

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

October 2018 Newsletter

Our purpose is to lead people to become disciples of Christ, who know and love God and transform our world from the heart of Las Cruces.



Fall Festival will be here soon. We will once again be working around a science theme. It was a hit last year! Groups that are coming: Pharmacy students, chemical engineering students, Astronomy students, BCOM Pediatrics Club, Asombro Institute for Science engagement, Challenger Learning Center, the NMSU Arthropod Museum, and MV SAR dog team. We need lots of help with games, crafts and food, as well as greeters, set-up and clean-up help! We also need donations of gift cards to use for our door prizes and candy to use for games. . . .

Please sign up to help.



Mr. Know It All



Darren's Thoughts

It's a prayer we pray every week in worship. For many of us we were taught this prayer when we were children. There are times when it is the only prayer we can pray. This prayer is the model prayer Jesus taught his disciples and given to us in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

What is it about this prayer that makes it so important to us and the church? Why do we continually use it in church?

First, the prayer is important because it was modeled by Jesus himself. The



Gospel of Luke relates the story this way, *Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."* (Luke 11:1, CEB)

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive our sins,
As we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and
the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.*

What follows this request is a simple yet all encompassing prayer. The simpleness of the prayer helps children to pray more completely. The briefness of the prayer gives adults the opportunity to explore the depths of communication with God. The prayer itself guides our own prayer to either keep our requests focused and less self-focused.

Beginning October 7th, I will begin the "Connecting with God – the Lord's Prayer" series. This seven week series will focus on the phrases of the prayer. There will be a prayer guide during the series to help us explore more fully the prayer during the series. We will also be using a slightly different version of the Lord's prayer that has updated language, instead of the traditional King James English we typically use.

Here is the series:

October 7th - You Need to Connect: Prayer of Connection

...Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Matthew 6:9

October 14th - Prayer of Surrender - Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

October 21st - Prayer of Dependence - Give us the bread we need for today. Matthew 6:11

October 28th - Prayer of Cleansing - Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you.... Matthew 6:12

November 4th - Prayer of Release - Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. Matthew 6:12

November 11th - Prayer of Deliverance - And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. Matthew 6:13

November 18th – Missions Emphasis Sunday with Rev. Martin Reeves

November 25th - Prayer of Fulfillment - *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.* Matthew 6:13c

Blessings,

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

First Friday Fun Night is October 5th, from 5:30-8:30 pm. We will be having a Spooky Science Night! We will play games, do some experiments, and watch a movie. \$10 per child, \$30 max per family. Bring the kids for a taste of what's to come in our Spooky Science Fall Festival.



George Berger was a very big part of our CDC renovation over the summer break. To show our gratitude we are dedicating our hallway to him so he will always be remembered as a part of our CDC family.

Lucy Sedillo/CDC Director

October 21st will be Children's Sabbath! Our children will be singing, greeting, taking the offering and doing all the scripture readings!
On October 28th the Children's Ministry will have a Pizza and Crafts get together from 11-2 pm. We will be making crafts and gifts for our shoeboxes!

No Parent's Night Out or Children's Choirs on October 31st.

Operation Christmas Child

Our children's Sunday School classes would like to thank you again for you generous donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste in the month of September for our shoe box gifts that will be sent to children in need all over the world. This service project is teaching our children how to share the love of Christ with others in a tangible way. Sunday October 28th and Sunday, November 18th, we will be collecting small toys, games, and craft items for the boxes as well as personal care and safety items. This can include: **stickers, watercolors, small instruments, cars, finger puppets, jump ropes, legos, card games, small craft kits, balls, stuffed animals, small puzzles, yo-yos, whistles, small tool sets, flashlights, dolls, sewing kits, toy figurines, and so much more!**

Please also remember to collect your POCKET CHANGE for the month of October to help us with the purchase of plastic shoeboxes and wrapping paper. You can drop your change off at any time in our large JUG by the Children's bulletin board in the Commons.



October 28 (9am-12pm)
Youth19 Souper October Sunday
Enjoy a variety of soups, stews,
chilis and posole.



ENTRUSTED

New . . . Ladies Bible Study
of 2 Timothy

“What Has God Entrusted to You?”

Wednesday, October 3 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Room 107

For info. Contact Mariann at marnvck@aol.com

The second session of the Leadership Academy will be Sunday, October 14 from 5pm to 7pm. Please reserve your space at 541-3179. The last session will be Sunday, November 4th.



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 anyways.



LAY SERVANT'S SCHOOL - Deming, NM

October 6, 2018 from 8 am to 5 pm

2 hours of pre-class work will be required for every participant.

