



Shawnee St. Paul's

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Karen Henry is at it again...not only being our online guide during Sunday Worship Service. Now she has started a blog. This is her first entry and it can be found on the Shawnee St. Paul's website. Click on the Connect Tab. Enjoy!

Colossians 3:1-17 September 22nd, 2025 by Karen Harris

Christ at the Center: Colossians 3:1-17

The verse for this week, Colossians 3:1-17, talks about how we are made new in Christ. We have died to our old lifestyles. What does this really mean?

Paul talks about our earthly nature. "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry." (a). Have you thought about your earthly nature? The ones Paul listed may not apply to you, but do you have other idols in your life? Where do you spend your time?

For me, it's on my phone, mindlessly scrolling. I can waste hours doing this. And for what purpose? What to I get from this? Time I can't get back. Time that I could have been more productive. Time that I could have spent reading my devotionals, or praying. I do have some great apps on my phone. I have a bible app that I try to read every day. I have book apps, library apps, game apps (Candy Crush is my game), banking, food, and now that I'm listing, maybe too many apps. They can be a huge distraction in my life, as I am sure they are in yours as well.

We are also called as God's chosen people to be kind, compassionate, and gentle. We are also to have humility and patience. Do you show the Love of God when someone cuts you off in traffic? Do you have patience when waiting in line at the store or stuck behind a tractor on the road? What do you post on your social media? Is it kind or is it not?

As I scroll, I'm seeing so much that is definitely not showing the love of God. In fact, quite the opposite and the more I block these sites, the more of them show up. Maybe as God's people we are called to bring that kindness and compassion everywhere we go, even on social media. Sometimes it's hard. We can love those who make it hard. We can forgive those who make it hard. We can be kind to those who make it hard. Because as Christians, we can do those hard things. We are called to love one another just as Christ loves us. Be that person.

Fortissimo Fundraiser

Join the song.

Adopt a key.

Be an instrument of praise.

88 Keys

\$25 Each

Goal: \$2,200



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\$2,200



Scan to adopt your key

FortissimoFundraiser.com

Fortissimo Fundraiser Update!

What a joyful start! Since launching this weekend, 12 of our 88 keys have already been adopted. That is \$300 toward our \$2,200 goal, and we are just getting started!

Each adopted key represents generosity that will help restore our sanctuary Steinway grand and choir room Baldwin upright in time for our most music-filled services of the year.

And we know our St. Paul's people are aspirational, not transactional. Once the 88 keys are filled, every gift beyond that will move us toward our stretch vision:

Piano humidity control systems

Protective covers

Programmable Wi-Fi thermostats for consistent climate

A reserve for ongoing tunings and maintenance

Follow our weekly progress on the poster in the narthex, on the worship screens, and here in this group.

Make your gift today at FortissimoFundraiser.com.

🎵 Join the song.

🎹 Adopt a key.

🙌 Be an instrument of praise!



Enjoy the song....this fundraiser has a little ditty!

How you can give....

Single Key: \$25

Chord (3 keys): \$75

Octave (8 keys): \$200

Full Scale (12 keys): \$300+





CHANCEL CHOIR

④ 7:15 PM

CHANCEL RINGERS

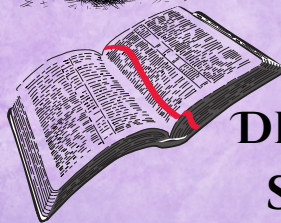
④ 6:00PM

THIS IS YOUR
PERSONAL INVITATION
TO COME JOIN THE FUN
OF BEING A
PART OF THE
CHANCEL CHOIR!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A
PART OF WEDNESDAYS ④
ST. PAUL'S...CONTACT DESI OR
CHURCH OFFICE!



AFTER A LIGHT DINNER AT 6PM
ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN
HEAD OFF TO THEIR OWN ACTIVITY...



THE LAST WEEK OF...
DISCIPLE "FAST TRACK"
STARTING AT 6:30PM

CHILDREN'S GROUP
IS ALL ABOUT
PLAYING AND
LEARNING IN THEIR
FAITH JOURNEY



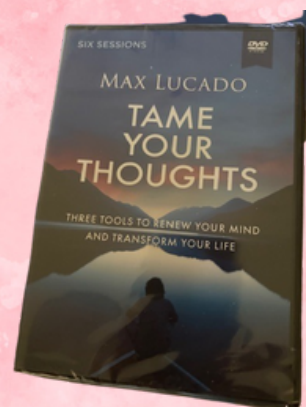
YOUTH GROUP!

