CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Aug 17
8:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. - Making Sense of the Bible - Asbury Room
9:15 a.m. - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. - Worship - Sanctuary

Mon, Aug 18
No events scheduled

Tue, Aug 19
8:30 a.m. - Worship/Music Planning Team - Wesley Room 202
10:45 a.m. - Staff Meeting - Asbury Room
6:30 p.m. - UMW Executive Board Meeting - Wesley Room 202
7:00 p.m. - Troop 31 Meeting - Gym

Wed, Aug 20
5:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting - Ed. Center Rooms 300/302
6:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering - Frank Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support Group - Wesley Room 202
7:30 p.m. - Church Communion Steward Gathering - Social Room

Thu, Aug 21
No events scheduled

Fri, Aug 22
6:30 a.m. - Accountable Disciples - Social Room

Sat, Aug 23
9:00 a.m. - Shoe Bank - Wesley Room 107
10:00 a.m. - Student Move-In Help - St. Paul’s parking lot, Abba Java

Please Note: The church parking lot is reserved for renters & staff from 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. All others will be towed at the owner’s expense. After 5 p.m. it is available to those attending church meetings.
**THIS WEEK**

**THIS SATURDAY, 8/23:** St. Paul's Holy Bike Ride and Picnic. Three options to choose from...ride...run...walk followed by a picnic! Have fun while raising money for the United Methodist Children’s Home. Visit [www.stpaulsc.org](http://www.stpaulsc.org) for more details! If you are planning to participate, please contact Pastor Eric or the church office: eshafer@stpaulsc.org, 237-2163.

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**THIS WEDNESDAY, 8/20:** Church Communion Steward Gathering, 7:30 p.m. in the Church Social Room for those interested in joining a team of stewards to serve Communion for Worship Services. Come to find out more! Questions? Contact the church office at 237-2163.

**SAVE THE DATE**

9/13: Safe Sanctuary Orientation 9-noon, 3rd floor Ed. Center. Registration is required by 9/8. To register, contact Virginia Flick vflick@stpaulsc.org; 237-2163. If childcare needed, contact Virginia by 8/30.

**EXPLORE WHAT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MEANS** in a casual friendly setting. Membership Class will meet Sundays 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, and 10/5 at 9:15 a.m. in Wesley Center, Room 205. Members received on 10/12, in the 10:45 worship. Please contact Virginia Flick, vflick@stpaulsc.org; 237-2163 by 9/8 to registrar.


**9/11:** "The New Normal," a musical by Richard Biever, based on the events of Sept. 11th and The World Trade Center twin towers. Don’t miss this amazing story of hope and the human spirit, as well as our ‘spiritual response’ to the events of that date in time.

**9/12-9/16:** Fr. William Meninger will be in the State College area for a retreat and lectures. To learn more about Fr. William, please visit [contemplativeprayer.net](http://contemplativeprayer.net) More information may be found on the Welcome tables or call the church office at 231-2163.

**10/4:** Bullying Workshop, 9-noon, 3rd floor Ed. Center. The workshop is tailored for parents with children ages 8-18. Mark your calendar now so you don’t miss this important event! Childcare will be provided. Contact Tori for information.

**10/20: Marketplace & Auction at St. Paul's:** All proceeds go to missions. Sale items will be new and/or handcrafted (Donations still being encouraged and accepted). Contact Sue Rubba at susanjrubba@gmail.com; 238.8623.

**THANK YOU!**

Isoko Rwanda Market at St. Paul’s - Thank you for buying traditional Rwandan baskets, carvings and items sewn at our sewing center. We raised $1,740 that will go towards the $27,000 needed to build and furnish one 3rd grade classroom.

Huge thanks to the Maines family for opening their home and their hearts to the youth of St. Paul’s for Tuesday Night Bible Study this summer. You have ministered to so many of us with such love and generosity, and we are so grateful to God for you.

The fall season of youth programs and events will begin on 9/7. Watch for more information very soon!

**Another Season of Saints Softball in the Books:** Congratulations to the St. Paul’s Saints softball team on a winning 2014 season! Thank you, Saints, for another fun season of fellowship and competition. Thank you, St. Paul’s, for your support of our team both on and off the field!

**OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING**

One of our church family members is in need of a reliable car for the immediate future, but cannot afford to buy one. Can you fill this need? Please contact: 609-948-4668. Thank you!

**District Lay Leader Classes:**

Equipping God’s People 1 & 2,
will be offered this fall. Course 1 will be offered at Faith UMC, Bellefonte. Course 2 will be offered at Madisonburg UMC, McVeytown UMC and Faith UMC. Registration information is available in the magazine racks outside the sanctuary entrances.

