

The Window



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

May 1, 2017



Rejoice!

The month of May is a good time to put on our rejoicing shoes. So many positive things are happening in May this year.

On May 14, we will celebrate Mother's Day. Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service, we will go the Wesley Friendship Hall to host our Annual Mother's Day Brunch, presented by our High School age group. It is a wonderful time to fellowship with other Moms and be served by young hearts.

On May 21, we will honor and lift up our Confirmands in the 11:00 a.m. service, as they have completed 10 weeks of learning and experiencing Jesus Christ for themselves.

Finally, on May 28, we will announce the winner of the Henry K. Bass Scholarship and present to you our 2017 High School graduates.

The Bible tells us "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

Psalm 150 says:

*Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,
Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.*

So, I invite you this month to find a reason to rejoice – for yourself or for someone else. Just decided to give God a special praise. Praise Him for all He has done. Praise Him for what he is doing. Or praise Him for what he has yet to do in your life. I know that I will be rejoicing and praising God this month, as my son Samuel graduates from University of Texas at Dallas on May 11 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Computer Animation. What about you?

God deserves OUR Praise!!!

Felicia

Wednesday Night Dinners

We begin the evening with Communion at 5:00 p.m. in the Griswold Chapel, followed by a Fellowship Meal at 5:30 p.m. with the program and/or class beginning at 6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs and Youth activities are also held on Wednesday nights.

May 3

Dinner Hosted by: Sunday School Team
Roasted Chicken, Green Beans

May 10

Picnic at McMurry University

Wednesday Night Opportunities

ABILENE & WEST TEXAS STORIES

Presented by Glenn Dromgoole

Wednesday, May 3

5:30 p.m. Meal

6:30 p.m. Program

Wesley Friendship Hall

*We have invited some special members to join us.
Come fellowship and learn about
Abilene and West Texas.*

Holy Communion Service

Wednesday Nights

**5:00 p.m.
Griswold Chapel**

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Wednesday, May 10
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**at McMurry University
Wah Wahtaysee Field**

Hot dogs, chips, drinks.

Bring a blanket or chair.

Family
Games

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS DOING WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE

**On April 26, we started raising funds
to help the hungry.**

**We will be fasting at our lock in
May 12-13.**

Our goal is \$500.00.

**Contact any High School student or
Katie French for donation information
or visit our fundraising page at
youth.worldvision.org then search
for Katie French to donate.**

WORLD VISION'S
30 HOUR
FAMINE

Help
Support
the
St. Paul
Youth

Join Cliff Stewart

Holy Land Classic

February 13-22, 2018



I'm Going.... How about You?

First Central Presbyterian is hosting a trip to the Holy Land February 13-22, 2018. Pastor Cliff Stewart and his wife, Evie, have been on this trip several times and have enjoyed it immensely. They have offered for members of St. Paul UMC to go along with them. I have never been and I plan on going. I would love to take along with me least 15 folks from St. Paul UMC.

If this is something you are interested in, we will hold an interest meeting Sunday, May 7, 2017 immediately following the late worship service, in the Chapel. The cost per person for a 10 day trip to see the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem (plus other stops) is \$3396 from Dallas, TX (Breakfast and Dinner are included, double occupancy, hotel and flight).

Cliff says this is a trip of a lifetime and it is also the agency that Rev. Dr. Adam Hamilton uses for all of his trips. Think and pray about this special opportunity. Hoping to see you at the "interest" meeting Sunday, May 7, 2017.

Peace,
Felicia

P.S. When you come, we can discuss payment options, other side trips, accommodations, safety and any other questions you might have.

Birthdays!

