
**“A Tapestry of Great Potential:
Fulfilling our Values”
St. Paul’s UMC**



**A Report to the Church
Council
April 28, 2010**



Our Mission and Vision at St. Paul's United Methodist Church

■ The Mission of St. Paul's

At St. Paul's we claim that God employs the church to call others into the Kingdom, to nurture them toward Christian maturity, and to send them into the world to witness to the Gospel in word and deed.

■ The Vision of St. Paul's

St. Paul's United Methodist Church is called to be a welcoming and inclusive community in Christ, equipping and empowering persons to serve as Christ's hands, feet, and heart in the world.



The Values of St. Paul's Church

- We value a focus on prayer
- We value worship, personally and together
- We value outreach and serving others here and across the world
- We value servant leadership
- We value lay empowerment
- We value hospitality
- We value relevance



Our Values are Expressed in Six Strategic Directions

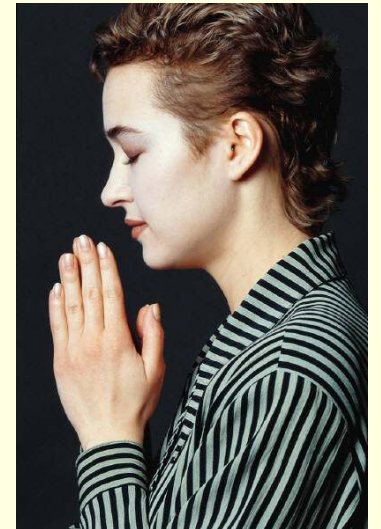
- I. Dynamic Programs and Ministries
- II. Campus Ministries
- III. A Premier Christian Pre-school
- IV. Equipping Spiritual Leaders
- V. Developing Best Practices
- VI. Building Networks for Ministry/Mission



Creating a House of Prayer

“My house shall be called a house of prayer” --Mt. 21:13

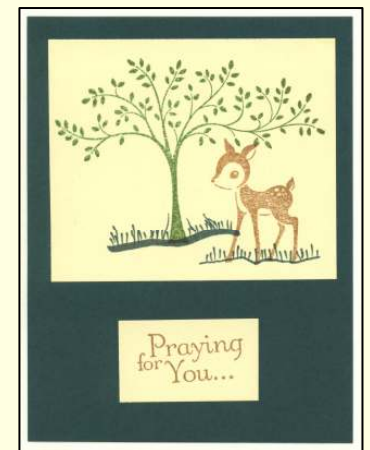
- Prayer ministries in homes and 46 small groups
- Prayer in Worship and Meetings
- Prayer in classes and Bible Studies
- Intercessory Prayer
- Prayer and Healing Services
- Prayer in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Clinics





A House of Prayer

- UMW Prayer Chain
- Cards for Christ and Prayer Bead Ministry
- Prayer Vigils
- Prayer Shawls and Prayer Blankets
- Prayer and Healing Academy
- Anointing with Oil/Laying on of Hands
- Prayer and Commissioning Events





Worship: Personally and Together

“My soul longs for the courts of Lord.” –Psalm 84

- Worship is Personal and Corporate
- Sunday Morning in Three Worship Events
- Celebrations and Commissioning Services
- Nursing Home Services with Holy Communion
- Worship Through Home Communion
- Sunday Evening by Wesley Students
- Retreat Events
- Church School

St.
Paul's
UMC
Radio
Ad for
Easter



Love Wins!

Celebrate With Us
At St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 24th
11:00 am Lenten Luncheon
12:25 pm Lenten Service
Guest Pastor: Paul Grabill,
State College Assembly of God

Palm Sunday, March 28th
8:00 am Worship
with Holy Communion
9:15 am Worship
10:45 am Worship

