

# ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## CIRCUIT RIDER NEWS

October November 2011

### FROM THE PASTOR

PASTOR PAT LEAMY



#### "On The Move"

When we started talking about a lobster fundraiser last year one of the slogans we toyed with was, "The Lobsters Are Moving." You may or may not be aware that St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on 7<sup>th</sup> street had this fundraiser for years. Unfortunately, they closed their doors this past year and that not only left a ministry void in our community but their great lobster fundraiser. So, we decided to pick up where they left off and keep the lobsters in the neighborhood. Now you know where "The Lobsters Are Moving" slogan came from. The new fundraiser is just one of the ways our church is

**"On The Move."** On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> a team from our congregation will travel to Carson City UMC to attend an all-day training event "Building Small Group Ministry." The presenter is Bill Willits who happens to be a nationally known authority on small groups. We are fortunate to have someone of his caliber come to our area. When we speak of forming "small groups" we tend to think of them as more Bible studies BUT not ALL small groups are Bible studies (although that's not a bad place to start). I envision small groups to be greatly diversified. Small groups may be: scrapbooking, quilters, common hobbies, mothers with small children, making prayer shawls, or whatever your imagination can conjure up. When you stop and think about it our church already has quite a few small groups, we just don't call them by that name. I would like to extend an invitation to any-

one in the congregation to make the journey to Carson City with us so you have a better feel what this ministry is about. Contact me or the office and we can get you signed up.

But I'm not finished. Another "On The Move" project for the church will happen on October 14<sup>th</sup> when Mike Clymer, Audrey Phelps and myself will attend a national website training class at Sparks UMC. I always try to ask visitors how they found us and 90% say from the internet. Yes, I'm sorry to report, the phone book is breathing its last breath. The church of the future (and it's here now) will have to have a big presence on the internet and this training will help us move in that direction.

I'm excited about where we have been but I'm more excited about where we are going. I believe the best days of our ministry here at St. Paul's UMC are ahead of us. Please join me with your prayers and your arms and legs as we move forward for God's kingdom.



*Open hearts  
Open minds  
Open doors*

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## FROM THE ARK

COLLEEN PETRINI

WE ARE GOING TO BE BUSY, BUSY BUT IT WILL BE FUN, FUN!

Summer seemed to go faster than the others this year because we got a late start. It has been fun meeting new friends and welcoming those who have been gone for the summer.

First off, we want to extend a heart felt welcome to all of our new parents and children. It is so nice to have you with us at the Ark. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Thank you for entrusting your child into our care.

Our theme for September “**Away We Go**” allowed us to tap into the community events—the Balloon Races and the local Air Races as well as the first school bus ride for many of us. Did you guess, it’s transportation month? The red octagon means “stop” and it coincides with our “in and out” doors. “Walking feet” is our inside rule that we stress for indoor safety.

To broaden the children’s horizon we have included an artist feature every month in our curriculum.

This month the discussion will focus on Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Wolfgang Mozart composed minuets at the age of 5, concerts in the courts of Europe at the age of 6 and symphonies at the age of 9.

Numbers 1,2,3 will be emphasized along with the letters A, B and C for alphabet fun. Our concepts are push, pull, stop, go, slow, fast, right, left, forward and backward. Did you know that Sept. 22 is the birthday of the Ice Cream Cone? We are celebrating!



## CHANGING OUR (LITTLE CORNER OF THE) WORLD

The new approach to Thurman Hall is complete and it looks great! The step was eliminated due to safety concerns. The overgrown shrubs (planted

over 50 years ago) were removed from the NE corner of St. Paul’s to prepare space for a new covered concrete patio. The area has been graded and gravel

has been put down to keep over the winter months, with plans to start construction in the Spring. The new space will be used for outdoor gatherings!

