



Children's choirs will resume for the school year on September 5th. Cherub Choir for 3-5 yr. olds and Kids4Christ Choir for K-5th grade will both meet at 6pm on Wednesday evenings.



First Friday Fun Night is September 7th, from 5:30-8:30 pm. We will be having a Movie Night! We will make some Minion crafts and snacks and then watch Despicable Me 3. \$10 per child, \$30 max per family. Bring the kids to relax after the first few busy weeks of school.

Lego Clubs

This year St. Paul's will once again be hosting several competitive Lego robotics teams. These teams will meet Sunday morning after Sunday School. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Do you like science and programming? Do you have a few extra hours a week to help a great group of kids learn about robotics? Training is provided as well as all curriculum and materials. Please contact Sheryl if you are interested in coaching! (575-541-3182) I know we have many retired scientists and engineers. This is your chance to invest in our children! If you are a student ages 6-14 and you haven't heard from me about the Lego Teams, but you are interested, please contact me!



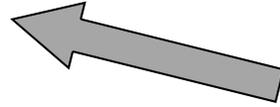
Central Elementary Staff and Student Support

We provided 90 school supply filled backpacks to Central Elementary school. We also brought over a staff breakfast on the Friday before school started. Please be in prayer for the staff and students of Central (and the new principal!) as they begin their year!

Fall Festival

Fall Festival will be here soon. We will once again be working around a science theme. It was a hit last year! Again I know we have many scientists and engineers in our congregation. If you have an experiment, model or activity that you could come present at our Fall Festival, please let Sheryl know! Last year, we had slime making, kinetic sand, a solar telescope, cool animals, and a robotics demonstration. We want to have even more this year! The date for Fall Festival is Saturday, October 13th from 11 am -2 pm. We need lots of help with games, crafts and food, as well as greeters and set-up and clean-up help! We also need donations of gift cards to use for our door prizes. Please watch for the rolling board in the commons to appear next week to sign up to help.





College students, are you needing a quiet place to go and study or just have some downtime? Room 214 at St. Paul's is available to college students who need just that. Also bring your friends. Snacks and refreshments are available. Please contact Sheila at 575-263-9071 to set up hours needed.



September 2 will be our last day to have the sign-up board in the Commons to sponsor one of our students for Youth19. When you sign up to be a sponsor, you will receive emails throughout the year on your student's activities and prayer request. You also may email Sheila at sheilacash-skinner@gmail.com to sign up for a student. The following students need sponsors: Chaeley; Naomi, Miranda, Rylea, Caelee, Ben Addie -Prayer Sponsor Only, Avery- Prayer Sponsor Only

We had a great start Sunday with our confirmation class. (Anita Richardson, David Cooper, Brooklyn Ash, Addie Jimerson, Caelee Jimerson, Jace Jimerson, Avery Thieman)

Thank you to our **Mentors**: Diane Young, Laurie Norman, Ann & Pete Bellows, Susan Jeffers, Tommy Esparza-Youth Sponsor for Youth 2019 and Youth Group, Juniper Smith-Youth Sponsor-Hangs out with confirmands during dinner.

Thank you to our **Clergy/Laity**: Rev. Darren Skinner, Rev. Gorton Smith, Sean Barham-Lay Servant, Dr. Doug Weeks, Mike Hall- Lay Servant, Rev. Paul Duerksen, Rev. Carol Tuck, and our **Prayer Warrior**: Ruth Moorer

On Sunday, September 16th, 5-6pm NMSU Student Veteran Organization will be cooking the meal for our Confirmands and Sr. High Youth. Please make plans to come out and meet some of our Vets attending NMSU.

burrito day

Sunday, September 30th

Have them for breakfast, have them for brunch, have them for lunch or buy several to take home and put in your freezer. All money will go for travel expenses for Youth19.

Jessie Lynn/Ruth Isaacks Circle

The Jessie Lynn/Ruth Isaacks Circle of United Methodist Women will meet on September 4 at 11:30am at the church for the first meeting of the fall. The group will be meeting in room 107 off of the Commons. Food will be provided by Dorothy Rachele and others. The program will be presented by Ruth Moorner. She asks that everyone bring their Bible. Bring your personal hygiene items for our mission project. The next meeting will be October 2 at 11:30am at the home of Ruth Moorner, 3865 Mondale Loop. All women are invited.

Elizabeth Circle

Hear ye Hear Ye!!!! Elizabeth Circle is beginning the "Fall Season" with a salad luncheon (bring your recipe, too) on Saturday, September 15th at 11:00am on the patio at the church! Come and enjoy the friendship, devotional and good food!!! Hosted by Karen Warren and Charolette Winans! All women are invited!