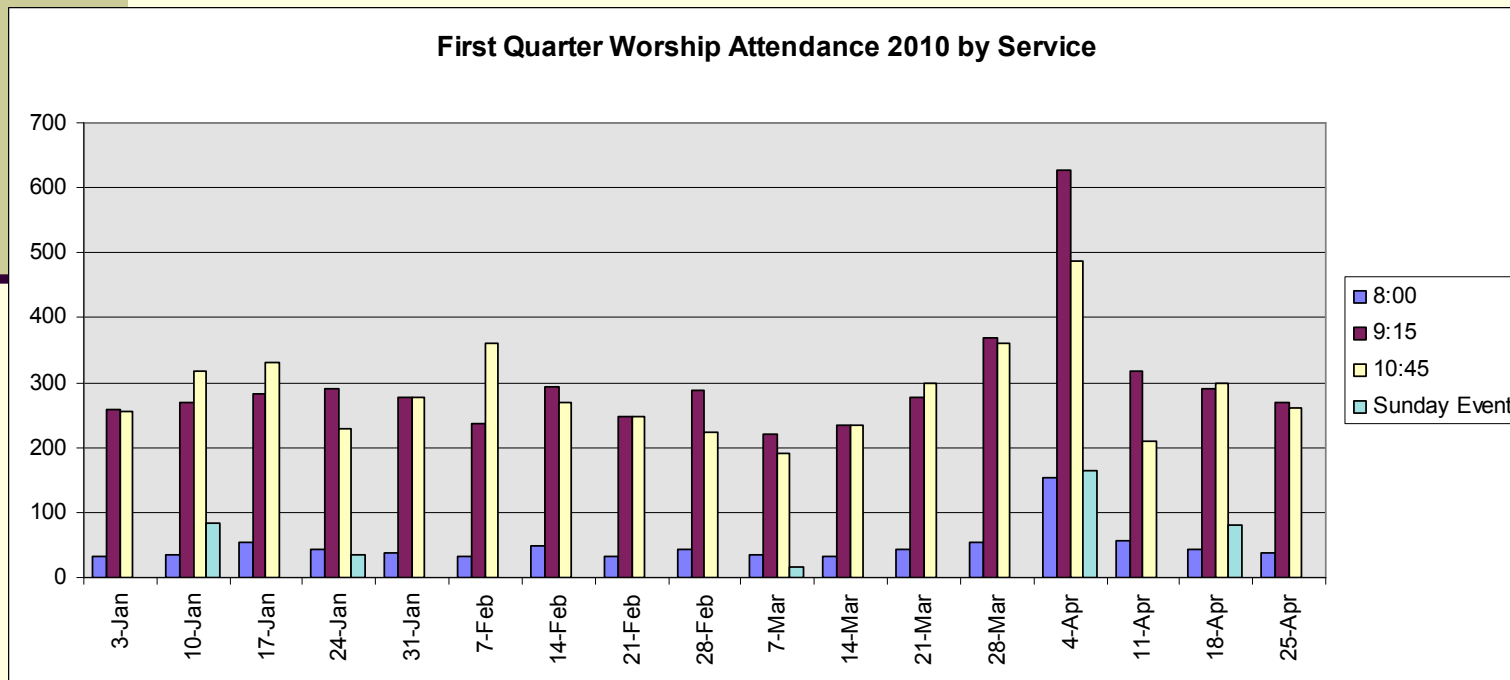
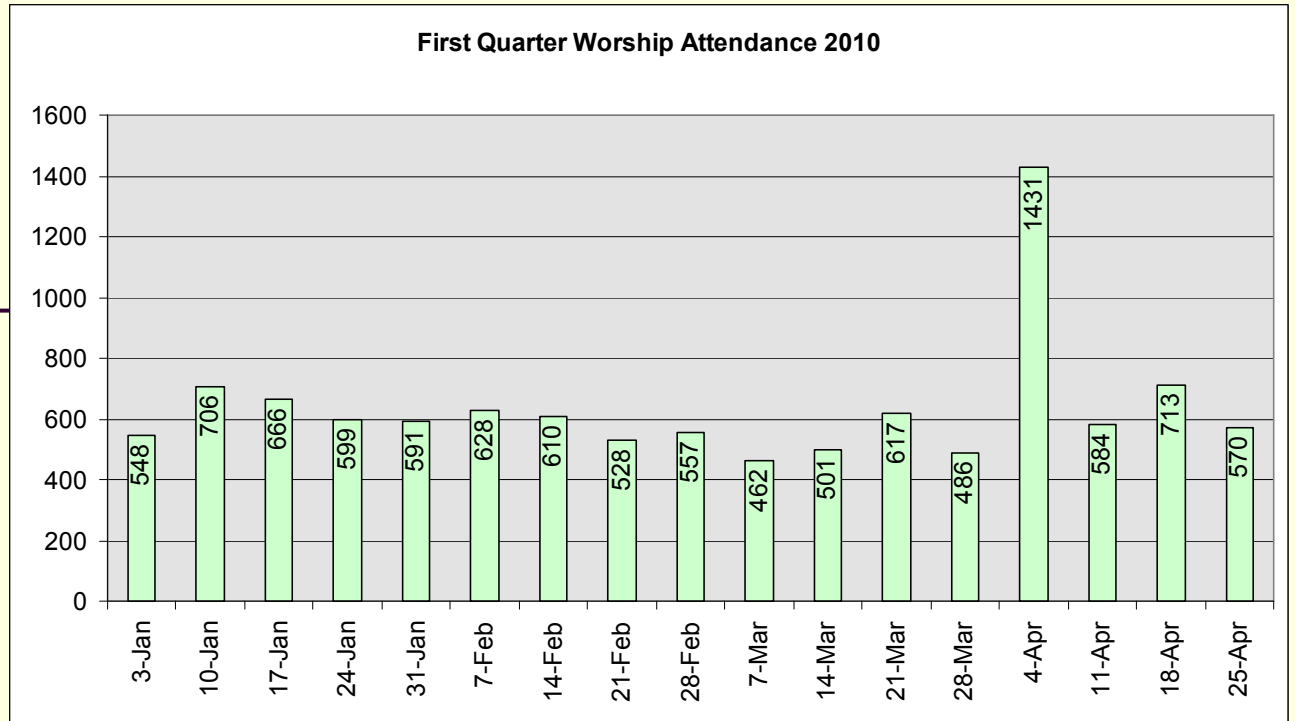
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"Call. Pray. Send."

