

The Window



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

January 1, 2018

Your 2018 Officers

Administrative Board Chair

Andrew Turnbull

Administrative Board Vice Chair

Dale Cartee

Recording Secretary

Emily Amthauer

Finance Committee Chair

Geoff Haney

Board of Trustees Chair

Richard Rogers

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

Richard Hartmann

Church Lay Leader

Pat Mouser

Church Treasurer

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Nominating Committee Chair

Felicia Hopkins

St. Paul Foundation Chair

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Jamie Cauchon

Pat Mouser

Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference

David Cauchon

Welcoming Ministries Leader

Cheryl Holmes

Celebrating Ministries Leader

Pat Fite

Mission Outreach Experience Leaders

Jori Sechrist / Jenny Young

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Jasmine Barrios

UMW President

Jamie Cauchon

UMM President

James Hughes

Administrative Board At Large

Class of 2018

Rosemary Burks

Mark Marsh

Class of 2019

Happy Collins

Jesse Rios

Class of 2020

Hank Duncan

Jana Kappel

Worship Committee

Marilyn Long, Chair

Maedene Armer

Chris Goddard

Ray Maddox

Leslie Smith

Donna South

Joy Watson

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Class of 2018

Kay Babington

Bill Libby

Margaret Vaughn

Class of 2019

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Pat McCleskey

Phyllis Stine

Class of 2020

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Judy Sivley

Joy Watson

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David Sivley

Bob South

Class of 2019

David Cauchon

Richard Rogers

Matt Swartz

Class of 2020

David Heard

Ralph McCleskey

Bernard Whaley

St. Paul Foundation

Class of 2018

Sheila Warren

Craig Young

Class of 2019

Chuck Erwin

Melody Hunt

Class of 2020

Don Fite

K.O. Long

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Class of 2018

Richard Hartmann

Dani Ramsay

Kim Turnbull

Class of 2019

Jamie Miers

Walter Osborn

Jerry Tate

Class of 2020

Ray Maddox

Sheila Warren

Bob Warner

Finance Committee

Class of 2018

Tom Modisett

Claire-Jean Korzenewski

Tim Sechrist

Class of 2019

Robert Atwood

Geoff Haney

Jim Hays

Class of 2020

Vance Goddard

Mike Warren

David Watson

Area Board of Missions

Marilyn Long

Ashley Puryear

Jerry Tate

Judy Tate

See inside for

Family Ministries,

Mission Ministries

& Student Ministries

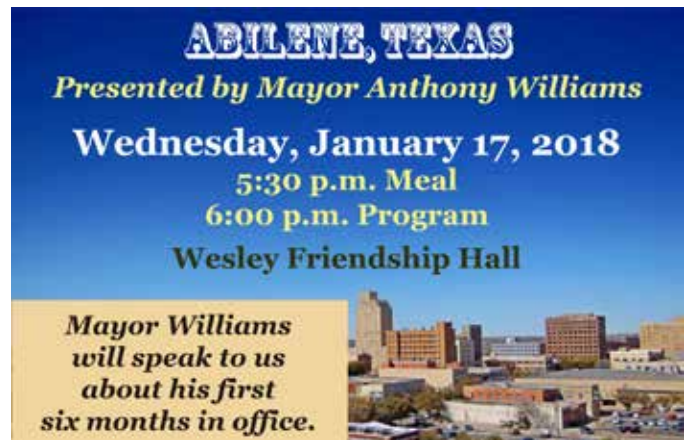
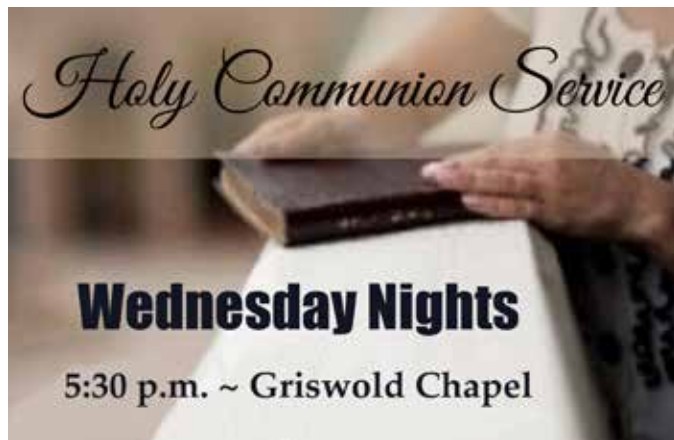
New Format for Wednesday Nights

We have reformatted our Wednesday night meals and programming beginning this month. We will have a meal and program on the **first** Wednesday of each month with the meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the program beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Wesley Friendship Hall.

Due to the holidays, we will meet January 17 for the month of January. Join us as Mayor Anthony Williams speaks to us about his first six months in office. The meal will be provided by Hayley Jo on the Go. Cost \$7.00 per person and \$24.00 for a family of 4 or more.

We also offer a Wednesday night Service of Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel **each** Wednesday night.

Next month we will meet on the first Wednesday, so mark your calendars for February 7, 2018, where we will have a program on Safety.



