



St. Paul's
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St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

5 SEPTEMBER 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 “Amazing Grace” *Rich McDonnell*

WELCOME *Rev. Brandon Austin*

****OPENING HYMN #374** “**Standing On the Promises**”
During the hymn, the ushers will collect prayer cards in the center aisle.

****RESPONSIVE READING #401** “**For Holiness of Heart**” *Jay Holmes*
P = pastor side; L = liturgist side

P: Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

L: Here is the citadel of all my desiring, where my hopes are born

P: and all the deep resolutions of my spirit take wings.

L: In this center, my fears are nourished,

P: and all my hates are nurtured.

L: Here my loves are cherished, and all the deep hungers of my spirit

P: are honored without quivering and without shock.

L: In my heart, above all else, let love and integrity envelop me

P: until my love is perfected

L: and the last vestige of my desiring

P: is no longer in conflict with thy Spirit.

ALL: Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Trust in the Lord*” *Gloria Villarta*

THE PEACE OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL *(Children attend children's church)*

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

ALL: And also with you!

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO GOD

PRAYER HYMN #2152 "Change My Heart, O God"

JOYS & CARES ONE: *God, to your love...* **ALL...we trust this prayer.**

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

AN INVITATION Please make checks to: *St. Paul's UMC* *Jay Holmes*

God, our provider and our home, give us hearts so grateful and trusting that we are unafraid to invest our lives in faith in the world you are creating among us. Keep us from the deceptions and illusions that steal our hopes and cause us to give way to self-conceit, greed, and false securities. May we forever eat the bread of your life from your table and live in the confidence of your presence among us. **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** *Jay Holmes*

WE LISTEN FOR THE LIVING WORD

****THE SCRIPTURE STORY** **Luke 14. 25 - 33** *Rev. Brandon Austin*

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 *It Could Cost You An Arm and A Leg* *Rev. Brandon Austin*

HYMN #2149 "Living for Jesus"

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN COMMUNION

As we gather for communion, we remember our sisters and brothers who will receive communion later this month by our Stephen Ministers and by those who lead worship at the Merrill Gardens Retirement Community.

Invitation to Communion

This is the table of the crucified and resurrected Christ prepared for you. Let his love for you draw you toward him so that you may receive what he offers to you. Trust him to love you in spite of whatever might keep you from him, so that you may find forgiveness and joy. Let us celebrate together with the saints his presence among us.

The Great Thanksgiving – see insert

We Celebrate at the Altar and at Communion Stations

The Lord's Prayer

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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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

**SONG OF BENEDICTION "Shalom to You"

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE *(please be seated)*

Darin Brown

Guests and visitors - Please join us for refreshments following worship

Ministers: *Congregation*

Pastor: *Brandon Austin*

Music Director: *Anthony Dahl*

Office: *Kim Borges*

Organist/Accompanist: *Darin Brown*

Liturgist: *Jay Holmes*

Coffee Fellowship: *Worship Committee*

Head Usher: *Mike Seelye*

Betty Christy, Evelyn Moore

Tom Handley

Sound: *Steve Parsons & Robert Sumner*

Facilities: *Mary Santos*

Lay Leaders: *Jay Holmes,
Karen Talbot, Al Lingenfelter*

Chancel Choir Workshop

September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

St. Paul's will be hosting a workshop for those interested in learning about singing. Ms. Mary Monaghan will spend the evening exploring good singing techniques and teaching us some new and interesting pieces of music. Choir members should plan to attend, but you do not have to be a member of the choir to participate. Anyone who is interested in learning more about singing or would just like to try singing with a group without committing to it is encouraged to attend.

**September 12th Choir Rehearsals Resume at a New Day and Time:
Sundays 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM. in the Choir Room**

Church Photo Directory Sign-Ups! Yep, It's That Time!