First Quarter Worship Attendance

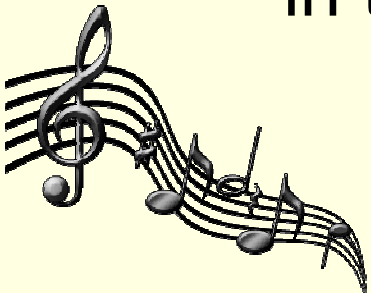
Average = 635





Worship: Natural Church Development

- A Focus on Personal Transformation
- Embracing Seekers—Hospitality
- Creating an Environment of Expectation
- Proclaiming the Gospel in Relevant and Meaningful Ways
- Exploring Music, Media, and the Arts
- Identifying the Form and Function of Worship in the Life of Every Disciple





Outreach and Serving Others

“Go into the all of the world...” Matt. 28

- Equipping Each Disciple for Christian Service
- Identifying and Interpreting our Ministries and Mission Projects—Mission and Justice
- Mission is Local, Regional, National, and Global
- Mission is Connectional, Congregational, and Contextual





Outreach and Serving Others

- The Good Samaritan Fund
- St. Paul's Shoe Bank, Hunger, Clothing
- Centre Volunteers in Medicine
- Mission Central/Children's Home
- The Neighborhood Center
- WSF: Czech Republic, Disaster Response
- Mt. Top and Summer of Service
- Africa University, Sierra Leone, Sudan

