



TRUNK OR TREAT

It is that time of year again, where the children of our fine town get dressed up and approach perfectly good strangers to acquire a fair amount of candy. But what happens when you live in an area where it might not be safe to go Trick or Treating? At St. Paul we are providing a great service to our community where children and their families can come to a safe place to trick or treat. This opportunity for families to come to our church isn't just for safe treats however, we are inviting them to our church to show them who we are! It is very important that the event is well staffed and has plenty of treats to go around. This is a last plea to anyone who can sponsor their car to be at trunk or treat or volunteer at one of our stations.

If you would like to bring your car this is what you can do:

- Decorate your car trunk (this can be as simple as some spider's web or as elaborate as a treasure chest.)
- Bring some candy
- bring some chairs to sit in and wait for the children to Trunk or Treat!

If you would like to volunteer inside we need people to do the following:

- Watch our craft station (Watch children color and make bracelets)
- Help with our snack station (make hot cocoa, coffee, and popcorn with our NEW popcorn machine for our guests)
- Work our welcome booth and great our guests with a gift in the parking lot
- Decorate the church with us the morning of the 29th

We already have some great volunteers but if most of our congregation can be there it will show the community we care as a church. Please consider being a volunteer. The day of the event lunch will be provided for all who help put the event together. Thank you for all of your help and service St. Paul!

We are still welcoming donations of the following:

- 2 liter bottles of soda
- CANDY
- Hot cocoa mix
- apple cider
- Halloween decorations

Worship Committee Meets

Members of the Worship Committee met on October 11, 2011. Those in attendance were Linda Mason, Marti Robinette, Sandie McIntire and Pastor Ron McIntire.

After opening the meeting with prayer and approving the minutes, the following business came before the committee:

- It was noted that there has been a very good response to the Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday evenings. Average attendance has been between 28 and 32. Attendance figures from all three services are now in the area of 130 per week.
- A brief discussion was held on the Greenroom Worship service and their progress. Their service is on Wednesday nights and approximately 25 students attend.
- Upcoming holiday plans and related events were discussed. The Hanging of the Greens is now scheduled for Saturday morning, November 26th, beginning at 9 a.m. Linda Mason will order the poinsettias and expects delivery to be around the first Sunday in December.
- Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year and the committee decided that the Contemporary Worship Service would **not** be held although morning worship services and Sunday School classes would be held as normal.
- Pastor Ron McIntire will be conferring with Contemporary Music Director Dody Harmon concerning the feasibility of holding the Contemporary Worship Service on New Year's Day evening because most students would not be available for the praise band.
- Discussion was held and consensus reached that all volunteer members of the Contemporary Worship Team will be given monetary stipends from the congregation as holiday gifts in appreciation of their work in the Sunday evening service. The Contemporary Music Director will receive a gift through the paid employees pool of donations received from the congregation and will not receive a gift from the volunteers' pool. Further, it was requested that an explanatory article appear in the Beacon concerning these gifts.
- It was further established that the Christmas Eve Service would be held at 6 p.m.
- Discussion was held concerning when the holiday decorations would be taken down from the sanctuary because of the wedding on Saturday, January 7th, and the rehearsal, which is scheduled for Friday, January 6th. The bride has requested that all holiday decorations be removed from the sanctuary so the date to remove the decorations has been set for Tuesday, January 3rd, in two sessions. The first removal crew will be working from 1 to 3 p.m. and the evening crew will begin at 6:30 and work until finished or 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting of this committee will be Tuesday, December 13th, 2011, beginning at 2 p.m. in the church library.

Sandie McIntire

St. Paul UMC Timelines for Healthy Church

May 3 DONE	Space evaluation team appointed; visit 3 facilities.
June 1 DONE	Hospitality and connections leaders identified.
June 5 DONE	Day of Prayer, Repentance and Healing scheduled.
June 5 DONE	Three-person team in place to plan and market new contemporary service.
June 15 DONE	Space evaluation team has written recommendations to church council for changes.
June 20 DONE	Day of visioning scheduled 6-9 p.m.
July 1 DONE	Director of contemporary music hired.
August 14 DONE	Part-time children and youth coordinators hired.
August 31 DONE	Hospitality and connections leaders have built team and shared/trained team.
September 4 DONE	Contemporary worship service in place.
September 19 DONE	Church Council has approved new Vision Statement.
November 15	Finance committee has reviewed all church programs to determine if they match the church mission; has reviewed budget spending and stewardship plan for 2012 is in place.
November 19	Day long goal setting session for 2012 with church council has occurred.
Spring, 2012	All church signage needs are corrected and in place (indoor and outdoor)
Spring, 2012	Community open house to celebrate program and building renovations.

HOSPITALITY, MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Hospitality, Missions & Outreach Committee met on October 11, 2011 with the following members present: Dottie Miller, Linda Mason, Marti Robinette, Pastor Ron McIntire, Jean Graham and Sandie McIntire.

After opening the meeting with prayer, the following items were brought before the committee:

Under Hospitality:

- Plans were finalized for the upcoming Commitment Sunday Dinner on October 30th. Because the church is hosting this event, there will be no monetary donations basket out for the fully catered meal. The event is open to everyone.
- The next regularly scheduled quarterly fellowship dinner will be January 15, 2012.

Under Missions:

- Updates were given on the SPS-37, the 2011 Festival of Sharing Family Food Packs, the upcoming Hat & Mittens Tree and the newly created Amanda's Coat Closet.
- Dottie Miller gave an update on CCCO, noting that the organization is working to modify the building on Kimbrough and is accepting donations towards their part of the funds needed for the move. Miller also noted that many more people are coming in for assistance and there were 35 new families recently.
- Miller also noted that she had taken the remaining 25 hygiene kits to Crosslines as well as 4 large boxes and 5 smaller boxes of laundry detergent. These items were what remained at St. Paul after Crosslines revamped their system of acquiring food and hygiene items for their clients. Additionally, Well of Life received 132 pounds of foodstuffs.

Under Outreach:

- Pastor McIntire discussed the church website, noting that the site is now up and running and providing a lot of good information about St. Paul, including an up to date calendar of events. He also talked about the Facebook page and how many younger people use this site for information.
- Discussion was held on the Youth/Children's joint project of Trunk or Treat.

The next meeting of this committee will be Tuesday, December 13th, 2011, at 1 p.m. in the church library. The meeting was adjourned.

Sandie McIntire