



Spirit

OCTOBER 2020

“Holy Habits”

Many people have had their normal routines interrupted due to changes in the world. In some instances, this may not matter much and may even be welcome. In other examples, this may be resulting in some unfortunate side effects. A part of what enables us to live effectively is the formation of healthy habits. Rather than simply waiting for the world to return to something more familiar, consider forming a few new “Holy Habits.”

What habits will nurture your soul? Spiritual well-being is as important as any other aspect of our life. Make plans to engage in prayer, Bible study, worship, and fellowship with other Christians. Implement the plans and turn them into Holy Habits. If your old familiar ways of doing these things are not currently available to you, that doesn't mean that it's ok to just have a vacuum in that part off your life. St. Paul UMC is doing our best to partner with people to enable these important things to be available both for those who are ready to gather and for those who are physically distancing. How will you engage as a servant of God in making the world better? How is God leading you to share love? How will you utilize your gifts, time, resources, and energies to answer your calling to help in fulfilling God's purposes for the world?

Sometimes our choices are more about what habits we select to sculpture our lives than just about individual decisions.

Matthew 7:12 ESV “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 ESV “Pray without ceasing,”

Revelation 14:12 ESV “Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.”

Proverbs 3:1 ESV “My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments,”

“You'll never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routine.” -John C. Maxwell

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” -William James

If you have inadvertently dropped out of important parts of life, it's time to re-enter. If you need help in doing so, reach out to friends at St. Paul or get in touch with me.

Your Pastor,
Emery





St. Paul has a great resource *FREE* to you!

Are you looking for a good family friendly movie to watch? Well, **Rightnow MEDIA** is the “Netflix” of Christian family movies, children’s cartoons, and Bible studies & documentaries. There are literally thousands of viewing choices that are available. You have to see it to believe it!

This **FREE** resource is just an email away! Email Joanne at the church office and she will send you a link to access **rightnow MEDIA**. You can also download the App onto your phone or tablet.

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**CHURCH
COUNCIL
MEETING
5:30 PM
MONDAY,
OCTOBER 26**



**Remember to call the church office
918-687-7571 BEFORE scheduling
a meeting or resuming SS Classes.**



**Re-Launch Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m. Monday, October 19
Large Conference Room**



**Starting
Sunday,
October 11**



Nursery

Nursery for 0-2 year olds will begin on Sunday, Oct. 11, for both the 9 & 11 a.m. Worship Services, as well as the 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour.

Youth

Sunday School



Youth Ministry is looking forward to beginning Sunday School on October 11!! As we prepare to journey an in-depth roadmap to success in God. The Youth Ministry Team and volunteers are all very excited to begin to explore the possibilities of our virtual options to bring everyone together digitally in this time of physical distancing. **All youth & participants need to email Joanne at the church office to get access to Rightnow MEDIA.**

Email: adminassistant@stpaulmuskogee.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Anniversary

10/2 James Hilfiger	10/23 David Hix
10/3 Will Pool	10/23 Tamra Scherer
10/4 Jason Jones	10/24 Elia Sandoval
10/5 Clay Blevins	10/25 SueAnn Bishop
10/6 Tom Wagner	10/25 Harrison Garrison
10/7 Christine Cannarsa	10/26 Jack Griffin
10/8 Ann Burris	10/26 Will Griffin
10/8 Catherine Cole	10/27 Traci Schoeppel
10/9 Chloe Garrison	10/27 Connie Stout
10/9 Alyssa Gillespie	10/28 Kayla Boos
10/12 Bill Evans	10/28 Ted Hine
10/12 Jennifer Jones	10/30 Ann Cox
10/15 Mable Eagan	10/30 Mike Pierceall
10/16 Betsy Kennedy	10/31 Cindy Johnson-Ketcham
10/21 Al Green	

10/7 Tom & Betsy Kennedy
10/15 Kyle & Tera Shores
10/21 Geoffrey & Amy Broome
10/22 Rex & Nicole Houser
10/23 Shawn & Melissa Raper
10/24 Mike & Diann Pierceall
10/25 Bud & Marilyn Hinshaw
10/28 Dean & Leigh Ann Mathews



