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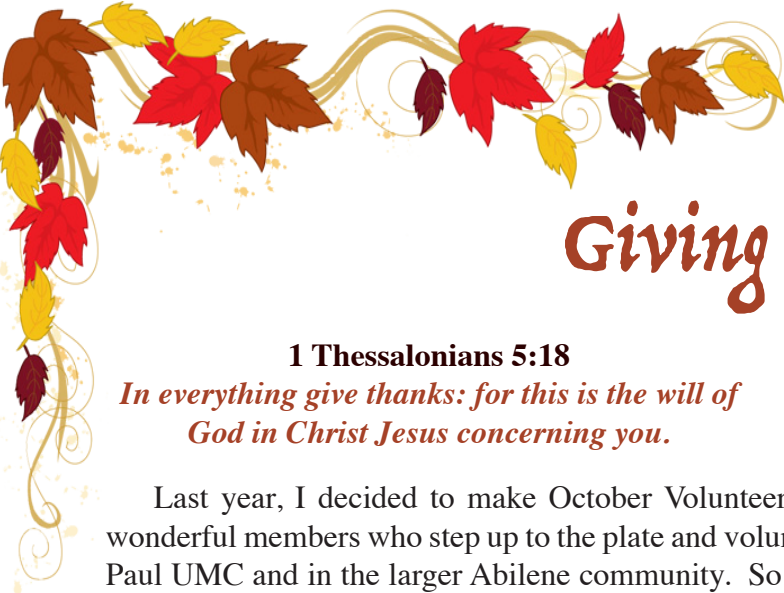


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"Send out Thy truth and Thy light; let them lead us." --Psalm 43:4a

October 1, 2016



Giving Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

It calls upon us to give back to our pastors because of all they have given and done for us.

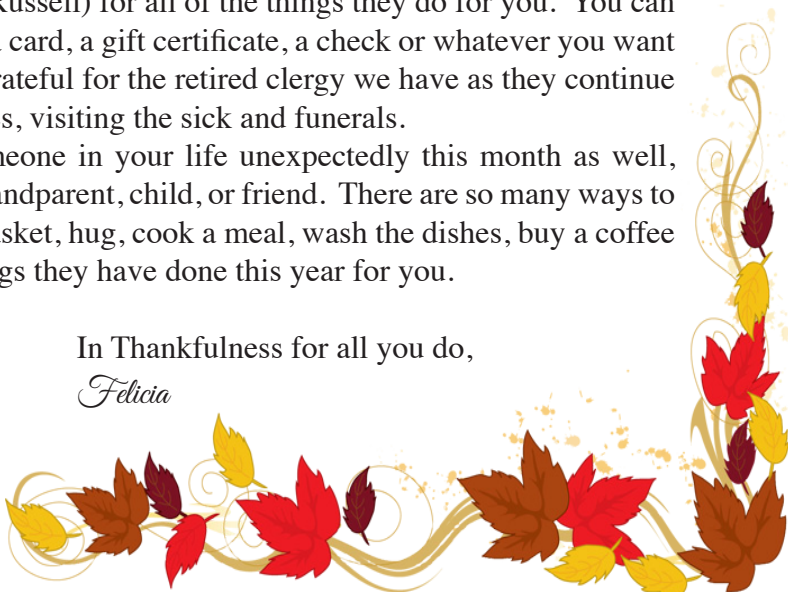
Last year, I decided to make October Volunteer Appreciation Month. As we have so many wonderful members who step up to the plate and volunteer their time, talents and treasures here at St. Paul UMC and in the larger Abilene community. So I want to make sure we stop as church family and say thank you for a job well done. On October 9, 2106 from 9:45 am -10:45 am we will serving a catered brunch in the Wesley Friendship Hall for all of our volunteers. Please, if you have helped this year in any ministry, in any way, we invite you to come relax and be treated to a meal and some entertainment as a small token of our appreciation for your time and service.

October is also Pastor Appreciation Month. So please take some time to stop and thank your pastors (Felicia, Bill Libby, Bob Monk, Caro Russell) for all of the things they do for you. You can give them a hug, send them a thank you note, a card, a gift certificate, a check or whatever you want (no sweets for me) to bless them. I am very grateful for the retired clergy we have as they continue to help graciously with Sunday school, services, visiting the sick and funerals.