## ST. PAUL’S NEWS

Join us for the Reno CROP Walk on Sunday, October 16th. 1:30pm Registration 2pm **WALK !!** Meet in Idewild Park at the Snowflake Pavillion. More info- See Judi Jensen

**Solar Update**– There is a final hearing concerning the special use permit on Oct 16th. Hopefully we will be ready to go by Thanksgiving!

St. Paul’s church is very pleased to welcome new office manager, **Audrey Phelps.** Make sure to stop by and say hi!

**Access to Healthcare** Network of Nevada helps meet the needs of uninsured individuals when they cannot afford health insurance. A folder describing the service is on the clipboard table- or call 775 -284-9079



Visit the website for more good news!  
[www.stpaulsumcreno.com](http://www.stpaulsumcreno.com)



## THE GIRLFRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

It's time for St Paul's annual Holiday Craft Faire! There will be many local artists and crafters selling one of a kind gifts. Remember to invite your family, friends and neighbors **Saturday, October 29th, from 8am-1pm.** Booths for craft vendors are still available for \$35.00. Sign up with Linda Clark. There will be a harvest bake sale, including jam and fruits, so pull out your favorite recipes and get cookin' and cannin'! Lunch is available at 11am.

The annual Ca-Nv Conference **UMW Fall celebration** is October 22, at Modesto First UMC. Apply at [cnumw.org](http://cnumw.org)

The annual **Soup Luncheon** is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th. As always, we will serve a variety of home-made soups and breads. Something for everyone!

Thanks to everyone participating in the UMCOR sewing kit project. The kits are distributed to global sewing centers set up by **UMCOR**. Check out the big basket at the back of the sanctuary for more info and to drop off donations.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Carol Leamy** as she travels to Oregon to welcome her newly trained guide dog. Carol reminded us that it is **not** helpful to approach the dog while he or she is working and getting familiar with Carol's busy lifestyle.

Our last (informal) meeting, the girlfriends were busy distributing UMCOR kits and Craft Faire flyers, recruiting sign ups to fill empty clipboard spaces, selling lobsters, hats T-shirts and bags. Next meeting will be on October 9th, after the 10:00 service. **Please be there-we need you!!!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### October

- Austin Iveson 4<sup>th</sup>
- Rita Stone 15<sup>th</sup>
- Roger McEuen 16<sup>th</sup>
- Jack Westervelt 18<sup>th</sup>
- Bill Green 19<sup>th</sup>
- Leslie Dandois 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Dortha Barber 24<sup>th</sup>
- Tom Lee 30<sup>th</sup>



### November

- Bessie Cann 1<sup>st</sup>
- Mark Comba 25<sup>th</sup>
- Danny Schulte 25<sup>th</sup>
- Brittany Filler 28<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving Thoughts**— It's easy to be thankful for the good things, how about the setbacks? Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings. Be thankful that you don't have everything you desire. (If you did, where would you put it?) And what would there be to look forward to? Be thankful when you don't know something -it gives you an opportunity to learn. Be thankful for the difficult times. During these times, you grow. Be thankful for your limitations, they give you opportunities for improvement. Be thankful for each new challenge as you build strength and character. Be thankful for your mistakes, they teach valuable lessons. Be thankful when you're tired and weary -because it means you have made a difference.

## ST. PAUL'S UMC BALLOON RACE PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Photo by Judi Jensen

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUSAN DOCTOR

LET'S GIVE IT  
TO GOD,  
OFFER OUR  
WILLINGNESS  
TO DO THE  
FOOTWORK  
NECESSARY TO  
ACCOMPLISH  
HIS PURPOSE,  
AND SIT BACK  
AND ENJOY!

As Methodists we are reminded often that God is good, all the time. Here at St. Paul's UMC we have been praying for more children for our Sunday School for several months and God has definitely been listening to our prayers! In the recent past there were Sundays when only one child was in Sunday School. Sometimes we were fortunate and had 2 or 3. But slowly, we began to see more and more children coming and now it's not uncommon to see 10 to 12 children sitting across the front steps for Children's Church and marching off to Sunday School. Just last Sunday we had 3 more new children join us and I was told last night at our Music Team practice that we can expect 2 more in a week or two.

