

# The Window



**ST. PAUL**  
United Methodist Church

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

April 1, 2018

## WHAT I KNOW FOR SURE

In the back of the Oprah Magazine on the very last page is an article always entitled "What I know for Sure." Oprah addresses different social, political, personal and spiritual issues and always finds a way to let you know beyond a shadow of a doubt what she knows for sure in her heart and soul.

Resurrection Sunday is fast approaching so, I thought it might be helpful to share with you (in case you were wondering) what I know for sure or just simply what I believe to be the foundational core of my faith in God. It may surprise you that what I believe is very simple and that it represents to me the collection of thoughts, prayers, experiences and the work of great theologians over the years from around 100 A.D. My faith and hope are built on Jesus Christ, His blood, on the words of the Holy Bible and our beloved Apostles' Creed. Beginning in May 2018, I will be preaching about the Apostle's Creed.

So, this month, as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, let us be reminded that we serve the one true living God who's Son (Jesus) came from heaven and lived a human existence performing miracle after miracle. Let us know in our hearts that Jesus bleed and died a horrible death on the cross and rose from His grave on the third day; so that we might be forgiven of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life. I suggest we all take a minute and reflect on the words below -the words of the Apostle's Creed. What a precious reminder it is of "what we know for sure."

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(Traditional version)*

See YOU on Resurrection Sunday !!!! -Felicia

## Wednesday Night Meal / Program

Our Wednesday night meal and program for April will be Wednesday, April 4 with the meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the program beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Wesley Friendship Hall.

Join us as Rev. Felicia Hopkins speaks to us about her recent trip to Israel with a group from St. Paul UMC and First Central Presbyterian. Cost of the meal is \$7.00 per person and \$24.00 for a family of 4 or more. This month's meal will be chicken spaghetti.

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



## Jack Miller is Headed Back to the Scripps National Spelling Bee

Jack Miller is headed back to the Scripps National Spelling Bee! RSVBee is a new program for 2018 that allows past competitors to compete at the Scripps Bee in Washington, D.C. the last week of May.

The Abilene Reporter-News generously sponsored a spelling champion from our area for nineteen years! Though they are unable to continue their sponsorship this year, we are hopeful that a new corporate sponsor will come forward. If anyone knows of a local company or organization that might be interested, please let us know. We would love to find a commercial sponsor for Jack, but we also want to begin lining up supporters for a regional bee next year.

This is Jack's last year in the bee. He has worked harder and more cheerfully than ever, and he is ecstatic to be invited to nationals!

--The Miller family



## Summer Studio Art Camp June 25 - 29, 2018

@McMurry University Ryan Fine Arts Center

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
for children who have completed grades K – 6

**Drawing taught by Calvin Brown,**  
*studio art instructor*

**Photoshop taught by Tyson Terry,**  
*graphic design visiting assistant professor*

**Collage taught by Jennifer Nichols,**  
*photography and gallery studies instructor*

Classes will be grouped as follows: K-1, 2-3 and 4-6  
Class size is limited to 16 in each age group

Tuition: \$150 for the week (\$125 + \$25 for materials)

Register online at [events.mcm.edu/art](http://events.mcm.edu/art)

# GRATEFUL TO GIVE

YES!!!!!! The time has finally come for ALL of us to step up to the plate and make sacrificial financial commitment to our 2018 Capital Campaign. Sunday, April 22, 2018 will be our commitment Sunday. We will have a beautiful worship service at 11:00 a.m. led by our own Northwest Texas Conference Bishop-Bishop Earl Bledsoe. Then we will all process into the gym for a wonderful catered dinner (John Clay is catering Pork Chops and Sweet Fire Chicken Breast with all the fixings) to celebrate all that God has done to allow us to continue to be a viable ministry in downtown Abilene now and in the future.

Later this month, you will be receiving a letter containing your commitment card and suggesting different patterns of giving to help us achieve our goals. We will bring these back on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

All that I ask, is that you read the letter and prayerfully consider giving something to the campaign over the next 3 years. What I know for sure is that we will not reach our goal without YOU. So thank you in advance for being a part of this great journey. See YOU on the 22nd!!!!

