



# The Tower

St. Paul United Methodist Church

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Preparing  
for  
**Advent**

## Advent Dinner and Vespers Service Sunday, December 5

Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM out of room 113 with tables set in the Social Hall.  
The Vespers Service will begin at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

The service will feature music by our Children's Choirs and Youth Choir. We will be led in worship by our youth through dramatic readings and beautiful choral music. The Cherub, Caroler, and Wesleyan Choirs will also present music of the Christmas Season.

Come usher in the season of Advent with your church family as we celebrate the incarnation of Christ!

### St. Paul and Highlands Community Ministries *The Giving Tree*

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

How it works:

- \* Take the top ornament off the bulletin board.
- \* Write your name on the remaining part of the ornament.
- \* Buy a gift or gift certificate.
- \* Wrap the gift and attach the ornament to the top of it.
- \* Bring it to the Advent Service on Sunday, December 5.

If you are unable to attend the Advent Service, you may bring your gift to the church office no later than Sunday, December 12.

*Be in prayer for St. Paul and HCM as we join together to make the "Giving Season" a little brighter for families in our community.*



# GARY'S THOUGHTS

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The scriptures are full of stories of people who had their lives transformed by an encounter with Jesus. There are stories like Nicodemus, Zacchaeus, the healing of the leper, the disciples after the resurrection, and many more. God moved in powerful ways and continues to do so today.

We want to celebrate what God is doing in your life through our ministries here at St. Paul. Those who were in worship in October heard testimonies from Sean Ryan and Bob Browning about how God had touched their lives. We heard from Ray Fore about St. Paul's work with Habitat for Humanity and how excited a little boy was to have a bedroom with a window.

God is moving and working in people's lives in powerful and transformative ways. We want to celebrate what God is doing. However, to celebrate we need to hear your stories. The stories may be (but do not have to be) dramatic transformation of how God pulled you back from the edge of the abyss. Your stories might be a simple "ah-ha moment" of inspiration or insight. The stories you have may come as a result of a worship service, a small group or Bible study, a support group or a fellowship event or mission opportunity. The stories may not only be what has happened to you, but also what you have witnessed in the lives of others. A child's Sunday School teacher might witness God working in a wonderful way in the life of child.

We want to celebrate what God is doing. If you have experienced God working in your life or the lives of others, please share you story with a member of the staff. We all need to know and celebrate what God is doing. Share your story and help us celebrate.

*Gary R. Gibson*  
Senior Pastor

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## **Acolyte Appreciation and Recognition Sunday, November 21**

St. Paul appreciates the young people who offer time to serve as leaders of our worship services. All acolytes and their families are invited to take part in *Acolyte Recognition* on Sunday, November 21, during the 11:00 AM service. Acolytes will be called to the front to be recognized and will receive a small gift. Thanks for being such a special part of our congregation as you do a very important task of bringing in the light of Christ!

You may contact one of the acolyte sponsors if you have questions:  
Tish Kasbaum (454-5140), Kasey Jones (727-3113), Marci Wilson (609-1978).



# NEWS FOR ALL

## Sunday School Class Invitation

If you are thinking about attending adult Sunday School, the members of the Serendipity Class encourage you to visit. We are a discussion group composed of singles and couples representing a broad age range from around 50 to somewhere in the 70s. Discussions can be lively and cover a variety of topics with many different viewpoints usually represented. Our monthly socials are always a good time. We meet at 10:00 AM (or a little bit later; you are never late, a rule of the class) in Room 111.

## Senior Adult Ministries

### Derby Dinner Playhouse Trip

The Derby Dinner's Christmas program this year is "Plaid Tidings." Our tickets are for **THURSDAY, December 9**. The cost is \$30.00 per person; doors open at 11:45 AM, performance begins 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).

## UPWARD League Schedule

Practices for both basketball and Cheerleading begin the week of Monday, November 29.

### First Game

Saturday, January 8, 2011

### Awards Celebration

Saturday, February 26, 2011

*It's not too late to sign up!  
For more information, or to  
volunteer with this important ministry, contact  
Brian Wright, League Director, at 459-1595,  
ext 25, or [bwright@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:bwright@stpaulchurch.net).*



## Wesley Night Schedule

There will no Wesley Night dinner or activities on November 24; We will resume the regular Wesley Night schedule on December 1 and end 2010 Wesley Nights on December 8.

## Olan Mills Pictorial Directory

### Make-up Day

Olan Mills will be back on Thursday, November 18 for a make-up day. If you missed your photo session you can call 800 866-2263 to schedule an appointment.

