

# *“The Love Connection”*



Saint Paul United Methodist Church  
Searcy, Arkansas  
February 12, 2012



## Welcome from the St. Paul Family!

“Loving God, loving people”

### "The Love Connection" John 15:9-17

#### I. Love

- A. The Greatest Gift of All Time!
- B. The Universal Language of All Beings.

#### II. "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another" [1 John 4] Four Truths:

- A. Love Must Be a Priority.
- B. Love Presents a Predicament to Self.
- C. Love Has Its Pinciples:
  - 1) Freedom.
  - 2) His Life.
  - 3) For His Friends.
- D. Love Identifies its Product: Fruit.

#### III. Love is...

- A. A Witness to a Hurting World.
- B. A Healing Balm.
- C. The Most Powerful Agent *For Change*.

On this Journey together,

*Sister Mary*



## Worship Notes

### Volunteers

#### **SS Nursery Helpers**

Feb 12- Carol Gallaway

Feb 19 - Elaine Carlin

#### **10:50 Service Nursery Helper**

Feb 12 - Martha Crigger

Feb 19 - Alice Barker

#### **Ushers**

8:50 am (*First Breath*)

Feb 12 - Terry & Kelly Vaughn

Feb 19 - Commie & Beth Bullard

10:50 am (*Glorious*)

Feb 12 - Team 3    Larry Berry, Ken Harris  
                                 Grant Eaton, Dick Rath