2018 Leadership (Cont.)

Family Ministries

Robin Swartz, Chair

Rosemary Burks Cheryl Holmes

Jamie Cauchon Laura Logan

Christy Hamaty Tina Pyburn

Angie Haney Jori Sechrist

Ruth Stokes

Student Ministries

Katie French, Chair

Alex Forehand Pat Mouser

Skipper Hamaty Susan Mouser

Mark Kappel Becki Wilson

Jana Kappel

Mission Ministries

Jori Sechrist & Jenny Young,

Co- Chairs

Betty Bradley Susan Mouser

James Hughes Adam Samuels

Melody Hunt Tim Sechrist

Marilyn Long Robin Swartz

Pat McCleskey Andrew Turnbull

Pat Mouser Scot Yarbrough

Thank You

Thank you all so very much for the Staff Christmas bonus.

St. Paul has always been a loving and supportive congregation. We would not be who we are if it were not for the opportunity to serve you in love. We are very appreciative for your outpouring love and support.

May God continue to show His favor upon everyone at St. Paul in 2018.

Peace,

*Felicia and
the St. Paul Staff*



If you are like most folks, you have made or are still thinking about making some New Year's resolutions. According to the Nielson's Rating company, these are the top ten resolutions most people will make:

Stay fit and healthy
Lose weight
Enjoy life to the fullest
Spend less, save more
Spend more time with family and friends
Get organized
Will not make any resolutions
Learn something new/new hobby
Travel more
Read more

Now while these all are good and noteworthy, we know that most of people fail miserably at keeping them all year. And as I looked at the list, I noticed that none of the top ten were spiritually related at all. There isn't anything on this list that is helping us to either become better disciples or to help make disciples of Jesus Christ. So, I thought I might suggest a different list of resolutions based upon scripture.

In the book of Acts 2:42-47 when the disciples were first starting out to build the community of believers we call the church; they had a certain way / attitude of relating to each other that caused exponential growth. These were their resolutions. So, maybe we can look at their list and add one or two habits to our list to become better followers of Christ in 2018. They:

Devoted themselves to the Apostles teachings and fellowship
Had Communion (more than once a month)
Prayed (alone, with one another and for one another)
Shared in worship
Ate together in each other's homes
Shared with those in need (food, clothing, shelter, finances etc.)
Praised God with a generous hearts

I pray that you can adopt at least one of these new habits or attitudes in your life in 2018 to help make you a better disciple. Don't worry, I am going to add a few to my list as well.

May 2018 Be a Blessed New Year!

Peace,
Felicia

Thank you so very much for all of the gifts and love we received this Christmas. You are the very best congregation and we are blessed to serve here at St. Paul UMC with you.

Peace and Happy New Year!
Felicia, Samuel & Adam Hopkins

Happy New Year

I hope you are looking forward to a fantastic 2018! May God bless you in each and every month with opportunities to serve others as He did me in the past 3 years. I trust that you will welcome and support our newest Children's Director in the coming months. Our congregation has so many talents and gifts and I have so enjoyed spending time getting to know each of you as we worked together!

As St. Paul transitions into this New Year, I know there will be plenty of wonderful times to be had with our church family. No doubt, there will be challenges along the way, too.

In this New Year, I want to be able to embrace the wonderful and the challenging as evidence that I am growing and maturing into the woman of God that I was created to be.

Best wishes and see you in 2018!

Robin

Here is a look back at 2017...



Activities at a Glance...

Monday, January 1

OFFICE CLOSED
Happy New Year

Tuesday, January 2

8:30 am Staff @Food Pantry
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm St. Paul @Food Pantry

Wednesday, January 3

10:00 am Prayer Team
11:30 am Future Leaders
Committee Meeting
5:30 pm Holy Communion Service
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 4

9:00 am Office open

Sunday, January 7

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

Monday, January 8

9:30 am United Methodist Women
5:15 pm Chancel Ringers
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, January 9

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 am UMM Breakfast
10:00 am Prayer Team
5:30 pm Holy Communion Service
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

12:00 pm Staff Book Study

Sunday, January 14

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

Monday, January 15

OFFICE CLOSED
(Staff Service Project)
5:15 pm Chancel Ringers
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 am Caring Hearts Visitation
1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 17

10:00 am Prayer Team
5:30 pm Holy Communion Service
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm Mayor Anthony Williams
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18

12:00 pm Staff Book Study
5:00 pm Board of Trustees

Friday, January 19

5:30 pm Youth Winter Retreat

Sunday, January 21

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

Monday, January 22

5:15 pm Chancel Ringers
7:00 pm College Group
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, January 23

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 24

10:00 am Prayer Team
3:15 pm The Jungle @Johnston Elem.
5:30 pm Holy Communion Service
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25

12:00 pm Staff Book Study

Sunday, January 28

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

Monday, January 29

5:15 pm Chancel Ringers
7:00 pm College Group
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, January 30

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

10:00 am Prayer Team
3:15 pm The Jungle @Johnston Elem.
5:30 pm Holy Communion Service
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
9:30 A.M. IN ROOM 111
*Join us for good fellowship
and a program.*

**United Methodist Men
Breakfast**
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
7:00 a.m. @ The Flipping Egg
(4150 So. Danville)
Each person will order from the menu.

