



VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Coronado, California

January 6th, 2017

Last Week Attendance:

216

"If I Could Ask God Anything" Message Series: January 8- February 12

Beginning this Sunday (January 8) our worship services will feature responses to questions that you would like to ask God. Keep in mind that Pastor Robb does not presume to speak for God, but will seek to offer helpful messages that to help deepen our faith by exploring these questions.

Based on the questions submitted by people in our congregation, here are the 6 questions we will cover in the "Ask God Anything" series:

January 8 - How can You put up with me?

January 15 - Why do You allow so much evil and suffering?

January 22 - How should I read the Bible?

January 29 - How do You Handle My Prayers?

February 5 - What are the limits of Your grace?

February 12 - Okay God, I feel Your pull, where do we go from here?

If you have a friend or relative who has struggled with any of these questions, this may be a wonderful opportunity to invite them to join you in worship at St. Paul's UMC.

FROM THE PASTORS PEN

On New Year's Sunday, I shared my hope that, in the year ahead, the St. Paul's congregation would focus our energy on an area we already seem to be very strong: offering radical hospitality. The key verse for this 2017 resolution is Hebrews 13:2, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it."

I am inviting all congregation members, worshippers, committees, Bible Studies, groups, etc... to embrace this verse and resolution, continually asking, how can we enhance our welcome? Here are 3 suggestions from the sermon:

- 1.) **Focus on warmly welcoming newcomers and guests on Sunday morning.** You may set a goal to greet someone you do not know on Sunday morning BEFORE you allow yourself to engage with someone you already know well.*

- 2.) **Consider yourself a member of our Staff.** After worship last Sunday, a congregation member asked where to find toilet paper in case the rolls ran out in a bathroom. They wanted to be able to take care of the issue themselves rather than assuming the Facilities Manager or Church Administrator would have to take care of the need.

- 3.) **Know that for children, youth, and families "warm is the new cool."** Make sure to extend warm and genuine welcome to the families, children, and youth who are making the effort to come to worship when many other young families do not. They need your support.

Thank you for continuing to so warmly welcome me and my whole family to Coronado. We are so very grateful to be serving Christ with you at St. Paul's UMC.

To God Alone, Glory!

Pastor Robb

Group and Ministry Notes

THANK YOU CHRISTIE AFTER THIS SUNDAY SERVICES!

We invite you to the Social Hall today following both Services to honor and thank Kristie Grimaud for her service to St. Paul's.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) EVENTS

Saturday, January 14th – UMW Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m., with a speaker from Generate Hope. Generate Hope helps women get out of sex trafficking. Come hear about the amazing work they do! Cost is \$10 per person. . Sign-up after Sunday services or email nadostpaulsumw@gmail.com.

Thursday, January 19th – Next No Host Circle Lunch @11:30 a.m. at Miguels. Join us for fellowship and make a new friend! Sign-up after Sunday Services or email nadostpaulsumw@gmail.com.

UMW READING CLUB

We have new books in the library. Our books are chosen through an annual selection of member reviewed books. It gives you a wonderful opportunity to broaden your understanding of our mission work.

GLOBAL MISSIONS NOTES

We provided a meal December 20th for the Interfaith Shelter in Imperial Beach UMC. Thank you Sue Gillingham and her daughter Kate, Sue Cargill, Julie Gallagher, Kristie Grimaud, Tom Lowe, Beth Aiello & family with Thursday Morning Bible Study.

Mission Crafters joyfully announce using 100% of their 2016 proceeds for the sponsorship of 11 children in the Dominican Republic for 2017.

NO APOLOGY LASAGNA SUPPERS' RESUME

Pastor Robb and Jen are planning to resume congregational meals at the parsonage in late January. Family calendaring needs some clarification before new gathering dates can be firmed up, so please keep an eye out for an announcement in the Voyager e-newsletter and plan to sign-up for a "No Apology Lasagna Supper." (The menu is Grandma Kirkland's Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Champagne of the Desert [aka 'chilled water'] and Ice Cream all served on single use plates and translucent utensils [paper plates and plastic dinnerware!]. – Pastor Robb

Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

IBUMC Youth Service Project Is Next Sunday January 8th!

