

The Window



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

August 1, 2017

Back to School is Coming Soon

With school beginning the end of this month, we will celebrate *Back to School Sunday* on August 27 with a Hot Dog Cook Out at Play Faire Park, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Plan now to come enjoy some great fellowship, food, play a game of miniature golf and tie dye a t-shirt (bring a white t-shirt). The hot dogs will be provided. We are asking you to bring a side (chips, baked beans, dessert, etc.)

We will begin collecting school supplies for Johnston Elementary during the month of August. See the list of school supplies for Johnston Elementary below, in Robin's article (see inside), in each adult Sunday School classroom and on the bulletin board near the Sanctuary. Any and all supplies will be greatly appreciated.



Sunday, August 27, 2017

5:00 p.m. @ Play Faire Park
(2300 North 2nd Street)

Hot Dogs, Tie Dye, & Miniature Golf

Bring a white T-shirt and a side dish: chips, baked beans, or a dessert.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

for Johnston Elementary

- Plastic folders with brads
- Glue sticks and glue bottles
- Pencil pouches for 3 ring binders
- Wide or college ruled loose paper
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Pencils and erasers
- Sandwich, quart or gallon size Ziploc baggies
- Spiral 70 sheet notebooks
- Pointy edged school scissors



Wow! What a Month!

July has breezed on by already and we spent some great times with old friends and new friends last month. Check out these pictures of Elementary Fun Days, Reading Camp and Mid High Mystery Trip..



This has been a crazy month for our beloved building, but we saw God's hand in all that we did to adjust in spite of our A/C woes at church. Our fantastic neighbors really stepped up and graciously allowed us to use their spaces for programs and worship. Many thanks to Elliott Hamil and First Central Presbyterian for showing us Christian love and the spirit of God in action!

This month, we hope you'll join in and donate for a Back To School Supply Drive to benefit our short friends at Johnston Elementary, as well as some of our own St. Paul students. Look for the plastic bin in the Gallery to place donations of the following supplies:

- Plastic folders with brads to hold papers
- Glue sticks and glue bottles
- Pencil pouches for 3 ring binders
- Wide or college ruled loose paper packages
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Pencils and erasers
- Sandwich, quart or gallon size Ziploc baggies
- Spiral 70 sheet notebooks
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We have re-scheduled the Homemade Ice Cream Social and Hot Dogs on Sunday, August 20, 2017 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.! You won't want to miss tasting everyone's best recipes! We will hold the 2nd annual Cardboard Box Derby that afternoon as well!

Our Back to School Celebration and cookout at Play Faire Park is scheduled for Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., so plan to come out and enjoy one last hot dog and a fun time before the summer disappears.

Blessings!

Robin

Activities at a Glance...

Tuesday, August 1

8:30 am Staff @Food Pantry
9:30 am Staff Meeting
4:30 pm St. Paul @Food Pantry

Wednesday, August 2

10:00 am Prayer Team
5:30 pm M.O.R.E. Meeting

Thursday, August 3

11:45 am Staff Book Study

Sunday, August 6

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

Monday, August 7

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, August 8

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 9

10:00 am Prayer Team

Thursday, August 10

11:45 am Staff Book Study

Saturday, August 12

8:30 am Ramp Build

Sunday, August 13

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Contemporary Group Study

Monday, August 14

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 16

10:00 am Prayer Team

Thursday, August 17

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

Saturday, August 19

FAMILY FUN DAY
AT STATE PARK
CANCELLED

Sunday, August 20

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Contemporary Group Study
5:30 pm All Church Ice Cream Social

Monday, August 21

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, August 22

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 23

10:00 am Prayer Team

Thursday, August 24

11:45 am Staff Book Study

Sunday, August 27

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Contemporary Group Study
5:00 pm Back to School Celebration

Monday, August 28

AISD Begins
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, August 29

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 30

10:00 am Prayer Team
6:30 pm Women's Worship Service

Thursday, August 31

11:45 am Staff Book Study



SUMMER 2017
St Paul Abilene.org
COME TO THE
Water
ST. PAUL
United Methodist Church
WOMEN'S WORSHIP

Summer
Women's Worship
Wednesday
August 30, 2017
6:30 p.m.
@St. Paul UMC
Activity Building
Worship, Fellowship, & Refreshments

Our
Summer
Women's Worship
in June & July
was enjoyed by all
who attended.

Make plans now
to attend in August.

Birthdays!

