

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2

F.L.O.W.

Wonderful Wed Activities

February 7

First Monday Café

February 9

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Wonderful Wed Activities

February 12

Sweetheart Banquet

February 15

Last day to order

Angel Food for February

February 16

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Wonderful Wed Activities

February 18 - 19

Youth Ski Trip

February 19

Angel Food

Pick Up

February 20

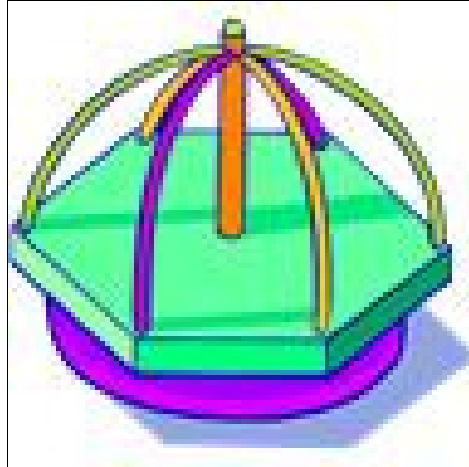
Communion Sunday

February 23

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Wonderful Wed Activities

LIFE ON A MERRY-GO-ROUND!



When I was in elementary school, one of my favorite pieces of playground equipment was the merry-go-round. I believe it is something else that has gone by the wayside with the passing of time. For safety reasons of course! The church I pastored several years ago had a merry-go-round on its playground, that is, until the insurance company sent a loss control agent to the church. The merry-go-round had to go! A child might fall off, be injured and the insurance company would have to pay . . . or worse . . . be sued. They didn't want that! So away went the merry-go-round!

Many of you remember riding on a merry-go-round, don't you? Do you remember ever getting stuck? You know how it goes. You start with your feet on the ground, pushing the merry-go-round to gain speed, running around and around in a circle. Then you finally jump onto the spinning merry-go-round holding on for dear life. That is when you find yourself stuck. On the one hand, the centrifugal force of the spinning merry-go-round threatens to throw you off. On the other hand, you hold on for dear life to the railing because you are afraid of what might happen to you if you fall off. And round and round the merry-go-round goes. When it stops, nobody knows. You are stuck, caught between wanting to get off and unwilling to let go.

We sometimes get caught on the merry-go-round of life. Round and round we go and nothing seems to change. We get stuck . . . on the merry-go-round of life. We are caught between being thrown off and holding on for dear life.

Saint Paul recognizes the same dilemma when he laments, "For I do not do that good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do" (Romans 7:19). Paul, too, is stuck on the merry-go-round.

Many times on the merry-go-round of life we feel we are stuck. There is no escape. Round and round life goes and where it stops nobody knows. The harder we try to find some purpose, some cause, some meaning, some job, and some relationship that can make our lives worthwhile and satisfying, the more we try to go it alone. Round and round we go, wanting to get off but afraid to let go. But wait, stop, whoa . . . God in Christ stops the merry-go-round! God in Christ helps to loosen the grip of those things in our lives that continue to control us. Once God stops the merry-go-round, we can let go and get off knowing that our loving God takes us by the hand and leads us from the merry-go-round of life to a life that can be worthwhile and satisfying. So trust God to stop the merry-go-rounds of your life.

Calvin

WELCOME EVELYN WELLS

We welcome Evelyn Wells to our St. Paul UMC Staff as Christian Education & Program Director. Her home church is Ebenezer UMC in Jefferson, GA. She currently lives midway between Jefferson and Braselton with Clancey and Penelope, her cats. She has 2 sons, Jody who is single and Lee who is married to Courtney (Evelyn says Courtney is the daughter she never had). She is a Certified Lay Speaker in the Gainesville District and most recently was District Director of Lay Speakers here in the Gainesville District for 10 years. Please give a warm St. Paul welcome to Evelyn Wells.

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - VERSES FOR FEBRUARY 2011

1. Exodus 21, 22, 23
2. Exodus 24, 25, 26
3. Exodus 27, 28, 29, 30
4. Exodus 31, 32, 33
5. Exodus 34, 35, 36
6. Exodus 37, 38, 39, 40
7. Leviticus 1, 2, 3
8. Leviticus 4, 5, 6
9. Leviticus 7, 8, 9
10. Leviticus 10, 11 and Psalm 33, 34
11. Leviticus 12, 13 and Psalm 35
12. Leviticus 14, 15 and Psalm 36
13. Leviticus 16, 17, 18
14. Leviticus 19, 20, 21 and Psalm 37
15. Leviticus 22, 23, 24
16. Leviticus 25, 26, 27
17. Numbers 1, 2, 3, and Psalm 38
18. Numbers 4, 5, 6
19. Numbers 7, 8 and Psalm 39
20. Numbers 9, 10 and Psalm 40
21. Numbers 11, 12 and Psalm 41, 42
22. Numbers 13, 14, 15
23. Numbers 16, 17, 18
24. Numbers 19, 20 and Psalm 43, 44
25. Numbers 21 and Psalm 45, 46
26. Numbers 22, 23, 24
27. Numbers 25, 26, 27
28. Numbers 28, 29, 30, 31

Thank you, your help has meant so much!

