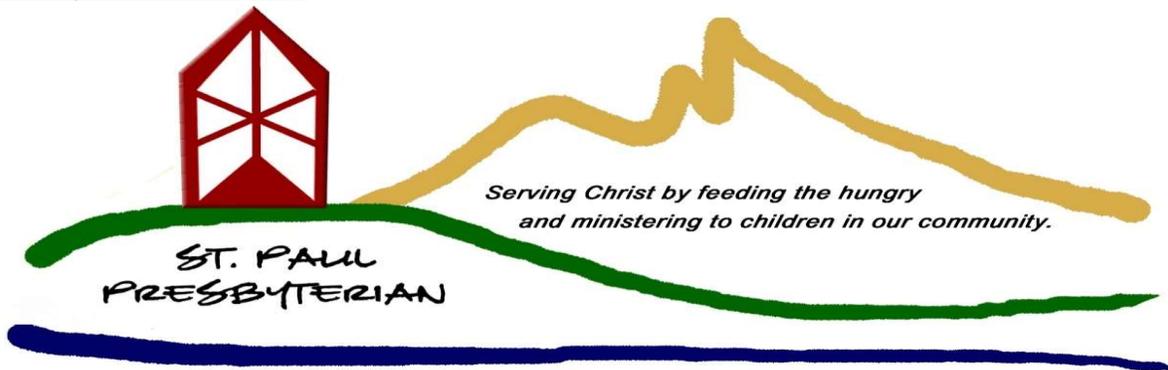


What's happening at St. Paul Presbyterian Church
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IN THE AUGUST EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

My new devotional book, *Word For Today*, arrived in the mail yesterday. Yes, I finally ordered our own Sally Garwood's book! I enjoyed reading my first devotion this morning, about how, on that particular day (July 26), it was raining. Oh how I hope that becomes true today! I also enjoyed reading how Sally opened her door to allow herself to hear the sounds of the birds rejoicing in the rain. It was a

song from God to her.

Next, I opened my long time favorite, *Jesus Calling*. Yesterday I had been running behind and did not do my reading for the morning, so I began that book

with the July 25th devotion before I went on to today's. I am so glad I did. There was a very similar message to the one I had just read in *Word For Today*. Sarah Young talked about the birds calling to one another as being God's love call to us. She went on to say that there are a variety of ways God communicates with us. Our part is to be attentive and listen.

A couple of weeks ago, for about three days in a row, two flickers decided to make my office window sill their resting place. Off and on throughout the day they would fly off, then come back and perch for a while. I was absolutely enthralled with these two birds. One day one of them brought a grasshopper, laid it on the sill, and we had lunch together. They would sit and look at me and cock their heads to one side. I would look back and talk to them. And then they were gone, to a place unknown to me, but God knows. I am so grateful I took the opportunity to enjoy them while they were here. They were a gift that only lasted a couple of days and I might have missed it.

There is no better time than now to stop and listen to God's love call. Now is the time when we have an abundance of birds and insects singing to the glory of God. Fall and winter have their own beauty, and gifts to offer. Let's not miss any of it. For what remains of the summer, stop to smell the flowers. Stop to hear the birds sing. Stop to lay on the grass and look at the clouds. Stop to enjoy the stars on a clear night.

The earth is the Lords, and all that is in it; the world and those who live in it.

Psalm 24:1

Wishing you abundant blessings,
Pastor Kim

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Photos by Colleen Green from Preach at the Park Sunday



Bruce Joined the Praise Team



Attentive Worshipers



Rev. Kim and Dr. Phyllis Darden Preached



Potluck Lunch



Fun and Games

STPPC Activities

At the Movies: Hollywood and the Bible

For the remainder of the summer – from August 6 through September 3rd, each worship service and sermon will be based either partially or fully on a movie. Each Sunday a clip of the movie will be acted out by church members. The following are the movies we will look at during the remainder of this summer.

August 6th: Sweet Home Alabama

August 13th: Frozen

August 20th: Harry Potter

August 27th: Elf

September 3rd: The Wizard of Oz

I hope this journey through the movies will be fun, entertaining, and maybe we will even learn something.

Potluck on Sunday, August 13th

Our potluck will begin at 11:30 A.M. in the Narthex. Come and bring any food you want to share.

