation Christmas Child. And as my principal Mr. Lefert would say, "The choice is up to you."

AROUND THE CHURCH

Wedding Congratulations...

- Emily Hance and Larry Bradley were married at St. Paul on October 23, 2010.

Celebration of Baptism

- Leo Allen Bixler, son of Ryan and Aleisha, was baptized on October 17, 2009.
- Noah Montgomery Meier, son of Jason and Renate, was baptized on October 24, 2009.

Our Sympathy to...

- Gary Gibson and Family on the death of his mother, Rosie Gibson, who died in Edmonton, KY on October 25, 2010.

2010 Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Wednesday, December 29

Festivals at 5:00 and 8:00 PM
Candlelit Dinner at 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 30

Festivals at 5:00 and 8:00 PM
Candlelit Dinner at 6:30 PM

Friday, December 31

Candlelit Dinner at 5:00 PM
Festival at 7:30 PM

Tickets are available to the congregation on Sundays beginning November 8. To make advanced dinner reservations, stop by the Information Desk, leave your name, phone number and the dinner you wish to attend; you will be contacted about your reservation.

The ticket office opens to the public Monday, November 29, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Interested in being a part of the cast this year? There are non-speaking roles for everyone from kindergarteners to adults. Contact Alison Plato at ali.plato@gmail.com or 457-5556. Bring the whole family and participate together!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Annual Fall Fling is November 7 Are You Smarter than St. Paul Youth

The Senior Adult Ministries will present their Fall Gala of fellowship, food and entertainment on November 7 at 12:15 in the Social Hall. The theme this year comes from the TV game show... "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?"

The meal will be catered *Upper Crust* and served by the St. Paul Youth. All are invited!

Contact Allen Goulder (254-7078) if you have questions.

Derby Dinner Playhouse Trip

We have tickets for Derby Dinner's Christmas program! This year, it is "Plaid Tidings." This is an adaptation for the Christmas Season of the very popular "Forever Plaid." Our tickets are for **THURSDAY, December 9**. The cost is \$30.00 per person; doors open at 11:45 AM, with the performance beginning at 1:00 PM.

Transportation is on your own; however, if you need transportation or are willing to drive, indicate so on the sign-up sheet at the reception desk. Allen Goulder (254-7078) will coordinate transportation. For other questions, call Bill Dickinson (458-5607) or Pat Miller (894-8477).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)
 6:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)
 7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)
 7:00 PM Handbell Ensemble (302)
 7:00 PM Disciple II Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Election Day Polling (YC)
 9:00 AM Yoga (113)
 9:00 AM Sr Adult Min Team Mtg
 (319)
 9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)
 2:00 PM Sr Adult Spirituality Group
 (219)
 6:30 PM Tai Chi (113)
 7:00 PM Kaleidoscope Circle (100)
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 40
 Meeting
 7:30 PM DBSA Mtg (110)
 8:00 PM Better Days AA Gr (CS)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:00 PM Wed Morning Bible Study
 (113)
 10:00 AM The Way of Scripture (219)
 2:00 PM "Change the World" Book
 Study (319)
 5:30 PM Wesley Night Dinner (120)
 6:15 PM Children's Choirs and
 Kid's Klub
 6:30 PM "Change the World" Book
 Study (100)
 6:30 PM Contemplative Worship
 (Chapel)
 6:30 PM Healthy Children-Healthy
 Planet (113)
 6:30 PM Guitar Lessons (Sanct)
 6:30 PM Beading for Autism (120)
 6:30 PM Youth Studies (FLC)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 AM Yoga (YC)
 9:30 AM Discernment Group (319)
 10:30 AM Christian Literary Circle
 (219)
 6:30 PM UPWARD Cheer
 Orientation (YC)
 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 40 (WH)
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 (302)
 7:30 PM DBSA (Depression &
 Bipolar Support Alliance)(110)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