6:00 PM
Meeting
Monday,
October 12

SP PRAYER LIST

Prayer Concerns

Jonann Synar	Kristi Wilson-Harris	Johnny Cook	Dan Myers	Bob Pruden
Steve Nelson	Mary Willhite	Susan Gourd	Jamie Hibbs	Raymond Sewell
Larry Christensen	Anne Pringle	John Ross Maloy	Terry & Judy Seymour	Barbara Fillman
Ellen Roberts	Gary & Linda Garrison	Clint & Melody Carpenter	Hammons Family	Fansher Family
DeBords Family	Sidney Daniels	Sherry Hotchkiss	Jack & Lou Ann Morrow	Susan Asquith
Bud Hinshaw	Dennis Hendricks			

Memorial Gifts

Brock Ferguson: Gloria Nicholson, Blessings SS Class

COVID-19 Essentials: (and many, many others . . .)

Stay Home Services Employees	James Hilfiger	Sarah Ruefer	Allison Ruefer-Roberts	Joe Broome
Good Shepherd Clinic Volunteers	Lindsay Nicholson	Kathy Beene	Aaron & Krissy Ritchie	Tom/Cherie Baker
Dr. Ziad Hawa & COVID-19 patients	Terra Curry	Teachers/Students		

Nursing Home/Homebound

Virginia Riede, Edward Warren, Fred Bliss, Nita Keys, Edna Terpening, Margaret Procter, Susan Auten, Mable Eagan, Doreen Causon, Sandy Hine, Lavell Bailey, Myrna Stretch, Wanda Jean Gile, Frank/Lucy Wertz, Herman Ensign

Armed Forces

Vann Beard, Trenton Cox, Matthew Hamilton, Tyler Hinds, Col. Kimberly Howerton, Cale Hughes, Briana Hull-Moreno, Cpt. Ashley Lampe, Jeffrey Laughlin, Steven Mashburn, Devin Riede, Kaylin Riede, Kevin Winters

MuskogeeCommunity

FoodPantry

Food Pantry Needs

All non-perishable food items accepted.

Donations may be dropped at
First United Methodist Church
600 E. Okmulgee, 918-683-3233
Monday-Thursday from 1-3 pm.

BACKPACK Ministry

10:00 a.m. Wed., October 7 & 21
Weight Room (masks required)

Let's go! 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday School classes are resuming and if you are comfortable joining, we're excited to have you! Masks are required as well as physical distancing in the classrooms. Adult SS classes listed below in **RED** are not meeting yet. If you are a member of a class that isn't meeting and would like to come, feel free to join a class that is meeting. If you have been ill or around someone ill, please contact your SS Leader to join class via phone.



Adult



Class	Room	Leader
Alpha & Omega	Sm. Conf. Room	Jan Wilkerson
New Life	1st on Left upstairs Ed. Bldg.	Lisa Harbison
Hope (Oct. 11)	3rd on Right upstairs Ed. Bldg.	Ken Beard
Friendship	3rd on Left upstairs Ed. Bldg.	Jim Payne
Blessings	1st on the Right upstairs Ed. Bldg.	Jim Davis

Children

I am so glad to have an opportunity to spread some fantastic news regarding our children and youth ministries for the month. I would like to start off by sharing a prayer and scripture that has been laid upon my heart.

Dear God, In the season of harvest we come to you humble and grateful for all the many blessings we have received in the past year. As we are able and preparing to reap the bounty of your grace over the next few months we bend knee now at your feet to acknowledge all the love that is continuously poured out upon us. Though there are not enough words to explain your glory, we surely can acknowledge your greatness in appreciation and awe. For all that is done, and all that will be done, we love you and we thank you. AMEN.

Psalms 68:19 (NKJV) "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our Salvation."

Sincerely, Ashley

Here we go!


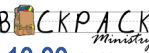

Starting October 4, we are kicking off an amazing weekly Children's Sunday School hour and craft "Giving Program" where children will complete an age leveled craft accompanied with a corresponding Biblical lesson. The completed craft will then be sanitized and given to a person as an expression of our care and concern and a token of God's love for them.