Courses being offered: Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course

taught by Mac McGregor (CLM). This is the first class required of individuals seeking certification as either a Local Church or a Certified Lay Servant. It guides you to discover your gifts of caring, leading and communicating and put them to use. The participant will be guided through thoughtful reflection on what it takes to make a congregation an outpost for mission and transformation, and the role you can play.

Advanced Course: This Holy Mystery

taught by Rev. Dr. Brad Reeves (Pastor at First UMC Deming) and Liz Curtis (Certified Lay Servant). This advanced course will guide you in the United Methodist understanding of the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Lay Servants - please note: In order for a Local Church or Certified Lay Servant to maintain an active status, an approved course must be completed every 3 years.

Contact: Claire G. Phillips, FUMC - Deming 575-546-2791 www.fumcdeming.org [Click for Registration Form](#)



Dave Thompson, Steve Castorena, Marvin Henry, Gerry Schurtz and George Jackson prepping chile for St. Paul's Fall Enchilada Supper.



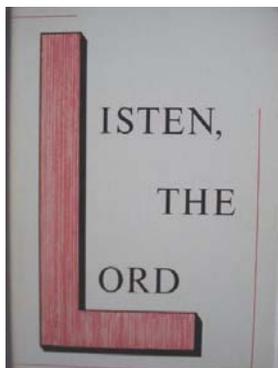
Our Newest Members
Judy and Norton Smith



We express our sincere sympathy to the Matson family. Janie passed away early September. She and her family were long time members when they lived in Las Cruces, and also to the children of Anita McGuire. Anita passed away on September 4.

FOCUS ON PRAYER 6TH Series #4

“Listen, the Lord” Number 4



Once again it is my joy to share with you some devotional thoughts from this wonderful little book.

February 2 – You need to learn that I will not lead you too fast. You have a little fear that I will ask you to give up everything and all at once. No. There are many things you must renounce to be free in me: dependence upon the opinion of others, dependence upon things. But I will not lead you any faster than you yourself want to grow. Trust me.

February 3 – You must live today in complete trust, being constantly usable, clean, clear, unobstructed. You have only today. The past is gone. Tomorrow will be today. If you try to live yesterday or tomorrow now, you will carry a weight of regret or of anxious wondering and be unable to meet the responsibilities of today. **Live today in the fullness of joy that comes from complete trust.**

February 4 – Praise, praise, praise. I am teaching you. Praise to the Father, our Father. Your greater openness and obedience will allow me to lead you into more truth day by day. We have just begun. Rejoice in all that there is to learn. Do not be baffled by it. You are just becoming aware of the greatness, the vastness of life.

There is always something to learn. Keep your mind open and alert for new things. Do not let it be closed to any realm of learning or endeavor. My Father created all. He is in everything. Find him there.

February 7 – Think of the wonder of my universe. As the earth rotates according to my will, you witness the glorious dawning of a new day. Only when men try to oppose my will does the eternal silence and peace of the universe become desecrated by noise and confusion. When you live only for my will, yours will be the peace and joy of the mountains at sunrise. Others of my children will sense this peace and joy in you and my power will flow through you to them, my child.

You are filled with wonder and praise for the texture and delicacy of flowers. So delicately, more delicately, is formed the soul. If my children could see its form how different would be their bearing, how differently they would walk.

February 8 – You ask if my Father created everything. My answer is, yes. And his creation continues in other worlds as well as this. Out of the processes of nature is growing a greater universe, a greater evolution. When men permit him, he creates in their lives also, using every situation, every tool he can find.

You rightly know that there is evil in the world, great evil; but this is not our father's doing. Evil is Satan's work through those of my children who choose Satan's ways. My father gave the human race the raw material of life and it was good. No situation, no animate or inanimate object is evil or holy in itself. Man's choice of God or Satan determines which it will be. Consider atomic energy. Man can use it to nourish and heal, or to destroy. Remember Hiroshima?

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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St. Paul's Services

8:00 am - Traditional

9:30 am - Modern

11:00 am - Traditional

DEAR BOOK LOVERS (and lovers of St. Paul's United Methodist Church)

If you were expecting a book signing and sale last Sunday (September 30), I am sorry to disappoint you! After I scheduled this event, two other things jumped on the calendar: The Youth Burrito Sale and the 'Aftermath' Sale from the Enchilada Supper (there are always delicious leftovers!).

So now my newest book, "A Passage to Iona" will be offered the first Sunday in October 7 before and between the worship services. This is my historical novel about a 6th century family in Scotland that comes in contact with the first Irish missionary to the Highlands: Saint Columba of Iona himself! You'll enjoy this gripping yet warm-hearted narrative about a Pictish family who by divine miracles and visions comes into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Half of your twelve dollar donation will go as usual directly to St. Paul's general budget. Thanks in advance for your support! Pastor Paul

