



# **VOYAGER NEWSLETTER**

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
Coronado, California

**November 17th, 2017**

**Last Week Attendance:**

**370**

## **FROM THE PASTORS PEN**

### **All Church Conference (aka 'Charge Conference) Tomorrow at 12 Noon**

**Dear Friends,**

Tomorrow after our 2nd service, St. Paul's UMC has its once a year All Church Conference. We will gather at 12-noon in the Music/Choir Room. All members of the church may attend with 'voice and vote' and all non-members are also welcome to attend. The meeting will last approximately 1 hour.

This annual meeting is to formally review and/or approve various reports for submission to our District Superintendent and Bishop. At this gathering, we will review our membership rolls and take a moment to remember those of our congregation who have died in the past year, we will review our financial status and share a preliminary projection of our 2018 ministry and mission budget, we will review and vote on the recommended salary and benefits for the pastor, and we will vote on the persons who will serve in various leadership roles at St. Paul's in 2018.

While this meeting can be a bit 'dry', it is a critical component of our shared ministry! I am pleased that the Rev. Dr. Winfried K. Ritter will serve as the presiding elder for this year's All Church Conference. Dr. Ritter was Senior Pastor of the La Jolla UMC where I served alongside him for 8 years (as the Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministries for 3 years before serving as Associate Pastor for 5 years).

**To God Alone, Glory!**

**Pastor Robb**

## *Group and Ministry Notes*

### HANGING OF THE GREEN'S COMING



Please join us for the annual "Hanging of the Greens" on Sunday, November 26 from 4:00-5:00 pm followed by a Chili Cook-Off from 5:00-6:00 pm and an Advent Kit to be handed out to families from 6:00-6:30 pm. for them to enjoy a purposeful Advent

All are welcome to help decorate various parts of the church including the altar, communion rails, pulpit, lobby, balcony and the tree in the Social Hall.

"Leaders" will be at each site. We're looking forward to making our church beautiful and uplifting for this most joyous Season. Please bring your Christmas spirit, heart and creativity.

Children ages 4-12 years old can join Jenni Nesbitt for an Advent Activity.

5:00-6:00 pm Chili Cook-Off Bring your best pot of chili! A vote will be taken to decide which chili is best! Beverages and condiments are provided. RSVP to [jenninesbitt.spministries@gmail.com](mailto:jenninesbitt.spministries@gmail.com) if you plan to bring chili!!

6:00-6:30 pm Advent kits for families are distributed.

### UMW UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, November 30th - Christmas Dessert Night  
The holidays are right around the corner! Kickoff the Christmas season with our annual dessert night. We are looking for hostesses for tables. Individual tickets will be for sale shortly.

Email [nadostpaulsumw@gmail.com](mailto:nadostpaulsumw@gmail.com) to sign-up for any events or with any questions. We will also be on the patio after each service.

### PARENTS PRAYER GROUP MEETS MONDAYS

Parents' Prayer Group meets 8:30-9:30 on Monday mornings. Note: new meeting room! Join us in the library, Room 203. All parents welcome.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD

Everyone is invited to attend this original play in our sanctuary, written by one of our own St. Paul's children. Featuring songs accompanied on the piano and ukulele by St. Paul's teens, the play presents the Biblical story of the birth of Jesus. You won't want to miss hearing God speak, or King Herod gnash his teeth, or Mary in her confusion and acceptance! The play will be followed by "Carols and Cocoa" in the Social Hall.

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### IS YOU'RE CHILD A LITTLE ANIMAL?

Parents of Young Children! Ages 3 & 4! If your child would enjoy being an animal in the stable during our Children's Christmas Play on Dec 3, please contact Jen Hoggan at 760-550-0395 or [jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com](mailto:jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com) Rehearsal will be Sunday November 26 from 2-4. No lines to memorize, just various barnyard animal sounds!

### ANNUAL LAMB'S THEATER CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL NIGHT

Join St. Paul's Annual Lamb's Festival of Christmas, December 6. Tickets are only \$38 for prime seats. Contact Linda Austin, 619-437-8137, if you are interested.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

#### Note: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

With December 24<sup>th</sup> falling on a Sunday, St. Paul's will have a single worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday morning. This is not a Christmas Eve service, but rather an observance of the final Sunday in Advent. (Advent includes 4 Sundays of preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus.)

