

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9
Young Adult Council

October 11
Trustees Meeting

October 16
Church Wide Meeting
On Old Sanctuary
Munching Methodist
Gathering

October 22
Young Adult Dinner

October 23
Church Council

October 25
Finance Committee
Girl Scout Unit Meeting

October 30
One Service Sunday
Senior Luncheon

We apologize that you are receiving the October edition of the Newsletter late this month. Susan Page, Administrative Secretary and Frances Steedley, Financial Secretary were both out much of last week attending an ACS Seminar. This is the software that runs our church computer programs and they had to attend when ACS was in the Atlanta area. In addition to this, we were still in the process of completing Church Conference reports. Thank you for understanding!

With apologies,
Your Church Staff

THINKING TOWARD 2012 TOMORROW'S MINISTRIES TODAY!!!



I want to thank all of you who were in attendance for the Church Conference on Wednesday, September 28, 2011. This was the best attended Church Conference that we have had since I've been at St Paul and the best attended Church Conference I've seen in years. Again, thanks to all who helped in the preparation and for your attendance.

District Superintendents begin in early September going to each of the churches in their district and most don't complete the process until late November or early December. Somehow in my many years of ministry I've avoided an early Church Conference, so I guess I was due. Most of my Church Conferences have been late October to early December, but after having experienced an early one I've decided it isn't all that bad.

I feel we are so blessed to live in an area of our country where we get to experience all four seasons. I love the changing of the seasons! October is one of my favorite months. However, in the past I haven't been able to enjoy it as much as I would like due to the preparation of Church Conference. With Church Conference behind me I can now begin to focus on the Advent Season, which will be here before we can turn around. As usual, just as we get through Advent and Christmas, it's time to begin preparing for the Lenten Season.

We are in the last quarter of 2011. While we're closing out 2011, we are also preparing for 2012. The Committee on Finance is working to compile the 2012 budget and we are preparing for the Annual Commitment Sunday. Begin now praying about your 2012 commitment. We continue to work at being good stewards of each dollar given. We continue to struggle with being the church in carrying out God's mission and ministries in very difficult economical times. Thanks to all of you for your faithfulness and your continued support of your church.

The Evangelism committee is planning ways to reach out to our neighbors and community. As we look toward 2012, as part of our Lenten discipline, each of us will be challenged to reach out to our neighbors. More details will come but be praying for this as this can really have an impact on St Paul Church. I'm looking forward to the future and what God holds for us!

I look forward to greeting you Sunday at the "future" place!

Calvin

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURE FOR October 2011

1. Matthew 18, 19, 20
2. Matthew 21, 22, 23
3. Matthew 24, 25 and Psalm 128, 129
4. Matthew 26, 27, 28
5. Mark 1, 2, 3
6. Mark 4, 5, 6
7. Mark 7, 8, 9
8. Mark 10, 11, 12
9. Mark 13, 14 and Psalm 130, 131
10. Mark 15, 16 and Psalm 132, 133
11. Luke 1, 2, 3
12. Luke 4, 5, 6
13. Luke 7, 8 and Psalm 134, 135
14. Luke 9, 10, 11
15. Luke 12, 13, 14
16. Luke 15, 16 and Psalm 136
17. Luke 17, 18, 19 and Psalm 137
18. Luke 20, 21 and Psalm 138
19. Luke 22, 23, 24
20. John 1, 2, 3 and Psalm 139
21. John 4, 5 and Psalm 140
22. John 6, 7 and Psalm 141
23. John 8, 9 and Psalm 142
24. John 10, 11 and Psalm 143
25. John 12, 13 and Psalm 144
26. John 14, 15, 16, 17
27. John 18, 19 and Psalm 145, 146
28. John 20, 21 and Psalm 147
29. Acts 1, 2, 3
30. Acts 4, 5 and Psalm 148
31. Acts 6, 7 and Psalm 149



MUNCHING METHODISTS

Munching Methodist Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday October 16 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Church. **Everyone is invited.** Cost is \$7.50 per person for dinner. Group leaders will take your reservations. If you're not presently involved in Munching Methodists, we encourage you to attend. Call the Church office to sign up by October 6 or tell Sue Tibbetts or Evelyn Wells by October 9th.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEWS

Rexann and her helpers have prepared great meals for our Wonderful Wednesday evenings. We appreciate those nights we don't have to cook!

The children and youth have gotten back in their Wednesday evening activities and classes. Calvin is continuing his Bible Study which was started in January and those who gather to play cards have resumed their time together. There are those of us who enjoy playing "Rummy Cube", and we invite those who like to play to come join us on Wednesday evenings. Also, during September we've had local financial advisor, Beau Henderson, teach a class on budgeting issues.

Beginning on October 5, and continuing through October 19, Harriet Briscoe will teach a computer class. There have been forms circulating in Sunday School classes, asking what you might be interested in learning or brushing up on, so mark your preference on the form. Please bring a laptop computer to class with you.

On Wednesday, October 26, we'll have our annual "Trunk or Treat" in place of our normal Wonderful Wednesday activities. If you're interested in bringing your car and participating, please let us know.

