



# VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
Coronado, California

January 13th, 2017

**Last Week Attendance:**

**397**

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

This Sunday (January 15) our worship services continue to explore questions that people in our congregation would like to ask God. This Sunday we explore the question "Why Do You Allow So Much Evil and Suffering." The remaining questions in the series are listed below.

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.

Printed versions of Pastor Robb's Sunday Sermons are now available on the SPUMC website in addition to the video recordings.

<http://stpaulsmethodist.com/home/sunday-sermons>

Please download and enjoy!

**FROM THE PASTORS PEN**

The warm welcome extended to our family since our arrival in Coronado last June continued unabated through the Christmas season as we received many gifts and remembrances. From cards to candy to baked goods and baskets full of logs for our fireplace, we were grateful to see family pictures, read family letters, and savor the goodies that seemed to arrive on a daily basis.

As we take down Christmas decorations, my wife places the cards and letters we receive into boxes that we will open to decorate again next year, and so our sense of gratitude will be renewed even as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus in 2017.

Speaking of gifts -- and as the pastor of St. Paul's -- I want also want to express gratitude for your financial gifts given throughout the year to support our shared mission and ministry program. We are doing lots of great things as a church and somehow, during December, a November year-to-date deficit of \$29,000 turned into a year-end-surplus of just over \$3,000.

To God Alone, Glory!

Pastor Robb

## *Group and Ministry Notes*

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) EVENTS

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:nadostpaulsumw@gmail.com).

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

#### No High School Pizza Lunch This Week!

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 This Week!

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.sp youth@gmail.com](mailto:lizflage.sp youth@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](mailto:stpaulsmethodist@sbcglobal.net)

### DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES – ADULT STUDY GROUPS

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. "Through the Bible in One Year" using NIV and ESV Bibles designed for an Annual reading (Floyd Ross) Room 202

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Sharing on Thankfulness (Jane New & Jeanmarie Bond) Room 201

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. "Connect" 20-40's Room 202

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. "Listening for God" Women's Bible Study -Choir Room

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Men's "Connect" Bible Study – Room 201

### SYMPATHY NOTES

A Memorial Service for Martha (Motsi) Ferris will be held on Saturday, January 28th at 11:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Sanctuary. Motsi and her husband Jim were long-time members of St. Paul's. Please keep their daughter Gwen and son Jeffrey in your thoughts and prayers.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** *Neda Wenger, Mary Mowry, Nicole Sciascia, Marianne Turnipseed, Ellie Nixon, Lauris Boyer, Lois Land, Logan Sandoval, 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*

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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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