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

St. Paul's Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Lessons and Carols will be at 5:00 & 7:00 pm, and at 9:00 pm will be a Carols and Communion Service. Childcare is available for infants to 3 years old at the 5:00 and 7:00 pm Services.

### USHERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

- Do you like to smile?
- Do you have a warm and welcoming demeanor?
- Do you like to attend Sunday church services?

If so you are a great candidate to be an usher during Sunday services. We currently need a few to help for both first and second service during various weeks of the month. If interested, please email Marcie and let her know [mwarmer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwarmer@sbcglobal.net)

### USHER AND LITURGIST TRAINING

Ushers and liturgists! Please save the date: USHER TRAINING Saturday, January 27 from 9-11 and LITURGIST TRAINING Sunday, February 25 from 12-2. (Brunch and lunch, respectively, provided as a thank you for your service.) Attendance at these trainings is not mandatory, but is encouraged, as priority for sign-ups will be given to those who attend the training. Please contact Jen Hoggan at [jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com](mailto:jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com) to register, or for more information.

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### ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

#### Sunday Morning Youth Offerings

**9:00am: Youth Worship** - meet Liz on the front lawn before the first service for donuts and an interactive youth worksheet.

**10:30am: Youth Bible Study** - head to the Youth Den during the second service for fellowship and small group studies. This Fall we're continuing in Paul's letters of the New Testament.

#### Youth Programs take a Thanksgiving Break

Over the week of Thanksgiving, High School Pizza Lunch and Wednesday Night Youth Groups will not meet. We'll see you next week!

#### Confirmation Is Starting End Of November!

Our Class of 2018 Confirmation Program is launching later this month and will dive into all the big, sticky, crazy questions we have as we develop our faith. This program is designed for students 8th-12th grade. Contact Youth Director, Liz Flage, with any questions or to register your youth by Monday, 11/20. ([lizflage.spyouth@gmail.com](mailto:lizflage.spyouth@gmail.com))



#### Youth Group Service Night



## *Other Notes and Happenings*

### SAN DIEGO MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The San Diego Mandolin Orchestra will be doing a Christmas concert to benefit. Come get in the Christmas spirit with an evening of holiday music.

Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
St. Paul's UMC Sanctuary

The concert free and open to all who enjoy good music during the holiday season. A goodwill offering is appreciated and will go to a charity that St. Paul's supports – Metro. For further information contact Jim Trepasso, 619-435-0837.

### ROUND UP WITH COIN UP TO DONATE TO SPUMC



St. Paul's has partnered with "Coin Up" to raise money and awareness for our church. This is the future of giving and it can't get easier. Download the "Coin Up" app from the Apple Store on your smartphone or tablet, choose St. Paul's UMC from the charitable organizations, and register your credit or debit card. Every time you use that card to make a purchase each transaction will be rounded up to the nearest dollar and that difference will be transferred to our bank account! Set a monthly limit if you desire and receive a tax donation receipt. You are in control! Learn more at [www.coinupapp.com](http://www.coinupapp.com).

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**\*PRAYER REQUESTS:** *Ali Davidson Cleveland, Sue McNary, Jo Scott, Lauris Boyer, Denny Grimaud, Rhonda and Mackenzie Harper, Lois Rosania, Vicki Fisk, Jerry Swisher, Lisa Johnson's family, Dave and Leone Wood, Mary Pack, Peggy Spence, Jim Black, Emily Grullon, Jim Smith, Carl and Marianne Turnipseed, Logan Sandoval, Ann Rutherford, Melissa Bennett, Henrich Family, Norm Ludington, Bruce Linder, Rosa Mezquite, Dotty Turner, Norm Berman, Fred Snider, Carmella Palo, Mark Cooper, Susan Schuerer, Sadie Hall*

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The St. Paul's e mail Newsletter will be sent out on Friday each week. We rely on 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 address below by Wednesday. Also include instructions about how many weeks that you want it to run

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