So you are probably asking

yourself why the coordinator of Christian Education (I just made up that title but it does describe my role ) could be stressed out about all these joyful children joining us. I am working on the trusting-God-to-take-care-of-it part, truly I am. But I need you to help me pray for more adults to help with teaching Sunday School as well as assistants for the teacher(s). I will continue to talk with the congregation about it during the announcement section of our service. And the clipboard will be in Thurman Hall after church ready for your signature.

Your part in all this is to first and foremost praise God for once again reminding us of His loving power as witnessed by the influx of children (along with their families). Then,

please sincerely ask Him what He would like you to do to be a part of this wonderful new adventure. No one is too old, no gender is preferred, (George asked me if he could sign up last Sunday after I announced that. The answer, of course, was yes.) The materials are provided and are to be utilized - they were researched by a committee (followed by a potluck - just kidding) and chosen because of their creativity delivering the Message to little ones. There is far more possibilities offered per lesson than can be taught/accomplished so the teacher (and assistant if that's the case) can select what to do. If you've been checking the SPUMC bulletin board these last 5 Sundays you saw what Judi Jensen had the kids doing as a craft each week. Darling stuff!! Love to you.

## ST. PAUL'S UMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The children had a fun time learning, as did the teachers!



Photos by Judi Jensen, VBS Photographer



## ORDER BY OCTOBER 8th!

**\$18.00 Live    \$20.00 Cooked**

**PICK UP YOUR LOBSTERS**

**OCTOBER 15    9AM-2PM**

**Key Lime Pies for Dessert**

**To order your lobsters call**

**775-747-1431 or visit:**

**[www.stpaulsumcreno.com/Lobsters](http://www.stpaulsumcreno.com/Lobsters)**



## Holiday Craft Faire

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 8AM-1PM**

Featuring a wide variety of local vendors-crafters, artists, a bake sale and more!

Lunch is available from 11am-1pm.

*Booths available  
only \$35.00  
Call 247-5014*

On the menu:  
A variety of Sandwiches,  
Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs,  
Snacks and Beverages



## COMFORT FOOD FRIDAY-OCTOBER 21ST MENU

Pasta, with a variety of Sauces  
Green Salad, French Bread  
Surprise Dessert

**Nov Menu To be Announced**  
7.00 for Adults - Kids eat FREE!  
5:30-7pm in Thurman Hall



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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sundays**

8am Worship and Eucharist

9am Bible Study w/Linda Clark

10am Worship Service

**Wednesdays**

7:30am Study Group at Carrows

7pm Holy Macrels Rehearsal

**CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS**

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING VISIT ST. PAUL'S WEBSITE

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- OCT 7 Bunco in Thurman Hall 7-9pm
- OCT 8 'Building Small Group Ministry' at Carson City UMC
- OCT 9 Girlfriends of the Church Meeting after 10am service
- OCT 15 Lobsterfest 9am-2pm Churchyard and Thurman Hall
- OCT 16 Administrative Council Meeting after 10am service
- OCT 16 CROP Walk at Idlewild Park Snowflake Pavilion 2pm
- OCT 18 All Church Conference –and potluck- 6-9:30pm
- OCT 21 Comfort Food Friday in Thurman Hall 5:30-7pm
- OCT 29 Holiday Craft Faire in Thurman Hall 8am-1pm
- NOV 4 Bunco in Thurman Hall 7-9pm
- NOV 6 Soup Luncheon in Thurman Hall after 10am service
- NOV 11 Comfort Food Friday in Thurman Hall 5:30-7pm
- NOV 13 Girlfriends of the Church Meeting after 10am service
- NOV 20 Administrative Council Meeting after 10am service
- NOV 24 Office Closed -Happy Thanksgiving!