May 1

Joe Clark Humphrey
Rigby Samuels
Jim Thomas

May 2

Sherri Wood

May 3

Susan Hoyt

May 8

Jim Alexander
Julie Watts

May 10

Tom Wideman

May 11

Mary Len Swinney

May 13

David Cauchon

May 15

Alex Korzenewski

May 16

John Clay
Kate Miller
Zachary Tarpley
Jessica Turnbull

May 18

Matt Mendenhall

May 20

Justin Babington

May 22

Ben Hamaty

May 23

Marianna Araujo

May 24

Liz Bennett
Stormye Diller

May 25

Hazel Samuels

May 27

Jerry Gilbreth
Grant Spencer

May 29

Rocky Jay
Rachel Warren

May 30

Dan Fergus, Jr.
Steve Pritchard



Clerical Staff Change

Effective April 20, 2017 Kelly Modisett left St. Paul as our Program Staff Assistant. Kelly left us to further her career in Austin TX. We want to thank Kelly so very much for all she has done and meant to St. Paul UMC for so many years. She will truly be missed by all.

In the interim, the SPRC has voted to hire Jamie Cauchon to fill her position. We welcome her to our staff and look forward to working with her.



Kelly Modisett



Jamie Cauchon

Attention: High School Seniors

A new chapter in your life is about to unfold as your high school years come to an end. This is an incredible occasion that will be remembered for the remainder of your life.

We will be celebrating Senior Sunday on May 28 and would like our seniors to take part in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will also be awarding this year's Bass Scholarship that morning.

The Henry K. Bass Scholarship was established in 2004 by Charles and Henry Bass in recognition of their father, Henry K. Bass, for his commitment to the life of the church and his belief in faith and education as the hope for future generations.

You should have received a letter in the mail giving you the opportunity to apply for the scholarship. If for some reason, you did not receive a letter, please call the church office.

Scholarship Applications are due in the church office by Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

Thank You St. Paul

Thanks to Abilene-St. Paul UMC, Ceta Canyon received \$2,205.90 for "Camp Operations" in 2016. Your giving through the NWTX Conference "Shared Ministries" is instrumental in providing financial support for our camping ministry and in 2016 we received \$75,745.00 from 159 NWTX churches!

Your giving helped 1,772 summer campers and volunteers attend camp at Ceta Canyon in 2016.

Mike Wentz,
Ceta Canyon Executive Director

Activities at a Glance...

Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

8:30 am Staff @Food Pantry
9:30 am Staff Meeting
2:45 pm "The Jungle" @Johnston
4:00 pm St. Paul @Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 3

10:00 am Prayer Team
5:00 pm Communion Service
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Children & Youth Activities
6:30 pm Abilene & West Texas Stories
by Glenn Dromgoole
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

5:00 pm Confirmation Class leaves
for Confirmation Trip

Sunday, May 7

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

Monday, May 8

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, May 9

9:30 am UMW Meeting
9:30 am Staff Meeting
2:45 pm "The Jungle" @Johnston

Wednesday, May 10

7:00 am UMM Breakfast
10:00 am Prayer Team
5:30 pm All Church Picnic
@McMurry University
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 11

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

Friday, May 12

5:00 pm Youth 30 Hour Famine
begins

Sunday, May 14

Happy Mother's Day
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Mother's Day Lunch

Monday, May 15

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, May 16

9:00 am Caring Hearts Visitation
6:30 pm Abilene District
Pre Conference Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 am Prayer Team
12:00 pm St. Paul Foundation Meeting
1:30 pm Staff Meeting
5:15 pm Finance Committee
5:30 pm Women's Worship Meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18

11:45 am Staff Book Study
5:00 pm Board of Trustees

Sunday, May 21

Confirmation Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Confirmation Class
Reception
11:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Youth

Monday, May 22

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, May 23

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

10:00 am Prayer Team
5:30 pm Youth End of Year Party
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25

11:45 am Staff Book Study

Sunday, May 28

High School Senior Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Youth Pool Party @The Dive

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

Office Closed

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, May 30

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 31

10:00 am Prayer Team
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Another Eventful Month Coming Up

We have another eventful month coming up! If you have kids in school, you know that STAAR testing, EOCs, finals, and the general chaos that accompanies the last month of school is about to go down. My prayer is that we can all power through the next few weeks and finish strong! Please remember to pray for all of our students, teachers and administrators as we near the last day of school.