Join us in the Youth Den during the second service this Sunday.

We will be packing 150 sack lunches for the homeless ministry at IBUMC.

High School Pizza Lunch !

Every Monday at noon on the upper deck.

(Sophomores and up)

Wednesday Night Youth Groups

Jr. High: 5:30pm-7:00pm

High School: No group this week

Thursday High School Ice Cream Celebration!

Hooray! Finals Week is over! Come celebrate at MooTime with us from 7pm-8pm.

(All High School Students)

Sunday Youth Bible Study is Back Next Week!

Next Sunday our 10:30am Youth Bible Study will resume.

We will continue to explore through Paul's letters of the New Testament.

Any Youth Questions? Contact Liz Flage.... lizflage.spyouth@gmail.com

FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER COMING

The next Walk to Emmaus for Seniors event called; Face to Face Encounter #4 is coming up Starting Jan. 27. These Upper Room developed events are designed for those who wish to grow Spiritually. No matter where we are in our relationship with Christ, the experience offers Growth.

There will be a Patio Table before, between and following Worship Services on January 8 and 15. Stop by for information and registration materials. The Face to Face Encounter follows the Walk to Emmaus Method. It has been well received by Seniors and those with limited mobility. Attendance is daytime 8:30 - 3:30 Friday and Saturday Jan. 27, 28 and the following Friday and Saturday Feb. 3 and 4. Participants return home each day!

Stop by our Table; we will tell you more and get you registered for the upcoming Encounter Starting January 27.

With Thanks, Tom Lowe

For St. Paul's Walk to Emmaus Group

Other Notes and Happenings

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please give us your information (address, phone and email) for our St. Paul's 2017 Church Directory. We are trying to update our records and have them as accurate as possible. Please phone the Church Office 619 435-5691 or email stpaulsmethodist@sbcglobal.net

NEW 'HEARING LOOP' INSTALLED

Thanks to the generosity of several St. Paul's members, the 'Hearing Loop' system has been installed. This Assistive Listening system works with hearing aids and cochlear implants that have a 't-coil' setting. We also have 6 transmitters with headphones for people who have some hearing loss*, but who do not have hearing aids. The headphones can be used by people who have hearing aids without a t-coil.

The system will work in the Narthex, the choir loft, and on both sides of the sanctuary. The hearing loop will not work in the balcony. (*People who have their own 'ear buds' may use them with the transmitters by unplugging the current headphones and using the earphone jack.) If you have questions, please talk with Charlie Higgins or Pastor Robb. We will be happy to help you understand how to use the 'hearing loop.'

SYMPATHY NOTES

Our sympathy, prayers, and love are with Linda McLemore and her family. Her mother Mary Marumoto died December 27, 2016. Mary celebrated her 102nd birthday on December 24th with many of her family and friends present. Her Memorial Service will be held at Chula Vista First UMC, 1200 East H Street, Chula Vista on Saturday, January 14th at 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *Neda Wenger, Mary Mowry, Nicole Sciascia, Marianne Turnipseed, Ellie Nixon, Lauris Boyer, Lois Land, Logan Sandoval, Dick DeCapito, Emily Gruillon, Frank Conlon, Brian Clark, Connie Carrol, Leslie Perlis, Taryn Clement, Carmella Palo, Bob Howard, Bette Decker, Gerry Sawyer, Ann Rutherford, Lynn Morgan, The Henrich Family, Kel Kraft Casey, Sue McNary, Don Caine, Delma Dickson, Zhao Fu, Linda Nixon, Leslie Nathan, David Buckovetz*

The St. Paul's e mail Newsletter will be sent out on Friday each week. We are not the content providers, and thus rely on other groups/ministries to provide content for the newsletter. If you want to have something included, please e mail the announcement/article/pictures to the communications e mail address by Wednesday. Also include instructions about how many weeks that you want it to run

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