

ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ST. PAUL EPISTLE



**Welcome to the new
Year. . .
with new opportunities to
make a difference in the
world.**



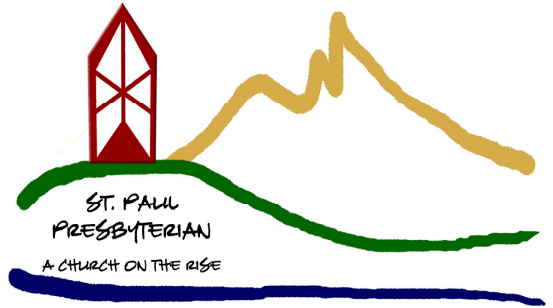
What is Souper Bowl of Caring?

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give 100% of their donation directly to the local hunger-relief charity of their choice.

While we don't have Young people in High School to carry out this tradition here at St. Paul, we will promote this collection and offering for use in our St. Paul Food Pantry. Be prepared to bring an item of food for the Food Pantry to church February 5 and/or drop a dollar bill in the soup pots as you leave the service.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Part 1 of St. Paul's congregational meeting will be Sunday, January 8 after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2012 budget and to elect new elders and deacons (listed on page 3). Please put this meeting on your calendar and plan to attend.



ONE CONGREGATION, ONE FAMILY Special Guest Speaker January 22, after Worship

Come grab a cup of coffee and some snacks and then settle into a chair in the Celebration Center Sunday, January 22 after worship and listen to the director of the Family and Senior Homeless Initiative, Rev. L. Dawn DeBerry talk about the "One Congregation, One Family" Program.

The Aurora Community of Faith (ACF) has taken on the issue of homelessness in Aurora and this is one of the programs the ACF is introducing to churches, because it has a very successful track record and allows for a short term 6 month project that can have a profound affect on a homeless family and the sponsoring church.

Our Ministry of Witness team is open to helping an interested group of St. Paul members carry out this program if there is interest after the meeting.

Don't miss this special opportunity to learn about One Congregation, One Family.

AURORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST

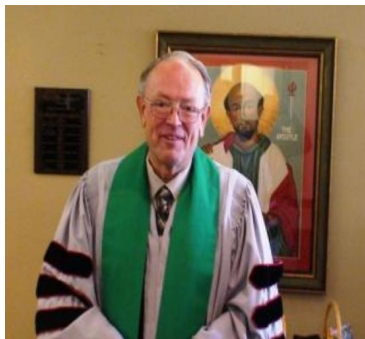
9 a.m., January 13, 2012

In honor of Dr. King's birthday, the Aurora Community of Faith will provide this opportunity to hear ideas for furthering his dream with Dr. James Peters, a colleague of Dr. King, speaking on "Working Together to See the Dream Realized." Tickets are \$15 for breakfast and the program featuring multi-cultural music and other special guests. For information or to RSVP, call 303.695.5706.



**JANUARY
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PASTOR'S PAGE



Loving Your Neighbor

This was reported on NPR and was from the taped archives of Story Corps. It was just too good not to share:

Julio Diaz has a daily routine. Every night, the 31-year-old social worker ends his hour-long subway commute to the Bronx one stop early, just so he can eat at his favorite diner. But one night last month, as Diaz stepped off the No. 6 train and onto a nearly empty platform, his evening took an unexpected turn. He was walking toward the stairs when a teenage boy approached and pulled out a knife.

"He wants my money, so I just gave him my wallet and told him, 'Here you go,'" Diaz says. As the teen began to walk away, Diaz told him, "Hey, wait a minute. You forgot something. If you're going to be robbing people for the rest of the night, you might as well take my coat to keep you warm."



The would-be robber looked at his would-be victim, "like what's going on here?" Diaz says. "He asked me, 'Why are you doing this?'" Diaz replied: "If you're willing to risk your freedom for a few dollars, then I guess you must really need the money. I mean, all I wanted to do was get dinner and if you really want to join me ... hey, you're more than welcome. "You know, I just felt maybe he really needs help," Diaz says.

