

# The Window

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

September 1, 2016

## STEWARDSHIP - GIVE WISELY

Now that fall is upon us, we turn our attention to our annual Stewardship campaign. This year we will talk and preach about "Giving Wisely." In the spring of this year, a group of leaders from the church gathered monthly to read the book Toxic Charity; so that we could determine how we could become better stewards over the money you so generously give to St. Paul UMC annually. We ended the study believing that we could do better in serving our community and those in need. The committee unanimously agreed to ask the whole church to read Toxic Charity so that we could all learn how to give wisely. This month during our Stewardship campaign, I will preach about "Giving Wisely;" about how we can better plan to use our minds, and our hearts to help others for the good of God's kingdom.

So, as we prepare for our Stewardship campaign, I am asking three things of you:

First, plan to be here in September. Brother Scot Yarbrough our Director of Business and Administration will be preaching on September 11, about our current financial state (which is good), and how we can use our minds to do what God is calling for us to do.

Secondly, begin praying about what God is asking for you and/or your family to financially commit to St. Paul UMC for 2017. Your generosity yearly allows us to function as a local/connectional church in the United Methodist system.

Finally, discern if God is calling you to take a step of faith and increase your financial commitment. Ask "when was the last time I increased my giving?" If God has increased your income in any way, please consider increasing your tithe or committed amount as well.

I am excited about what we will share this month, as we give God all the glory for what he has done financially for us and through us. Be blessed as we all learn to "Give Wisely."

Peace, *Felicia*

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**



**Sundays in September**

September 11	Change Your Mind
September 18	Change Your Heart
September 25	Change Your Plan



**Commitment Sunday**  
September 25, 2016

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*Join us as we gratefully  
present to God our Financial pledges  
to St. Paul for the next year.*

## *Fall Activities Beginning*

September's arrival is always a surprise to me. It shows up sooner than expected and turns into Fall before I'm ready to pack up my flip flops! While this summer has been full of awesome trips and fun stuff to do around town, I have to admit... I'm ready for amber colored leaves, pumpkin flavored coffee and the dew on my car windshield. I hope you are ready for a season change, too. Ready or not, it's coming!

The Confirmation Class of 2016 have been learning some wonderful things about our Methodist heritage and traditions the past couple of months. I know I speak for all of the sponsors and mentors when I say how wonderful this group of kids is. If you see these young folks, I invite you to shake their hands and ask them what they learned this summer: Marcus Contreras, Cristian Lopez, Ivan Lopez, Landon Miers, Jack Miller, Rigby Samuels, Britton Sechrist, Sofia Tesarski, Rachel Warren and Ellice Whiteaker. Your St. Paul family looks forward to serving God alongside you!

Our weekly after school Bible study with Johnston Elementary students will resume with a brand new name and brand new curriculum this month. We are excited to announce that we will be using the House of Faith resources at our new club called "THE JUNGLE" in honor of the Johnston Elementary Jaguars! We will be holding an informational/training meeting for our volunteers on September 13 from 3:00-4:30 pm in the Wesley Friendship Hall. We would love to have additional volunteers join in the fun this year.

Wednesday Nights are back and we would love you to join us for food and fellowship. Felicia will kick off our adult study using the book, "Toxic Charity." If you want to understand the true nature of how to help the needy, this study is for you.

One last thought... We will hold a Safe Sanctuary training for all who work with our youth and children on Tuesday, September 6 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Wesley Friendship Hall. It is necessary to equip ourselves so that we can keep our church and all of its members safe! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

God Bless!!

--*Robin Swartz*



Confirmation Class at  
Holy Trinity  
Greek Orthodox Church  
in Dallas, Texas.



**2016 Confirmation Class Confirmed Sunday, August 28**  
Sofia Tesarski, Marcus Contreras, Rigby Samuels,  
Britton Sechrist, Rachel Warren, Ivan Lopez,  
Cristian Lopez, Jack Miller, and Landon Miers

# What We Did This Summer

I want to say... "Can you believe it is already September?" Time for me this year is really just flying by.

This summer alone we were very busy celebrating our Children and Youth with some amazing ministry programs. We had Reading Camp, Family Fun nights, and Elementary Camps on Thursday's. Our high school youth traveled to Dallas and Houston and parts in between to have fun and to serve others by helping to rebuild a trailer home that had been destroyed by the massive amounts of rain that had hit south Texas this summer. Our new high school students went to a brand new youth camp called Glen Lake outside of Dallas, TX. Mrs. Robin taught a six week class for our confirmands and it ended beautifully on the last Sunday of August with baptism and a time of reaffirmation. We also handed out backpacks and prayed for all those going back to school. Lastly we gathered on the 31st August for a great time of fellowship at the "annual" Fish Fry" with a magnificent Cake Walk.

