



ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 40 SCHOOL ST., POINT ARENA, CA. 95468

Mid September / October 2010

 www.spcumc.org

**World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 3, 2010**

at our
10:30 a.m. Worship



Come share this time
around the Lord's Table
w/ our worldwide faith
community in Christ Jesus.

**New Members to be Received
Sunday October 10th**

Have you been considering uniting with this St. Paul's congregation? NOW is a special opportunity to take that step! Please be in touch with Pastor Tina or our lay leaders Eunice Campbell or Jim Tackett this week. (882-1640; 785-1024)



**GRATITUDE SUNDAY
November 21st at 3 p.m.**

Our tradition of 'sharing gratitude' will be a shared occasion to honor and lift up our community partners See **PAGE 3** for the full story!



Our 2010 Quilt
will be given away in a drawing at
the **Blue Plate Special**
on **Saturday October 30, 2010**
Get your tickets sold asap.
A surprise awaits the highest ticket
seller/s



**AUTUMN RETREAT
OCTOBER 2 AND 3**

AT THE BUENTJEN'S RETREAT HOME
ATOP THE PT ARENA BLUFFS

Wear comfortable clothes & walking shoes one's that won't make you sad to spill or 'get something on'. Bring an instrument or rhythm soundmaker, a favorite poem, and a picture of you as a child (birth - age 11). And... invite and bring someone in the church you want to know better

St. Paul's Community UMC's
**2010 Annual
CHURCH CONFERENCE**
shared in connection with
our **Mendocino Circuit**

Sunday October 31 at 1 pm

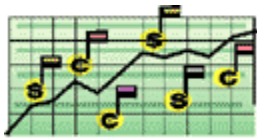
Please carpool and join in
at Evergreen UMC/ Ft. Bragg

Share in the year in review, in conversation of our joys and concerns and a time looking ahead in our life together. As the tide begins to come back in and the wind shifts, we trust God to lead and move us forward.

Rev. Carole Bergman, presiding
at Evergreen UMC,
360 N. Corry St., Ft. Bragg

Everyone is invited





FINANCE MATTERS – September 2010

St. Paul's Monthly Financial Summary as of August 31, 201	ThisYear (2010)	LastYear (2009)
Money Received Year to Date	41,775	49,803
Budgeted Receipts Year to Date	52,359	46,807
Excess/(Under) Year to Date	3,627	2,996
Operational Expenses Year to Date	57,039	51,224
Budgeted Operational Expenses	53,735	56,678
Savings/(Over) Year to Date	3,304	5,454
Net at 4/30/10	(323)	(1,421)
Budgeted Loss	(6,485)	(15,604)

Please note that \$3,375 has been given specifically to replace the heater in the church, if needed. We are awaiting a 'second opinion' as the Beacon is being compiled.

~ Ellen

PLANNING for 2011

We have already begun to talk about next year's budget and map out January - July 2011. As you know, that conversation never starts with dollars. It always starts with **prayer, dreams, hopes, needs...imagination!**

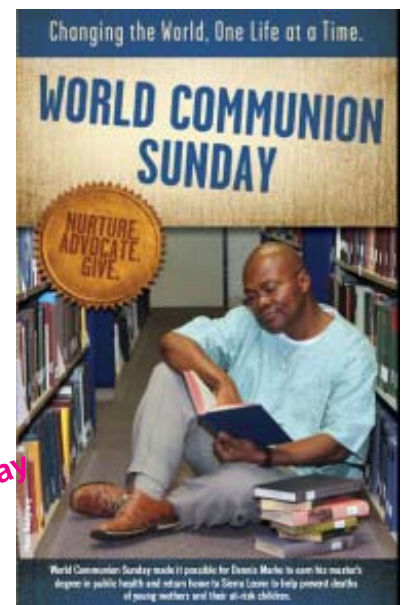
Who is God calling us to be, together, in this time and place, looking forward to the next 3 years? **What** is our passion and mission? **Where** will it take us, the feet and hands and hearts of Jesus? The **How** is up to each one of us, as we set our priorities, make serious our commitment to being the gospel to one another and to God's loved ones we have yet to meet.

Please pray about that. Tell us how God is speaking to you. Share your visions/passions. Plan to be part of the conversation. We simply cannot do it without you and your partnership in Christ.

