



E~PISTLE FROM ST. PAUL

November 20, 2013

Celebrating 25 years together.

St. Paul at 25, Still a Great Place to Be!

Worship Services ~ 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, plan to be a part of St. Paul through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service. We will have a time during worship to return your pledge card—no matter which boxes you check on Sunday **November 24th**. If you have not picked up your card you can do so after the 9:00 service and before the 11:00 service. If you have already turned yours in, we ask that you come forward and symbolically turn it. If you are unable to pick up your card it will be mailed to you. Please fill it out and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

Investment Pledge

2014

*Into Your hands we place our gifts and talents, which we have received as blessings from You.
We pray that these gifts will grow as we dedicate ourselves anew to Your service...*

- I want to invest _____ weekly in St Paul UMC or
- I want to invest _____ monthly in St Paul UMC or
- I want to invest _____ annually in St Paul UMC
- I would rather not pledge at this time
 - I am interested in Legacy Giving, and I wish to speak to someone about how to remember St Paul UMC in my will.
 - I am interested in Electronic giving through automatic draft

Signature _____

25 YEAR HISTORY and YEARBOOK

Did you get your copy of the *History*? There are 8 remaining as of today, Tuesday. Call Carol at 466-9800 or email her cflorow@bellsouth.net for your copy. If more books are needed, it will take a few days for printing. Get it! Read it! And be part of the informed crowd.

United Methodist Women's News

Some 8,000 United Methodist Women from around the world will be meeting in Louisville, Kentucky next April 25-27th. This is the closest to us in a long time for their Assembly which meets every four years. Memphis Conference women are registering now. The cost is \$235-255 plus hotel for 2 nights, food and transportation. Two buses are planning to go from Milan that Friday morning. Registration forms are available online or talk to Sandy Mauney if you are interested at all.

I want to brag a bit about the recent Mission Outreach Retreat at Lakeshore. Attendance was up to 75, with seven women under age 25 attending. We packed 46 Flood Buckets, 80 school bags, 119 health kits and 18 sewing kits, which were loaded onto a truck headed to the Distribution Center in Baldwin, LA. The women assisted in several hands-on projects which included caulking 8 cabins, repainting the 4-square and shuffleboard courts in the parking lot, clearing an old trail and bleaching the summer dishes. In addition, they participated in a Bible study on Faith, Hope and Love in Action and shared in preparing several skits for the Saturday evening fellowship. Think about going next November!

United Methodist Men Holiday Turkeys and Hams

The Methodist Men are still taking orders for smoked turkeys and spiral cut hams for your Thanksgiving enjoyment. These meats are being smoked by the Memphis BBQ Company. You can place your order by contacting Jim Young at 901-301-3049 or Michael Wiley at 901-356-2635, using the order forms found in your bulletin on Sunday or contacting the church office. Orders will need to be placed by Sunday, November 24th with pick-up on Tuesday November 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please help the Methodist Men raise money for St. Paul projects by purchasing your holiday meats through them.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary are available for purchase in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10.00. **November 24th** is the deadline to order. Forms can be found in your Sunday bulletin. Fill out the form and place with a check (be sure to put poinsettia in the memo line) in the offering plate. You will be able to take your plant home following the services on December 24th. Proceeds will go to local missions.

Promiseland Volunteers Needed

Do you like to have fun? Do you like to spend time with children? Could you maybe give up time in Sunday School or Worship once a month? Then I have a spot for you! Promiseland is in need of volunteers for the 10:00 and 11:00 hours. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Jill Kirk at jillk72@bellsouth.net.

Children's Christmas Program

The children's Christmas program will be on December 8th at 1:30 p.m. In addition to our Wednesday practices we will practice on Sunday November 17th, 24th and December 1st. After the 11:00 service we will have lunch with the kids (more than likely it will be pizza.) Please send \$3.00 each Sunday to cover the cost of lunch. Then we will head to the Sanctuary for practice. We will be finished by 1:30, so please pick your child up from the Sanctuary at that time. If you have any questions contact Will or Jill.