Fall TATOR TOPPER LUNCHEON supporting Global Missions taking the love of Jesus Christ beyond the city limits.

On Sunday, September 9, after EACH of the worship services, one may pile on the toppings on a delicious baked potato or on tator tots to make a delicious meal. Over 20 delicious toppings to include our popular fall Green Chile Chicken Topper as well as queso, broccoli, bacon and MORE! Your generous donations enable St. Paul's to send teams to serve in Fabens, TX as well as in Port Aransas, TX to help with hurricane recovery. Carry out is available as well as eat in at Fellowship Hall. You may get your tator and toppers in the Commons after the first and second service and in Fellowship Hall after the third service. Thanking you in advance for supporting Global Missions!



It's That Time of Year! We Can Smell the Chile Roasting!



The Music Ministry of St. Paul's United Methodist Church will hold their Fall Enchilada Supper on Friday, September 28, from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. The menu includes red enchiladas (an egg on top if you like!) or chicken pot pie, along with slaw, bean, roll, drink, and dessert. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for ages 12 and under for "best enchiladas in Las Cruces!" Tickets will be available in advance through the church office or at the door and eat-in or takeout are available.

Coming this month! A Beth Moore Bible study!

One of our new constituent members, Mariann Novak, will be offering a Beth Moore Bible study beginning on Wednesday, September 19. This class will meet once a month for two hours on the third Wednesday. They will meet in room 107, right off the Commons. The class will begin at 6:30PM and end at 8:30pm. Wednesdays are the nights of "Parents' Night Out" so child care will be provided. The format of each class is to watch a one hour long video teaching file; then discuss the subject matter for the second hour. Then over the next month, students will have an opportunity to study on their own. The first class is called "Entrusted" and is based on 2 Timothy. This is a study for women, so make your plans now to attend. For more information you may call Mariann at 254-716-5191. See the web site for this study here: <https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/entrusted-a-study-of-2-timothy>

The second session of the Leadership Academy on September 9th has been postponed. We will restart on October 14th and then continue November 4th with our 3rd and last session. Please call Barbara at 541-3179 to RSVP for these sessions.



I am excited for this year's leadership academy, as we did last year a meal will be provided for each session. If you are currently serving in a leadership position, you are expected to attend all three sessions. If you are curious about serving on an administrative committee or board, then you are invited to explore what it means to be a spiritual leader at St. Paul's. If you missed our first session, come to the 2nd one any ways.

FOCUS ON PRAYER 6th Series #3

“Listen, the Lord”- Number Three

As I am sharing from the devotional book, *Listen, the Lord*, I hope that you are using this new series during your quiet time as one way to grow in your spiritual life. There is no way I can share the whole book, but have chosen selected portions.

January 14 - Impatience with others implies that you believe you can do better than they can. There is much of this in you, my child, and Satan magnifies it. Your nervous system knows more of Satan’s determination to incapacitate you than does your conscious mind.

You are growing in sensitivity to other’s needs. Some of my children are completely unaware of the small needs in daily life of those around them. My workers must be responsive to my leading in helping those around them.

January 15 - Count your blessings! Include among your blessings the opportunities for giving yourself to me in the midst of the irritations that beset you. I am not depreciating the irritations for they are real and I share them..

I want you to be simpler, less complex. I do not ask you to be childish, but childlike. Make a list of your major irritations, with plenty of space after each one, and after each one write the blessings, the opportunities for giving yourself to me, for letting my unclaiming love course through you.

January 18 - More and more I must lead you in acting upon my guidance in the moment of need, then leaving responsibility fully in my hands. You hinder my growth in you by worrying, by fretfully mulling over things. “Let not your heart be troubled.” Let your moment by moment awareness of me be a joy, an adventure. It is a joyful experiment to see how much each situation changes when you invite God into it.

January 23 - Let this day be filled with conscious practice, desiring with your whole being, then resting and letting the object of your desire flow into you. Be tense with your desire for peace, for greater oneness with me. Then relax and let me in! Rest. Let more of me into you, more of my joy. Let my joy moment by moment be your intent. Remember always that I am your friend, your Lord, your master, your Savior, not once, but every hour!

January 26 - Self-will can be a great strength when it is harnessed, yoked with me. When it is not so harnessed and yoked, it can bring untold suffering. The body of one of you still suffers from past willfulness. This suffering which is the price of self-will is felt not only by the person who is willful, but in some measure by all whose lives he touches.

February 1 - I speak to my children in many ways: through my words recorded in the new Testament; through the words of my saints of every land, of every century; through the sudden convictions in the hearts of those who follow me; through my words spoken in the ears of those who listen with notebook and pencil. God is not limited in the way he can speak to his children. One way is not better than the other.