Ellen, Jim, Eunice & Pastor Tina



World
Communion Sunday



When Dr. Dennis Marke graduated from Loma Linda [Calif.] University last summer, a new world awaited him back in Africa. The doctor came to the United States from Sierra Leone, which has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate in the world. To many of us, Dennis' accounts of young mothers and the babies who die because villages have no doctors or midwives are simply sad stories, but to Dennis, they are the realities of his **life as an African doctor.**

THAT'S ALL GOOD STEWARDSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- * Shop for food items for St. Paul's Food Pantry for use by travelers & neighbors in need. (Check the list of needs and suggestions in Biaggi Hall)
- * Lead a short term study or a book reading group
Share your idea w/ Pastor; Choose a date!
- * Plant and weed flowerbed areas around the church yard - a great season for Spring bulbs
- * Pick-up, Compile & Fold the Beacon (Liz will mail them) Your help is needed around the 21st every other month
- * Address/Send notes & mailings out to our youth (8th-college) OR * Address/ send notes & mailings to our precious elders each month.
- * Serve as Caring Callers in pairs: men & women
Training is offered, as needed.
- * Oversee/plan our Children's Sunday class

Talk w/ pastor asap regarding any of these, or other ideas YOU have.

OCTOBER 30th: A Quilt Celebration at the Blue Plate Special!



It is a real beauty! California Colors was fashioned by ... a team of creative fabric artists within our St. Paul's family. Since it's completion, Janet and Bob Sears have stepped out and moved on to the next adventures in their lives, in the equally

distinctive beauty of the Pacific Northwest community called Lacey, WA.

Carol Tackett and Janet, plus other friends who helped with the finish work, have labored in love to create this one -of- a -kind work of art.

Probably the last quilt to be pieced by this unique and innovative partnership of coast friends, you or anyone of your friends and neighbors - yes, even family members- could be the recipient of this beauty! Get your tickets before its too late. The lucky one is named October 30 at the [Blue Plate Special!](#)



A SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

Our Autumn Retreat begins this coming Saturday October 2 & Sunday the 3. We'll begin Saturday morning, extending to the afternoon, continuing Sunday with Worship. The Buentjen's get away on the Point Arena bluff is always an appreciated, nourishing time of sharing and renewal, walks and conversations of faith and encouragement. **Details** will be available by e-mail and at worship **Sunday September 26!**

Plan to be a part. Invite someone beyond our four walls or within your circle of love. Offer them a ride Saturday. Carpooling is a great plan for parking.

Thank you, for giving your commitment of time and self to this important aspect of our life in faith.

GRATITUDE SUNDAY

November 21st at 3 p.m.

Our tradition of '*sharing gratitude*' will be a shared occasion to honor and lift up our community partners

With shared leadership by you and local clergy leaders from our various coastal faith communities, it will be a time of gratitude, honoring these folks who help us and help us help others with wonderful food, conversation, and fun.

Plan now to: Share a favorite dish and gracious hospitality! Eunice and George Campbell will be our guides, giving leadership to the event. Say 'YES' when asked to help give this gift of love.



**FALL
BACK!**

Turn
Your Clocks
BACK
1 hour

**Saturday nite
Nov. 6th**

**MENDOCINO CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S
LUNCHEON Oct.**

The Fall luncheon for the Christian Women will meet in Fort Bragg on Thursday, October 21 at the Presbyterian Church. Please try to car pool. The last day to sign up (when reservations must be phoned in) will be Sunday, October 17th.



**Worship Leader
Coordinator**
Millie Davis 785-2670

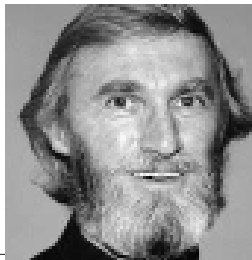
October Worship Leaders

10/3 Ellen Buechner
10/10 Liz Elstun
10/17 Kathi Gordon
10/24 Jim Tackett
10/31 Mimi Dallas

God is always right there with us, deep at the center of our most human moments.

Join us at the Lord's Table as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Services on alternating Sundays.

HOLY COMMUNION



IN MEMORIAM

FATHER THEO O'SULLIVAN

BORN AUGUST 3, 1947 / DIED SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

Theo O'Sullivan, was born in County Kerry on August 3, 1947. He was christened Thomas, after his father who had the same name. To distinguish the two Thomas's, the family called him "T.O." When father entered the first grade his teacher asked him his name. Naturally he replied, "T.O." in his Kerry accent. His teacher simply wrote his name as "Theo" and he was after known as Theo.

Fr. Theo O'Sullivan died Sept. 2 at his Gualala home after a short battle with cancer. He was 63.

One of three sons of Thomas O'Sullivan and Maura MacGillicuddy, he was born Aug. 3, 1947 in County Kerry, Ireland. An outstanding young athlete, O'Sullivan excelled in hurling and Gaelic football. When he graduated from school, he was torn between studying to be a veterinarian like his father, or becoming a priest. He chose the priesthood and headed to Rome to study at the Irish College there. On July 4, 1971, O'Sullivan was ordained in Killarney, Ireland. He was then assigned to Sacramento where he worked in various parishes in the Central Valley and, in time, came to this coast to serve St. Aloysius and Mary, Star of the Sea parishes. He is greatly missed.



