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St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors

FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

21 FEBRUARY 2010 • 10:00 AM

***Those Who Are Able, Please Stand*

PLEASE, silence your cell phones

Nursery available – just ask an usher

GOD CALLS US TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

Darin Brown

WELCOME: ANNOUNCEMENTS & GUESTS

Rev. Brandon Austin

CHORAL INTROIT

“Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes”

St. Paul's Choir

UNISON PRAYER

Liturgist

Let us pray as one:

Holy God, breathe your Spirit of life into us. We are creatures of earth, and we are your children, created in your image. We are frightened sometimes in this world full of risk and confusion. Sometimes things happen too fast, and we find it hard to make good decisions. We need your help.

God, as you created life at the beginning of time, create and shape us anew. We want to be clay once more, shaped by your hand, touching earth, contemplating heaven, loving, working, and playing on this good earth. We want to be a part of the circle of love you began in Jesus, reaching to embrace the whole world – a circle where the sick are healed, the dying are comforted, the oppressed achieve new dignity, and all live in peace. Through your Spirit, let it be! Amen.

****OPENING HYMN #374**

“Standing on the Promises”

During the hymn, the ushers will collect prayer cards in the center aisle.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

A MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

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As the children gather on the sanctuary steps, please sing #2233 (FWS)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: this is where children belong.***

****THE PEACE OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL**

ONE: The peace of the living Christ be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Lenten Meditation"

St. Paul's Choir

****THE SCRIPTURE STORY**

Luke 4. 1 - 13

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ONE: May blessings be added to the reading, the hearing, and the comprehension of the scripture, and may we find in all that is said, done, and sung, a word from God for our day and for our need. Amen.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

WITNESS TO THE WORD

"An Audience of One"

Rev. Brandon Austin

WITH OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS WE RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYER HYMN #2152

"Change My Heart, O God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR: *God, to your love...*

PEOPLE: *...we trust this prayer.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal #895)

Our Creator/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom/kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom/kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

AN INVITATION

Please make checks to: *St. Paul's UMC*

Liturgist

For cheer in giving, we pray. For the power to relinquish. For knowing what is ours and what is yours and for confusing the two as often as possible, we pray. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERTORY

Darin Brown

****DOXOLOGY #94**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liturgist

WE GO TO SERVE GOD & OUR NEIGHBORS IN ALL WE DO

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION #505**

“When Our Confidence Is Shaken”

****BENEDICTION**

Go forth, in Christ's name, to transform existence, to bring consolation to the desperate, hope to the hungry and homeless, reconciliation to a community and world divided. And in Christ's name, find a cause you can live for, a self you can live with, and a Redeemer for whom you can die. Amen.

POSTLUDE *(please be seated)*

Darin Brown

Guests and visitors - Please join us for refreshments following worship

Ministers: Congregation

Pastor: Brandon Austin

Children & Youth Ministries: Lisa Brown

Music Director: Anthony Dahl

Office: Kim Borges

Organist/Accompanist: Darin Brown

Liturgist: Steve Parsons

Coffee Fellowship: Men's Club

Head Usher: Mike Seelye

Bob Pfirmann, Donna Kinser

Evelyn Moore, Dale Johnson

Sound: Steve Parsons & Robert Sumner

Facilities: Alena & Robert Sumner

Lay Leaders: Jay Holmes

Karen Talbot, Al Lingenfelter

March Epistle Deadline—February 22nd

Please submit your March Epistle items to the church office by Monday, February 22nd.

Acolyte Training

Thursday, February 25th, 4:30—6:00 p.m.

Contact Lisa Brown at 823-7154 for more information

There will be Acolyte training for children 3rd grade and older who are interested in becoming an Acolyte (a “helper/follower” in worship). This training is also an opportunity for the current Acolytes to “refresh” their gifts of serving and to work as a team with the new acolytes. Please call the church office to sign-up for this training.