*Program: Sam Ferguson,
McMurry Athletic Director
speaking on McMurry athletics*





St. Paul Financial Update As of December 31, 2017

2017 Budget	\$1,076,100.00
2017 Actual Income	\$1,037,337.00
2017 Actual Expenses	\$1,040,841.00
2017 Actual St. Paul Shared Ministries Giving	\$ 103,647.00

Chancel Ringers at Wesley Court



Youth Winter Retreat January 19-20, 2018

Who:

Winter Retreat is open to all students grades 6-12. You are encouraged to bring your friends!

What:

This year's Winter Retreat Theme is "The Beat of Your Heart." During this retreat we will be walking through the scriptures Proverbs 4:23 and John 16:33 to dive into what it truly means to have a heart that's fully centered on God.

Cost:

\$20.00 each with paintball
\$15.00 each without paintball

When:

January 19-20, 2018. We will leave from the St. Paul Gym parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Friday (Lateness=Leftness) and return around 7:00 p.m. Saturday.

Where:

Heart of Texas Camp is located on the shores of Lake Brownwood. There is beautiful nature. Dorm lodging. All of the recreation facilities you would expect at a camp. And even paintball!

Register:

Register by January 14, 2018.
Forms available in the office.

Packing List:

2 days of active warm clothes
(it will probably be cold)
Tennis shoes
Lounging clothes and PJs
Sleeping Bag/Blankets/Pillow
Towel
Toiletries
Bible/Notebook/Pen/Pencil
Games/Books for free time
Excitement
Snack to share
Clothes that you can sacrifice
to the game of paintball

Contact:

Katie French
kfrench@stpaulabilene.org

Celebration

We celebrate with Alexa and Ryan Hamilton on the birth of their son, Owen Alexander Hamilton, who was born Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in Bakersfield, California, who joins big sister, Madeline. Proud grandparents are Alex and Claire-Jean Korzenewski.

Sympathy

Allen Lubbock Lewis, *Susan King's father*, died Thursday, November 30, 2017. Services were Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in Bellaire, Texas.

Carolyn Parker Monk died Saturday, December 16, 2017. Services were Friday, December 29, 2017 at St. Paul.

B.B. Trotter, M.D., *K.K. Armstrong's father*, died Sunday, December 17, 2017. Visitation was Thursday, December 21, 2017. Burial will be at a later date.

Elsie Baugh Jones, *Leslie Smith's mother & member*, died Sunday, December 17, 2017. Services were Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Elliott Hamil Chapel.

Charlie Baumer, *John Baumer's father*, died Monday, December 18, 2017. Services were Saturday, December 23, 2017 in Utopia, Texas.

Memorials and Gifts...

In Memory Of:
Pat Bogar

To Memorial Fund
Dr. & Mrs. William Turney

In Memory Of:
Elsie Jones

To Memorial Fund
*Vance & Chris Goddard
Susan Springer*

In Memory Of:
John Stash

To Memorial Fund
Vade Giles

In Memory Of:
Carolyn Monk

To Memorial Fund
*Becky Burton
Chuck & Jean Kay Erwin
Vance & Chris Goddard
Van & Kristy Hayes
Patsy, Georgianne, Laura
and Ashley Hewett*

*S.M. & Portia Moore
Billye Proctor Shaw*

To TV Fund
Ralph & Gaylen Mollet

Birthdays!

January 1

Susie Pond
Alexa Korzenewski Hamilton
Emogene Whaley

January 5

Bert Geeslin
Violet Sophia Driskell

January 6

Barbara Anderson
Alexandria Chappell
Alex Terbush
Jack Fuqua
Madeline Hamilton

January 7

K.O. Long

January 8

Shannon Miers
Lucas Mollet

January 9

Jesse Rios

January 14

Jared Kingston
Joe Wayne Killion

January 15

Iris Nash

January 16

Sarah Spencer

January 17

Claire Stokes
Warren Harper

January 18

David Herd

January 20

Kayla Kingston

January 21

Luke Renfrow
Holly Hays

January 22

Russell Haynes
Lukas Puryear
Wyatt Puryear

January 23

Bob May

January 25

Dee Blount

January 26

Lynette Coody

January 27

Betty Bradley

January 28

Marianne Wesley
Mary Kate Bass

January 30

Glynnell Hughes
Martin Mercado

Memorials and Gifts... (Cont)

In Honor Of:
Bill Libby

To Music Fund
Mary Len Swinney

In Honor Of:
**Adam Samuels
& family**

To General Fund
S. Samuels

In Honor Of:
P.E.O. Sisterhood

To Cookies Fund
Cheryl Holmes





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United Methodist Church

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St. Paul United Methodist Family Thanks God For:

Two ways to Celebrate Soup-er Bowl Sunday February 4, 2018



Buy a bowl of soup (To-Go) for \$5.00/bowl.
Variety of soups prepared by the St. Paul Youth
will be available in the Wesley Friendship Hall at 12:00 noon.

**Bring Cans of Chili (any kind) to benefit
the Methodist Food Pantry.**

