

Summer Sermon Series:

For the month of July, sermons will look at ways God has given us to follow Jesus. The schedule is:

Daily
Discipleship
for
Good Living



July 2-3	Prayers
July 9-10	Presence
July 16-17	Gifts
July 23-24	Service
July 30-31	Witness

Ingathering Challenge



Someone is blessed with each health kit and school kit we create to send to UMCOR for a child or family. St. Paul's members have been busy sewing and will soon be collecting and assembling

these gifts of care. The Sending to Serve Committee challenges us to match the amount we have currently received for creating these kits...just under \$3000. Please pray and consider if you can contribute towards our goal of \$1000 in each of the months of July, August, and September. Special Offering dates are: July 17/18, August 20/21, and September 17/18.

Caring Heart? Good Listener? Read On!

We are in need of additional trained people (especially females) to help others get through difficult times. We are grateful for all who are matched and meeting. Names of care receivers are always kept confidential. Because we are "borrowing" additional Stephen Ministers from another church, we pray that many more will consider starting the next class in August. Details are on the web site and in the church office. Completing an application (**which is not a commitment**) enables a couple of Stephen Leaders to meet with you to discuss the program, show you the materials and answer questions. Feel free to talk with any of our Stephen Leaders or Ministers.



Many Children and Adults Have Fun and Learn at Vacation Bible School

About 115 children participated in many fun, interactive and educational activities during the Shake it Up Cafe Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's from June 13-16. Over 70 volunteers helped with the event.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our week a success! We **could not** have done it without you! Everyone gathered together to start each day. Preschool children rotated through: Bible story, craft, music, recreation, free play and snack. School-age children also rotated to Bible story, craft, music, recreation, snack and discovery time (science experiments related to our theme). A Bible story served as the theme for each day and all activities were connected to that theme. Themes included how the Israelites celebrated Passover (*Exodus 13:3-10*) and "Be Ready for God," the Festival of Fruits and Booths (*Leviticus 23 & John 7:37-40*) and "Give Happily to God," Holy Communion (*Luke 22:8-20*) and "Remember Jesus Often," and The Festival of Weeks and Pentecost (*Acts 2*) and "Celebrate God Forever." On Thursday, we gathered with parents at the end of VBS to celebrate our experience with songs and lunch. Each year, we have a mission project during VBS. This year, in connection with our theme, we collected food for the Linn Community Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who supported the Shake it Up Café VBS through prayers, donations, and volunteering their time. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Library Progress Report

The Library facelift is nearing completion! New lighting, electrical updating, steam heat equipment removal, fire-place cleaning, fresh paint, furniture refreshed and new carpet are giving the Library a fresh new look. Stop in Sunday mornings, and see how projects are progressing. Soon the Library will be available again. In the meantime, carts of books are available for checkout in the Parlor.

Worship at St. Paul's

**Sunday's worship may be viewed on:
Mediacom Cable Channel 18 at 6:00pm Wednesdays
ImOn Channel 4 at 10:00am Thursdays

July 2 & 3

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Daily Discipleship for Good Living: Prayers.

July 9 & 10

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Daily Discipleship for Good Living: Presence.

Come, invite someone to join you and worship God!

Weekly Highlights

Saturday, July 2

5:15pm Child Care

5:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, July 3—All worship has childcare

8:15am Worship - Chapel

9:00am Worship - Sanctuary

10:20am Sunday School for All

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30am Celebration Worship - Sanctuary

5:00pm Hispanic Worship - Social Hall

Monday, July 4

Church Building Closed for Independence Day

Tuesday, July 5

7:00am Companions in Christ

9:00am Holiday Fair Craft Workshops - Annex

9:00am Staff Meetings

12:00pm Neighborhood Meals

12:30 pm SPRINT

1:30-4:00pm Lemonade Stand - Outdoors

Wednesday, July 6

7:00am Men's Bible Study - Annex

12:00pm Neighborhood Meals

12:30 pm SPRINT

5:15pm Youth Café

6:00pm Youth Games

6:00pm Bereans Bible Study - 312

6:00pm Making Space for the Spirit - Parlor

6:30pm Youth Worship

7:30pm Sanctuary Choir - Music Center

Thursday, July 7

12:00pm Neighborhood Meals

12:30 pm SPRINT

1:30-4:00pm Lemonade Stand - Outdoors

6:15 pm Toastmasters - 117

7:30pm Hispanic Bible Study - Social Hall

Friday, July 8

9:30am Bulletin Stuffers - Parlor

12:00pm Office Closed

12:00pm Neighborhood Meals

Please see website calendar (www.stpaulsumc.org) or weekly bulletin for more coming events.



Rev. Harlan Gillespie
Senior Pastor

"...Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Familiar words. Words that sum up the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No pre-screening. Open invitation. A promise. Jesus' words are much like God's word spoken by the prophet Isaiah: **Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters... Why do you spend your money for**

From Harlan

that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me..." Isaiah 55:1-2

The biblical witness of God by writers, prophets, apostles, and Jesus himself, is the persistent call of God upon the people to sort out what is truly essential from all that other stuff of what keeps us worried and busy. God's call is just as true in my life as it is in yours.