Wednesday night programming will take a break for the summer following an all church "Picnic at the Park" at McMurry on May 10. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for hot dogs and other delicious grub as we get ready to kick off summer!

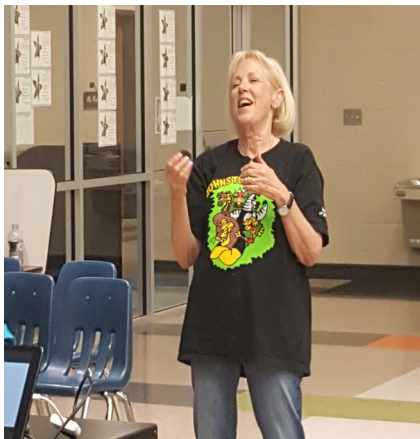
Confirmation 2017 is nearly wrapped up and we are looking forward to our trip to the Dallas area to experience other worship traditions May 5-7. We will visit Beth-El Synagogue, St. Barbara's Orthodox Church and The Potter's House. Our 10 confirmands are sure to have a great time while continuing to learn about our Christian roots. We will recognize our Confirmands on Sunday, May 21 with a reception during the Sunday School hour in the Heritage Hall area as well as during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We are excited to see how God will work in these young people's lives!

The Jungle at Johnston will celebrate another great year with a Spring party on May 9! This year has been a wonderful experience for our leaders (some are finishing their second year!) and our 5 teams of kiddos. Thank you for the support you've given to this program. I know little lives are being touched in a BIG way!

Congratulations to all the GRADUATES of 2017, we look forward to celebrating with you on Senior Sunday, May 28!

~Here are some April pictures to enjoy!~

In His Love,
--*Robin Swartz*



Miss Cheryl
at Johnston Jungle



Felicia & Adam Hopkins
at Easter Sunrise Service



Easter
Egg Hunt

Congratulations Samuel Hopkins!

The Board of Regents, the Chancellor,
the President and the Faculty of
The University of Texas at Dallas
announce that

Douglas Samuel Hopkins

is a candidate for the degree of
Bachelor of Arts in Art & Technology
at the Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, May 11, 2017
at 11:30 a.m.

U.T. Dallas Activities Center
Richardson, Texas



St. Paul Spirit Night

Monday, May 1, 2017
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

*Benefits St. Paul
2017 Confirmands*

@ CHICK FIL A
3130 SOUTH CLACK

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

Memorials and Gifts...

In Memory Of:
Roy Helen Ackers

To Memorial Fund

*Johnnie Lou Avery
Gilbert & Dottie Korman*

In Memory Of:
**John & Priscilla
Hoyt**

To Missions Fund

Harry & Susan Hoyt

In Memory Of:
Dorothy Gleaton

To Memorial Fund

*Richard Bacon
Roger & Mary Bauernfeind
Billie Hoefler
K.O. & Marilyn Long*

In Memory Of:
Bob Surovik

To Memorial Fund

*Gilbert & Dottie Korman
Robert & Carolyn Monk*

In Memory Of:
Edna Graham

To Memorial Fund

K.O. & Marilyn Long



Sympathy

Edna Graham died Wednesday, March 29, 2017 in Georgetown. Services were Sunday, April 2, 2017 in Abilene.

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

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

9:30 A.M. IN ROOM 111

*We will conclude our
Spiritual Growth Study:
The Bible & Human Sexuality
led by Dr. Dorothy Barnes*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**7:00 A.M. Wednesday,
May 10, 2017**

Wesley Friendship Hall

UNITED METHODIST
MEN

*Program: Glenn Dromgoole
speaking about his latest books*



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St. Paul United Methodist Family Thanks God For:

MOTHER'S DAY
LUNCH
Sunday, May 14, 2017

12:30pm
Wesley Hall
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