Feb 19 - Team 3

#### **Liturgist**

Feb 12 - Tony Hilliard

Feb 19 - Chuck Jenkins

#### **Acolytes**

Feb 12 - Lauren Bowles

Feb 19 - Andy Hale

#### **Children's Moments**

Feb 12 - Puppets

Feb 19 - Scout Sunday

#### **Covenant Care Team (Fridays)**

Feb 17 - Debbie Crisco & Carol Gallaway

Feb 24 - Glen & Mary Jean Norman

#### **Staff Members**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Mary Susan Hilliard

Minister of Youth: Matt Davis

Administrative Assistant: Sharron Alcantar

Dir. of Christ. Ed. Ministries: Jennifer Pike

Director of Music: Susan Bucher

Director of Hand Bells: Debbie Webb

Accompanist/Organist: Pam Liles

Custodian: Brenda Smith

Director of Little Saints: Ryan Evans

Nursery Care: Michele Halley

Support Staff: The Volunteers of SPUMC

#### **Youth Group Leaders**

Melissa Lawson, Josh Quick, Amy Cranford,

Terry & Kelly Vaughn, Tami Cofer, Robert Block

#### **Program Leaders**

Ladies Game Day: Martha Kahland

50 Plus: Kay Szafranski

Prayer Shawl: Mary Ann Brown

**Worship Videographers** Beth Evans, Debbie Crisco,

Becky Snodgrass, David Cranmer, Mike Szafranski

#### **Volunteers for sound booth**

Jon Bucher, Jason Coleman, Sharron Alcantar

#### **Oxygen Band**

Kacey Vaughn - Guitar                      Ken Horne - Guitar

Kyler Vaughn - Bass Guitar

Cody Coughlin - Drums    Jason Coleman - Drums

Bob Bethurem - Alto Saxophone

Susan Bucher - Piano

#### **Oxygen Singers**

Lynda Bethurem    Kristen Kerby    Tony Hilliard

James Horton            Sandy Horne    Jon Bucher

Lauren Lawson

#### **Chancel Choir Members**

Jon Bucher

James Horton

Lee Stephenson

Gloria Jennings

Don Miller

Cameron Gillespie

Rick Kennedy

Becky Gross

Larry Haile

Caroline Kent

Debbie Webb

Diann Howard

Janis Overstreet

Tony Hilliard

Jackie Tableriou

Ethel Latta

Chris Kennedy

Susan Bucher

Lois Miller

Sandy Horne

Rheba Rath

Bob Bethurem

Lynda Bethurem

#### **Committee Leaders**

Admin. Council Chairperson: Jan Barker

Lay Leader: Larry Berry

Lay Delegate Annual Conference: Mary Kay James

N. W. & O. Ministries: Rose Gay/Mary Ann Brown

Worship Co-Chairs: Pam Liles/Ann Alton

Evangelism Co-Chairs: Brister & Fiscus Families

Finance Chairperson: H. V. Gill

Trustees Chairperson: Hal Crisco

SPRC Chairperson: Pat Thompson

Lay Leadership Chairperson: Mary Hilliard

Memorial Chairperson: Jane Manasco

Stewardship Chairman: Larry Haile

Missions Chairperson: Lynda Gill

Membership Ministries: Mary Jean Norman

Communications Team: Mary Kay James,

Kara Spence, Sandy Homan

Little Saints' Chairperson: Tearani Stone

UMM: Glen Norman

UMW: Vernell Berry

UMY: Abby Spence

Head Usher: Wendell Langford

Treasurer: Linda Harris

Financial Secretary: Diann Howard

Membership Secretary: Mary Lynn Langford

Multi-media Tech Support: Bryon Cooper

Volunteer Ministries - Mary Jean Norman

Older Adult Ministry: Kay Szafranski

**Christmas Cantata (DVD's)** are now available. Contact the church office. (Donations are accepted for the choir fund.)



## **EMMAUS, YESTERDAY AND TODAY**

**Part 1...**

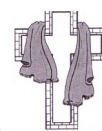
### **HISTORY OF EMMAUS**

Originating in Spain in the late 1940s, Cursillo moved to America in the late 1950s. It was primarily a Roman Catholic Movement until the 1970s. As Catholic centers started accepting applications from Protestants, efforts began among some groups to make the Cursillo experience available to all Protestants. In the late 1970s, The Upper Room (a unit of the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church) formed the *Upper Room Cursillo Community* in Nashville TN. In 1981, by mutual agreement between the National Secretariat of the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement and The Upper Room, the name of the Nashville Protestant community was changed to *Emmaus*. The Emmaus movement is ecumenical. See bulletin board in hall for pictures and **2012 Emmaus Walk Dates**.



### **Brown Bag for February will be the Prayer Shawl Ministry.**

St. Paul Prayer Shawl Ministry started in 2006 with five members. Currently, we have eight members. Our prayer shawls and lap robes go to members who have lost an immediate family member. We regret if we have omitted anyone. We also make hats and preemie blankets. The preemie items are given to the Arkansas Children's Hospital. Hats are given to the Samaritan Center and Health & Human Services during the winter months. New members are always welcome! We meet on the 3rd or 4th Monday of each month. We include a PSALM 23 bookmark with the shawl/lap robe in a gift bag. Due to the variations in pattern requirements for yarn, monetary donations are preferred. Contact Mary Ann Brown, 268-2616 or 281-0188 with any questions. Please mark on the memo part of your check Prayer Shawl. Thank you.



### **Methodist Men's Work Day**

Saturday, February 18 at 8:00 am, meet at the Hospitality House. Bring your work gloves, chainsaw & tree limb trimmers. We will be trimming the trees around the church.



### **Conference Adult and Older Adult Ministry Council**

Saturday, March 10, 8 am - 3:15 pm at St. James UMC, Little Rock. There will be some nationally recognized presenters, as well as, some fine Arkansas talent. There will also be some non-profit agencies on hand who provide resources to the adult/older adult population. Attendees may register by mail or may register online at: <http://bit.ly/AOAConference>. Checks should be made out to: Arkansas Conference, memo line: AOA Registration. Mail payment & registration form to: Arkansas Conference, Attn: AOA Conference, 800 Daisy Bates Drive, Little Rock, AR 72202. Workshops include Boomers or Bust, Transitioning from Stage to Stage, Older Adults & Spiritual Needs, Adults & Technology, Adults & Older Adult Ministry in Arkansas. Registration is \$20 per person and includes all plenaries, workshops, lunch and materials. Forms are in the SPUMC office.

**Lay Speaking Classes** to be held March 16-17 at Mount Eagle. There will be a Basic and 2 Advanced classes - (Advance Classes are Evangelism and Spiritual Gifts) Cost is \$65, which includes 3 meals, course materials and lodging for one night. Registration for each class is limited - so don't wait to register!!! For more information Call LaDonna Busby at 870-793-5247. Registration slips are in the SPUMC office.