Lenten Breakfasts

Saturdays February 27th—March 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Contact the church office 823-7154 for further information

Please see your bulletin insert to sign up for any or all of our Lenten Breakfasts held each Saturday thru March 27th in the Fireside Room. Join us for a time of food, music, fellowship, and to hear one of our St. Paul’s church members share their faith journey. If you are interested in hosting one of the Lenten breakfasts, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

St. Paul’s Scholarship Applications

Submission Deadline-March 1st

Questions? Contact the church office at 823-7154

If you are a graduating high school senior, or an undergraduate student at a junior college or university, scholarship applications are available on St. Paul’s church website at www.stpaulsmanteca.org. You can access them under *File Cabinet* and *Forms*. The completed application, transcripts and letters of recommendation are due to the church office by Monday, March 1st. **For more information contact scholarship committee members: Jeanne Pollard, Glenn Phillips or Michelle Brown.**

United Methodist Women

General Meeting & Program March 4th @ 10:00 a.m. Fireside Room

Contact Luan Bland 923-4623 for more information

Your help is needed to plan for our annual Bake Sale that will be held March 28th, so please bring your ideas. We are in the midst of Lent and our program will be led by Marussa Mahony who will delve into the significance of the Easter Egg and the symbolism attached to it by the Ukrainian people. Come join us for a cup of coffee or tea, good conversation, a good program and prayer.

Got Cookies???? Girl Scout Cookie Sale March 7th in the Fellowship Hall

Contact Kelly Bergman at 599-4506 for more information

Selling Girls Scout cookies helps girls learn marketing, public relations, advertising and financial skills while having fun and continuing to GROW STRONG in Scouting. Thanks for your continued support of the girls and this important ministry of St. Paul’s. Girl Scout Troop 2031 will be selling GIRL SCOUT COOKIES in the Fellowship Hall on March 7th after worship. The cost is \$4.00 a box and we will have all the varieties available for purchase. Look for the girls displaying their Girl Scout spirit!

A Time for a Holy Conversation

Saturday, February 27th - 10:00 AM to Noon
immediately following the Lenten breakfast

Since my arrival to St. Paul's in July 2009, I have mentioned my hope to have several conversations with you where we can consider at length and strategically our life and mission as God's people, as the body of Christ. There will be several of these planned throughout the year, each conversation building toward the next with the hope of defining a strategic plan that will allow us to optimize our efforts and resources in the work of Christ. I will be inviting presenters and facilitators from outside the congregation to guide our conversations so that we come away with a satisfying and specific plan for the year's ahead. What is God calling us to be and to do? What scriptures, songs and stories speak to you about God's love for the world and for you? How might we prepare to listen to new ideas, to travel unfamiliar roads, to learn from one another, to open our hearts and minds for a fresh word from God? What is living a life of faith in God really about and how do we welcome that and offer that here? Let the conversation begin!



Need a Stephen Minister?



Going through a rough time - emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and helpful. **Contact Pastor Brandon (823-7154) , Bea Lingenfelter (239-3881) or Kit Oase (599-3408). Information is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.**

Wednesday Night Light

6:00 – 8:00 PM Weekly

In the Fellowship Hall

Potluck Dinner – bring your dish, family and friends or just come and eat!

Worship Service – Taizé singing, a message and prayer – come join us!

Children & Youth – Bible based activities for your children!

Interactive Adult Study Focus: Spirituality – we are improving our connection with God by reading and reflecting on insights from the book *Hunger of the Heart* by Ron Delbene.



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WELCOME GUESTS!!