## 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 16 at 8:00 AM in the Coffee Shop 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](mailto:gmahaffey@kfg.com) by Monday, November 15. 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

## Nutrition Class

### Beginning in January 2011

Nutrition 101 is starting in January. It will begin on Thursday, January 13 and run for 6 consecutive Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 PM in room 100. Sessions will include: committing to goals; weighing in; accountability; menu planning; lifestyle planning; healthy snacks.

For more info call Pam Jones (939-0801) or visit [www.PureBalancedHealth.com](http://www.PureBalancedHealth.com).

# WORSHIP AND MUSIC

## Highlands Community Ministries Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Join your neighbors to express thanksgiving for congregational ministries and our individual and community blessings.

This service will be Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00 PM, at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church (1722 Bardstown Rd).



## Acolyte Appreciation

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## It's time to Decorate!

We will begin decorating for Advent and Christmas on **Sunday, November 28, at 6:00 PM**. Please lend a hand if you are able. Much of the work involves carrying items from various storage locations around the church to the Sanctuary. Pizza and drinks will be served. Questions? Call Will Simpson at church or Laura Blankenbaker, 451-2499.

## Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

St. Paul is known for this annual gift to the city. This festival, presented between Christmas and New Year's Day portrays the spirit of Christmas in a medieval setting with elaborate costumes, festive music by choir, organ, and brass, and elegant candlelight dinners. Over 300 members of our church family serve in this ministry to some 3,000 guests from our city as we offer Christ to metropolitan Louisville.

Tickets are available to the congregation on Sundays; the ticket office opens to the public on November 29. Festival tickets are free, but required. Dinner tickets are \$19.75 each.

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 6:30 PM

## Be part of the cast

There are non-speaking roles for everyone from kindergarteners to adults. Contact Alison Plato at [ali.plato@gmail.com](mailto:ali.plato@gmail.com). Bring the whole family and participate together!

## All Cast Rehearsal and Fitting

Saturday, December 4, 9:00 AM-1:00PM

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## Welcome New Members...

- Kathy Singletary joined St. Paul UMC on November 7, 2010.

## Our Sympathy to...

- The Family of Marilyn Mills Keeling who died on October 31, 2010.

# 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. St. Paul has launched a book drive to broaden that support; 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

New children and juvenile books may be 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](mailto:bradmatthews@bellsouth.net) or 451-6759.

For more information on The Portland Promise Center, visit their web site: [www.portlandpromise.org](http://www.portlandpromise.org).



## Operation Christmas Child

At the print deadline we are about half way to our goal of 600 boxes!

The Blessing the Boxes is Sunday, November 21 in the 11:00 AM worship service. The total boxes will also be announced!



Please pray for OCC as the boxes begin their journey into the children's hands, that just the right box will reach just the right child. Continue to pray for safety of mission workers in delivery and travel.

Many thanks to Amy Benton for leading us in this effort! If you have questions or need more info contact Amy at [amybenton@mac.com](mailto:amybenton@mac.com) or 456-0428 (home) or 553-0577 (work).

## 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 [suesheabuter@hotmail.com](mailto:suesheabuter@hotmail.com) for more information.

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

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

# CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Children's Ministry

### **Breakfast with Santa**

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner, but it's true! Mark your calendars for St. Paul's annual Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 11, from 9:00 AM–11:00 AM, in the Family Life Center (Youth Center and Coffee Shop). Young and old alike will enjoy donuts, muffins, milk, juice, and coffee (for the old!). The children will enjoy visits with Santa, Christmas crafts, story time, and even an opportunity to shop for family members (in Santa's Dollar Shop). There is no cost or registration for this event, however, we do ask that you bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to "Toys-for-Tots." Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us!

### **Calling all Men!**

Third through fifth grade 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 male role models. 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 459-1595 ext. 17 or [lwilliamson@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:lwilliamson@stpaulchurch.net) with your thoughts and ideas or to volunteer.

### **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 who perhaps have older children, those who have already raised their children and those who 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.

## Family Ministry

### **What is bullying?**

A lot of young people have a good idea of what bullying is because they see it every day! Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another person on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying happens over and over. Bullying includes: punching, shoving, and other acts that hurt people physically, spreading bad rumors about people, keeping certain people out of a "group," teasing people in a mean way, getting certain people to "gang up" on others. Bullying also can happen online or electronically. Cyberbullying is when children or teens bully each other using the Internet, mobile phones or other cyber technology. This can include: sending mean text, email, or instant messages, posting nasty pictures or messages about others in blogs or on Web sites, Using someone else's user name to spread rumors or lies about someone.