John Collins will teach a "United Methodist Heritage" class beginning on Wednesday evening, November 2 and will continue through November 16.

There'll be no Wonderful Wednesday activities on November 23 since it's the night before Thanksgiving. Ordinarily there is no Wonderful Wednesday activities held the last week in November, but this will be different. Beginning on November 30, we'll have "Wonderful Wednesday Fun Night" on fifth Wednesday nights. We'll have a potluck meal before we view the movie "Muppets Christmas Carol". Our new popcorn popper will be in full use while we watch the movie.

YOUTH NEWS



School is underway and so are our normal youth group meetings! The summer was amazing but I do have to be honest in saying that it is nice to get back to the yearly routine. Even though we are back on our regular schedule we are still finding ways to help the group push forward by the changes we are making. Dinners with congregation members are going great. The Strickland's came out and made us an amazing dish called Masetti and then came and played games with us. More recently we went to the Briscoe's house for games and an in depth tour of Bob's OU (Oklahoma) collection . . .just kidding, but in all seriousness we have had a blast getting to know the church on a more personal level and we can't wait to continue down this path. We have also made a few additions to our youth group. Carolyn Simonton has jumped on board as one of our adult chaperones and Farris Mance, an 8th grader from Gainesville Middle School has decided to make the youth group his normal Sunday hangout. We are very happy to have them both and it feels good to see some fresh faces. Well, that's about it. It's been great so far and with the holidays right around the corner, it's only going to get better!

Tyler Flowers

CHILDREN'S NEWS

In September, both the Children's Church program and the Wonderful Wednesday program began using new curriculum which focuses on Bible lessons and Spiritual Growth. The Sunday and Wednesday materials are connected so the children are able to connect what they learn on Sunday morning with what they learn on Wednesday evening. It's never too early to introduce children to God's Word and for them to become familiar with traditional Bible stories and learn about the people of the Bible.

Our Children's Council met on September 18 to plan our fall activities and to begin to talk about next year's activities. We're excited to play a part in the Spiritual growth of the children of St. Paul UMC; the volunteers who work with your children and grandchildren are dedicated, faithful workers. I'm thankful for each one of them!

Evelyn Wells



THANKS!!!

Thank you so much for letting us use your parking lot and pavilion on Saturday, August 20 for our Community Awareness Festival. It was a great space for the event. Thank you for your continued support of the United Methodist Children's Home.



ADULT MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES

Senior Adult Luncheon is set for Sunday, October 30, immediately following the 10:30 (One Service Sunday) Worship Service. The luncheon will be catered, there will be door prizes and spectacular entertainment!

BIBLE STUDIES

“Invitation to John”
Monday evenings
6:30 - 8:30
In Mixed Blessings
Classroom

Men's Bible Study
“He Loves Me”
By Wayne Jacobson
Monday evenings
6:00 - 8:00
In Pioneer Classroom

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR INPUT

We want to use our resources to further God's work, share His Word, Show His love and serve His people. Suggestions for future use of the 1937 Sanctuary building were submitted by our Sunday School classes. The compilation of those recommendations is listed below:

- 1) Chapel for weddings, funerals, prayer or alternative Worship.
- 2) Facility for rental or donation to an outside congregation or community group.
- 3) Child care, adult care or continuing education facility. (This option is not feasible due to building code requirements.)
- 4) Gymnasium.
- 5) Soup kitchen or mission. (This option is not feasible due to building code requirements.)
- 6) Demolish the current building. (Were any structure rebuilt, we would lose much space due to set backs and right of ways.)
- 7) Multi use meeting, worship and recreational facility.

We will have a church-wide meeting on Sunday 10/16/11 at 2:00 pm to discuss these possibilities. It is important that everyone have the opportunity to discuss the options and express opinions. Prayerfully consider these options along with your input. You will have an opportunity to prioritize options using a response card that will be distributed for two weeks following the meeting. Three choices will be further investigated for feasibility before any final directions is selected and submitted to the church conference.

Committee members are Jim Sapp, Barb Cely, Gregg Johnson, Jay Jackson, Lisa Martin, Pat Patterson, Peggy Ward, Robert Mills, Shirley Whitaker, Tyler Flowers, Calvin Haney and Dick Moeller. Feel free to discuss any related questions or issues with them.

Rev. Calvin Haney, Pastor

Return Service Requested

Church Website: www.st-paul-umc.org

DID YOU KNOW?

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORIZED A PROGRAM TO ASSIST INTERESTED MEMBERS OR FRIENDS IN NAMING THE CHURCH IN THEIR WILLS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT GREGG JOHNSON AT 678-947-6112, CHRIS MUNDY AT 770-535-7779 OR STEVE WARD AT 770-534-6000.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Angel Food Ministries has shut down their operation. In today's economy, this is a huge deal to many families who use this as their main food source. We are attempting to locate other food sources at reduced prices. If you need food, please come by the church office. Please check with us in late October or November!!



CHURCH STAFF

*Pastor - Calvin Haney
Choir Master - Tim Gale
Accompanist - Terry Sapp
Youth Director - Tyler Flowers
Administrative Secretary - Susan Page
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Hospitality - Rexann Hulsey
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