

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 3

5:00 pm Youth Movie/Game Night



July 4

Happy Birthday,
USA

July 8

6:00 pm Youth
Game Night

July 10 - 14

5:15 pm VBS 2011
Pandamania

July 14

10:00 am Friendship/Day Circle

July 15

5:00 pm Youth Go to Movies

July 17

Youth leave on Mission Trip

July 19

6:15 pm Joy/Peace Circle
5:00 pm Angel Food Deadline

July 21

10:30 am Parkinson's

July 25

5:00 pm Caring Committee

July 26

7:00 pm Committee on
Nominations & Leadership

July 28

4:00 pm Thrilling Thursday

July 30

7:00 am Honduras Mission
Team Leaves
8:00 am Angel Food Distribution

July 31

5:00 pm Youth Fishing @
Hollingsworth's

THIS IS A TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS ...

During her Annual Conference Report on Sunday, June 26, 2011, St. Paul's Lay Member to the North Georgia Annual Conference, Liz Smith, reported that I had been reappointed to St. Paul for the 2011-2012 Conference year. I am delighted!

As Liz was giving her report and announcing that I had been reappointed to St Paul, over 100 United Methodist congregations in North Georgia were experiencing worship with a new pastor. These pastors were experiencing preaching from a different pulpit and to a new congregation. United Methodist clergy and laity have somewhat grown accustomed to the itinerant system over the years; however, it still isn't easy. Transition never is!

There are many events in life . . . marriages, births, divorces, deaths, employment changes, relocations and home purchases . . . just to name a few events that bring about change! Some changes are good . . . some are not so good! However, if we remain faithful and trust God in the good and not so good God can use the events of life to bring about new beginnings.

Since we are beginning a new Conference year, and you now have me back for another year as your pastor, my prayer is that this will be a time of new beginnings for me and St Paul Church. Most of you are aware that the past three years have been some of the most challenging years for me personally and professionally. This is in the past and it is now time to focus on the future! St Paul is a great church because of YOU . . . its members! Working together and with God's help we can make St Paul a better church. Let's let this time be a time of NEW BEGINNINGS!

I wish I could list here the names of each one who serves and does so much for Christ and the Church, specifically, St Paul Church. Suffice it to say, "I appreciate each one of you so very much."

As I begin this Conference . . . this time of new beginnings . . . there are so goals I've set for me and the church. Others will come but these are some to begin with. As these begin to fall into place then new ones can be added. I can only accomplish these goals with **your help**.

1) **Evangelism:** This is not only the responsibility of the pastor, it's the responsibility of each member. Dave and Karen Long, Co-Chairs of Evangelism, and I attended a 12 week evangelism seminar this Spring. Some things taught in this seminar we knew; some things we already do; and we learned some things we'd like to implement. To implement these ideas at St Paul will require **your help!**

2) **United Methodist Men:** Several men have asked about trying to revitalize the United Methodist Men. I will work to do this, but for it to be successful will require the support of each man. Men, we'll need **your help!**

3) **Leadership:** As Chair of the Committee on Nominations & Leadership, I'll be scheduling a meeting within the next few weeks as we begin looking toward 2012. It has been noted that not many young adults serve on our teams and committees. The committee will be giving attention to this; however, to succeed in having more involvement from young adults will also require young adults to say, "Yes", when asked to serve. Young adults, we need **your help!**

For a NEW BEGINNING to occur requires a NEW COMMITMENT from each member of St. Paul. **Your help** is needed.

See you on Sundays at the "New Beginning" place.

Calvin

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURE FOR July 2011

1. Song of Solomon 4, 5, 6
2. Song of Solomon 7, 8 and Psalm 103
3. Isaiah 1, 2, 3
4. Isaiah 4, 5, 6 and Psalm 104
5. Isaiah 7, 8, 9
6. Isaiah 10, 11, 12
7. Isaiah 13, 14, 15, 16
8. Isaiah 17, 18, 19
9. Isaiah 20, 21, 22, 23
10. Isaiah 24, 25, 26
11. Isaiah 27, 28, 29
12. Isaiah 30, 31, 32
13. Isaiah 33, 34, 35
14. Isaiah 36, 37 and Psalm 105, 106
15. Isaiah 38, 39 and Psalm 107
16. Isaiah 40, 41, 42
17. Isaiah 43, 44, 45
18. Isaiah 46, 47, 48, 49
19. Isaiah 50, 51 and Psalm 108
20. Isaiah 52, 53, 54
21. Isaiah 55, 56, 57 and Psalm 109
22. Isaiah 58, 59, 60
23. Isaiah 61, 62, 63
24. Isaiah 64, 65, 66
25. Jeremiah 1, 2, 3 and Psalm 110
26. Jeremiah 4, 5, 6
27. Jeremiah 7, 8, 9
28. Jeremiah 10, 11, 12 and Psalm 111
29. Jeremiah 13, 14, 15
30. Jeremiah 16, 17, 18
31. Jeremiah 19, 20, 21

PandaMania ‘Where God is wild about you’ is coming to St. Paul July 10 through July 14. Fez tells us that God made us; Amanda the raccoon will teach us about how God listens to us; Lulu the monkey makes sure we know that God gives good gifts to us and Boomer the Panda will show us how God watches over us. Come learn about our awesome God at 6:30. Dinner will be served each night beginning at 5:15. Cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids.