Visiting with us last Sunday were:

Adam DeLong

PRAYERS FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

CONCERNS & SYMPATHY

Rick Gianni, Cliff Bickle, Ron Weimer, Glen McCortie, Diane Lee, Joe Schillinger, Ben Smartt, Richard Field, John & Carolyn Van Zant, Rod Cloud, Betty Sazama (friend of Margie Bolan), Karel Hoogendoorn Chris (Robert & Jean Phillips' brother-in-law), Jeanne Thomas, Mavis Capito (Val Genilla's grandmother), Stan Michaelson, Barbara Arrington, Allen Gehman, Quincy (Esther Jundt's great grandson)

CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

Jeanne Murchie 2/21
 Sue Quaresma 2/21
 Anita Columbus 2/22
 Karen Tucker 2/22
 Jay Holmes 2/23
 Raeanne Quaresma 2/23
 Ella McChesney 2/26
 Susan Wohle 2/27

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S Church Office Hours Mon—Fri 9:00 a.m. —4:00 p.m.

Today, February 21st:

9:00 a.m. Bible Study—All Ages (AL) and (FSR)
 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP
 Children's Church (S)
 11:30 a.m. Worship Committee (FSR)
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group (FH)

Monday, February 22nd:

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry (FSR)

Tuesday, February 23rd:

Wednesday, February 24th:

1:00 p.m. Hope Circle (FSR)
 6:00 p.m. Wed Nite Lite Potluck (FH)
 TaizéWorship (FSR)
 Classes for all ages

Thursday, February 25th:

4:30 p.m. Acolyte Training
 6:00 p.m. Mission Bells (CR)
 7:15 p.m. Choir

Friday, February 26th:

8:30 a.m. Doorkeepers
 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Saturday, February 27th:

9:00 a.m. Lenten Breakfast (FSR)
 10:00 a.m. Holy Conversation #1 (FSR)

Sunday, February 28th:

9:00 a.m. Bible Study—All Ages (AL) and (FSR)
 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP
 Children's Church (S)
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group (FH)

Please call, write, and/or visit our homebound friends and members:

➤ <i>Neva Thomas</i>	209-599-4221	Bethany Home, 430 W. Main St. Ripon, CA 95366
➤ <i>Beulah Stevens</i>		1908 N. Rose Street, Porterville, CA 93257
➤ <i>Lottie Bishop</i>	209-858-2196	P. O. Box 127, Lathrop, CA 95330
➤ <i>Louise Maxwell</i>	209-823-8653	425 N. Powers Avenue, Manteca, CA 95336
➤ <i>Evelyn Allen</i>	209-239-3617	2174 Debutant Walk, Manteca, 95336
➤ <i>Marguerite Beedy</i>	209-239-6246	430 N. Union Rd., #118, Manteca, CA 95337

FSR— Fireside Room; FH—Fellowship Hall; L— Library; CR—Choir Room; S—Sanctuary; YR—Youth Room

KEEPING OUR VOWS OF MEMBERSHIP

Sunday Attendance: 164	Sunday Offering: \$ 3,168
Wednesday Night Attendance: 50	Wednesday Offering: \$
Youth Group Attendance: 14	

Our Gratitude to God Expressed Financially February 21, 2010

Tithes, Offerings and Gifts applied to Our General Budget					
Month	2010	2009	Month	2010	2009
January	\$26,534	\$23,683	July		\$24,999
February		\$23,683	August		\$24,801
March		\$24,469	September		\$17,985
April		\$23,873	October		\$25,867
May		\$26,183	November		\$37,007
June		\$24,689	December		\$25,658
Minimum Needed for February				\$ 24,499	
Received for the Month				\$ 17,398	
Needed to meet monthly minimum				\$ 7,101	

2010 Giving for Our Conference & Global Missions (Adopt An Apportionment! – see www.umc.org for details)

LINE ITEM	BUDGETED	GIVEN
Annual Conference Ministries	28,267	
Clergy Pension & Benefits	16,833	2,805.50
World Service	5,175	
Black College Fund	707	
Africa University	158	
Episcopal Fund	1,424	
General Administration Fund	561	
Interdenominational Coop. Fund	138	
Ministerial Education	1,772	100
Jurisdictional Conference Admin. Fund	168	
Jurisdictional Korean Mission	90	
TOTAL	55,293	2,905.50