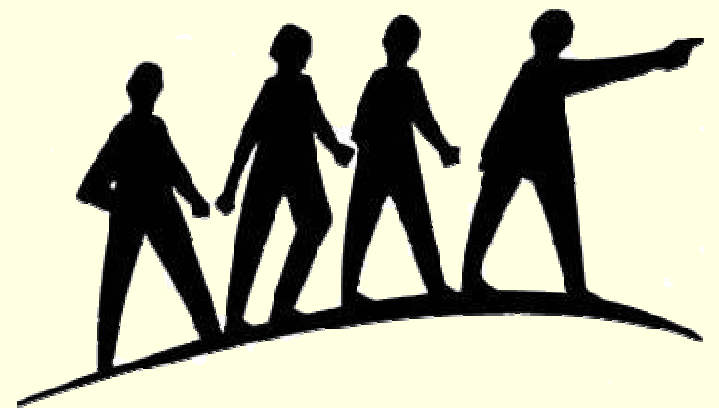




Servant Leadership

“to equip the people for the work of ministry” --Eph. 4:12

- Leaders create opportunities for people to have faith in Christ, to grow and mature, to worship and learn, and to serve others in the world.
- Leaders prepare a safe and holy place, as an expectation and promise for all
- Leaders ensure the mission, vision, and values of the congregation
- Leaders serve as examples to others of faith in Christ, humility, and service





Lay Empowerment: Gift-based Ministries

“...whatever gift is received is used to serve others...” 1Peter 4:10

- Every disciple is gifted for ministry
- Spiritual Gifts Inventory is part of the comprehensive membership plan – Virginia Flick
- We are creating coaching conferences and continuing education for everyone who chooses to participate – Nancy Weaver/Donna Snyder
- We invite people to serve according to their gifts and temperament and design our work together accordingly – Shirley Wormley



Hospitality: Making Spaces

“Love one another as I have loved you...” –John 13:33-34

- We are a welcoming and inclusive community — we desire new people — Ports of Entry!!!
- Guests and seekers are here nearly every week
- Each member is a host or hostess to welcome those God has sent us — Practice Hospitality!!!
- Greetings and passing the peace
- Ushers and Welcome Table Hosts
- Food service and Celebrations
- Small Groups and Classes
- Assuring the Dignity of All — Building Community





Follow God's Will

“We are ambassadors for Christ...” 2Cor. 5:14-6:2

- All Ministry is Christ's Ministry
- Ministry is Contextual—Exploring our Ever-changing World
- Ministry is Real and Measurable—Understanding our Demographics
- Ministry Makes a Difference
- We Learn from Those We Serve
- The Church is always “emerging” and encounter new spheres of influence



Wesley Foundation

- The Campus Ministry Panel
 - Building Relationships/Pursuing a Vision
- Transition in Leadership
 - Rev. Tyson Ferguson---Rev. Karen Allen
- Student Led Bible Studies
- Sunday Evening Meals and Worship
- Missions: South Dakota, Czech Republic, Karina Relief
- Service Projects and Fund Raising
- Abba Java Coffee House: Hospitality, Fellowship, Food, Study
- Leadership Development/Leadership Team
- Pastoral Care/Counseling/Referral Services
- Wesley Exceptional Praise Team
- Penn State University: Dr. John Betlyon—Faculty Advisor
- Planning and Integration of Ideas and Opportunities
- Campus Ministry Team: Jean Chirpas





St. Paul's Christian Preschool

- State and Local Certification
- Meeting Expectations—Pre-School Advisory Council
- Curriculum Development/Worship
- Developing the Pre-K Program
- Space Assessments and Upgrades
- Grants and Funding—Tuition Discounting
- Staff Development and Training
- United Methodist In-Service Training
- Networking with Others
- Integrating the Pre-school into the Congregation
- Outreach to Parents and Families





St. Paul's Christian Preschool

■ **November, 2009**

Thanksgiving Luncheon – The 3 & 4 year old classes treated the Church Office Staff and Pastors to a Thanksgiving lunch of turkey and all the trimmings. Approximately 45 people attended.

Library – 3 & 4 year olds began visiting the Church library to borrow books and hear a story each Friday morning.

■ **December, 2009**

Preschool Family Christmas Dinner – Preschool families and staff joined together to celebrate Christmas. The children presented a dramatization of the Christmas Story. Approximately 110 people attended.

Free Babysitting Night – Preschool Staff provided free babysitting for church and school parents.

