



St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Weekend Messenger - Special Edition



Friday, May 12, 2017

Transitions for St. Paul's - Update

1. As we near the end of **Pastor Mark Wharff's ministry** at St. Paul's, we want you to join us in worship over these next 4 weeks. June 4th is the last Sunday Mark will be in the pulpit and sharing the sermon. Mark and Laura are planning to host the dessert portion of the fellowship time after worship on June 4th, but we are planning special things as a congregation.

June 4th's fellowship time has the theme "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". All are welcome to join an **old-fashioned picnic potluck in Fellowship Hall**. We will have hot dogs, buns and the fixings; and members of the congregation are invited to bring side dishes and salads—potato salad, fruit salads, 3-bean salad, macaroni salad, olives, deviled eggs, baked beans, chips and dips etc. Dress for the day will be casual with a baseball theme—so break out an old jersey, borrow one from a friend and join us for a great time immediately following worship. June 4th is also Pentecost Sunday so you may choose to wear red. Nevertheless it is a special day in the life of the universal church and St. Paul's.

2. **The Special Charge Conference held on Sunday, May 7th** approved the Senior Pastor's Compensation Package that begins July 1st. Pastor Jason Thornton and his wife Tammy were able to visit last week and are in the process of working out new housing possibilities. **Please include in your prayers the hoped for sale of the Thornton's Fallon, NV property and a smooth transfer to Manteca over the next several weeks.**

3. After several months of work and thoughtful deliberation, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee has hired **Anne Talcott to assume the responsibilities of Choral Director effective, July 1, 2017**. Anne previously served at St. Paul's. She served many years as the choir and music teacher at East Union High School and was honored as Teacher of the Year by Manteca Unified School District. We look forward to her contributions to our music ministry team already bolstered by **Angela Sonner**, our Organist/Accompanist, and **Lisa Traugher**, our Mission Bells Director. These three members will be a part of the Worship team comprised of Pastor Jason, Pastor Lisa, the Worship Committee and others.

Please be in prayer daily for Pastor Mark and Laura, Pastor Jason and Tammy, Pastor Lisa and Kirk, for our entire Staff Team, all of our church leaders, and for our entire Church Family as we all live through these days of transition together. May God guide and bless us all.

Questions, commendations and recommendations are always welcome – but SPRC members may not discuss personnel matters outside committee meetings, and "information shared in the committee shall be confidential." (*The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church - 2016, ¶258.2.e*)

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