

Your church has been on a "Generosity Journey", our annual Stewardship Campaign. This past Sunday the scripture was from 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8. "...Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver . . . so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." On behalf of St. Paul's Leadership Team, we are making an earnest and prayerful plea that you consider increasing your weekly, monthly or annual tithe to St. Paul's. In years past we enjoyed a legion of faithful givers; today, our legion of givers are much fewer in number, but no less faithful!

For the past six to eight months, our level of tithes or giving has not kept pace with our monthly debts. Your Leadership Team has wrestled with this on-going decline in revenue; using earned interest from endowment funds; and more recently moving the second floor renovation mortgage payment from the general operating fund account to the building fund account. This move supports our operating account temporarily, but it is not a long-term fix. The building fund is a reserve account and funds primarily maintenance, HVAC replacements, equipment and building insurance. We are extremely grateful that church supporters stepped up to meet our building insurance needs when we were desperate after the tornado and thru the new roof installation.

We are hopeful premium costs will reduce in 2026, but we are not expecting a significant or any reduction in all likelihood. The Church's urgent need is to increase the general operating fund through our weekly or monthly giving. Our three largest expenses: payroll, utilities and general operating costs i.e. office expenses, Internet, phone, copier, postage, etc. is about \$23 to \$25, 000 monthly. It is great when you support our many special church and community programs, but if those dollars are taken from your general giving or tithe, just know that our fixed costs must be met too, and often with not enough dollars. For the past several months, funding has come up short each month. Even though St. Paul's has endowments at the Methodist Foundation, the majority of these endowments were established with restricted uses i.e. religious/educational materials, development of youth, lectures or special programs. They cannot be used for general operating expenses. Your Leadership Team would like you to prayerfully consider how you can help our church with your prayers, your witness, but especially thru increasing your weekly or monthly offering. Please prayerfully consider your weekly, monthly or annual giving during our Stewardship Campaign, "Generosity Journey".

Marilyn Bradford, St. Paul's Leadership Chair

Happenings this Week @ St. Paul's !!!



Today! 1:30pm

> 2nd Floor

Ladies....Please **Join Us!**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

MOVIE **NIGHT**

Dinner @ 6 p.m. Movie @ 6:30 p.m.

This is a NEW kind of Bible Study. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested contact Ann or Desi.



Methodist > Music Night

> **Chancel Ringers** 6:00pm **Chancel Choir** 7:15pm

YOU can join to choir TODAY!



It's that TIME! Fall Back!! Turn you clocks back!

THIS SUNDAY....IT IS REALLY **HAPPENING!**

PRE CHARGE CONFERENCE **MEETING** AFTER SERVICE THIS SUNDAY SHOULD LAST ABOUT 10 MINUTES

INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH PLUS INFO THAT WE WILL BE SENDING TO **CHARGE CONFFERENCE IN NOVEMBER**



Come join our group...Invite a Friend and Build a Community!



AFTER THE 6 PM DINNER... OUR GROUP MEETS TO STUDY SCRIPTURE, HAVE DISCUSSION, AND FUN **ACTIVITIES, WE'LL GROW** IN FAITH, BUILD **COMMUNITY. AND SEE GOD'S POWER AT WORK** IN OUR LIVES. JOIN US FOR YOUTH GATHERINGS ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:30-8:00 PM AND **SUNDAYS FROM 9:30-**10:30 AM!

If you have any question or need info. contact Sergio in the church office. sergio@shawneestpauls.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 10:30 AM LIBRARY IF YOU ARE INTERESTING IN JOINING REACH OUT TO IAN PHILLIPS OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.





This event is open to the community. So take some time to share on Facebook!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2025

6:00PM-9:00PM

Drop Off ages: 6 months old to 5th grade

child. \$5 for each additional child

.SHAWNEE ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Kids will receive spaghetti for dinner, enjoy story & craft time, and have lots of play time.

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Contact Us

405-273-0982

REGISTER HERE

CELEBRATE PASTORS this

> Clergy Appreciation Month

Final week to share a note. gift card on message to let Desi know she is Terrific!

Memorials

Thank you to all those who gave in memory of Dr. Tom Henry

Learning about giving

Children's Moment

Photo Credit: Pat Bolt

Everyone is invited to greet the community... this coincides with the Fall Festival being held in Woodland Park. So we are expecting a big crowd to pass through the church. We will need lots of hands to pass out candy and popcorn!



Mission of the Month CANDY

We are collecting bags of CANDY individually wrapped candy. The weekday kids' classes had a contest who could bring the most candy...we appreciate all their help. Our members will be passing out to the kids...If you would like to help; please be at the church this Friday by 10:15 am

> AND THE BEST PART... THE KIDS WILL BE IN COSTUME!!!!



Last Day to drop off candy is Wednesday Oct 29th



November Birthdays!!!!!



Carolyn Brooks 9 Scott Beck 13 Penny Smith 17 Paula Brackeen 18 Phyllis Ford 19 Sabra Tucker 22 Tim Beck 24 Charles Gorman 27 Pat Curtis 30

*Penny Smith is a member who has moved to Grace Skilled Nursing and Therapy, 711 N 5th St, Room 506, Jenks, OK 74037. She would love to here from her church family.





Glappy
Birthday

If you need a birthday card don't forget we have FREE cards on the table by the church office.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 NIV



COMMUNITY Dinner

Monday, Nov. 3rd 5 pm Set Up 5:30pm Dinner Thanksgiving Pies Needed!

Upper Room Devotionals Are available in the church foyer for Nov./Dec.





include anyone by Thursday.



If you were unable to pick up a Commitment Card Sunday after church you can stop by or call the church office. They will see that you will receive one. The Leadership of St. Paul's appreciates your commitment to helping them to be able to set the budget for next year through your returning of the cards!

Service Times
Sunday Mornings
Small Groups 9:30 AM
Worship 10:45 AM

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00

Closed on Fridays

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