Current Products fundraiser - \$810.00

■ **February, 2010**

Child Abuse Prevention Initiative – Talking About Touching – began a series of personal safety lessons with car safety unit.

Speech & Hearing Screening for preschoolers through Penn State

■ **March, 2010**

Vision Screening for preschoolers through North Central Sight Services.

Gardner's Candy Fundraiser - \$ 1,035.00



Health Ministries

- Established the Stephen Ministry Program
- Expanding the Parish Nursing Program
- Shut-in Ministry to 61 Individuals
- Volunteer Drivers/Van Ministry
- Good Samaritan Fund Allocations-\$1984.00
- Goals Program: Life After Loss Grief Work
- Your Whole Life: 3-D Plan—Eat Right, Live Well, Love God
- Hospital Visitation Program—36 visits in Qtr. 1





Christian Education

- Church School Development for All Ages
- Exploring Church and Worship Attendance
- Confirmation Classes and Retention
- Creating New Adult Electives
- Through the Week Studies
- Travel and Learn Educational Experiences
- Leadership Development
- Curriculum Development
- Focus on Holistic Small Groups and New Groups
- WAIT Program: Building Responsible Relationships
- High School Seniors—College Bound Emphasis





Children's Ministry Report



First Quarter, 2010

- Attendance at Sunday School was down due to weather events and illness
- Second Graders completed a 6 week series of lessons on Holy Communion and had the opportunity to participate in A Service of Word and Table on February 21. (Pictures attached to the email)
- Kids attending Faith With Friends, the Thursday afternoon program for children 3-10 years, participated in Bible Stories, Music, Games, Crafts and Service Centers during the 6 week Winter Session. At the Service Center, the children completed service projects for groups in our community and Haiti Relief. Some of the projects the kids worked on were: Birthday Bags for the Food Bank which included ingredients for a birthday cake, snack bags for Stormbreak Teenage Shelter, made Valentines and Kiss I-pods for sale to the congregation with the proceeds of \$144 going to UMCOR for Haiti relief, and made St. Patrick's Day cards for the Terrace, a dementia facility. During the last session, the kids sang to passers-by in front of the church. (Pictures attached to the email)
- The Child Abuse Prevention Initiative held a networking event for directors of preschools attached to congregations in the State College District on Feb 20. 6 of the 11 directors attended or sent a representative. Joan Stroemel of St. Paul's preschool led a discussion of how Christian Preschools are different from school not affiliated with a congregation and how directors can help each other. Millie Harper, Fillmore UMC, and Tori Von Leer, St. Paul's, co-chairs of CAPI, explained the Talking About Touching program to empower preschool aged children to protect themselves. CAPI has 5 kits available to loan and all directors expressed interest in learning more about the program. The event was very successful in providing a forum for discussion and information sharing.





Worship, Preaching, and the Arts

- A Focus on Worship Activity
 - Early Morning Eucharist, Traditional, and Blended Services Weekly on Sundays
 - Service of Prayer and Healing-Growth Plan
 - Sunday Evening Worship, WEPT
- Developing the Preaching Plan
- Identifying Magisterial Events/Holy Days
- Mission Moments/Special Emphases
- Choral and Instrumental Music Program
- Seeker Services and Activities
- Incorporating College Students and Young Adults
- The Arts Council
- Creating a Welcoming and Transforming Experience



Mission and Justice

- Creating a Mission Interpretation Guidebook
- Prioritizing Mission Grants--\$55,000
- Preparing and Supporting Mission Trips
- Hosting Halle and Kathy August
- Planning for the Next Nicaragua Trip/Networking
- Scholarship Assistance
- Participating in the Needs Assessment Plan
- Missionary Financial Support
- Conference Advance Specials
- Special Offerings; e.g. Children's Home/Sudan