# First Breath

## *A Celebration of Word and Praise*

8:50 AM February 12, 2012

### **Welcome & Announcements**

(Please register your attendance on the tab found on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate when it is passed to you. Green cards are available for your prayer requests. Thank you.)

### **Opening Praise**

“Here I Am to Worship”

“Blessed Be Your Name”

### **Children’s Moments**

Hands for Christ Puppet Ministry

(Any children who would like to come forward at this time are invited to do so.)

### **Songs of Praise**

“Amazing Grace”

### **Expressing Our Love Through Giving**

“Lifesong”

### **The Word**

John 15: 9-17

Rev. Mary Hilliard

### **The Message**

“The Love Connection”

Rev. Mary Hilliard

### **Closing Praise**

“Bind Us Together”

We invite you to stay after worship and attend Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
We have classes for every age group.

# GLORIOUS

## A Service of Word and Praise

SAINT PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 12, 2012 10:50 AM

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony Hilliard

(Please greet one another in the name of the Lord)

✠THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Love is patient and kind;

**People: Love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude.**

Liturgist: Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

**People: It does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.**

**All: Love bears all things, believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things.**

1 Cor. 13:4-8a

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“A Modern Affirmation”

885

✠GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

“Jesus Loves Me”

Hands for Christ Puppet Ministry

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

ANTHEM

“My Tribute”

SPUMC Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mary Hilliard

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE OFFERTORY

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Good News Ringers

✠ THE DOXOLOGY

**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all Creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”**

HYMN OF MEDITATION

“The Gift of Love”

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15: 9-17

Rev. Mary Hilliard

THE MESSAGE

“The Love Connection”

Rev. Mary Hilliard

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire to profess your faith in Christ and become a member of St. Paul UMC, please come forward during the singing of the next hymn, where the pastor will meet you at the altar. Also, the altar is open for anyone who desires to pray.

✠ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Love, Mercy And Grace”

153 Cokesbury

✠ THE BLESSING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

“Spirit Song”

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**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

✠ POSTLUDE

✠ *Please stand if you are able.* Place your registration slip, prayer request cards and offering into the offering plates as they are passed to you in the service. Thank you.

## Wednesday Night Class Schedule

**February 15**

Bible Basics #2	Ephesians	Rev. Mary Hilliard	6:00 pm
Men's Bible Study	Ashes to Fire	Randy Brister	6:00 pm
Sisterfriendz		Melissa Block	6:00 pm
Wacky Wednesday	Fruits of the Spirit		5:30 pm



## Sunday School Class Rooms and Information

Room 101 - Searchers Class	Ages 35-55	Al Fiscus
Room 102 - Haile Class	Ages 50-85	Larry Haile
Room 103 - Grace Chapel	Ages 65-100	Danny Townsend
Room 104 - Wesley Class	Ages 65-85	Randy Brister
Room 208 - Life Application	Ages 30-65	Tony Hilliard/Mary Kay James
Room 308 - Youth	Grades 9-12	Amanda & Matt Davis
Room 310 - Discovery Class	Ages 35-55	Judy Haile
Room 311 - Walker Class	Ages 40-85	Larry Berry
Room 312 - Wilson/Evans	Ages 35-85	Jerry Gooch
Room 313 - Alive	Ages 20-?	Tami Cofer
Room 301 - Elementary	Grades 6	Jon Bucher
Rooms 304 - 309 - Jr High	Grades 7-8	Terry & Kelly Vaughn
Rooms 304 - 309 - Rotation Sunday School - Children 4 yrs thru 4th Grade		
Karen Kerby - Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st		
Nancy Underwood - 2nd and 3rd Grades		
Mary Jayne Lawrence - 4th and 5th Grades		
Rooms 303 A & B - Jonathan's Child		
A - Parents/Caregiver of children with Special Needs		
B - Children with Special Needs		
College/Young Adults - Leigh Anne Hawthorne/Kathy Graham		