Birthdays

Oct. 1 Marcia Lotter
Oct. 2 Amelia Barton
Oct. 4 Candace Barton
Oct. 7 Tom Niquette
Oct. 8 Jim Tackett
Oct. 11 Jeff Davis
Oct. 11 Judy Niquette
Oct. 16 Siege Buentjen
Oct. 21 Mimi Dallas

From the Heart ~ Our Prayers & Love

In their grief

The Community in the loss of Fr. Theo O'Sullivan to cancer. All of us on the anniversaries of loss of beloved family, friends and pet companions, and other occasions of loss. Kathi Gordon; Lisa Rice; Madeline Palmer; Kathy Dillman & the Dillman family; Brandan and Rhiannon Vess.

For comfort, love and wellness and healing

Frances Buentjen, Rev. Alyce Soden healing from recent surgery; Lee (& Donna) Marsh; Arman Pinola; Phyllis Mc Intosh Betty Frame, Amanda and Savannah Pearman; Dan Perkins; Sieg Buentjen; Bob and Janet Sears; Rev. Dick Kendall Kathi Gordon, Jack and Shirley Walton, Jeff and Millie Davis, Doc and Marie Duncan, Iona and Ken Riley, Pam and Walt Wilson.

Our Pastors: Rev. Jerry Smith, Rev. Wanda Windsor, Rev. Victoria Schlintz, Rev. Carol Bergman, Rev. Ron Stever, Rev. Lisa and Chris Warner-Carey, Rev. Roy Pina, Rev. Carol Carter Rev. Marilyn Ray, Rev. Jane Schlager and Rev. Karen Paulsen.

Our faith family: Melody (Oryx Battiste) and Jimmi Dawn (Gowan Battiste) - Ellen Buechner & Jef's daughters; Ellen Buechner and Ellen Owens, Barbara Juneau, Elise Wainscott, Jack Rasmussen, Doug Carey, Jeanne Hallburg, Max & Ruth Moore, Margarete Biaggi, Jean Piper, Jack & Sue Gillmore, Fritz Campbell, Ellen Simunich, Carol Hofer's mom and Buzz Hofer's mom, Dina & Marla Habe.

For encouragement and love

Berit, Miranda and Kelsey Johansen & Paul Key
Chris Thompson, Spencer Langwell, Krysteen Terlouw at college Jo Majorana at CAL in Berkeley; Ariel Majorana at Sonoma State University, Sarah Collier at Butte College, Chico and Marion's sister Samantha Allen at SRJC.
Kim Thompson & her three sons;
Frank and Irene Terlouw's grandchildren and children.

This day we offer prayers for all the places where people are hungry and without proper shelter or clean water, for those who are victims of war, slavery and bondage and other violence in these United States, those who are living with the violence of extreme poverty, who are oppressed and without voice or vote in their fate. We pray and work for peace, knowing the Prince of Peace lends strength to our efforts.

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20, NRSV)

September is halfway gone and summer--such as it was--is fast turning into fall. I am okay with that. I love autumn best of all in this 'seasonless California' we live in. The outdoor gets a muted golden light that softens the afternoons, while the leaves swirl off the trees and pumpkins come into their own.

I am in the autumn of my own life. I appreciate the colors, the textures, the scents and flavors in the gentle changes of the season. I am mellowed by the beauty, the colors and the promise that the year is not yet over....there is still time enough for the love filling my heart to be shared in gratitude with so many. I am 'full up' with appreciating!

It is a busy time, a time of coming and going, having company and being company, with holidays just around the bend. We have so many things to give thanks for at St. Paul's. I wish one take time to remind ourselves and one another of them all. Truly we are a blessed people.



CONGRATULATIONS to:

Millie Davis for your blue ribbons at the California State Fair 2010 with your yummy entries

Connie Matz for your prize winning paintings at Art in the Redwoods 2010

Marion Zinn as a Princess in the PAHS Homecoming Court.

Oryx Batiste in her starring roles this spring & summer with the Mendocino Theatre Company

2010 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

* COMMUNION SUNDAYS - September 5 / 19
October 3 / 17

* BLUE PLATE SPECIAL-September 25, 8:30-11 a.m.
and October 30, 8:30 -11 a.m.

* Spiritual Life Retreat: October 2 & 3 (Buentjen's)
"For the living of these days"

*ST. PAUL'S ALL-CHURCH CONFERENCE
October 31st, Worship, shared luncheon
and Conference at Evergreen UMC.

*UM HANDBELL FESTIVAL- Davis UMC
Saturday November 6th.; Concert at 4 p.m.

'Gratitude Sunday' November 21st
Dinner served at 3 p.m.