God’s Call: Sometimes He speaks in mysterious ways. Listen and discern if He’s calling you to go to Nicaragua this January. The team is filling quickly. Want to know more? Contact Bob Johnson 237-6508, raj1@psu.edu.

Park Forest Preschool is looking to fill the following positions: 4 year old classroom assistant, weekdays 8:15-12:30; cleaning person Tues./Thurs. 12:30-4:30. We also need classroom, kitchen, and baker volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact Barbara Geist, 231-8492.

MISSION & JUSTICE

Mission and Justice Committee will distribute the following benevolences in September: $1,625 to the Shoe Bank, $2,125 to St. Paul’s Preschool Scholarships and $500 to Neighborhood Center.

Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg is a non-profit organization serving at-risk low-income, and inner-city children, youth and families with basic needs.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

(Tori Von Leer, 237.2163 ext. 148, tvonleer@stpaulsc.org)

Fall Sunday School begins 9/7! You can register your child(ren) online at www.stpaulsc.org and click on “2014-2015 Sunday School Registration” in the news section. Watch for information in the September Messenger.

Rising 3rd Grade Parents! If you haven’t received the letter regarding the 3rd grade Bible Presentation, please contact Tori.

Are you feeling called to serve the St. Paul’s children on their faith journey? Please prayerfully consider co-leading a group of Kindergarteners, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd graders as their journeys continue. All teaching materials provided and volunteers help each week.

YOUTH MINISTRY

(Dave Fisher, 237.2163 ext. 137; dfisher@stpaulsc.org)

Wanted: Volunteer Youth Leaders. Opportunities: being a positive spiritual influence and personal support in the lives of teenagers; attending K-Café meetings, events, retreats. Occupational hazards: grass and soda stains; skiing & broomball bruises; unforeseen personal spiritual growth & hope for the future.

This Fall: Adopt a Sunday at K-Café! Is your group looking for a way to get involved this fall? Provide breakfast for our youth, and visit with us! Let’s make connections across St. Paul’s while serving our youth. Contact Julie Simon for more info!: simonjm91@gmail.com.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

We have hired a new Director of Campus Ministries! Jennifer Gruendler has accepted the position and will start on 8/27. She’ll be planning and organizing the student welcome weekend. We’d like to thank everyone for their time, input, and effort expended on this project. Best regards, Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

8/23: Move-In Help, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Help students & their families unload their vehicles in the church parking lot; serve refreshments in Abba Java; give tours of St. Paul’s UMC and Wesley.

8/24: Welcome Back Student Sunday. Please wear your PSU gear to services. Potluck lunch in the Social Room. Welcome students with your time and your favorite recipe. Last names beginning with A-H, please bring a main dish, I-P sides and Q-Z desserts.

8/25-29: Welcome Week. Volunteers are needed to hand out goodies and invite students to Abba Java / Wesley.

Contact Sue Justice at abba.java.psu@gmail.com or Kelly kelly.wesley.psu@gmail.com to let us know if you can help or for any questions.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED.

(Donna Snyder, 237.2163 ext. 125; dsnnyder@stpaulsc.org)

Disciple Bible Study: Planning is underway to offer DISCIPLE 1 and CHRISTIAN BELIEVER starting in September, being offered on Tuesday and Monday evenings, respectively. Tentative time is 7-9:30 p.m. Check The Messenger for more details. If interested, please contact Phil Mohr (pnlmohr@comcast.net) or Donna Snyder.

Attention ALL Sunday Adult Education Leaders and ALL Small Group Leaders: It’s time to prepare for the Fall line-up of classes and Small Groups too.
Alive Now ($1.75 each) & Upper Rooms ($5.80 reg. print; $1.25 large print) for September/October are available in racks outside Sanctuary entrances.

Do You Have Prayers or Praises to Share? Place a prayer/praise request card in the offering plate or contact Shannon McChesney-Brungart (shannonmcchesneybrungart@verizon.net; 355-2870).

Hospital Visitation: Due to privacy regulations, we must depend on our members to inform the church of the hospitalization of their family members or neighbors who desire spiritual care. Please call 237-2163.

Deadlines: The St. Paul’s Weekly deadline is every Wed. at Noon (announcements must be 50 words or less). The Messenger deadline is the second Wed. of each month at Noon (announcements 200 words or less). Some exceptions occur around holidays. Email info. to nhamilton@stpaulsc.org.

Please note when submitting articles for the St. Paul’s Weekly & The Messenger: Both publications appear on our church website. If you prefer to keep your address/phone number private, please do not include them in your article. If a contact is necessary, you may refer people to the church office to get your contact info.

The Messenger: Email nhamilton@stpaulsc.org if you would like to receive The Messenger in your email.

Visit the Library (Asbury Rm, 3rd floor). Check out & return books any time the Church is open!