

LAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 18th, 2012 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

"Conflict Resolution"

This session is open to all members of the St. Paul UMC congregation. With our church in the midst of the HCI prescriptions, it is vital that St. Paul be represented at this event. You will get so much out of this workshop. We can run the church bus if needed. While there we will gain insight into conflict resolution when dealing with changes in the church. Our church is at a crossroads, and we need you...all of you... to help steer our congregation into a beautiful, worshipful future dedicated to the glory of God, and the making of new disciples for Jesus Christ!

Please see Tim Piland, Peg Walton or Amanda Walton if you would like to attend!

"No church today -- large or small, local or global - is immune to change. To cope with new technological, competition, and demographic forces, leaders in every denomination have sought to fundamentally alter the way their congregations fulfill their mission"
-- John Kotter

THIS SESSION IS BEING HELD AT ASBURY UMC

Construction Reminder

All St. Paul folks are reminded that the east entrance will be closed beginning Monday, January 9 as our contractor will begin work on the renovation project for the Bigelow Fellowship Center and the east hallway.

Access to the church will be available during business hours through the double doors located behind the Regan House and the west door off of Jefferson Street, which is handicap accessible.

The east entrance will remain closed during the project **except for** Sundays when the contractor will make it available for congregation use for morning and evening church services. Signs will be posted to alert visitors of alternative entrance locations.

We anticipate the remodeling project will finish just before Easter Sunday. We will keep St. Paul folks updated through the *Beacon* regarding the progress of the work. We ask that everyone be patient with our progress for the Lord!

Ragan House Task Force

The members of the Ragan House Task Force are working to pay off the \$10,600 loan made to us by the church at the beginning of this project so we could get started on the outside of Ragan House before weather could make restoration more difficult. We are so very thankful to people who continue to donate toward the restoration. Recently we received monetary gifts from Jean Turner, Vivian Clopton, and Donna and Nick Wiley (in honor of Linda Mason and Marti Robinette). What a great thrill to be remembered at Christmastide! We wish New Year's blessings on everyone for 2012!

CLOBBERING CLUTTER . . .

Have you given up on controlling the mayhem in your closets, cupboards and drawers and on flat surfaces in your home? Would you like to know the secrets behind successfully organizing anything, especially papers (all types, from newspapers to correspondence, from bills to tax documents)?

If so, please let Sandie McIntire know you are interested in the small group session(s) she will be offering on these very topics. Registration is necessary and can be accomplished in one of two ways: either contact Sandie personally or the church office and ask to be registered. There is no charge and any handouts will be provided.

Six sessions, each one-hour long, are being planned and will cover areas such as organizing closets, drawers, cupboards, flat top surfaces, important papers, daily mail, clothing, books and magazines, and even your garage. Sessions will be on Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall beginning January 19th.

“Admission” to the first session will be a telephone book that is not a current one.