### St. Paul UMC Mission Statement:

Saint Paul United Methodist Church of Searcy, Arkansas commits to being an open, inviting witness to all, offering the love of God, the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and welcoming hospitality to everyone, through:

- ~ Inspirational Worship
- ~ Nurturing faith through Christian Education opportunities
- ~ Offering care to those in need
- ~ Increasing laity involvement
- ~ Being a giving Church

## Senior Pastor's Messages

February 12

"The Love Connection"

John 15: 9-17

## Children's Corner

### Confirmation

Confirmation means "with firm-ness." It means to make firm or solid what has gone before –what our parents, families, church, and God have done. We are no longer children. We are youth. We are making a passage towards being adults. We no longer depend solely on our parents' decision in matters of faith. We are old enough to profess our own faith, to say what we believe. We are old enough to contribute to the life of our congregation and to live our faith in the world.

Confirmation, or profession of faith, is for children and youth who are in the sixth grade or above, who have not yet confirmed. Confirmation will begin Sunday March 4, 2012. It will conclude Sunday, April 1, 2012 with the Confirmation Service during the 10:50 service.

Confirmation class will meet each Sunday in the office of Sister Mary. Sister Mary will facilitate the class discussion.

If you have questions please feel free to call me at 268-7440, or email me at [jennifer.stpaul@ymail.com](mailto:jennifer.stpaul@ymail.com) or Sister Mary at [maryhilliard82@yahoo.com](mailto:maryhilliard82@yahoo.com).



**Thank you to Cindy Whitehead for the donation of Korg keyboard to the music ministry, in memory of Moody Whitehead.**

### **\*Weekly meeting schedules:**

Sunday School 9:45am; Sunday UMY 5:30-7pm; Wednesday Bible Study 6-7pm.

\*A special thank you to the Coughlin family for hosting a great Super Bowl party! Thank you!

\*Please be in prayer for our Youth Group as 17 youth and 6 adults will be traveling to Veritas in Rogers February 24-26. The United Methodist sponsored youth event will feature worship, workshops, games, speakers, communion, and fellowship time to connect with youth from all over the state! There will be no UMY on Sunday, February 26th.

\* If you would like to help our Youth Group and donate to Happy, please contact Matt or Amanda. The sponsorship fee is \$38 per month, which provides medical care, school supplies, food, clothing, etc.

### **ACCYM Event Calendar 2011-2012**

**Veritas** - February 24-26 @ Rogers Convention Center

**Choir Tour** - June 24-July 1

**Jr. High Assembly/Sr. High Assembly** (Will run simultaneously) - July 22-26 @ University of the Ozarks (99% confirmed)

**YSF Lock-In at WRC** - August 3

### **Matt and Amanda's contact info:**

Matt-501-351-6068 Amanda-501-351-6076

[davisfam529@gmail.com](mailto:davisfam529@gmail.com).

Matt will be available in the office on Mondays 8am-11am and Wednesdays at the Hospitality House from 5:15-6pm.

### **Youth Servers**

Feb 12 - Jennifer Minton & Kay Szafranski

Feb 19 - Amy Cranford & Karen Kerby

Feb 26 - none needed - Veritas (Rogers, AR)



## January/February Meetings and Events

Feb 09	Daytime Bible Study	11:00 am
Feb 11	Meth. Men's Breakfast-Ryan's	7:30 am
Feb 13	Little Saints Board meeting	5:30 pm
Feb 15	UMW Day Circle	10:00 am
Feb 15	UMW Sisterfriendz	6:00 pm
Feb 16	Emmaus Meeting	7:00 pm
Feb 16	UMW Thursday Night	7:00 pm
<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Admin Council meeting</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Feb 20	Men's Prayer Breakfast	7:00 am
Feb 20	Staff Meeting	5:00 pm
Feb 21	Daytime Bible Study	11:00 am
Feb 22	UMW Fundraiser meal	5:00 pm
Feb 24	Youth to Veritas	

## General Announcements

### Methodist Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 11, at Ryan's at 7:30 am.

### Little Saints Board Meeting

Monday, February 13, at 5:30 pm in the Library.

### Book Club

Tuesday, February 14, at 10:00 am (Anne Dixon's).