Diaz says he and the teen went into the diner and sat in a booth. "The manager comes by, the dishwashers come by, the waiters come by to say hi," Diaz says. "The kid was like, 'You know everybody here. Do you own this place?'"

"No, I just eat here a lot," Diaz says he told the teen. "He says, 'But you're even nice to the dishwasher.'" Diaz replied, "Well, haven't you been taught you should be nice to everybody?" "Yea, but I didn't think people actually behaved that way," the teen said.

Diaz asked him what he wanted out of life. "He just had almost a sad face," Diaz says. The teen couldn't answer Diaz — or he didn't want to.

When the bill arrived, Diaz told the teen, "Look, I guess you're going to have to pay for this bill 'cause you have my money and I can't pay for this. So if you give me my wallet back, I'll gladly treat you."

The teen "didn't even think about it" and returned the wallet, Diaz says. "I gave him \$20 ... I figure maybe it'll help him. I don't know." Diaz says he asked for something in return — the teen's knife — "and he gave it to me."

Afterward, when Diaz told his mother what happened, she said, "You're the type of kid that if someone asked you for the time, you gave them your watch."



"I figure, you know, if you treat people right, you can only hope that they treat you right. It's as simple as it gets in this complicated world."

I think he said it all. I'll let the story stand.

My prayers for your New Year!

Stan

Stan's January Schedule

Stan will take comp time Jan. 1—4 for working full time for Christmas Week, and vacation time Jan 24— 31 to be at his daughter's Wedding.

Otherwise Stan will be in town beyond Sundays:
Mondays and Thursdays

If you need something please call or e-mail:
His Westminster Home: 303-421-5568
His Cell: 720-209-6700
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OUR CHURCH AT WORK

DECEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- This was a joint dinner meeting of elders, deacons, staff, and nominees.
- A pledge report was received from the Ministry of Discipling. We are up in units pledging and percentage.
- Communion dates for 2012 were approved.
- Ministry of Belonging brought a list of people to move from active to inactive and to remove from the church rolls. These were approved.
- Thank yous were extended to those who are leaving the session: Faye Salvatore, Scott Carson, Marsha McConnell, Tim Cummins, and Nancy Dixon. We also prayed for those who left their positions in death: Virginia Zick (elder) and Tom Turpin (deacon).
- The following people have been approved by session to come before the congregation as officers next year:

Deacons: Don Allensworth
Martin Cobb
Sheila Moskowitz

Elders: Matilda Ade
Gary Childress,
Chuck Fleming
Nora Harford
Sue Warner
Dick Wehrman

FROM THE DEACONS

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ!

The Deacons wish each of you a Happy New Year filled with God's tender mercies.



Deacons had their annual meeting with the Session. We had a delicious meal prepared by Judi Garvey-LeFebvre and a joint discussion looking at the many blessings shared by our St. Paul family.

Remember: "For God so loved the world that HE gave HIS only begotten SON, that whoever believes in HIM shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Pledge Report for 2012

# pledges for 2011	61	Total \$ amount	\$163,843
# pledges for 2012	72	Total \$ amount	\$177,577
		Increase	\$13,734

Per Capita. The per capita apportionment for 2012 is \$28.08 per active member. St. Paul's payment for all our active members will be \$3,818.88

Per capita is a set amount of money per active member that all congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It is to be paid whether the members make their individual payments or not. Please consider making this important payment soon.

Initial Offering. The initial offering envelope you will find in your new set of 2012 envelopes provides a convenient way for all to give a special gift to help offset the cost of the 2012 envelopes. There is no set amount, simply give as you are moved to give—and thank you!