Youth Ministries



- Youth Programs & Leadership – Sunday night Youth Fellowship has enjoyed solid attendance this year.
- Youth Missions & Service – Mountain TOP (June 19-27), Summer of Service (July 12-16)
- Youth Ministries & Education – Sunday morning studies and Sunday evening small groups
- Confirmation Training – 14 students have completed the requirements for Confirmation this year. There will be a day trip to Baltimore on April 30, and a Confirmation Class Retreat (May 8-9). Confirmation Sunday is May 23, 10:45
- Spiritual Growth & Nurture
- Fund Raising – You're a Good Man Charlie Brown Dinner, Mountain TOP Car Wash (May 15 at West College Minit Mart and the Church parking lot), Mulching for Mountain TOP (by appointment; call John Young)
- Building the Christian Community
- Networking & Integration – A Spiritual Gifts assessment and coaching session are included in the Confirmation Curriculum; Students are given opportunity to lead in worship; students are encouraged to participate in the life of St. Paul's.
- Student Intern Program & Grant – Cassie Brown has served as this year's Youth Ministry Intern; Cassie plans to resume her internship for the 2010-2011 school year.



Church Membership

- Continuing the Membership Plan
- Working with Spiritual Gifts Team and Pastors
- Orientation Program and Membership Classes
- Reaching Constituents and Welcoming New Families
- Welcome Center
- Research for Growth and Outreach



First Quarter Membership Report

- 1st Quarter Membership Report
- 2 infants, 1 child, 1 youth and 1 adult Baptized
- 1 couple Married
- 16 Participants total in January and March Membership Classes
- + 12 New Members
- - 3 Withdrew Membership
- - 7 Member [and 2 Non-Member] Deaths
- Total Membership as of 12/31/2009 = 1459
- Total Membership as of 4/28/2010 = 1461



Spiritual Administration

- Establishing the Archives and History Program
- Leadership Development/Covenant with Christina Fetzer, NCD, Principals
- Creating a Financial Services Program
- Donor Care Services
- SPRC—Staffing Plan/Staff Transitions
- Marketing and Public Relations Planning



Viability, Growth, and Sustainability

- Investment Committee: 3% Distribution
- Security System Upgrades: ADT
- Building Maintenance...Upgrades
- Sound System Upgrades
- Emergency Response Plan Training
- Cost Analysis, Building #3
- Needs Analysis Program: John Denny
- Endowment Committee: Planned Giving



Building Networks

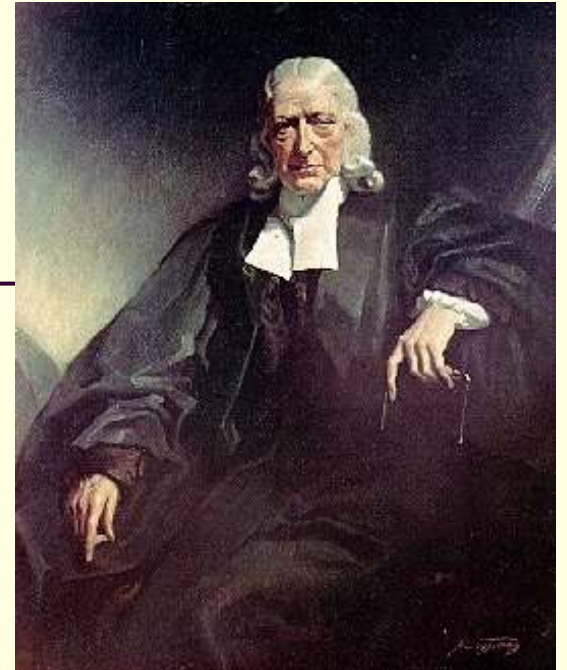
- State College Downtown Improvement District
- Teaching Church Network: United Seminary, Dayton
- Interfaith Mission: Referral Services
- Habitat for Humanity: Women's Build, Christian Young Professionals
- County Drug and Alcohol: Client Support/Recovery
- Centre County Community Foundation: Donor Designated Funds, Grantsmanship
- Mission Central in Mechanicsburg: Disaster
- State College Senior Pastors Network
- Centre Volunteers in Medicine: Services/Volunteers
- Special Olympics/Boston Marathon/Relay for Life...





Remember...

- Do No Harm
- Do All the Good You Can
- Stay in love with God



--- Mr. John Wesley