Speak with your children about bullying, they may know more than you think! For more information try these links:

[www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov](http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov) or  
[www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

### **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**

St. Paul offers two MOPS groups, both meeting 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](mailto: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](mailto:sgnewman@insightbb.com).



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

9:15 AM MOPS Morning Group (CS)  
 10:00 AM World Day of Prayer Wkshop  
 (113)  
 6:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)  
 6:00 PM Personnel Team Mtg (319)  
 7:00 PM New Psalms Project (316)  
 7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)  
 7:00 PM Handbell Ensemble (302)  
 7:00 PM Disciple II Bible Study

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

8:00 AM Business @ St. Paul (CS)  
 9:00 AM Yoga (113)  
 9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)  
 10:30 AM Faith Quilters (120)  
 2:00 PM Sr Adult Spirituality Group  
 (219)  
 5:30 PM Chrysalis Board Mtg (316)  
 6:00 PM Lay Ministry Team Mtg (120)  
 6:30 PM Tai Chi (113)  
 6:30 PM Worship and Music Team  
 Mtg (319)  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 40  
 Meeting  
 7:30 PM DBSA Mtg (110)  
 8:00 PM Better Days AA Gr (CS)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

9:00 AM Yoga (YC)  
 10:00 PM Wed Morning Bible Study  
 (113)  
 10:00 AM American Sewing Guild (CS)  
 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 18**

*Olan Mills Make-up Day*  
 (1-800 866-2263)  
 9:00 AM Yoga (YC)  
 9:30 AM Discernment Group (319)  
 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 19**

5:30 PM LOA Sunday School  
 Potluck (120)  
 6:00 PM Food Addicts Anon (113)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

7:00 AM Sat Morning Men's Bible  
 Study (100)  
 9:00 AM Spiritual Actions AA Gr  
 (100)  
 4:00 PM Aldersgate Thanksgiving  
 Dinner (CS)  
 5:00 PM Parents' Night Out Childcare  
 (202)  
 8:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)  
 9:00 AM American Red Cross Blood  
 Drive (120)  
 9:00 AM Worship (Gym)  
 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes  
 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)  
 1:30 PM Motet Singers (113)  
 5:00 PM Youth Choir (310)  
 6:00 PM Metamorphosis Youth  
 Group (YC, 120)  
 8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

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 23**

9:00 AM Yoga (YC)  
 9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)  
 2:00 PM Sr Adult Spirituality Group  
 (219)  
 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 24**

9:00 AM Yoga (YC)  
 10:00 AM Wed Morning Bible Study  
 (113)  
 NO WESLEY NIGHT DINNER  
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Worship  
 Service (Sanctuary)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

*Happy Thanksgiving!*  
 Church Closed

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

*Church Closed*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

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 28**

8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)  
 9:00 AM Worship (Gym)  
 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes  
 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)  
 1:30 PM Motet Singers (113)  
 6:00 PM Christmas Decorating  
 (Sanctuary)  
 8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)

**Did you know?**

You can view the church  
 calendar from the church  
 website.

Click on the "CALENDAR"  
 button on the top right side  
 of the home page.

It will show you details  
 about events as well as  
 contact info for the  
 person in charge of the  
 event.



[www.stpaulchurch.net](http://www.stpaulchurch.net)



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Sunday Worship Services

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

### November 21, 2010

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Message: "Surviving Life's Amazing Race:  
Live in the Moment"

Rev. Gary Gibson

Music:

8:30 service, Will Simpson, Organ

9:00 service, Worship Team

11:00 service, Will Simpson, Organ;  
Chancel Choir

### November 28, 2010

Scripture: Romans 13:11-14

Message: "Being a Presence"

Rev. Gary Gibson

Music:

8:30 service, Will Simpson, Organ;

Caroler Choir (grade 2)

9:00 service, Worship Team

11:00 service, Will Simpson, Organ;  
Chancel Choir and Wesleyan Choir (grades 3-5)

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#### Weekly Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Worship
October 31	155	629
November 7	195	659

# THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

*Celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks to God at our Thanksgiving Worship Service. We will sing songs of praise and thanksgiving, read scripture and hear Gary Gibson offer a thanksgiving message. Please join us!*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00 PM

ST. PAUL UMC SANCTUARY