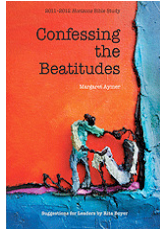
NOVEMBER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date 2011</u>
Total Church Income	\$15,300	\$192,359
Mortgage Expense	\$ 4,116	\$ 45,990
Church Expenses	<u>\$14,868</u>	<u>\$166,653</u>
Total Church Expenses	\$18,984	\$212,643
Net Gain/Loss	\$(3,684)	\$(20,283)
Net Gain/Loss without Mortgage Expense	\$432	\$ 25,706

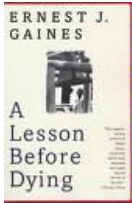
CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Agape—Presbyterian Women

On Thursday, 12 January, we will continue with the Horizons Study, "Confessing the Beatitudes." It is never too late to join in! Sue Robertson has books for anyone interested for \$8.00. If you have any questions or for a book, see Sue.



Books & Brunch



On Saturday, 21 January 2012, at 9:00a.m., Books & Brunch will discuss Ernest J. Gaines' novel A Lesson Before Dying. A second book, Night Road by Kristin Hannah, will also be discussed.

We will meet at Linda Holder's home. Please call Judi Garvey, 303-220-1055, for directions or information.



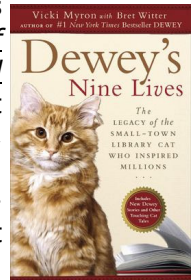
Elderberries

Please join the Elderberries on Thursday, 19 January at noon at Dora's Mexican Restaurant, at 2406 S. Parker Rd. (on Parker between Havana and Iliff). This fun group is open to the 50+ crowd. Bring your appetite and be ready to enjoy yourself! Please RSVP to Dave or Joann Goss at 303.693.9933.



Page Turners

Page Turners will meet at the church on Saturday, 14 January at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Dewey's Nine Lives, The Legacy of the small-town cat who inspired millions, by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter. Join us for a light brunch, fellowship and spirited discussion. All are welcome! If you have questions, call Faye Salvatore at 303.617.6110.



Job Well Done!

Thank You for your special support of Missions this past holiday season. Here is an update on the special work you did:

- Thanksgiving boxes were distributed to nine families in need at Thanksgiving.
- A total of 27 family visits were made to the Food Pantry in November and December.
- \$189.70 was collected and sent to Trick or Treat for UNICEF.
- Boxes were delivered to Operation Christmas Child.
- Gifts and mittens were delivered to the Aurora Inter Church Task Force on December 20.
- Many of you made donations through Habitat for Humanity, Advent Conspiracy, Heifer Project and the Presbyterian Hunger Fund.
- \$822.86 was received for the Christmas Joy Offering for assistance for minority education and retired Church workers.



Thank You! Thank You!



A GUIDE FOR WEEKLY PRAYER IN THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER



Prayer is at the center of our life as Christians, churches and presbytery. Through this Guide for Weekly Prayer, the entire Presbytery of Denver is invited to join together in prayer and to lift particular concerns before God. In addition to this prayer guide we also strongly encourage you to use the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s **Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study**. It provides ways to learn about and include people, ministry and mission from around the U.S. and world in your daily prayer life and in your services of worship.

In the guide that follows, churches or fellowships of the Presbytery of Denver are named on the first line for each week. The second line is a congregation from our partner, the Presbytery of Zimbabwe with the region in the presbytery in which it is located also noted. On the third line you will find a variety of concerns: a mission partnership, covenant community, task force or committee of the Presbytery of Denver, a presbytery within our Synod of the Rocky Mountains or a common endeavor or concern within Presbytery life. We also draw your attention to the list of Presbytery mission partnerships, covenant communities and task forces that is found in the Presbytery Directory (available in the church office). It lists contact information and the participating congregations for each.

Each month, we will provide a new prayer guide for that month, with additional groups and concerns on which to focus. As the year unfolds we will seek also to provide information about these churches and concerns so that your prayers can be shaped by their work and needs. In addition, as other needs arise, the Presbytery will send you specific requests for prayer.

We hope you find this guide helpful to your devotional life and strengthening for congregational worship life. Through our prayer and the unity of our life in Christ, may the church be built up and God glorified. Glory to God now and always!