Books & Brunch

On Saturday, 19 August, Books & Brunch will meet in the home of Becky Motchenbaugh from 9-11 A.M. to pick the novels we will read in 2018. Good food and wonderful people will be there too. If you are planning to join us, please RSVP to Judi Garvey with any questions: 303-220-1055 or judigarvey@yahoo.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The first meeting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Paul was held on Tuesday, July 25th. This group invites all knitters, crocheters, and sewers who are interested to make shawls that will be given to anyone who might need a little extra comfort and prayer. We hope that many of you as possible will join us. The group will meet at 9:30 A.M. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to knit, crochet, sew, and pray together. The next meeting will be on August 15th. You can also work on your shawls at home if you prefer.

The idea is that the person making the shawl will pray for the person who will receive it. The group will then pray over the completed shawl.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Food pantry needs volunteers for August starting with August 1st. Any and all help would be appreciated. Thanks in advance.

It's Back to School time!!!

As always we will have a school supplies drive for the students at Sunrise Elementary School. St. Paul has always been very generous and we thank you in advance for your donations. You may place items in the baskets located in the narthex. Some of the items needed are: crayons, scissors, glue/glue sticks, markers, spiral notebooks, rulers, kleenex, paper towels, loose leaf paper and any other supplies you feel moved to purchase. The supplies will be delivered to Sunrise Elementary as we collect them. Thanks for your continued support to our St. Paul mission of ministering to children!

Ministry of Finance and Stewardship

It is our pleasure to provide our quarterly financial report as of June 30.

Thank you for remembering St. Paul during the summer with your pledges and donations.

That being said, we truly know the importance of your gifts of time and talents, in addition to your regular tithing. We never forget how valuable that is, and we continually thank our Lord for you! As it says in First Peter 4:10-11: *"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace; whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."* We at St. Paul are good at this!! Thank you, thank you and thank you!

(Members of MFS are Cheryl Wetzel (Treasurer,) Joelle Brouner, Megan Jurasic, Kathleen Hall, Rich Hartung, Liz Ludchak, Beth McCarthy, Ken Pote.)

June 30, 2017	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
TOTAL INCOME	135,058.56	134,629.00	429.56
TOTAL EXPENSES	109,320.14	116,147.50	6,827.36
Mortgage Balance	618,605.40		

Monthly mortgage payment is \$6,196.71

NOTES FROM STEVE AND LISA MORIN

Card – Thanking you for your kindness...and thanking God for you.

“Dear Friends from St. Paul, thank you so much for your prayers, the beautiful card, your words of encouragement, and the money. We are so grateful for your kindness. Love, Steve & Lisa”

Card - With sincere gratitude and appreciation.

“Thank you so much for the King Soopers gift card! We are so grateful for your kindness, cute Snoopy card, and wishes for a speedy recovery! Love, Steve & Lisa”



Denver Presbytery
Communications

SUMMER HOURS: Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM to 5 PM
Friday 8:30 AM to Noon

Don't pass up your opportunity to go to the Leadership Retreat! Get away from the busyness and stress of your life and join us at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center November 10th and 11th. The Leadership Work Group retreat this year is ***Opening Doors - Crossing the Threshold (Coming in to Go Out)***; our presenter is Ray Jones, Associate Director of Evangelism with the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We will spend our time in worship, small group discussion, fellowship and prayer as we work to learn where God is calling us and how we can and should respond. Registration is open at highlandscamp.org or call them at 303-747-2888.

Events

Saturday, August 5th, the Presbyterian Women of Denver invite you to “Cloud of Witnesses: the Community of Christ in Hebrews” with Author Melissa Bane Sevier as the keynote speaker.

Tuesday, August 22nd, the Denver Presbytery Mental Health Initiative will be Soul Shop for Youth Leaders.

The Presbyteries of Denver and Plains & Peaks invites you to celebrate our faith and affirm diversity with Dr. J. Hebert Nelson, II.

Sunday, September 17th	10:00 AM	Peoples Presbyterian Church
	3:00 PM	Shepherd of the Hills

Monday, September 18th	8:00 AM	Presbyterian Church First Presbyterian Church of Aurora
Friday & Saturday, Nov 10 & 11		Leadership Retreat

Church & Community Events

Saturday, August 5th	Celebration of Westminster's 125th Anniversary
Sunday, August 6th	Colorado Rockies Faith Day
Monday, September 25	Stewardship Kaleidoscope

**FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS IS AVAILABLE
AT THE PRESBYTERY WEBSITE: DENPRES.ORG**