You're truly a blessing—may God multiply the goodness you have sown.

We want to thank you for all you did for our Hispanic Ministry all these years and at the same time ask you to forgive us for what we did wrong. We really appreciate your generosity. You were a big blessing to our congregation.

Pastor Luis Lopez

God's Valentine Gift



God's Valentine gift of love to us
 Was not a bunch of flowers;
 It wasn't candy, or a book
 To while away the hours.
 His gift was to become a man,
 So He could freely give
 His sacrificial love for us,
 So you and I could live.
 He gave us sweet salvation, and
 Instruction, good and true--
 To love our friends and enemies
 And love our Savior, too.
 So as we give our Valentines,
 Let's thank our Lord and King;
 The reason we have love to give
 Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs



YOUTH SUPPERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 6	Super Bowl Party at Parsonage, 6:00 p.m.
February 13	Sweetheart Banquet Lock-in
	NO YOUTH SUNDAY
February 20	Youth Ski Trip NO YOUTH SUNDAY
February 27	Youth Activities in Youth Center - Leah Herrin



YOUTH NEWS



What a great beginning to a new year we have had in the St. Paul Youth Group!

Since December, we have gone caroling, had a progressive dinner and even thrown a lock-in into the schedule. With February kicking off we have the annual Sweetheart Banquet (DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!) and the Youth Ski Trip to North Carolina. Needless to say, we are busy. Does it sound like we are having too much fun? Want to be a part of it? We are always looking for ways to include the rest of the church congregation. So if you would like to provide a dinner and come hang out with the youth for a while just let us know! As the new Youth Director, I would like to say I am proud of the youth and volunteers we have and am looking forward to the future as we strive to grow and strengthen this ministry!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Sweetheart Banquet - Feb 12

Youth Ski Trip - Feb 18-19

Spiritual Life Retreat -
March 27

Every Sunday - Sunday
School for Middle School
and High School in the
Youth Center

Every Sunday night at 5:15 -
Youth Activities in the
Youth Center!

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY CLASSIFIEDS

First Monday Café

The next First Monday Café is February 7, 2011
11:00 - 1:00

Plenty of time to plan and prepare. You can freeze your soup and bring it in or bring it in your crock pot the morning of the 7th.

SOFT DRINK TABS

We're still collecting them so keep them coming!!!

ANGEL FOOD

Deadline for ordering Angel Food Boxes for January is Tuesday, February 15 before noon. Pick up is that following Saturday, February 19 between 8 & 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Menus are available

in the Narthex or online at angelfoodministries.com If you are in need of an Angel Food Box and don't have the money, please talk to the Pastor or one of the Office Staff. All requests are kept confidential.

PRAYER GROUP

St. Paul UMC's Prayer Group meets almost every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Call Sue Tibbetts at 770-535-1490 if you're interested in joining them. *"Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God,*

which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need a volunteer who is willing to check all the medicine bottles that are donated to make sure the labels are all peeled off and then take them to the Humane Society on Ridge Road.

SWEETHEART BANQUET

Our annual Sweetheart Banquet is scheduled for February 12 from 6:30 - 8:30. Tickets are on sale now. See Tyler Flowers or any of our youth or come by the

church office. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$25 for a couple or \$100. for a table of 8. We have wonderful entertainment scheduled, delicious food and the fellowship will be great!!! So get your tickets, grab your sweetheart and come enjoy the evening!!!

CHRISTMON WORKSHOP

There will be Christmon Workshops to update, refurbish and make new Christmon's for our Advent season on the following dates: February 26, March 26, May 28, and June 25. Time is 10 a.m. til 1 p.m. Please bring lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Return Service Requested

THE LOVE CHAPTER

If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become like sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don't have love, I am nothing. If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing. Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud, doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are various languages, they will cease. Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is complete has come, then that which is partial will be done away with. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child. Now that I have become a man, I have put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, even as I am also fully known. But now faith, hope, and love remain . . . These three. The greatest of these is LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor - Calvin Haney
Choir Master - Tim Gale
Accompanist - Terry Sapp
Youth Director - Tyler Flowers
Administrative Secretary - Susan Page
Financial Secretary - Frances Steedley
Hospitality - Rexann Hulsey
Building/Grounds - Ralph Moore
Christian Ed Dir. - Evelyn Wells