If you missed this summer. You missed a good one!!!

Peace, *Felicia*



*Johnston  
Jaguars*

*Connecting  
Kids to Christ*

**"The Jungle" Training Session**  
**Tuesday, September 13, 2016**  
**3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Wesley Friendship Hall**

This Year we will be at Johnston Elementary  
on Tuesdays from 2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.



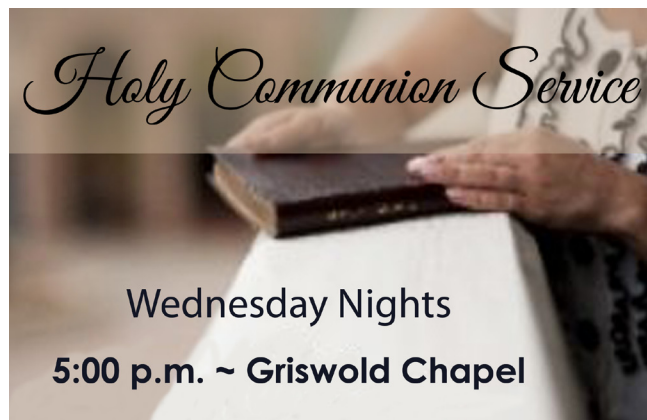
# Wednesday Night Fellowship & Meals

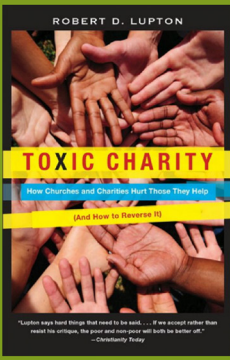
On Wednesday nights during the school, we offer an all-church fellowship dinner and educational classes for all. We begin the evening with Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m. in the Griswold Chapel. Dinner is served in the Wesley Friendship Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. (*cost by donation*) with Adult classes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

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

## Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

- September 7**      *Hosted by: Sunday School Team*  
Spaghetti
- September 14**    *Hosted by: St. Paul Men Team*  
Hamburgers
- September 21**    *Hosted by: Hayley Jo on the GO*  
Poppy seed Chicken
- September 28**    *Hosted by: Kitchen Crew*  
Chicken Spaghetti





**Wednesday Night Class**  
September 7, 14 & 21  
**led by Rev. Felicia Hopkins**  
Room 123  
(Mosaic Sunday School classroom)  
5:00 pm Communion Service  
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal  
6:30 pm Class Begins

**Wednesday Night Class**  
*Bill Libby's Summer Trips*  
September 21 & 28, 2016  
Wesley Friendship Hall

**September 21**  
*Working in the Promise Land*



**September 28**  
*Serving One's Country & Remembering One's Friends*





College Ministry had a great first meeting.

They will meet each Monday  
at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Mouser's, 789 Rosewood.

*All college students  
are welcome to join us.*

For more information call Katie  
at 672-7814 or email her at  
[kfrench@stpaulabilene.org](mailto:kfrench@stpaulabilene.org)

# Activities at a Glance...

## Thursday, September 1

11:45 am Staff Book Study

## Sunday, September 4

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, September 5

OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

## Tuesday, September 6

9:30 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm UMW Luncheon

## Wednesday, September 7

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, September 8

11:45 am Staff Book Study

## Friday, September 9

10:00 pm AHS vs CHS Youth Lock In

## Sunday, September 11

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Contemporary Worship

## Monday, September 12

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

## Tuesday, September 13

9:00 am Caring Hearts Visitation

9:30 am Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, September 14

10:00 am Prayer Team

5:00 pm Finance Committee

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, September 15

11:45 am Staff Book Study

5:00 pm Board of Trustees

## Sunday, September 18

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Contemporary Worship

5:30 pm Youth Parent Night

## Monday, September 19

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

## Tuesday, September 20

9:30 am Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, September 21

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, September 22

11:45 am Staff Book Study

## Sunday, September 25 Stewardship Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Contemporary Worship

5:30 pm Youth

## Monday, September 26

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

## Tuesday, September 27

9:30 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am St. Paul Book Club

## Wednesday, September 28

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, September 29

11:45 am Staff Book Study



### *Campbell's Soup Labels* for McCurdy School



Collect Campbell's Soup Labels  
to help McCurdy School  
in Espanola, New Mexico

Bring your labels to the church  
and place in the can on the shelves  
by the Beacon classroom.