Photo Dates: September 15, 16, 17, 18

(Wed thru Fri) from 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM and (Sat) 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

**Sign-Up Before or After Worship Services OR
Contact the Church Office for available times.**

Time to "smile" for a new church photo directory. With an entirely new staff and changes in our membership, it is time to sign up and plan for your next church photo opportunity! Olan Mills will be taking the photos with the latest in computer/digital photography. Photos should be ready just in time for Christmas gifts! I've been looking at former St. Paul's photo directories, and it is so much fun to see how you've changed (or haven't changed) as the years pass. Also there are loved ones no longer with us and little ones who have grown into beautiful adults. What a gift the photos can be for new comers (like me!) or old timers. Please join me for a pose and a smile! - **Pastor Brandon**

Time to Get Cranking! All Church Ice-Cream Social

Sunday, Sept. 26th – Following Worship

Bring your friends!!

Being a pastor has its privileges – like initiating an event just so I can have some homemade peach, strawberry, chocolate or vanilla ice cream (with toppings ;o) Can you blame me? Of course not! After all, I have a hunch you'd enjoy a bit of cream, too. Fortunately, Al Lingenfelter and the United Methodist Men will coordinate this event. So, please contact Al or the church office (823-7154) and let us know if you have an ice cream maker or a great ice cream recipe, and let's get cranking!

All-Church Cleaning and Dumpster Day October 23rd

Breakfast provided by United Methodist Men 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Clean Up sponsored by the Trustees 9:00 AM - Noon

In addition to our fall deep cleaning day, we will provide a large drop box dumpster to dispose of old or broken items from around the church. **We ask that all committees and groups look through your spaces and identify items that need to be disposed of and red tag them.** Red tags are available in the church office. Please write a brief description of the item and the person/committee authorizing its disposal. On the cleaning day these items will be loaded into the dumpster for disposal. *For questions about the clean up, contact Robert Sumner @ 740-8844 (between 1 pm and 7 pm weekdays).*

OUR GUESTS IN WORSHIP

Jill Padilla

PRAYERS OF CONCERN & SYMPATHY

Rick Gianni
Ron Weimer
Diane Lee
Joe Schillinger
John & Carolyn Van Zant
Rod Cloud
Betty Sazama
Bob Dozie
Alan Gehman
Ben & Grace Smartt
Roy & Louane Walker
Gayle (Joy Gunnerson's daughter)
Gary (Ann Peterson's son-in-law)
Betty Pinol
John Huffington
Pat Johnson
Ernie Durham
David Vest
Ed Davis (Ruth Zucchi's brother)
Bette McKinnon

CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS

September Birthdays this week

Sun 5 Heidi Wohle
Mon 6 Lillian Pearson
Marilyn Wilson
Wed 8 Dale Johnson
Thurs 9 Reed Goodwin
Sat 11 Nicholas Williams

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN ACTION

Office Hours

Mon—Fri 9:00 a.m. —4:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

Mon – Wed 9:00 – 12:00

(call to set/confirm your appointment)

Sunday, September 5th:

9:00 - Adult Sunday School (L) & (FSR)
10:00 - WORSHIP SERVICE/Children's Church (FSR)
11:30 - Mtg: Directory Team (L)

Monday, September 6th:

Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7th:

7:00 - Mtg: Staff Parish (FSR)

Wednesday, September 8th:

10:00 - 4:00 Nearly New Thrift Shop

Thursday, September 9th:

Pastor's Sabbath

10:00 - 4:00 Nearly New Thrift Shop
5:30 - Overeaters Anonymous (L)
7:00 - Choir Workshop (CR)

Friday, September 10th:

Pastor's Sabbath

8:30 - Doorkeepers
9:00 - Noon Pastor's Circuit Meeting in Modesto
10:00 - 4:00 Nearly New Thrift Shop
1:00 - Food Pantry

Saturday, September 11th:

10:00 - 4:00 Nearly New Thrift Shop
10:00 - 1:00 District Clergy Meeting in Stockton

Sunday, September 12th:

9:00 - Adult Sunday School (L) & (FSR)
9:00 - Choir Rehearsal (CR)
10:00 - WORSHIP SERVICE/Children's Church (FSR)
Preschool Teacher Recognition
11:30 - Mtg: Directory Team (L)
5:00 - 7:00 Disciple Bible Study Class (FSR)

FSR- Fireside Room; FH-Fellowship Hall; L- Library; CR-Choir Room; S-Sanctuary; YR-Youth Room; RR - Resource Room

KEEPING OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Sunday Attendance: 149 Sunday Offering: \$1,382
 Youth Attendance: 14
 Wednesday Attendance: 10