Sunday, October 4, Children's Ministry will begin 10:00 a.m. Sunday School in person & virtually. Children attending in person will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** located upstairs in the education building just off the Atrium.

Virtual attendees: Those who would like to attend virtually can stop by the church to pick up your child's Sunday School Children's packet before Sunday. The SS packet will have instructions on how to connect virtually and all the items needed for the SS hour.

Questions or concerns? Send me an email: AshleyD@stpaulmuskogee.com or call 918-687-7571.

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 UMW Annual Book Sale We need your old books. . . Clear off those bookshelves, Clean out those closets, Empty those boxes! Donations can be placed in the church Library.				1 10a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir 5:30 PM Reckless Love Bible Study	2	3
4 COMMUNION SERVICE Worship Services 9:00 AM - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - Sanctuary & Livestream (Facebook) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Various Rooms	5	6	7  10:00 a.m. Weight Room 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	8 10a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir 5:30 PM Reckless Love Bible Study	9	10
11 Worship Services 9:00 AM - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - Sanctuary & Livestream (Facebook) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Various Rooms	12 6PM Care Ministry Mtg	13 10 a.m. UMW Meeting 6PM SPRC Meeting	14 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	15 10a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir 5:30 PM Reckless Love Bible Study	16 FALL BREAK No Learning Tree	
18 Worship Services 9:00 AM - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - Sanctuary & Livestream (Facebook) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Various Rooms	19 5:30 p.m. Re-Launch Committee Meeting	20 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	21  10:00 a.m. Weight Room	22 10a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir 5:30 PM Reckless Love Bible Study	23	24
25 Worship Services 9:00 AM - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - Sanctuary & Livestream (Facebook) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Various Rooms	26 5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting	27	28	29 10a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir	30	31

Weekly at St. Paul:

Sunday:

AM 9:00 Worship—Sanctuary
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary

Monday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 10:15 Staff Meeting

Tuesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 PM 12:00 Al-Anon

Wednesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 PM 7:00 Chancel Choir Ladies

Thursday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 10:00 Ladies Handbell Choir
 PM 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only
 6:30 Good Shepherd Clinic

Friday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)

Saturday:

AM 9:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 PM 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 Monday-Thursday
 Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

St. Paul United Methodist Church
2130 West Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

**Return Services Requested*

Sunday Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Ushers/Greeters

- Oct. 4:** Virgil Rose, Ben Robinson, Ray Griffin
Oct. 11: Marilyn Gilder, Jo Gibbs, Jim & Darlene Davis
Oct. 18: Lyle Nelson, Judy Hoffman
Oct. 26: Christina Booher, Oleta Smith, Charlene Schoeppel

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Ushers/Greeters

- Oct. 4:** Weldon Key, Ed Johnson, Robert Hall, Ted Hine, Mike Pierceall, Jack Hodge, Greg Eby, Ed & Pam Johnson, Carl/MaryBeth Scott
Oct. 11: Eric Elgin, Don Elgin, Calvin Moore, Roy Flinn
Oct. 18: Johnny Broome, Jerry Lowery, Bob Woods, Scott Hensley, Becky Hearon, Janey Boydston
Oct. 26: Ron Wright, Jim Payne, Todd Graybill, Bill Settle, Sam & Ann Cox, Becky Hearon, Billie Flinn

Sound Board:

Sound Board & Video Doug Hendricks, Don Anderson, Jim Morris
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Altar Flowers:

To the Glory of God and in; honor/memory of. . .

- Oct. 4:** Sherry Hotchkiss; in loving memory of her husband Dallas Hotchkiss.
Oct. 11: Clarence Mayberry; in loving memory of his wife Nancy.
Oct. 18: John Griffin Family; in loving memory of Martha Griffin.
Oct. 26: Suzanne Koenig; in loving memory of Bill Koenig.



TAKE A PIC!

We'd like to see all the ways our church family is "getting together." Take a picture and email it to the church office. Virtual, in person, or physically distancing with masks, it's all good. Let's encourage each other when we can!