5:00 PM Gabbard/Wright Wedding
 Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Food Addicts Anon (113)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00 AM Sat Morning Men's Bible
 Study (100)
 9:00 AM Spiritual Actions AA Gr
 (100)
 5:00 PM Gabbard/Wright Wedding
 8:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 AM Worship (Gym)
 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes
 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
 12:00 PM Fall Fling (120)
 1:30 PM Motet Singers (113)
 5:00 PM Youth Choir (310)
 6:00 PM Metamorphosis Youth
 Group (YC, 120)
 6:00 PM The Way of Scripture (219)
 8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)
 6:00 PM UPWARD Eval Night 1
 (Gym)
 6:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)
 6:30 PM Evening MOPS (113)
 7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)
 7:00 PM Handbell Ensemble (302)
 7:00 PM Disciple II Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 AM Yoga (YC)
 9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)
 10:00 AM UMW (113)
 2:00 PM Sr Adult Spirituality Group
 (219)
 5:30 PM Endowment Team Mtg
 (113)
 6:00 PM UPWARD Eval Night 2
 (Gym)
 6:30 PM Tai Chi (113)
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 40
 Meeting
 7:30 PM DBSA (110)
 8:00 PM Better Days AA Gr (CS)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:00 AM Wed Morning Bible Study
 (113)
 10:00 AM The Way of Scripture (219)
 1:00 PM Walk the Labyrinth (Gym)
 2:00 PM "Change the World" Book
 Study (319)
 5:30 PM Wesley Night Dinner (120)
 6:15 PM Children's Choirs and
 Kid's Klub
 6:30 PM "Change the World" Book
 Study (100)
 6:30 PM Contemplative Worship
 (Chapel)
 6:30 PM Healthy Children-Healthy
 Planet (113)
 6:30 PM Guitar Lessons (Sanct)
 6:30 PM Beading for Autism (120)
 6:30 PM Youth Studies (FLC)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 AM Yoga (YC)
 9:00 AM Discernment Group (219)
 6:00 PM UPWARD Eval Night 3
 (Gym)
 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 40 (WH)
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 (302)
 7:30 PM DBSA (Depression &
 Bipolar Support Alliance)
 (110)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 AM Caregiver Support Group
 (113)
 6:00 PM HCM Holiday Bazaar (YC,
 Gym)
 6:00 PM Food Addicts Anon (113)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 AM Sat Morning Men's Bible
 Study (100)
 9:00 AM Spiritual Actions AA Gr
 (100)
 8:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

*NO 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
 9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes
 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
 1:30 PM Motet Singers (113)
 5:00 PM Youth Choir (310)
 5:00 PM KICS (100)
 6:00 PM Metamorphosis Youth
 Group (YC, 120)
 6:00 PM The Way of Scripture (219)
 8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)



Sunday Worship Services

8:30 and 11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship, Gym

November 7, 2010

All Saints Day

Holy Communion

Scripture: I Kings 19:9-13a

Message: "Surviving Life's Amazing Race:
Make the Right Connections"

Rev. Gary Gibson

Music:

8:30 service, Will Simpson, Organ;

Chancel Choir Quartet

11:00 service, Will Simpson, Organ;

Chancel Choir

9:00 service, Worship Team

November 14, 2010

***No 8:30 AM service today**

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Message: "Surviving Life's Amazing Race:
Make the Right Choices"

Rev. Gary Gibson

Music:

Featuring Malcolm Dalglish with the St. Paul Chancel
and Youth choirs at 9 and 11 AM in the Sanctuary

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Weekly Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Worship
October 17	221	631
October 24	194	618

Also...

November 14
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Services
St. Paul Sanctuary

COMING HOME

A Celebration of Our Journey With God

*Featuring the Chancel and Youth Choirs
in music from the Shaker community,
Shape-note hymnody and original music of
Malcolm Dalglish with texts of
Wendell Berry.*

*As we honor the 95th Anniversary of
St. Paul UMC, we will share prayers,
hymns, early gospel songs, and the artful
marriage of folk music and devotional
poetry and prose.*

Would you like to be generous with your time and assist this
weekend event? We need help Saturday,
Nov. 13 and Nov. 14 for set-up of rehearsals, and for
Solomon's Porch. This is a great opportunity for
high-schoolers to get volunteer hours! Call or email
Jim Rittenhouse, jimritt@gmail.com, 645-2256 (cell).



ST. PAUL UMC PRESENTS | A COFFEEHOUSE MINISTRY

SOLOMON'S PORCH

Featuring
MALCOLM DALGLISH

- * World Renowned Hammer Dulcimer Artist
- * Featured on the Windham Hill Recordings

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 PM St. Paul UMC Family Life Center

2000 Douglass Blvd in the Highlands

7:00 P.M. Family Life Center