



October 2009

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Thoughts and News
from St. Paul's
United Methodist Church



October 28th - 5:30PM

The Horizon's Sunday school class once again will host the annual Trunk-or-Treat event for kids. We'll begin with a potluck dinner-bring a dish (or two) to share and your own table service. Games and 'trick-or-treating' from the trunks in St. Paul's parking lot will follow. Decorate your trunk and hand out your candy! Christ's Kids and children's choirs will not meet on this Wednesday evening. For more information, please call the church office at 242-3000.

Wednesday Evening Groups

Members who may be interested in starting a small group at St. Paul's are needed. Do you want to start a Mom's group? How about a book study club? Please consider Wednesday evenings a time for your group to meet at St. Paul's. Please see Alisha Cooley, Christian Education Director, or Pastor Bentley to get started.

College/Military Mission

The Outreach Committee is planning on sending care packages to the college and military members of St. Paul's. The Christ's Kids will help assemble the packages. The following donations are being collected: candy, individually wrapped snacks, beverages, and school supplies. Please place items in the box provided in Fellowship Hall. Items are due by October 20th. Thank you in advance, for reaching out to our young adults who are away from home!

Salad Luncheon

The next United Methodist Women's (UMW) Salad Luncheon will be Thursday, **October 8 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM**. The charge is \$6.00 per person. Salad donations are always needed. Please drop off your donation by 10:00AM on the Salad Luncheon day. The proceeds of this luncheon will benefit St. Paul's own Brad Luck who is a Seminary student.

Thank You

A special 'Thank You' to St. Paul's congregation for your continued support of our camping scholarships through donations and the return bottle collection program. A week at summer camp can be a life changing experience of significant faith development as well as new friendships, skills, and self-confidence.

District Leadership Training

The United Methodist Church has scheduled a training meeting for leaders of congregations. The District Leadership Training Event for church committee members and leaders will take place on Saturday, October 17 at the Orchard UMC in Farmington Hills. There is an informational brochure on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall with further details.

Habitat for Humanity Project

St. Paul's Outreach Committee is cooperating with Habitat for Humanity to renovate a Monroe home located on 1258 Arbor Street. The committee is seeking donations and signing up volunteers. Pastor Bentley will be painting on October 31st. Sign up for a Saturday work crew or place a donation to 'St. Paul's Habitat Project' in the collection plate.

Saturday, October 3: Painting

Saturday, October 10: Flooring and Trim installation.

Saturday, October 17: Flooring

Saturday, October 24: Trim installation.

Saturday, October 31: Painting

Saturday, November 7: Clean interior of house.

Making our peace with Sorrow

In September our church family grieved the deaths of Tom Woodruff and Jolinda Linn. They were beloved members and they loved St. Paul's. Throughout my twenty-nine years of ministry I've learned to make my peace with death and take comfort in the believing that our relationship with our loved ones continues and that we will meet face to face again in heaven.

The Old Testament describes how King David made his peace with the death of a young son. As David waited anxiously for healing for his sick son he fasted and spent the nights lying upon the floor of the boy's room. David hoped for a miracle but things did not work out as he prayed for and the child died.

*Then David arose from the earth,
and washed and anointed himself,
and changed his clothes; and he
then went into the house of the
Lord, and worshiped.*

II Samuel 12:20

Sorrow finds its way into even the most comfortable lives. Many must suffer horrific losses. But faith sustains us in such times and helps us find healing for our pain.

Making peace with sorrow means recovering our resources of faith like worship, prayer, and Christian fellowship. They help us make our peace with sorrow and return to a life of meaning and fruitfulness.

From my own painful losses I have learned that the road to healing begins when, like king David, I rise up, take a shower, change my clothes and pray:

*God, grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change, the courage
to change the things I can and the
wisdom to know the difference.*

-The serenity prayer.

- Pastor Evans



OCTOBER Birthdays

1. Vernon Barton
2. Elizabeth Boggs-Clothier
3. John Plath
4. Joshua Spalding
5. Katelyn Stringham
6. Mike Hilliard
7. Georganna Brouse
8. Norma Griffith
9. Paul Hile
10. John Decator
11. Matthew Grider
12. Corynne Hauser
13. John Brown
14. Delynda Dennis
15. Dolores Knisley
16. Nicholas Tyson
17. Cleobelle McWethy
18. William Cornett
19. Scott Harmon
20. Margaret Imo
21. Jeffrey Carter
22. Kathryn Short
23. Sophia Short
24. Jennifer Gaynier
25. Tyler Gruber
26. David Regelin
27. Elaine Arting
28. Lindsey Foster
29. Richard Kleinert
30. Tom Pabin
31. Jeanette Fedosky
32. Aiden Starr
33. Chad Allen
34. Bette Crosley
35. Chrissy Poniewozik
36. Mark Gladieux
37. Lou Hamlin
38. Spencer Knapp
39. Linda Regelin
40. Danielle Cichy
41. Ella Jones
42. Barbara Smith
43. Chris Balk
44. Sophie Grider
45. Donald Holzinger
46. Daniel Snow
47. Carolyn Taylor
48. Calab Carter
49. Martha Boyce
50. Shelby Hutchins

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2009 Campers

We are grateful for the following youth who represented St. Paul's at United Methodist Board of Outdoor and Retreat Ministries Summer Camps this past summer:

- Alexa Cooley
- Lydia LaRoux
- Lauren McCain
- Jaclyn Morr
- Jessica Morr
- Johnathon Morr
- Amy Smith
- Sarah Wangbickler

Acolyte Training

On Sunday, October 18 at noon will be an Acolyte training class. Kids in 3rd thru 6th grades are welcomed. Pizza and beverages will be provided.





A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

*But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.*

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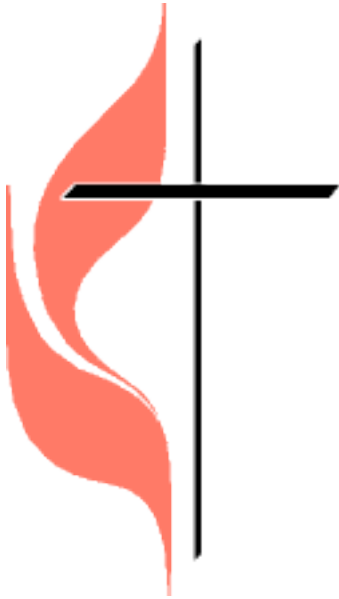
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