DONATE

Refugee Aid

Donations needed:

New Underwear for children and women: XS to M - New socks - Deodorant - Shampoo & conditioner - Body wash

*Donations can be dropped off at University UMC or at El Calvario Mission Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm

EVEN MORE NEEDED ARE PEOPLE TO BE THE HANDS & FEET OF CHRIST!!!

Volunteers are needed to cook meals, provide transportation, provide engagement activities for the families, launder sheets & towels each week, go grocery shopping, & chaperone the overnight guests at the Church Tuesday - Thursday.

If you would like to sign-up for a shift at El Calvario Mission please contact

Cindy Esqueda-cindy.esqueda7@gmail.com

Rev. George Miller-vlscaya4@hotmail.com

(575)674-9812

or the University UMC Office - office@uumc-lc.org

(575) 522-8220

Dear people of St. Paul's UMC,

Thank you for your generous donation to the families sheltered at Tobin Park UMC. Thank you for your prayers, support of Tobin Park and your continued support of El Calvario. Your love of God and his people shine through all you do.

In Christ, Eddie Rivera - District Superintendent
 Kathy Jewell - District Lay Leader
 Nicole Crouch - Director Missional Ministries.



Thank

You!

As one of the teachers at our Child Development Center, I would like to thank everyone for the time and hard work they put into painting and making repairs and renovations to the CDC---especially George Berger, Bill and Meg Hawkins, the Youth group, and many more volunteers! My 4/5 year old classroom received the benefits of most of the labor and Miss Tamara and I are so grateful! First impressions are important and our CDC parents are seeing just how much our church loves and cares for their children! Your generosity shows that it is a priority to invest in young lives. Please pray for the CDC staff that we will model and share the love of Jesus with the children as they "play, learn and grow!" Thanks again! Beverly Duerksen

Thank you St. Paul's for my graduation gifts and especially thank you for the scholarship that I have applied to my college account to help me with my expenses for the upcoming year.
 Benjamin Skinner



Thank you for your generous gift to the ministry in Peru. We are grateful for your partnership with us. You are truly making a difference for God's kingdom. Blessing, Martin & Trace Reeves

MUSIC CAMP

We had a wonderful week at this summer's music camp with 23 kids enrolled. The days were filled with music and drama, games and art and some great snacks, as together we learned music from "Down by the Creek Bank" coupled with a new script "Being Me" on inclusiveness. Realizing that kids who are different (and, hey! aren't we all different in one way or another?) are often left out or teased or ignored, we lived out ways to include and accept each other, as well as others we meet at school who need a friend to reach out to them.

Special thanks to our wonderful helpers, including Kaleigh Chase, Karen Brockman, Diane Young, Laurie Norman, Wren Barber, Juniper Smith, Jenn Dahlgren, Idalia Edwards, and especially Sheryl Barham!

WORD GAME

Each of these descriptions will reveal an animal. Can you name them?

(For example, "To run away or escape" could be a "flea")

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| 1. Hair-control foam | 8. Lynx (Lynks) |
| 2. Very exposed | 7. Toad (Towed) |
| 3. Tellin' falsities | 6. Deer (Dear) |
| 4. A lamenting cry | 5. Boar (Bore) |
| 5. A dull person | 4. Whale (Wail) |
| 6. A precious or loved one | 3. Lion (Lyn) |
| 7. First you get a parking ticket, then you get this | 2. Bear (Bare) |
| 8. These make up a chain | 1. Moose (Mousse) |

(Answers)

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St. Paul's Services

8:00 am - Traditional

9:30 am - Modern

11:00 am - Traditional

HEY, BOOK-LOVERS OF ST. PAUL'S!

I write this to thank you for your support of my last book sale.

"The Secret Queen" sold fourteen copies and earned St. Paul's general budget \$90! While I'm at it I'll announce now my next novel: "A Passage to Iona: A Story of Ancient Scotland." This is my second historical novel (some of you may recall "Dreams of the Match Girl" from two years ago). My newest book is set in sixth century Scotland. This was a wild and dangerous time when the early Pictish clans fought among themselves and against the Brigantes and Bretons to the southwest, the Saxons to the south and east, and the new Scoti clans in the northwest.

Into the midst of these dangerous times comes St. Columba, the Irish priest who almost single-handedly took on the evangelization of all of what is now Scotland. My novel is about one family in particular who were touched by his powerful preaching of the Gospel of Grace. GET YOUR SIGNED COPY FOR \$12.00 ON SEPTEMBER 30 IN THE COMMONS AREA. In primitive times and places God spreads His good news with miracles and visions. You'll see how He does this in "A Passage to Iona."