Wonderful Wednesday

Activities will resume on August 17, 2011. Supper will be served beginning at 5:15 with activities and classes for all ages beginning at 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS



The first month of summer is over and things have only just begun. So far we have had a lock-in, a night full of water games where we got really messy and had a ton of fun. Also, we are very thankful for our youth parents and volunteers who have opened up their homes to host us for food and fellowship. With school out, its been more laid back and given us an opportunity to relax which has helped us bond more as a group.

On top of all the fun, we are getting ready for our mission trip to Gatlinburg, TN in late July. For a couple of our youth, this will be their first trip. So we hope this will be an opportunity for them to experience sharing the love of God in a way they have not experienced before. Its been a great summer so far and we can't wait to see what else God has in store!

Tyler Flowers

CHILDREN'S NEWS

The children of St. Paul are having fun this summer. 'Thrilling Thursdays' have begun and are in full swing. So far we've had a swimming party at Kelleigh Strickland's parents' pool, where we enjoyed hot dogs from the grill, and we have gone to the Frances Meadows Aquatic Center with a meal at El Sombreros afterwards. We have two 'Thrilling Thursdays' left. The next one is July 7 when we will go to Monkey Joes and our final one will be back at Kelleigh's parents' with another swimming party. If you have not participated yet, it's not too late to join the fun.

Vacation Bible School will be held from Sunday, July 10 through Thursday, July 14. This year's theme is PandaMania and VBS promises to be a great time of fun, music and learning about Jesus. Applications are on the table in the Narthex, so please take one for your children or grandchildren or whoever you might want to bring. Supper will be provided each evening.

I'd like to say a great big THANK YOU to all of you who teach or otherwise volunteer in our Children's Ministry. Each one of you is a vital part of the ongoing ministry of St Paul United Methodist Church.

Evelyn Wells



You're Invited



Because the St. Paul family has been such a special part

of our lives for many years, Bob and Shirley Denny invite you to join us, our children and grandchildren as we celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the St Paul UMC Fellowship Hall. Your presence and best wishes will be your gift to us. Light hors d'oeuvres, cake and punch will be served.

Looking Ahead

August 1

First Monday Café

August 7

General Meeting UMW

Honduras Mission Team returns today!

August 8

Gainesville & Hall County School start back

August 17

Wonderful Wednesday Activities resume

August 23

Finance Committee

August 28

Church Council

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries needs volunteers both men and women and teenagers. It's just one Saturday a month for a few hours and we guarantee that you will receive a blessing. Angel Food volunteers go to drop site to pick up the food (you would need to have a pick-up truck or a larger SUV) and bring it back to the church for preparation for distribution. A Continental Breakfast of sweet rolls or donuts and coffee is served every Angel Food Saturday.

Item Needed

The Church is in need of a small computer desk that is in good condition that you would be willing to give to the Church. If you have one, please call the Church office at 770-532-2977.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) NEEDS YOUR HELP

For the Gainesville District Social Action Project which focuses on collecting coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets for the Homeless. St. Paul's UMW members will be collecting the items until October 2, 2011 and we are asking our UMW members and our congregation to help us by donating items for this project. All sizes will be appreciated for this worthy cause.

Please leave your donated items in a bag or box marked UMW, by the garden cart located in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall. If you need additional information, please contact Shirley Denny at 770-536-8407 or shdenny@bellsouth.net or Ellen Glicini at 770-503-4125 or eglicini@charter.net.

Return Service Requested

CAMP MEETING TIME

There's a rich history in these North Georgia mountains of hot, lazy summer days when there was no air conditioning; there was a season called 'lay by time' which meant that you laid aside your hoe and let the crops mature in the hot summer sun. Then wagons would be loaded with fresh vegetables, canned goods and watermelons; blankets and bedding; pots and pans, buckets and cooking utensils; and especially fresh Sunday clothes for dress up time and the family was off to Camp Meeting Time. Camp Meeting was usually held in August and people gathered at a specific location and had fellowship, food, fun AND preaching, singing and maybe some rest.

Antioch Camp Ground is located off Sardis Road in North Hall County. Camp Meeting will be held there July 18 - 24.

Lumpkin Camp Ground is located in near Bethel UMC in Dawsonville, GA. This is their 181st Annual Camp Meeting July 25 - 31.

Lebanon Camp Ground is in Gillsville, GA and will have camp meeting July 25 - 31. Rev. Dr. Phil DeMore will be the guest evangelist each evening at 8:00 pm.

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*

Rev. Calvin Haney, Pastor

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