

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CIRCUIT RIDER NEWS

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GOING...



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GONE GREEN!



*Open hearts
Open minds
Open doors*

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
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RING IN
THE
NEW YEAR!

FROM THE ARK

Happy New Year! We are ready for a fun filled 2012 hoping for snow even though we love the warm days. We are excited for the new year and looking forward to lots of fun. Did you make a resolution? How about more time for fun with family?

We will start the children off this year talking about our bodies, and learning how to keep them strong and healthy. Knowing their knees from their elbows is important. We also want the children to know that putting good food into our

bodies, exposing our bodies to clean fresh air and resting with a good night's sleep will keep us happy and smiling all the day. We love smiles.

Our lessons this month focus on the far away lands where snow shoes and mittens are everyday attire. Learning the facts of winter temperatures is a little easier when we have lots of snow instead of sunshine and chilly temps. There is so much to learn from the snow and snowflakes. Where do they come from and how do they get their

COLLEEN PETRINI

pretty shapes?

Our artist for the month is Andy Warhol, our colors are black, white and gray, and our shape is the rectangle. Our letters are M, N, and O and 'O' are we going to have lots of fun.

Washoe County public schools are closed Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Day. Noah's Ark is open for business as usual.

Happy New Year from all of the staff of Noah's Ark.

A SOLID FOUNDATION OF FUNDING IN 2012

MARY LAW

It is impossible to place a value on the "soft cost" of the many contributions of our time and talents that have been given freely and generously by all committee members and the congregation at large. Positive financial results only reflect that portion which can be tracked and measured:

Tithes and offerings exceeded commitments. Noah's Ark contributed above and beyond initial expectations. Fundraising events were more successful than hoped for. Management of operating expenses and ministry stretch goals was consistent with Wesleyan principles of financial responsibility and leadership.

GOOD JOB EVERYONE!!!

Total Income \$239,526.45

Total Expense \$224,113.80

Net \$15,412.65

"Make all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can."

John Wesley

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

Charlie's Wish

List:

Gloves

Hats

Socks

Can you help?

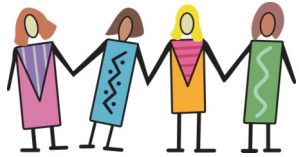
New in 2012-Girlfriends of the Church decided to change their meetings to the **first** Sunday of the month after the 10am service. See you then!

Thank you Evie, for hosting the ornament exchange. What a wonderful celebration!

To submit an article or photo for the March "Circuit Rider", drop it off in the office or Email: Newsletter @ stpaulsumcreno.com



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THE GIRLFRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

RUTH STACY

2011 REPORT

Officers of Girlfriends of the Church for 2011 were Linda Leep, President; Nina Schweiss, Vice President; Georgia Clymer, Treasurer; and Ruth Stacy, Secretary. GFC met the second Sunday each month after worship services, except that the February meeting was missed due to the Valentines' Day Celebration; May, the Mothers' Day Basket Auction; and September, the Balloon Races Breakfast.

Events and services hosted by GFC included the Valentines' Day luncheon in February; the Easter Brunch, April; the Mothers' Day luncheon and Basket Auction, May; Fathers' Day carnations, June; the Rummage Sale, June; the Ice Cream Social, July; the Craft Faire, October; the Soup Luncheon for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, November; and Gingerbread House building and Ornament Exchange, December. For September GFC promoted the collection of 18 sewing kits for their UMCOR project, each kit containing new fabric scissors, three continuous yards of cotton dress fabric, buttons, thread and needles in large plastic bags to be shipped to a destination selected by UMCOR to help women make clothing, possibly in starting a small business for themselves and their family. GFC also organized

Charlie Bags and the Memorial Service Outreach, which hosted the reception after Gio's memorial. The group is responsible for the Prayer Shawl/Cozies Program, the Heart to Heart Card Ministry, and Birthday Cakes of the month, as well as a Grief Ministry of sending out solace booklets. Outreach projects include the Food Bank and Family Promise volunteers. A Bunco Group also met regularly as a part of the GFC's social program.

The funds brought in through our efforts and Comfort Food Friday dinners totaled **\$9,481.74**. In December, while retaining CFF money already designated for landscaping and funds to use for seed money, **\$6,426.00** was allocated:

- **World Missions (\$2,142** or 1/3 of balance) with \$714 to UMCOR; \$476 to UM Mission Society (Steve & Carol Johnson); \$238 to St. Paul's Mission Fund; \$714 to UMW, with \$50 of that designated to each Gum Moon and Mary Elizabeth Inn.