Our Gratitude to God Expressed Financially September 5, 2010

Tithes, Offerings and Gifts applied to Our General Budget					
Month	2010	2009	Month	2010	2009
January	\$26,616	\$23,683	July	\$20,559	\$24,999
February	\$26,616	\$23,683	August	\$22,019	\$24,801
March	\$24,414	\$24,469	September		\$17,985
April	\$24,256	\$23,873	October		\$25,867
May	\$25,935	\$26,183	November		\$37,007
June	\$23,816	\$24,689	December		\$25,658
Minimum Needed for September \$ 24,940 Received for the Month \$ Needed to meet monthly minimum \$ 24,940					
July Budget Revenue \$23,314		July Actual \$17,597		Year-to-Date Budget Revenue \$170,489	
				Year-to-Date Actual \$163,160	

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	16,426
Clergy Pension & Benefits	16,833	11,222
World Service	5,175	145
Black College Fund	707	70
Africa University	158	75
Episcopal Fund	1,424	
General Administration Fund	561	
Interdenominational Coop. Fund	138	
Ministerial Education	1,772	700
Jurisdictional Conference Admin. Fund	168	
Jurisdictional Korean Mission	90	
TOTAL	55,293	28,638



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St. Paul UMC - Youth Ministry - September Update

Our volunteer youth counselors have been steadily present for and responsive to our youth and to their families for just under a year. We have much to celebrate as they have developed outstanding rapport with one another during weekly meetings and have discovered the larger church at various 2010 Conference summer church camps.

Our ongoing efforts to provide meaningful youth ministry will continue in October, when our counselors return from their break for the month of September. Moreover, by then, we will have named our next staff youth coordinator and this will provide them time for orientation and preparation for the busy holiday months that follow.

Please follow our youth ministry plans in the October "Epistle" newsletter and in bulletin inserts.

For further information, contact Pastor Brandon at the church office 823-7154.

Disciples I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

A Weekly Exploration of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation

Begins September 12th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM each Sunday

Free to You! Bring a Friend! Pick up your first lesson NOW!

If you've ever considered that you would like to know more about the Bible, read it for yourself, and explore the archaeology, history and concepts within and beyond its pages, then your time has come! Join Pastor Brandon and Pastor Emeritus Phil Hall in this 34 week learning adventure. Daily readings from the Bible and from the study manual provide participants with a rich context for understanding the deeper meanings and current day applications of scripture. Disciple I is designed for everyone who is curious about the Bible, Christianity, faith, the Church and the nature of being a child of God. Doubts, questions, and imagination are welcome and will be used in our class discussions. The class meets weekly with the exception of several holiday weekends.

First week lessons are currently available in the church office. So, please pick one up or ask our administrative assistant to mail one to you and begin following the instructions to prepare for our first gathering on September 12th. We will meet in the Fireside Room at 5:00 PM. Donations will be accepted to cover materials but there is no cost to anyone wishing to take the class. For further information, please contact Pastor Brandon at 823-7154.



Stephen Ministry



St. Paul's Stephen Ministry program will be offering our third training class beginning in January, 2011. Watch for future announcements and the posting of applications. Until then please prayerfully consider if Stephen Ministry is an area of Christian ministry that is right for you. For more information about referrals and/or an application for the next training class, please contact Stephen Leaders, Marlene Colby 608-0506, Bea Lingenfelter 239-3881, Kit Oase 599-3408 or Pastor Brandon.

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

›Selma Wrigglesworth	209-823-7832	430 N. Union Rd. #244, Manteca, CA 95337
›Betty Lou Miniaci	209-599-4221	Bethany Home, 930 W. Main St., Rm 1, Ripon, CA 95366
›Colin Hill		855 Bruce Road, Apt. 227, Chico, CA 95928
›Beulah Stevens		1908 N. Rose Street, Porterville, CA 93257
›Lottie Bishop	209-858-2196	P. O. Box 127, Lathrop, CA 95330
›Louise Maxwell	209-823-8653	425 N. Powers Avenue, Manteca, CA 95336
›Marguerite Beedy	209-239-6246	430 N. Union Rd., #118, Manteca, CA 95337