Children at St. Paul's

This Fall marks the ninth year that St. Paul's has offered a regular fellowship opportunity for children 4-11 years. What began as a weekly after-school Wednesday fellowship, *The Vine Club*, back in September of 2002, has evolved into a Friday opportunity:

Kid's Night Out, a Friday eve fellowship for ages 4-11 led by Irene Terlouw (with assistance from Lorilee Brown, Mimi Dallas and Rufus Savage-Friedman). Parents and varied community friends lend added support.

If you are willing to come share an hour as our 'guest chef' or as a 'guest teacher' on a subject or talent near and dear to your heart, please call Irene and offer your gift of time and knowledge right away for the 4 months ahead.

Our Upcoming themes are:

September 24: Camping & a new School Year
October 29: Passion and Compassion
November 19: Gratitude and Serving Others
December (tba): Welcome to the Light of the World- Jesus

January 2011: New Beginnings, New Choices, New Year!



UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS cont'd

*ADVENT Begins - November 28-December 23

*Christmas MUSIC SUNDAY - December 12 w/
Ernest Bloch Handbells & Friends at Worship

*Christmas Eve - Festival of Lessons & Carols at
Gualala Art Center, Gualala. 5 P.M.

*1st SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS - MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP & a SHARED MEAL - A time of hope, joy, love, fellowship and community. Plan to join us. 10 30 a.m. Ideas & recommendations welcome!

NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT? Interested?

***S. Coast Senior Center
Needs Volunteers:
www.southcoastseniors.org**

***Meals-on-Wheels deliveries:**

Monday, Tuesday or Wednesdays. Choose a day that fits into your busy life. This is a need for additional drivers. Ask for Judy or Lesley at 882-2137.

***Data entry, mailing and fundraising volunteers** as you are available: weekly / monthly .

Additional Senior Center Board of Directors

Talk w/ Pastor Tina or Shirley Marks!

A one, two, or three- year commitment.

Invest in our community as a Seniors advocate

Exec. Director Judy Frazier: 882-2137



SCSC serves the coast from Timber Cove - Elk
**Visit our website weekly for updates and
resource links for all of us over 60.**

Pastor's Office Hours in October:

Usually M, Tu, & Wed = 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon;

Mon// Friday 1-5 pm and visitation

Tu 8:30-11:00 a.m. @ Trinks/Sea Cliff Center in Gualala. (Tu afternoon 2-5 PA or SR ; 7-9 in Gualala)

Wednesday afternoon/eve

Thursday and Friday Sabbath and family needs.

Pastor Tina also teaches at Ukiah UMC as part of our Mendocino Circuit ecumenical musical connection.

Saturday/Sunday: by appt.

Stop by the Church office or call Pastor Tina at:
707-882-2074

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***Young at Heart* Strength Training
twice weekly in Point Arena**

Mondays at the Hall on Mill Street at 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays in Biaggi Hall, St. Paul's at 10:30 a.m



Singers wanted for Handel's Messiah

This December 2010, Shepherd By the Sea Episcopal-Lutheran Mission, along with support from Mary Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church and St. Paul's United Methodist Church, will host a Messiah Sing-along for the coast community. Rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 13 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Pt. Arena.

What is a Messiah Sing-a-long?

"Messiah" is a work written for chorus, vocal soloists and orchestra by the Baroque composer George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). Performances of it have been in demand by audiences around the world since its premiere in 1742.

A seasonal event with music groups around the globe hosting a "Messiah Sing", it is a performance of the work itself *with the added twist* of having members of the audience sing with the chorus and the orchestra. It is a popular and high spirited event the world over.

Many residents of the coast have traveled long distances year after year to participate in Messiah Sings . Our hope is that this year's sponsored event will be the first of many in years to come that will take place right here in the community, by the community.

Rehearsals to learn and perform the choral sections of the Messiah are held on Monday evenings from 6-8:00pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Pt. Arena All are invited. Join the chorus anytime up October 11. No audition is necessary.

For detailed information about the event please contact Renata Yardumian at 707-884-9193.

This event is sponsored by Shepherd By Sea Episcopal-Lutheran Mission

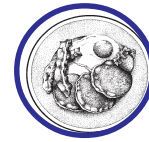


2010 St. Paul's Community UMC
ALL-CHURCH CONFERENCE
Sunday October 31
1-4 p.m.
at Evergreen UMC, Ft. Bragg

Our St. Paul's 2010 All- Church Conference with Rev. Carole Bergman presiding will be a joint gathering of songs, food fellowship and conferencing w/ elections of 2011 church leaders.

We have important direction seeking conversations to share as we celebrate our 143 years as a Methodist congregation on this coast in a time of changing dynamics.

YOU ARE INVITED and NEEDED
Be a presence & a voice



BLUE PLATE
SPECIAL
Breakfast!

October 30/ November 27
8³⁰ ~ 11 a.m.

'New to You Sale': 8³⁰ - noon

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Saturday/Sunday November 7th
Daylight Savings Time Ends

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October 2010