## **SECURING ST. PAUL** *for generations of ministry*

### **HVAC UPDATES**

New chiller and boiler system to provide reliable cooling and heating to the buildings; new fan coil units to replace aging units in classrooms and offices.

**\$375,000 | 25%**

### **DOORS / WINDOWS**

New doors to replace the Sanctuary, Chapel & Tower doors; update some windows.

**\$150,000 | 10%**

### **SEALING**

Stone and roofline sealing to prevent interior water damage.

**\$100,000 | 7%**

### **BATHROOMS & WATER FOUNTAINS**

Remodeling to add ADA Handicap accessible bathrooms for our disabled guests; new water fountains to replace aged units.

**\$100,000 | 7%**

### **VANS & TRAILERS**

**\$50,000 | 3%**

### **MAINTENANCE FUND**

Allows the Board of Trustees to select areas to update over the next 5-10 years (plumbing, electrical, foundation, etc.) without taking money away from our ministry areas.

**\$275,000 | 18%**

### **PARKING ENTRANCES**

Concrete, asphalt, and resurfacing in parking areas; covered awning entrance.

**\$175,000 | 12%**

### **GYM FLOOR & LIGHTING**

Replace cracked gym floor with durable surface; update lighting with fixtures requiring less maintenance.

**\$75,000 | 5%**

### **SANCTUARY MEDIA**

Updating audio, video, and lighting in Sanctuary to preserve our on campus and broadcast worship experiences.

**\$200,000 | 13%**

## **NEW HVAC UNITS BEING INSTALLED**



# St. Paul MISSION TRIP

This summer St. Paul will be headed to Houston, Texas June 10-14, 2018 for an All-Church Mission Trip. We will be working with The Fuller Housing Project to rebuild housing damaged by natural disasters. This trip is for ages 16+ and will be a great opportunity to give back to the community while enjoying time with your St. Paul Family!

The cost per person is \$125, however our Mission Team (M.O.R.E) will be covering \$50 per person making your cost \$75 per person to make it more accessible. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Katie French at (325) 672-7814 or [kfrench@stpaulabilene.org](mailto:kfrench@stpaulabilene.org)

## 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 20, 2018 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 be receiving a letter in the mail giving you the opportunity to apply for the scholarship. If for some reason, you do not receive a letter, please call the church office.

**Scholarship Applications will be due in the church office by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.**

## High School Youth Spring Break Trip

The St. Paul high school youth and sponsors had a wonderful time going to Albuquerque, New Mexico during Spring Break.

They went to the Carlsbad Caverns, took a Tramway Ride, visited the Albuquerque BioPark and Museum of History and Science. They even had a little fun in the snow.



# Activities at a Glance...

## Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunise Worship Service  
9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt  
11:00 am Easter Worship Service  
1:30 pm Wesley Court Communion

## Monday, April 2 Office Closed for Easter Monday

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

## Tuesday, April 3

8:30 am Staff @Food Pantry  
1:00 pm Staff Meeting  
4:00 pm St. Paul @Food Pantry  
6:00 pm Grief Support Class

## Wednesday, April 4

10:00 am Prayer Team  
3:15 pm The Jungle @Johnston  
5:30 pm Holy Communion Service  
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal  
5:30 pm St. Paul Youth  
6:00 pm Israel Trip Program  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 5

11:30 am Capital Campaign Committee

## Sunday, April 8

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

## Monday, April 9

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

## Tuesday, April 10

12:00 pm St. Paul Foundation Meeting  
1:00 pm Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Grief Support Class

## Wednesday, April 11

7:00 am UMM Breakfast  
10:00 am Prayer Team  
3:15 pm The Jungle @Johnston  
5:15 pm Finance Committee  
5:30 pm Holy Communion Service  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 12

12:00 pm Staff Book Study

## Sunday, April 15

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

## Monday, April 16

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

## Tuesday, April 17

9:00 am Caring Hearts Visitation  
1:00 pm Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Grief Support Class