Jesus' words, Isaiah's words, call us to prayer. Beginning this weekend, July 2-3, we will experience a five-week summer series called *Daily Discipleship for Good Living*. Within that biblical series, I hope that you find ways for you and for others to turn, at least a little bit, from the busyness and burdens of daily life to find life in Christ, fulfilling what Jesus said, **"for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."** (Matthew 11:30) I pray that we can hear him today through the noise of our busy and burdened lives. Dates of each sermon are on the front page of this Outlook.

Why start a series like this the day before the 4th of July – a national holiday? I think July 4th, more than any other national holiday, is a day that celebrates the American dream of freedom and what it means to live responsibly in community. Many people before us have lived and died and many people offer themselves today for the gift of freedom and for the responsibilities that we share. What better time would there be for us than now to hear the words of Jesus and have our faith challenged and deepened so that we do not squander the gift of freedom and life that we have been given by God for the glory of God?

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Harlan Gillespie



Sunday School and Worship in the Park!

St. Paul's UMC Praise Team Leader, Matt German, along with Deb Jurkowski and others, led 70 people in worship music on June 18th in Redmond Park. Children's activities, prayer, preaching and refreshments filled out this ecumenical neighborhood gathering. **Everyone is invited** to bring a lawn chair and plan to join us on July 16th and August 20th for this outdoor experience! 4:00 for Sunday School, 5:00 pm for Worship. Rain location is Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Presentation July 20 on the World Methodist Conference

At 6:30 pm in the Parlor on July 20, Pastor Harlan Gillespie will give a presentation on the World Methodist Conference in Durban, South Africa. He will travel to be a part of this conference in the first two weeks of August. Come learn about our brothers and sisters in faith!





Prayer - The Ministry of Caring of the St. Paul's Family

June 29, 2011

We are weary and carrying heavy burdens, Lord Jesus. Give us rest and renew our spirits as we pray for...

See Matthew 11:28-30

- Our nation, leaders, and people; the nations of the world, their leaders, and people. O God, give us wisdom and guide us.
- Justice, peace, the end to terrorism; all military personnel and their families.
- The search for employment and the faith supporting one another.
- Those caring for parents and for children.
- Persons with addictions and their families and friends.
- The summertime ministries of Jesus Christ through St. Paul's UMC.
- Births, marriages, and wedding anniversaries!
- Families and communities affected by tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters.
- Those hospitalized at St. Lukes and Mercy Hospitals
- Those under Hospice Care.
- Memorial prayers for the family and friends of those who have recently died.
- Continued healing and grace for those in need.
- The district church of the week: Iowa Wesley Foundation ministries, and Pastors Paul Shultz, Marsha Acord, Michael Bell.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hearing Assistance Devices for Worship

If you have a hearing impairment, whether slight or major, try one of our hearing assistance devices, which are available from the ushers. These devices are small (will fit in a shirt pocket) and have a small earpiece that "hooks" in the ear.

Youth Café Wednesday Nights

If you are an adult or child who would like to **join the youth for Wednesday night pizza at 5:15**, call the church by noon Wednesday. Youth finishing 5th grade and up will meet Wed. nights during the summer.

Prayer requests for this devotion of caring will be added upon request and updated weekly. Names listed here under continued healing and grace will remain on the list for 3 weeks; if you would like a name on the list longer please let us know. Communicate by use of the prayer request boxes, phone 363-2058, or e-mail silg@stpaulsumc.org or harlan@stpaulsumc.org. Include a permission to share with others, or a request for confidentiality.

Summer Contemporary and Blended Worship continues in the Sanctuary

This summer the worship services that have been held in the Social Hall and the Chapel were moved to the sanctuary. Two reasons for this:

- 1) We plan to make important improvements to audio and presentation systems in the Social Hall and better use of the stage for worship. Daily serving of Neighborhood Meals makes it difficult to work in the Social Hall during the week, so most of the work will be done on the weekends. We hope the improvements will be completed by September 11 and worship will return to the lower level. If you can volunteer yourself to help make the changes, please contact the church office.
- 2) The 10:30 worships have been combined to practice blended worship. This has been very effective on Easter, and worshippers have encouraged the worship committee to work more on this style of worship. In addition, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the pastoral staff are seeking creative ways of increasing the effectiveness of the pastoral staff on Sunday mornings. This includes making more pastoral staff available for spiritual growth through new member classes and Sunday morning offerings other than worship.

The main focus of these adjustments is to fulfill our mission statement: ***To know and follow Christ and to help others know and follow Christ.***

Sanctuary Sound System Improvements & the Armstrong Charitable Trust Grant

Again, we are very thankful to the Armstrong Charitable Trust Grant Board! The board recently awarded a \$70,000 grant for the purchase, installation, and training for new speakers and amplifiers in the sanctuary. Work will begin the week of July 18 and be completed for weekend worship on July 23-24!