Finally, why not find a way to thank someone in your life unexpectedly this month as well, maybe a co-worker, spouse, partner, parent, grandparent, child, or friend. There are so many ways to say I love you. Think of one (note, flowers, basket, hug, cook a meal, wash the dishes, buy a coffee etc...) and share your appreciation for the things they have done this year for you.

In Thankfulness for all you do,

Felicia



Elementary, Mid High and Adults Keeping Busy this Fall

Fall is in full swing and some wonderful opportunities to fellowship and serve are happening in October. This month we will once again be collecting coats for Elementary students at Johnston. Last year alone we collected over 125 coats and I am looking forward to seeing the blessing of warm kids again this year. Keep a look out for the yellow coat donation tags out in the Gallery and in Wesley Friendship for your opportunity to provide a gift that keeps on giving. Coats will be brought to the All Church Birthday Party on Wednesday, November 2, 2016!

Elementary News:

Our elementary kids have been enjoying Sunday mornings with Ruth, Claire and Cheryl making Bible story crafts and tasty scripture inspired treats. Wednesday evenings are packed with House of Faith lessons and special "Kids' Workshops" led by some wonderful St. Paul members. We have learned about God's beautiful world with the UMW, how to make simple pizza pockets with Haley Jo, and the value of teamwork with David Spencer. We even have a couple of new McMurry students eager to help on Wednesdays!

Lastly, be sure to take advantage of the St. Paul Children's Dept. fundraiser at Chick-fil-a on Monday, October 24 from 6:00 -8:00 pm at the Southwest Drive location!

Mid High News:

The mid-high youth welcomed Laura Logan in September as an Assistant Youth Director and has been enjoying her contagious enthusiasm on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings! Laura has been an active leader in the youth activities at her mom's church in Kerrville, TX for many years and we are lucky to have her with us. We have been blessed with some other awesome sponsors as well: Jana Kappel, Jenny Young, Marsha Carter and Alex Forehand. Many thanks for your commitment to being mentors to our fun and quirky group!

Adult News:

If you haven't made it to a Wednesday night meal and program yet, now is a great time to start coming. Adam Samuels will begin October by teaching us the St. Paul Data Base program, CCB. Then, Dr. Bob Monk will be leading a group study, "A Spiritual Path: Embracing the Divine" the following two weeks in October. Come enjoy fellowship and food with your St. Paul family.

God Bless!!

--*Robin Swartz*

COSTUME NIGHT

Wednesday, October 26, 2016



Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and receive a bag of candy during our Wednesday night activities.



Winter Clothing Drive



Plan now to bring a coat, jacket, sweatsuit, gloves, socks, etc. to our

All Church Birthday Party on Wednesday, November 2

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN SIZES

Items will benefit the children of Johnston Elementary

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

The month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month, but as your Pastor, I would like to take some time to show my appreciation to all of our wonderful volunteers....soooooo....



- Who: **ST. PAUL VOLUNTEERS**
Anyone who has given their free time to serve someone on behalf of St. Paul UMC this year.
- When: **Sunday, October 9, 2016**
- Where: **Wesley Friendship Hall**
- Time: **9:45 am – 10:45 am**
- What: **Breakfast Snacks, Music, and Hugs**
- Why: ***Because we APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO !!!!!***

On Sunday October 9, 2016, you are invited to a time of celebration for all of your hard work. As a leader, I realize that the wonderful work of this church could not be done without you. If you have spent any time this year serving others on behalf of St. Paul UMC, you are invited. It will be a come and go event as I realize some of you have Sunday school as well.

Hope to see you there! Again, thank you so very much for all you do. !!

--Felicia

United Methodist Women silent auction

All sorts of items, gift baskets, treasures and treats will be available for your silent bid to benefit mission.

Where : Items on display in the St. Paul Gallery and Heritage Center on Sunday

When: Bids will be taken on Sunday, October 23 and 30.
Items will be auctioned on Wednesday, November 2.

Item Donations: Deadline for receipt of items is Sunday, October 16.