- **St. Paul's General Fund (\$2,142** or 1/3 of balance).

- **Local Missions-- St. Paul's Landscaping (\$4,696.11**, 1/3 balance + CFF profits) with \$2,142 to St. Paul's Landscaping, plus \$2,554.11 in CFF profits, which had been previously designated for St. Paul's Landscaping.

- **Balance Forward: \$501.63-** reserved for seed money.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January



February

3rd— Ruth Stacy
 4th— Gene Golish
 6th— Wayne Baldwin
 12th— Donna Noble
 14th— Terri Golish
 14th— Kenny Shepherd
 15th— Richard Pond
 25th— Kristen Scurry
 26th— Leonard Clark
 27th— Linda Clark

5th— Charlie White Eagle
 8th— Donna Collins
 9th— Ally Schulte
 13th— Howard McMaster
 20th— Laurie Hillin
 23rd— Tim Iveson
 23rd— Susan Doctor
 28th— Bill Strohschein

NEXT GFC MEETING IS SUNDAY, FEB 5th



GOD IS
GOOD!
ALL THE
TIME!

LAY LEADER LITANY

Here we are at the start of a new year. It is always good to look at where you are going when you reach a mile post. I don't particularly like to look at the past when the year changes. I usually find there is not much I can do to change it, rather, I like to look at the coming year. Where is 2012 taking us?

For one thing, we have a new ministry that is taking off in a big way.

We have a newly formed Mission Committee. I am really excited by the formation of this committee because one of God's callings that is near and dear to my heart is Outreach, and that is what the Mission Committee is all about. They had no sooner been elected and they have met via Email concerning electing a chairperson, setting a goal, and engaging in mission work. What enthusiasm!

The committee consists of Brent King, chairman, Judi Jensen, and Joyce Garcia. Both Pastor Pat and I are part of the committee as consultants. Me, because as Lay Leader Pastor Pat says that I am on every blamed committee, and Pastor Pat because, well, he *is* the Pastor. We both see this group as a means to focus the incredible talents and energy from our congregation.

So far, they have gotten our Ad Council to make a donation to the Red Cross for the fire Reno had last month. Also, they got an emergency call from the church in Louisiana that hosted us for our Dulac mission trip. Clanton Chapel UMC has been really hit hard by the oil spill last year and flooding this year. Our team is working on a campaign to help this tiny church.

One more thing, they are forming a plan to do mission work in our local community this next year like we did with the "Church Has Left the Building" project last year.

Not bad for a group that was formed around a month ago! Expect to hear more from them in the near future!

We will be looking at developing small groups in our church. I look on this with mixed feelings. My first thought is that I don't have the time or energy. My second thought is how wonderful a small group is. If you have ever been in one, you know what I mean. There is an increased feeling of togetherness and family. You develop a strong bond with others that last the years. I know when the group starts, I will be glad I joined one. If you have never been in a small group, you are in for a wonderful surprise!

MIKE CLYMER

When the time to join comes, don't hesitate! A lot of information will be given over the next month or two so you can find a group that suits you.

We will finally, Finally, FINALLY have the solar panels up and running! This will help free up resources for other projects. For starters, we will be addressing some much needed delayed-maintenance projects on our building.

There are tons of other projects for 2012, but I want to mention one more. The Holy Mackrels has funded and purchased the required recording equipment so they can cut a CD. It should be installed within the next month. The whole team is extremely excited about this! They look for it as having two benefits. One, with the personal monitors, the stage monitors will go away and they will achieve a better live sound during the services. The second is they will produce a professional quality CD of praise music to distribute to church members and also include in a visitors package. What a great way to introduce our thriving church by giving a CD of our music!

The year of our Lord two thousand and twelve is upon us. We will respond through change, growth, and outreach. God is good! Shalom!

GFC VALENTINE'S TEA
SOUP & SALAD BAR
DESSERTS & TEAS
FUN AND GAMES!
TICKETS \$10.00
R.S.V.P. 747-1431
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
11AM-1PM
THURMAN HALL

Note: CFF will be on the **third** Friday in February.

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
 says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
 WITH
Hope.
 Jeremiah 29:11. NRSV

COMFORT FOOD FRIDAYS

Jan 13th Menu

- Chili**
- Green Salad**
- Cornbread**
- Dessert**

Sign up now!

Feb 17th Menu

- Not-Your-Mama's**
- Lasagne!**

7.00 for Adults

FREE for Kids

5:30-7pm in

Thurman Hall