Celebrating Our History!

In 2014, St. Paul's will celebrate the 175th birthday of our congregation as well as celebrating the Centennial year of our church building! Do you have an interest in creating some displays of our history? Please contact Pastor Sherrie about using the Parlor curios to feature aspects of St. Paul's story anytime! Let your pastors know if you would like to help develop ways to celebrate our history.

Guidebook Updates

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for St. Paul's. If you have moved or changed contact information in the past year, please make sure that the office has your latest contact information. Just as last year, the book, with updated members and addresses, is being provided at no cost to St. Paul's, and again is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and want to learn about advertising in the book, please call St. Paul's office at 363-2058.

Kid's Carnival, Friday, July 22

As part of the senior high mission trip, the youth are hosting a free carnival for the community and the congregation. The carnival will be held at Veteran's Memorial (Kernels') Stadium from 12:00-4:00 (we'll start with worship 12:00-12:30). Bring your children, cousins, and neighbors to eat hot dogs, jump in the bouncy castle, play human foosball, go through the obstacle course, and have a great time! Contact Pastor Phil for more information (okduckman@aol.com).

Available Dates

at St. Paul's Cabin at Clear Lake

Contact Deb or Linda in the Church office (363-2058) for details and reservations.

Summer Sunday School Teacher Openings



We are making progress getting teachers for our children this summer! There are still openings. Preschoolers need a 3rd adult each week starting July 17 (except Aug. 21); Aug. 7 and 14 need two or more. K-1st graders need help July 24 & 31, and Aug. 28. Our 2nd/3rd/4th graders need teachers July 24 & 31, and Aug. 7. The website has updates www.stpaulsumc.org. Contact Pastor Allison (allison@stpaulsumc.org or 363-2058).

Position Open

Parents Day Out is looking for a team teacher for our 3 year old room. Hours are 9 am -2 pm Monday through Thursday from Sept-May. Staff will prepare art projects, activities, and stories to complement our weekly themes. Must love children. If you are interested or have questions, call director Sandy McGee at 363-6349, or email us at stpaulspdo@aol.com.

Concert July 17 will feature premier of a work

The Neighborhood Meals and Enrichment Program has lost substantial funding. **Praise and Thanksgiving – A Festival of Christian Song**, will be held on Sunday, July 17, at 2:00 p.m. to increase support for the program. Everyone is invited to come and sing praise to God together. An offering will be taken and admission is a non-perishable food item or paper product for the Linn County Food Bank. The event will feature the premier of a work by Mark Baumann.

Coming Events...

July 4	Building closed for Independence Day
July 13	Park Clean-Up, Picnic, and Splash Pad
July 16	Worship in the Park
July 17	Festival of Christian Song

Freedom to Worship and Sing Ecumenical Worship

Praise be to God! The ecumenical worship of some of the 3rd Ave SE area churches held Sunday evening, June 26, was inspirational and very well attended! Thanks be to God for the choirs and other musicians from 1st Lutheran, 1st Presbyterian, Westminster Presbyterian, and St. Paul's UMC for the leadership. This new worship service was part of the Freedom Festival events, raising \$912 for the Neighborhood Meals Enrichment Program. This is another example of the renewed and expanded great spirit of cooperation and shared ministry in the name of Jesus Christ that the 3rd Ave SE area churches! God blesses our work and worship – together - for the good of Jesus Christ in the heart of the city and around the world!
Grace & Peace, Pastor Harlan Gillespie

Park Clean-Up, Picnic, and Splash Pad



Everyone is invited to Redmond Park at 6:00 pm on July 13 for service and fellowship! We'll be cleaning up the park (gloves and bags provided) before eating and playing together. Bring your picnic and something to sit on. Redmond Park has a Splash Pad so consider a swimsuit as well!

All ages are welcome; children should plan to bring an adult.

Iowa Volunteers in Mission "Round-up"

Join the fun at the Iowa Volunteers in Mission "Round-up", August 19-21 at Pictured Rocks United Methodist Camp in Monticello. It's a chance to fellowship with mission volunteers from all over Iowa, learn about mission opportunities (past, present & future), and work together on projects at camp. Team leadership training will also be provided during the weekend. For more information, or to register, contact Elaine Capek at ecapek@hotmail.com

Mark it on your calendar!

Friday, August 19-Sunday, August 21,
Pictured Rocks Camp & Retreat Center
12004 190th Street Monticello, IA 52310

Craft Workshops Welcome Workers!



Craft Workshops for Holiday Fair
meet on Tuesdays at 9 AM
in the annex.

Everyone is welcome.

Harlan Gillespie, Senior Pastor
Sherrie Ilg, Associate Pastor
Phil Rogers, Minister of Youth

Allison Warren, Minister of Christian Education
Lloyd E. Brockmeyer, Minister of Congregational Care
Carol Tralau, Director of Music Ministries
Matt German, Contemporary Worship Leader

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