## Wednesday, April 18

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

## Thursday, April 19

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

## Sunday, April 22

### Grateful to Give Commitment Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am One Worship Service  
12:00 pm Grateful to Give  
All Church Lunch  
5:30 pm Youth  
5:30 pm Confirmation Class

## Monday, April 23

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

## Tuesday, April 24

1:00 pm Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Grief Support Class

## Wednesday, April 25

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, April 26

12:00 pm Staff Book Study  
2:00 pm In The Loop  
@Starbucks (So. 14th & Barrow)

## Sunday, April 29

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

## Monday, April 30

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018  
9:30 A.M. IN ROOM 111  
Program: *Jamie Cauchon*  
Continuation of Spiritual Growth Study:  
"Living As a Covenant Community"

United Methodist Men  
Breakfast  
Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
7:00 a.m. @ The Flipping Egg  
(4150 So. Danville)  
Each person will order from the menu.  
Program:  
Dr. Cliff Stewart,  
First Central Presbyterian Minister  
"Free Will"



## 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



## "In the Loop" Knitting/Crochet/Needle Arts

Thursday, April 26, 2018

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

@Starbucks, So. 14th & Barrow

Join this fun group as we fellowship,  
and do needle arts together.



## St. Paul Financial Update As of March 20, 2018

Year to Date Budget	\$233,027.00
Year to Date Actual Donations	\$204,089.00
Difference	\$ 28,938.00

## Thank You to All Who Helped at Our Holy Week Luncheon

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Holy Week Lunch a success - from the cooks, servers, the kitchen help, those who decorated the tables, music, set up crew and clean up crew - we could not have done it without you. Thank you for a job well done!



Diane Osborn, Helen Cartee,  
and Don & Pat Fite Serving



Melenaite Siale Musonera  
playing the Violin



Jonathan Storment, Minister  
Highland Church of Christ

# Birthdays!

## April 2

Gretchen Bullock

## April 3

Jennie Gerard  
Diane Osborn  
Marshall Turnbull

## April 6

Patti Mendenhall

## April 7

Levi Ritchie

## April 8

Robert (Bob) Barnes  
Vade Giles  
Haley Jo Oates  
Cooper Yungblut

## April 9

Ian Brothers  
Mike Ramsay  
Jarod Rosson  
Jori Sechrist

## April 10

Ann Bell  
Bill Libby

## April 11

Trinity Surles

## April 12

K.K. Armstrong  
Dennis Newquist  
Rylee Hope Saltzgaber

## April 13

Lily Rachel Mollet  
Ron Perkins

## April 15

Laura Logan

## April 16

Adrian Fowlkes  
Zoe Fowlkes  
Bill Gollihar  
Darlene Jones

## April 17

Ken Burgess

## April 18

Jean Kay Erwin  
Mike Hall  
Reed Young

## April 20

Norma Lopez

## April 21

David Spencer

## April 22

Will Dix  
Zana Slaughter

## April 23

Anita Fergus

## April 24

Cristian Santana-Lopez  
Casey Terrell

## April 26

Raider Burks

## April 27

Dick Burton

## April 28

Ruth Gollihar  
Mikel Hawkins

## April 30

George Shepard



Happy  
BIRTHDAY

# Sympathy

**Sue Goolsby** died Thursday, March 8, 2018.

**John Slaughter** died Tuesday, March 20, 2018 in Berthoud, Colorado. A Memorial Service will be Friday, April 27, 2018 at St. Paul UMC, Abilene.

## Memorials and Gifts...

In Memory Of:  
**Dr. John Judd**

To TV Fund  
*Ralph & Gaylen Mollet*

In Memory Of:  
**Martha Murphy**

To TV Fund  
*Ralph & Gaylen Mollet*

In Memory Of:  
**Carolyn Monk**  
To Memorial Fund  
*Gary & Linda Matster  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Monk*



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St. Paul United Methodist Family Thanks God For:

*Easter Worship Services*  
**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

**7:00 am ~ Sunrise Service**  
*@Diamondback Golf Club*

**11:00 am ~ One Worship Service**  
*@St. Paul Sanctuary*