Questions: Contact Charlene McLeod
692.2404 or
Anita Westmoreland
672.2154



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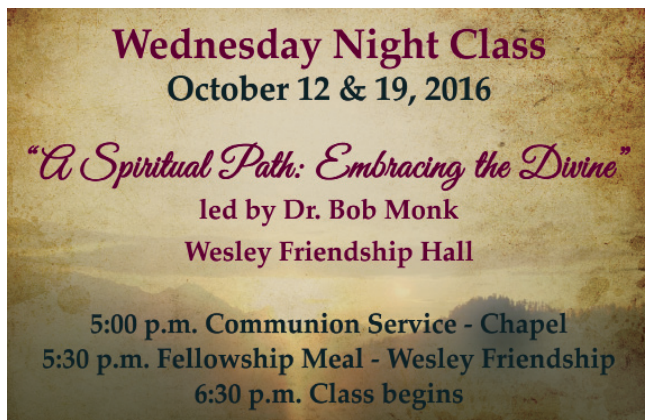
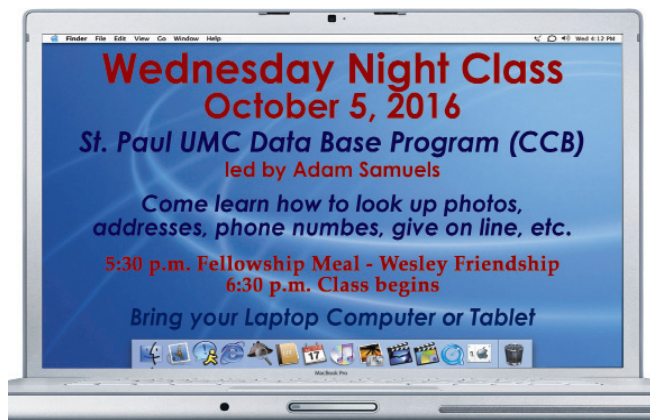
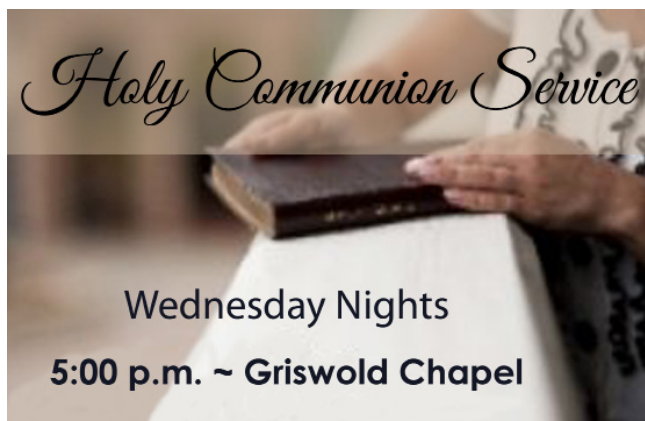
Wednesday Night Fellowship & Meals

On Wednesday nights during the school, we offer an all-church fellowship dinner and educational classes for all. We begin the evening with Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m. in the Griswold Chapel. Dinner is served in the Wesley Friendship Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. (*cost by donation*) with Adult classes (*listed below*) beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Children's Choirs and Youth Worship also meet on Wednesday nights.

Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

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| <u>October 5</u> | <i>Hosted by: Sunday School Team</i>
Pathfinders SS Class Cooking |
| <u>October 12</u> | <i>Hosted by: St. Paul Men Team</i>
Pulled Pork Sandwiches |
| <u>October 19</u> | <i>Hosted by: Hayley Jo on the GO</i>
Tacos and Rice |
| <u>October 26</u> | <i>Hosted by: Kitchen Crew</i>
Crockpot chicken/Chicken Pot Pie |



ALL CHURCH MEETING

Last month, we found out that the Abilene District NWTX Conference Office will be doing Annual Charge Conferences differently. Instead of having the District Superintendent come to each church, there will be two big conferences in the district. Each church will be asked to bring their paperwork and everyone is invited to come. There will be a worship service and a time for fellowship then a BIG meeting to approve all of the reports. Tentatively, the Abilene District Charge Conference is set for **Monday, November 7, 2016**. We will announce the time and location when we get the final details.