# Birthdays!

**September 1** Donna McDonald  
**September 10** Sarah Stamey  
**September 22** Christian Kappel

**September 2** Paige Gollihar  
**September 11** Braxton Hollis  
**September 24** Anthony Alpaugh

John Lineweaver  
 Becca Ritchie  
 David Watson  
**September 12** Gavin Hamaty  
**September 25** Cynthia Loya  
 Lindsay Perry  
 Stratton Tolliver

**September 3** Phillip Egdorf  
**September 13** Portia Moore  
**September 26** Alex Borchert

**September 4** Thelma Ragland  
**September 14** Linda Dehlinger  
**September 27** Drew Borchert

**September 5** Ruth Stokes  
**September 15** Margaret Vaughn  
**September 27** Charles Bass

**September 6** Oweda Terry  
**September 16** Greg Stokes  
**September 28** Anna Beth Whaller

Anita Westmoreland  
**September 17** Ashley Perry  
**September 29** Sheila Warren  
 Bob South  
 Dustin West

**September 7** Adam Samuels  
**September 19** Aiden Tovar  
**September 30** Jamie Mollet

**September 8** Charles Smith  
**September 20** Ila Beth Westbrook  
**September 31** Anne Watson  
 Bob Wood  
 James Wheeler

**September 9** Mike Bannister  
**September 21** Beth Hamaty  
**September 22** Cindy Guerra

**September 9** Mike Bannister  
**September 21** Aubrey Fite  
**September 22** Brandon Kmiec



## Volunteer at the Methodist Food Pantry

*Help fill sacks of groceries for those in need.*

**1st Tuesday of each month**  
**4:00-6:00 pm & 6:00-8:00 pm**

**2626 North First Street**



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LUNCHEON

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**  
**12:00 NOON IN ROOM 123**  
*(below office area)*

*Program: "Mission Trip & Ministry at McMurry University"*  
 given by Jeff Lust, Campus Minister

**Bring Your Own Lunch - Tea provided**

**Book Club**

**Tuesday, September 27**

**10:00 am**  
*in the Parlor*

*Continuation Study from last month*

## Youth Dodgeball Night



# Memorials and Gifts...

In Honor Of:  
Roy Helen Ackers Birthday

To UMCOR Fund  
*Jim & Glenda Alexander*

In Memory Of:  
Rex Mauldin

To Shared Ministries Fund  
*David & Jamie Cauchon*

In Memory Of:  
Sue Wheeler

To Music Fund  
*Dennis & Amy Newquist*

*Thank You!*

I want to thank all of the many friends Rex and I have at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

All of your gifts remembering Rex are much appreciated.

Sincerely, Letha Mauldin

# Be Our Guest

## FREE Advance Planning Seminar

*The*  
**Hamil Family**  
FUNERAL HOME

Tuesday, September 27, 2016  
10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.  
Hamil Family Funeral Home  
6449 Buffalo Gap Road  
Abilene, TX 79606  
RSVP: 325-692-2232

## FEATURING LOCAL EXPERTS

**Legal Tools  
Hospice**

*Mike Young*, Attorney at Law  
*Chaplain Paul Matta*, with Kinder Hearts  
Home Health and Hospice

**Advance Funeral Planning**

*Leon Stone*, Prearrangement Specialist

Join your neighbors and friends to gain information.  
Enjoy refreshments in a relaxing and friendly atmosphere.

Enter a door prize drawing.

Call 325-692-2232 to make your reservations TODAY!

For more information regarding prepaid funerals and consumer rights and protections under Texas State Law, visit [www.prepaidfunerals.texas.gov](http://www.prepaidfunerals.texas.gov)



## New Office Hours

MONDAY - THURSDAY  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

**Beginning September 6, 2016**



## St. Paul Spirit Night

Monday, September 26, 2016  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Benefits St. Paul  
Youth This Month

@ CHICK FIL A  
3130 SOUTH CLACK

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



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**

Drop off after game (10:00 p.m.)

Pick up Saturday morning (8:00 a.m.)





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St. Paul United Methodist Family Thanks God For:

# Contemporary Worship Service

**St. Paul UMC**  
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*Come hear*  
**Rev. Felicia Hopkins**

**Sundays at 12:30 p.m.**  
**Activity Center**

*(enter glass doors at North 5th & Orange)*