August 1

Gray Bridwell
Kathleen Hufstedler
Donna Wolfer

August 2

Will Atwood
Vance Goddard
Finau Siale

August 3

Martha Kim

August 4

Heather Butler
Mary Ann Fergus

August 5

Margie Barrientos

August 6

Josh Poorman
Scot Yarbrough

August 7

Barbara Miers

August 8

Hayden Baggett

August 9

Staci Armstrong Tatro
Stephanie Waters

August 11

Jack Miller
Tom Modisett

August 12

Molly Turnbull

August 14

Janie Alexander

August 15

Jacob Bullock
Sue Burgess

August 16

Evelyn Kirby
Hazel Majors
Kim Poorman

August 17

Sarah Hufstedler Driskell
Willie Mae Tenison
Jerilynn Yungblut

August 18

Lauren Ernst
Betty LaSeur
Mattie Stokes
Caroline Waters

August 19

Tommye Ann Montgomery

August 21

Karen Butler

August 23

Melody Hunt
Morgan Kirk
Billie Proctor Shaw Ray

August 24

Durk Corley
Richard W. Jones

August 25

Janell Cockerell
Olga Jo Rothwell

August 27

Pat McCleskey

August 28

Davis Haney
Deagan Nichols
Jerry Tate

August 29

Mary Ruth Grose
Ransom Kevin Nichols
Mike Waller



Sympathy

Marie Thompson, *Jim Underwood's aunt*, died Friday, July 7, 2017.

Pat Bogar, died Wednesday, July 19, 2017. Services were Saturday, July 22, 2017.

Maudell Frances (Sue) Carney died Saturday, July 22, 2017. Services were Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Memorials and Gifts...

In Honor Of:
Juliet Rose

To General Fund
Stan & Sue Swiatek

In Honor Of:
David, Sarah & Grant Spencer

To A/C Fund
Doyle & Iris Nash



Caring Hearts

Homebound Visitation Ministry

*Meets the
Third Tuesday
of each Month*

**9:00 a.m. in Room 123
to
Deliver flowers, cookies,
and Upper Room Devotionals.**

Volunteers Needed

The St. Paul Caring Hearts Visitation Group needs more volunteers.

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month at the church to go over the list to be visited and pick up flowers, cookies and Upper Room Devotionals to be delivered to homebound members and friends.

If you would like to be a part of the caring group, please contact Marilyn Long at 698-9687.

The Summer of 2017

I think this will always be remembered at St. Paul UMC as the “Summer of “2017.” I am not sure where to really begin other than to say that for over 10 weeks we have been patiently waiting for air-conditioning through-out our over 70,000 sq foot church building. We waited 4 weeks to get a Chiller, 3½ weeks to weld, replace and install the new Chiller, and another 3½ weeks to fix a busted pipe that sprung a leak causing us to lose over 300 gallons of water and fluid. Hopefully, as you read this, we will have successfully returned to our church offices and or entire building.

For those of you who know me, you realize that patience is not my best fruit of the Spirit. So, this has been for me a challenge to say the least. But, through it all I’ve had to learn again and again and again to fall on my knees and wait and truly depend on Jesus. For this I am very grateful. I am also very grateful for all of the people that have come to aid and assist us. So, I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the following:

Our entire Staff and regular volunteers who have worked hard throughout this entire time in incredible heat and some adverse conditions to keep the heart and spirit of St. Paul UMC going.

Elliot Hamil Funeral Home for providing a space for us to worship twice on Sunday mornings.

First Central Presbyterian for housing our staff for a month, and making us feel at home and allowing us from time to time to “take over” their church with all of our summer programing and funerals as well. Cliff, Janice, Doretta and the entire staff we owe you BIG.

First Christian Church for housing our summer visiting Youth group overnight and for helping to keep our final Reading Camp session for Johnston Elementary students going.

To all of the mail and delivery people who daily have had to “find” us to sign for a package.

To John (thanks for the grub) and long hours, Black Plumbing and crew, Hawkins HVAC and crew and to “Milwaukee.” We literally would not have made it without your expertise.

To our Trustees, Finance Committee and Endowment Members who have made it possible for us to pay for this with negligible indebtedness to ourselves.

Finally, to all of you who have prayed, fanned, and nervously waited for your email every week to see where we would be for services of all kinds.

So what do I think? I think this has been a good thing (yeah I know). But I believe with every fiber of my being that God is up to something BIG for us and with us. I said on Sunday to “Get Ready for a Miracle and I Meant It.”

So Get Ready, Get Ready, Get Ready for a BIG blessing from God.

Peace,

Felicia



Black Plumbing Crew



New Chiller Barrell



Lisa & Jamie Working at FCPC



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St. Paul United Methodist Family Thanks God For:

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 20, 2017

5:30 p.m. @St. Paul Activity Center



Join us for hot dogs
and ice cream.

Ice Cream Contest with Prizes!

Bring your homemade ice cream.