Because this is a new format for the future, I have elected to have a Church Meeting this year ahead of the District Charge Conference. Our meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. in the Wesley Friendship Hall**. This will allow for everyone who wants to hear the reports, vote and make comments before the November 7 meeting. Remember we serve dinner on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and would like for you to join us then.

Peace,
Felicia

Activities at a Glance...

Sunday, October 2

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Contemporary Worship
1:30 pm Wesley Court Communion
5:30 pm Youth

Monday, October 3

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3
7:00 pm College Group

Tuesday, October 4

8:00 am Staff @Food Pantry
9:30 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm UMW Luncheon
4:00 pm St. Paul @Food Pantry

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 am Prayer Team
5:00 pm Communion Service
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:15 pm Children & Youth Activities
6:30 pm Adult Class
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

11:45 am Staff Book Study
3:00 pm Home School Hang-Out

Saturday, October 8

Ramp Build

Sunday, October 9

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Contemporary Worship
5:30 pm Youth

Monday, October 10

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3
7:00 pm College Group

Tuesday, October 11

9:30 am Staff Meeting
9:30 am UMW Lydia Circle

Wednesday, October 12

7:00 am UMM Breakfast
10:00 am Prayer Team
5:00 pm Communion Service
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:15 pm Children & Youth Activities
6:30 pm Adult Class
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13

11:45 am Staff Book Study
3:00 pm Home School Hang-Out

Sunday, October 16

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm St. Paul 101 Class
12:30 pm Contemporary Worship
5:30 pm Youth

Monday, October 17

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3
7:00 pm College Group

Tuesday, October 18

9:00 am Caring Hearts Visitation
9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 19

10:00 am Prayer Team
5:00 pm Communion Service
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:15 pm Children & Youth Activities
6:30 pm Adult Class
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

11:45 am Staff Book Study
3:00 pm Home School Hang-Out
5:00 pm Board of Trustees
6:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting

Sunday, October 23

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am "Pounding" for Katie French
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm "Pounding" for Katie French
12:30 pm Contemporary Worship
5:30 pm Youth

Monday, October 24

6:00 pm Chick Fil A Spirit Night
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3
7:00 pm College Group

Tuesday, October 25

9:30 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am St. Paul Book Club

Wednesday, October 26

10:00 am Prayer Team
5:00 pm Communion Service
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:15 pm Children & Youth Activities
6:15 pm All Church Meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27

11:45 am Staff Book Study
3:00 pm Home School Hang-Out

Saturday, October 29

6:30 pm Johnston Elementary
Fall Festival

Sunday, October 30

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Contemporary Worship
5:30 pm Youth Costume Contest

Monday, October 31

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3
7:00 pm College Group

Birthdays!

October 1

Maddy Beal
Shirley Herring

October 2

Tommy Kute
Judy Sivley

October 3

Sofia Tesarski
Maggie Turnbull
Becki Wilson

October 4

Marilyn Long

October 6

Brylee Nichols

October 7

Cole Baggett
James Hughes
Ed McElrath
Dominic Tovar
Charles Wood

October 8

Joe Butler
Katalina Frigo
Margaret Hamilton
Glenda Montfort

October 9

Tucker Bridwell
Billie Hoefer
Ray Maddox, III

October 10

Madison Araujo
McKenzie Fergus
Timothy Kingston
Caro Russell
David Sivley

October 12

Ryan Willette

October 13

John Baumer
Jessica Ward
Reid Watts
Trent Watts

October 14

Craig Mendenhall
Chrissy Renfrow

October 15

Susan Mouser

October 16

Mark Grose
Earline Johnson

October 17

Joy Watson

October 18

Claire-Jean Korzenewski
Charles Rice
Sheila Ritchie

October 19

Elsie Jones
Amy Perry
Matt Swartz

October 20

Nancy Riggins

October 21

Keri Terbush

October 22

Alex Forehand
Laura Kute
Rachell Rios

October 23

Robert Frigo
Jolea Ward

October 24

Celia Gesting

October 25

Raymond Brown

October 26

Lynn Anderson
Fred Lee Hughes
Craig Young

October 27

Alex Logan
Richard Rogers
Bob Surovik

October 28

Brooklyn Beal

October 29

Robbie Russell
Laura Weber
Reba Wheeler

October 30

Alice Admire
Maggie Jordan

October 31

Terasa Mata



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

12:00 NOON IN ROOM 123

(below office area)

