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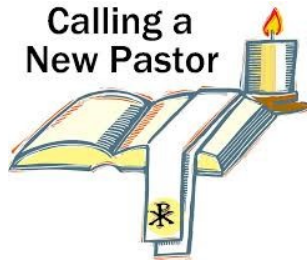


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The Good News

September 2023

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Calling a New Pastor

The Search Committee has a joyous announcement. We have called Rev. Korderro Brown to be the 3/4-time Pastor of St. Paul UCC. We have reached an agreement in principle on his compensation package. On Sunday, September 17, he will perform a candidating service, which will be followed by a congregation meeting, at which the congregation will vote whether or not to accept him as our Pastor. It will be the decision of the congregation as to whether or not Rev. Brown will be our Pastor. There will be a mailing with proxy forms prior to the congregation meeting for the convenience of those unable to attend the congregation meeting. Under the terms of our constitution, it is critical that we achieve a quorum for this vote to count, no matter what its outcome, so please file a proxy if you cannot attend the meeting. If you would like to view a worship service conducted by Rev. Brown on August 13, you can do so on YouTube by inputting the following link: <https://youtu.be/XwfEDMDDeNcQ>.

We are excited that Rev. Kord has accepted our call and that St. Paul will once again have a settled pastor. We look forward to your participation.



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St. Paul didn't hold an August Consistory meeting; however, we did accomplish quite a bit. The Pastoral Search Committee has been moving along and we should have more news on that from them. They have really been doing a great job with everything that comes along with finding a settled Pastor. The Mound Road project continues. Looks like our entrances might be finished.

However, it is still very difficult getting in and out of the parking lot, so please be careful. The work on the removal of Plexiglas and painting of the windows of the Educational Building has been completed and looks really nice. The railings leading up to the Educational Building will soon be painted as well. I had our electrician come by and give us a quote on replacing lights in the rooms under the Sanctuary including the Bridal Room, office area and outside by the mailboxes. Hopefully, now that the outside windows are complete, the lobby remodeling will start back up. A reminder, we need to be mindful of the lobby remodeling when it comes to the rummage sale. Again, landscaping for the front of the church will wait until the Mound Road project is complete. Everything is so torn up that we will wait until all of it is complete. Please remember, if there is anything that needs attention (building, service, etc.), please let a member of Consistory know, so we can address it at our meeting.

- Remove the Plexiglas and repaint windows on the Educational Building – COMPLETE!
- Remodel the lobby with new furniture, painting, flooring, etc. – After the rummage sale
- Repaint the gray metal railing outside – SOON!
- Update more lighting in rooms – Waiting on quote
- Fix and repaint the ceiling in the Fellowship Hall
- Repaint and fix plaster in Sanctuary – AFTER MOUND ROAD PROJECT
- Look at the possibility of a covered vestibule that will block the wind when entering the educational building

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The Lobby Committee is busily choosing the paint colors for the lobby and the flooring as well. Our goal is to have both of these upgrades ready to go right after the rummage sale on September 23. After that, we will be purchasing the new furniture and the other accessories for the lobby. You will know when the paint and flooring are going in when we close the lobby for their installation. We are working with a (retired) professional designer to ensure that all our choices are coordinated and well thought out.



We are finally almost ready for the rummage sale. By now, we should have all your donations of treasures - all we need now are your baking skills. This is one of our most profitable areas as it requires almost no work for the Rummage Team. This is where all of you do all the work. Whatever your favorite recipe - dust off the oven and help us out. Bring it to the Church on Thursday (before Noon, we'll keep it safe) or Saturday (Rummage Day) in the morning when you come to help. There is a need for people to help carry purchases up the stairs for some of our guests. It has been decided that NO rummage will be held over for the next sale. We will donate all leftover rummage to another charity. Also, we will once again pack up remaining rummage on the following Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday between 9am-12pm. **PLEASE - all Ladies of St. Paul, help us out here.** Remember - many hands??? You don't have to come every day or even stay the whole time. 1 or 2 hours will be so appreciated. I can't schedule a pick up date until I can tell how many boxes/bags we have so they know what size truck and how many men to send. NOW - I would like to thank our loyal rummage crew (you know who you are). They are faithful to their core. They come promptly, need no direction and this definitely would not happen without them.

JUST A REMINDER - RUMMAGE WORKERS SHOULD COME BETWEEN 7:30 & 7:45AM AND PARK IN THE BACK (LEAVING THE PARKING LOT OPEN FOR GUESTS). Coffee and donuts will be served for breakfast.