### UMW Meetings

Wednesday morning at 10:00 am.

Wednesday night at 6:00 pm

Thursday night at 7:00 pm

### Emmaus Meeting

Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm Hospitality House.

### Finance Meeting

Sunday, February 19th at 5:00 pm Library.

### Administrative Council Meeting

Sunday, February 19th at 6:00 pm Hospitality Room.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet February 20th at 7:00 am. Meetings will be the first and third Monday of the month.

### Staff Meeting

Monday, February 20th at 5:00 pm Library.

### Women's Daytime Bible Study

Thursdays at 11AM. **Here and Now...There and Then** by Beth Moore a lecture series on the book of Revelation. This 11 week series has less homework than previous studies. Cost of material is \$12. Come join us for a great time of fellowship and Bible study. For more information, contact Kathy Graham.

## Birthdays

Taylor Kerby	02-12
G. H. Latta	02-14
Shelly Gross	02-14
Phillip Bass	02-16
Lori Odom	02-16
Alex Dorsey	02-18

## Anniversary

Robert & Melissa Block	02-16
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### Please add to your prayers:

Our Military      Jessica Parrott

Our shut-ins:      Don & Helen Haney  
Rev. Carl Strayhorn  
Bonnie Shearer

### Last Sunday's Attendance

Feb 05 Total Worship:	213
Sunday School	135

### Our Budget

General Fund received 02/05	\$10,005.85
Building Fund received 02/05	\$2,7595.00
SPUMC 2012 Budget	\$454,106.00

### **Valentines to give your children**

- Acceptance - Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- Self-confidence - Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- Life without needless fears - Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.
- Appreciation - Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- Faith - Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.



## This Week at a Glance

### Sunday, February 12

- 8:00 am Oxygen Band/Singers
- 8:50 am "First Breath" Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am "Glorious" Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Puppet Practice
- 5:30 pm UMY

### Monday, February 13

- 5:30 pm Little Saints Board Meeting
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday, February 14

- 10:00 am Book Club (Anne Dixon's home)
- 5:00 pm Good News Ringers
- 6:00 pm Spirit Ringers
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

### Wednesday, February 15

- 10:00 am UMW Morning Circle
- 3:30 pm Children's snack time
- 4:15 pm Children's Choir
- 4:30 pm Glory Bells
- 5:00 pm Saint Paul Café
- 5:00 pm Children's Supper
- 5:00 pm Oxygen Band Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Oxygen Singers
- 5:30 pm Children's Classes
- 6:00 pm UMW (Sisterfriendz)
- 6:00 pm Adult Classes
- 6:00 pm Youth Meeting
- 6:30 pm Children pick up

### Thursday, February 16

- 11:00 am Daytime Bible Study
- 7:00 pm UMW Night Circle
- 7:00 pm Emmaus (Hospitality House)

### Friday, February 17

- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday, February 18

### Sunday, February 19 Scout Sunday

- 8:00 am Oxygen Band/Singers
- 8:50 am "First Breath" Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am "Glorious" Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Puppet Practice
- 5:00 pm Finance Meeting
- 5:30 pm UMY
- 6:00 pm Administrative Council Meeting

## St. Paul Café

February 15

### BBQ Meatball

Baked Beans, Potatoes  
Dessert & Drink

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \$6.00 each

# \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \$6.00 each

# \_\_\_\_\_ Take Out

Proceeds will go for Prayer Shawl!

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### Wacky Wednesday (Children)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# children \_\_\_\_\_

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### Thought for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug?

Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be -- beautiful!



# Basic Principles for Saint Paul United Methodist Church

- We will continue to follow in the steps of Jesus Christ, which is understood as loving God and people. This is our primary vision.
- Making Disciples of Jesus Christ is our primary goal.
- We are a church of the laity and clergy, all working together, each person having an area of service.
- We are a Good Samaritan church, seeking to serve the needs of people.
- We seek to do God's work with excellence. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will seek to be innovative in order to do Christ's ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- We will honor the Word of God, by studying the Holy Scriptures and applying them to our lives.
- Prayer is at the foundation of all we do.



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**Return Service Requested**