*Program: International Rescue Committee
"Refugees" given by Suzanna Lubanga*

Bring Your Own Lunch - Tea provided

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**7:00 A.M. Wednesday,
October 12, 2016**

Wesley Friendship Hall

UNITED METHODIST
MEN

*Program: Danny Sims,
Executive Director of Global Samaritan
Speaking on a recent trip
he made to the front line in Iraq.*

GIFT CARD POUNDING

for Katie French
Director of Student Ministries

Sunday, October 23, 2016

9:30 a.m. - Heritage Center

12:00 noon - Gallery

Please bring a gift card to officially welcome Katie.

*(Some Ideas: Grocery Store, Target, Walmart,
Fuzzy's Taco, Starbucks, McAlister's Deli,
and even Pet Smart).*



*Benefits St. Paul
Children This Month*

St. Paul Spirit Night

Monday, October 24, 2016

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

@ CHICK FIL A
3130 SOUTH CLACK

*Both Dine-In and Drive-Thru Orders
count towards our Sales Goal.*

Book Club

*Come join
the
Book Club as
Caro Russell
leads the
group in a
great
discussion.*

**Tuesday,
October 25, 2016**

10:00 am
in the Parlor

Memorials and Gifts...

In Memory Of:
**Alta Faye Larned
Harvey**

To Memorial Fund
Roberta Ann Wells

In Memory Of:
Rex Mauldin

To Memorial Fund
Zana Slaughter

To Music Fund
Linda Chapman

To Shared Ministries Fund
Bob & Carolyn Monk

In Memory Of:
Richard Payne

To Food Pantry Fund
James & LaVerne Boynton

To Memorial Fund
*Ann Bridwell
Linda Chapman
Weeze Daniel
Loren & Karen Gardner
Clarence & Pat Lassen, Jr.
K.O. & Marilyn Long
Zana Slaughter
Jim Thomas
Mike & Sheila Warren*

To Shared Ministries Fund
*Mava Cooper
Chuck & Jean Kay Erwin
Bob & Carolyn Monk
Ann Rode*

Sympathy

Debbie Roberts, *Felicia Hopkins' cousin*, died Friday, September 23, 2016 in Buffalo, New York.

Carol Hughes died Monday, September 26, 2016 in Midland, Texas. Services were Saturday, October 1, 2016 in Abilene, Texas.



Celebration

We celebrate with **Taylor Johnson and Levi Ritchie** who were married Saturday, September 24, 2016 at St. Paul. *Proud parents of the groom are Matt & Sheila Ritchie.*

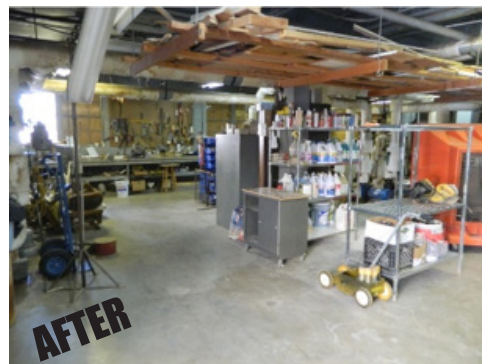
Eagle Scout Candidates Complete Projects at St. Paul

We were blessed this past month to have two Eagle Scout Candidates do work on the church building. **Grant Spencer** helped update our Sanctuary restrooms and **Jacob Renfro** helped organize and clean up the shop. With both projects, we had about 20 scouts work almost 200 hours.

We are so thankful to have worked with these fine young men as they complete their requirements to become an Eagle Scout.



Mens and Ladies Restrooms in Narthex
by Sanctuary updated by Grant Spencer



Shop behind Activity Building
Cleaned/Organized by Jacob Renfro



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St. Paul United Methodist Family Thanks God For:



FALL FESTIVAL

at Johnston Elementary

Saturday, October 29, 2016

6:30-8:00 p.m.

3602 North 12th Street

Volunteers Needed - Candy Needed

**Call Robin Swartz to Volunteer.
Place Candy in boxes at church.**