YOUTH IS NOW MEETING SUNDAY MORNING
AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT! IF YOU KNOW ANY
STUDENTS IN 6TH-12TH GRADES CONTACT
SERGIO@SHAWNEESTPAULS.COM FOR DETAILS
ON HOW TO GET THEM HOOKED UP.
FUN NIGHTS, MISSION PROJECTS, AND MORE
ARE IN THE WORKS - SO LOOK FOR DETAILS IN
THE NEAR FUTURE!

Ladies...Looking for a Bible Study?

We will be meeting
tomorrow
Wednesday Sept. 24th at
10:30am
in the Library.

WE MEET EACH WEDNESDAY LEAD BY
Jan Streitenberger Phillips



Happenings @ St. Paul's



Calling all gamers and non-gamers time to enjoy some good old St. Paul's Fellowship! Bring a game or a snack. Open to everyone who wants enjoy just hanging out with your church family!

Two red t-shirts are displayed. The one on the left has a small church logo. The one on the right has a large graphic that says "Represent your St. Paul's Pride" and includes a paragraph of text about the church's mission.

Represent your St. Paul's Pride

At Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, we are a community of Christ Followers who serve, worship, and grow together from the heart of downtown Shawnee.

At Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, we believe we are called to the mission of making disciples by connecting, serving, and sharing in the love of Christ to all of God's children for the transformation of the world.

\$15

Order your t-shirt today!

**HAVE YOU ORDERED YOURS?
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TODAY!**



Upper Room Devotionals for Sept/Oct are now available in the church foyer.



FAITH CIRCLE TODAY!

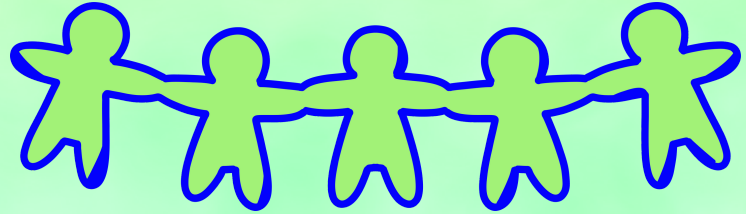
JOIN THE LADIES AS THEY BEGIN THE STUDY LEAD BY EILEEN HARGROVE.

Meeting on the 2nd floor at 1:30pm

Thank you.... and more



WHEN THINGS DON'T GO AS EXPECTED....
KAREN STEP UP THE CAMERA STAND...AND IT
WAS MANNED BY MANDY & BENTLEI
GREAT JOB GIRLS!
(MY FAVORITE PART WAS WHEN MAV HAD TO
SHOW MANDY THAT HE FIGURED OUT HOW
TO BUT OUT A PEOPLE CHAIN!!)



THANK YOU TO THE GROUP IN
OUR COMMUNITY THAT HEARD
OUR LITTLE KIDS IN THE
WEEKDAY PROGRAMS NEEDED
LUNCH TABLES ...THEIR SIZE.
THE GIFT OF THE TABLE WAS
MEANINGFUL TO THE
PROGRAMS AND OUR
CHURCH.



Mission of the Month: Diapers and Baby Wipes for Legacy Parenting

According to National Diaper Bank Network Diaper Check 2024,
46% of U.S. families suffers from diaper need - the inability to
keep their baby clean, dry, and healthy. Currently, no
government programs assist specifically with the cost of
diapers which leaves many families in crisis.

Please bring your donations to the church.
For more information about Legacy Parenting:
<https://legacyshawnee.com/>

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE
ALREADY GIVEN. TO OUR MISSION OF THE
MONTH.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO HELP MAKE THIS
PROJECT EVEN BIGGER THAN LAST YEAR!

CONTACT ANN
IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO
HELP!





AMEN!

The people in the booth are tweaking the new sound system. Those who worship online will be able to enjoy a better experience....hopefully hearing a few amens from the in-house congregation!



Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00
Closed on Fridays

Service Times

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

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