Saturday, September 23, 2023

8-9am – Early Bird (\$1.00 Admission)

9am-3pm – Free Admission

2-3pm – Fill a Bag for \$3.00

Clothing, Jewelry, Books, Toys/Games, Tools,
Kitchen Items, Christmas Room, Fine Boutique
Shop, and Much More.

Bake Sale too!!!

Our relationship to God is often compared to that of a parent with a child. After all, the prayer we pray daily starts, "Our Father, who art in heaven..." And we often read in scripture of how God treats Israel as God's child. But it's September, and our thoughts naturally turn to school and children at this time of year, so let's examine what scripture has to say on the subject of children more generally.

As might be expected, the book of Proverbs has a wealth of advice about children. Some of it was very particular to the time in which it was written and would not be well received today. "Do not withhold discipline from your children; if you beat them with a rod, they will not die." (Proverbs 23:13 NRSV). Then there is: "Those who spare the rod hate their children, but those who love them are diligent to discipline them." (Proverbs 13:24 NRSV). Perhaps if we substituted some other type of discipline for "rod," the sentiment would still ring true today. After all, we still need to discipline our children now, just not with rods. But the book of Proverbs is very clear on the need for discipline: "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." (Proverbs 22:6 NRSV). And when do we administer this discipline? Proverbs answers that, too. "Discipline your children while there is hope; do not set your heart on their destruction." (Proverbs 19:18 NRSV). In other words, now. Don't wait. And what is the result? "A wise child makes a glad father, but a foolish child is a mother's grief." (Proverbs 10:1 NRSV). And it isn't only the parents that are made glad by discipline. "A wise child loves discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke." (Proverbs 13:1 NRSV).



Proverbs isn't the only scripture that addresses children. The subject of children comes up frequently in the New Testament. We all know the story of how, when the disciples admonish folks for bringing their children to see Jesus, he reprimands the disciples and tells them to let the little children come to him. This story appears in Matthew, Mark and Luke, so it clearly is important. In our child-centric culture, we fail to realize how radical a shift in viewpoint this would have been for Jesus's time, when small children were regularly excluded from "serious" gatherings. Equally telling is a short vignette that appears in both Mark and Luke. An argument arises among the disciples as to who is the greatest among them. Jesus takes a small child and places it by his side, saying, whoever welcomes the child welcomes him, and whoever welcomes him welcomes the one who sent him. Luke adds the sentence that the "least among all of you is the greatest."

Proverbs is not alone in teaching obedience to children. The same admonition appears in the New Testament. Ephesians refers us back to the Old Testament: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right, 'Honor your father and mother' - this is the first commandment with a promise; 'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'" (Ephesians 6:1-3 NRSV). And, "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord." (Colossians 3:20 NRSV).

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Some of the most touching passages in the New Testament concern parents finding relief for their children through the ministrations of Jesus. One of the most important of these stories is recounted in both Mark and Luke. A leader of the synagogue, Jairus, comes to Jesus because his daughter is quite ill. There is a digression in both stories in which Jesus inadvertently heals a woman who has been ill for 12 years (she touches his cloak and is cured because of her faith). Due to the delay, when Jesus arrives at Jairus's home, his daughter is reported to be dead. Jesus says this is not so. He is laughed at as wrong, but he takes her by the hand and calls out to her. Her spirit returns. Her parents are astounded and Jesus counsels them to silence.

There are other stories of parents bringing their children to Jesus for healing. Normally their faith is all that is necessary for him to heal them. There is one exception. In Mark, a Syrophenician woman asks Jesus to cast a demon out of her daughter. Jesus rebukes her because she is a gentile and he is sent to the Jews. She answers him back, saying that even the dogs under the table may eat the children's crumbs. Jesus is properly chastised and tells her that her daughter is healed through her faith. When she returns home, the demon is gone from her daughter. Clearly Jesus holds a place in his heart for protective parents. Throughout the gospels, we see the tenderness that Jesus has for children, a tenderness out of the ordinary for his culture. He shows us by example how we should interact with our own children.



**The Oldest Computer
Was Owned By Adam
And Eve. It Was An
Apple With Very
Limited Memory.
Just 1 Byte And
Everything Crashed!**

And the Lord said unto John, "come forth and receive eternal life," but John came in fifth and got a toaster.

It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

You cannot drive to heaven, so let God be your travel agent.

The Commandments were NOT suggestions.

God will bless your food and protect you from the additives and preservatives in it.