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

The children in Promiseland will be collecting boxes for Operation Christmas Child~ Samaritan's Purse. Touch the heart of a needy child with a gift-filled shoe box and the good news of Jesus. You can pick up boxes and How to Pack Box flyers in the Narthex and outside the church office. The last day to turn boxes in will be Sunday, November 24th. Please make sure to enclose \$7 to cover the cost of shipping the boxes. If you would like more information about Operation Christmas Child you can visit their website at:

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/>

If you have any questions please contact Jill at jillk72@bellsouth.net.

KWAM

Our next KWAM (Kids With A Mission) will meet Sunday, **November 24th** from 4:00-5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Kids grades Kindergarten – 5th are welcome to attend.

Saint Paul Youth News

Breakfast with Santa – December 14th 9:00am – 10:30 am

Like last year we will charge \$5 per person with a \$15 max. Come have breakfast with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and all our Youth Elves. There will be a short program with sing-a-long Christmas Songs, and a picture with Santa is included. A RSVP box is outside the Church Office.

Christmas Caroling – December 22nd (during our Youth Fellowship time)

The plans are in the works for us to carol for our shut-ins like we did last year. We might even be able to go with our KWAM kids and maybe even the Scouts. We will need a few drivers for the evening. Our Theory is the "the more the merrier" so if you would like to come join us or know someone we need to visit while caroling please contact Shannon Pryor at spryor@stpaul-lakeland.org or 463-6885

Youth Sunday – December 29th

The youth will lead both worship services on the last Sunday of the year. We have already started planning and are very excited to be able to lead our church family in Worship.

We need a few good Men and Women!

After the first of the year the youth ministry team will really begin to feel the absence of Mr. Michael (congratulations Michael & Rachel on the pending nuptials) in Youth Fellowship. Our current youth counselors are Mrs. April, Sarah Turner, Moose Woodward. However we still need a few extra helpers so that we don't over them and to give them a chance to have a Sunday evening off. I am currently working on next year's schedule and will be putting up a sign-up sheet outside the church office if you are interested in volunteering your time to support this amazing group of young people. For more information you can contact Shannon Pryor @ spryor@stpaul-lakeland.org or 463-6885.

Dear St. Paul family,

Presented below are the income and expenses through October 31, 2013

Thank you for continuing to give faithfully to support the ministries of

St. Paul. If you have any questions about this information please contact me at 266-3267 or kudovich@clayandland.com.

Grace and Peace,

Karen Udovich

Chair, Finance committee

Description	2013 Annual Budget	2013 YTD 10/31/13 Budget	2013 YTD 10/31/13 Actual
I N C O M E			
Subtotal, Contributions Income	\$592,744.29	\$481,760.54	\$464,363.33
Subtotal, Other Income	\$38,610.00	\$32,174.98	\$35,573.88
Total Income	\$631,354.29	\$513,935.52	\$499,937.21
E X P E N S E S			
Appointed Staff	\$85,309.98	\$70,950.02	\$70,856.06
Other Staff Salaries	\$188,242.54	\$156,868.76	\$158,360.70
Staff Expenses and Benefits	\$34,963.07	\$31,927.96	\$31,804.33
Total, Administrative Expenses	\$18,000.00	\$15,050.02	\$12,793.81
Total, Building & Property Expenses	\$100,000.00	\$88,261.43	\$74,242.49
Total, Debt Service Expense	\$186,838.68	\$155,698.90	\$155,698.90
Ministry Teams	\$8,700.00	\$8,283.34	\$4,436.11
Memphis Conference Apportionments	\$17,000.00	\$14,166.66	\$14,166.70
Total Expenses	\$639,054.27	\$541,207.09	\$522,359.10
Net difference between income and expenses	(\$7,699.98)	(\$27,271.57)	(\$22,421.89)

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