January 1 - 7

- Arvada Presbyterian Church
 - City Presbyterian Church – Harare West Region
- God's empowering to carry out Presbytery's Three Year Plan to "serve congregations, minister with those who minister and reach out."*

January 8 - 14

- Hanmi Presbyterian Church
 - Chitungwiza Presbyterian Church – Harare East Region
- Carpenter's Helpers Mission Partnership*

January 15 - 21

- Trinity Presbyterian Church
 - Dzivarasekwa Presbyterian Church – Harare West Region
- Stewardship of Creation Task Force*

January 22 - 28

- First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, including the Hispanic/Latino ministry, Divino Salvador
 - Gokwe Presbyterian Church – Central Region
- Presbytery Assembly, January 24*

January 29 - February 4

- Mountain View Community Church
 - Highlands Presbyterian Church – Harare East Region
- Central Visitation Mission Partnership*



JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year! 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Social Time 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. OLM worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 5:00p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts 6:30p.m. Anglers 7:00p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00p.m. Daisies	4	5 6:30 p.m. Deacons	6 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30p.m. Girl Scouts	7
8 9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Social Time 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Congregational Mtg. 11:30 a.m. OLM worship 11:45 Ministry of Worship	9 6:00 p.m. Ministry of Discipling 7:00 p.m. Ministry of Belonging, Ministry of Service, Ministry of Witness	10 7:00p.m. Boy Scouts	11 6:00p.m. Midweek Gathering 6:00p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. St. Paul Singers 	12 7:00 p.m. Agape Women	13 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 a.m. MLK Breakfast 6:30p.m. Girl Scouts	14 9:30 a.m. Page Turners 4:00 p.m. OLM Men of Integrity
15 9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Social Time 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. OLM worship 1:00 p.m. New Officer Training	16 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	17 5:00p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts 6:30p.m. Anglers 7:00p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00p.m. Daisies	18 6:00p.m. Midweek Gathering 6:00p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. St. Paul Singers	19 12:00 Elderberries	20 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30p.m. Girl Scouts	21 9:00 a.m. Books & Brunch Noon Girl Scout Workshop 2:00 p.m. OLM Teachers 4:00 p.m. OLM Men of Integrity
22 9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Social Time 10:15 a.m. Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:30 a.m. One Cong., One, Family 11:30 a.m. OLM worship	23	24 7:00p.m. Boy Scouts	25 6:00p.m. Midweek Gathering 6:00p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. St. Paul Singers 	26 7:00 p.m. Session	27 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30p.m. Girl Scouts	28
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Worship Schedule for January

Worship Time 10:15 a.m.

January 1: **Epiphany Sunday**—An Epiphany Lessons and Carols
Pancake Breakfast before and after Service

January 8: **Baptism of Our Lord Sunday**—*Our Swooping Spirit*
Genesis 1:1-5 & Mark 1:4-11
Guest Preacher Rev. Brian Doust

Congregational Meeting to elect officers after service

January 15: **Second Sunday after Epiphany** – *Not Yet!*
I Samuel 3:1-10
Communion Sunday

January 22: **Third Sunday after Epiphany**—*Are We Fishing or Swimming?*
Jonah 3:1-5,10 & Mark 1:14-20

Installation and Ordination of New officers

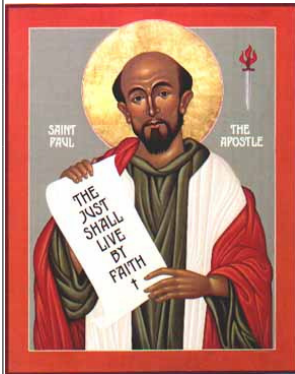
January 29: **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
Guest Preacher Wendell Harford

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new offering envelopes for 2012 have been prepared for each family or individual giver at St. Paul and are available on the large table in the narthex. Young givers will also find the 2012 youth offering envelopes on the table.

If you don't see a box with your name, please let Gayle Fidler know and we will prepare envelopes for you.

Get yours today!



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Sunday Morning Schedule:

Christian Education	9:00 a.m.
Social Time	10:00 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.

A Congregation of
the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
the Synod of the Rocky Mountains,
and the Presbytery of Denver.