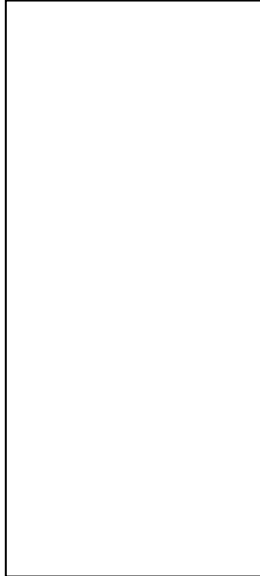


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EVERY SUNDAY 930 AM Worship Celebration 10:35 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Fusion Service 1130 AM Children's Church 430 PM Youth	2 Church Office Closed	3 11 AM Staff 3 PM Worship Design 6 PM Disciple 1	4 630 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 930 AM Landscape Team 6 PM Women's Bible Study 6PM Joyful Noise Singers 630 PM Praise Team	5 1145 AM Bible for Lunch Bunch 530 PM Board of Trustees	6	7
8 Taking Down the Greens After Fusion Service	9 6 PM The United Methodist Men's Annual Installation of Officers (Rancher's Grill)	10 930 AM UMW Prayer Fellowship 11AM Staff Meeting 3PM Worship Design 530 PM SPRC 6 PM Evening Circle 6 PM Disciple 1	11 630 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 930 AM Landscape Team 530 PM Stewardship 6 PM Women's Bible Study 6PM Joyful Noise Singers 630 PM Praise Team	12 1145AM Bible 4 Lunch Bunch 5:30PM Preschool & Daycare Board Meeting	13	14
15 Sermon Series "Stories Told 'Round the Quilting Frame" 1035 AM "Not a Fan" New Study Starts Up! (Parlor)	16 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance Preschool & Daycare & Church Offices Closed	17 1030 AM Staff Meeting 3PM Worship Design 530 PM Finance Committee 6 PM Disciple 1	18 630AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 930AM Landscape Team 3 PM Church Council Reports Due 6PM Women's Bible Study 6PM Joyful Noise Singers 630PM Praise Team 630 – 7 PM Military Wives Support Group	19 1145AM Bible 4 Lunch Bunch 530PM Church Council	20 Food Pantry Setup contact Darlene 772.2734 x-15	21 12PM Food Pantry 3 PM to 5 PM Prayer Tailgate 630 PM Safe Sanctuary
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29 5 th Sunday Celebration 930 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM One Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Meal 430 PM Youth	30	31 1100AM Staff Meeting 3PM Worship Design 6 PM Disciple 1				



Dear Church Family,
 What joy we have experienced as a church family during this advent and Christmas season. We are a blessed church! We have been blessed with the addition of Ron Gillis to our staff as Music Director. With his leadership we can all see and hear that the choir is growing and providing beautiful and worshipful music. We have been blessed with learning through our advent study *The Journey*, led by Bill Wood and myself, and through our sermon series focus On the Road to Bethlehem. The Christmas Program, Follow the Star, led us closer to the manger bed with involvement of the praise band, choir, children and youth under the direction of Herman Gomez and Art Enriquez. It is always a joy to hear the music of Beth Caster and Curtis Hampton as they lead us into the worship and praise of our God! Darlene Mann and Melissa Moreno facilitated an incredible evening of fellowship, fun, and crafts for our children and youth at A Night in Bethlehem. Erika Chacon blesses us weekly with a striking bulletin, weekly Epistle and monthly newsletter. Our St. Paul's Staff works faithfully and diligently day after day to provide excellent and meaningful programming. We are a blessed church!

The leadership of our church will be taking on their new assignments January 1st. I am so grateful for the hard work and careful/prayerful discernment of the Nominations and Leadership Development Team. In addition, I am awed by the leadership of the past year and thank each and every one of you for your faithfulness to St. Paul's UMC. I am looking forward to the next year of growth, nurturing, programming, and the varied and rich ministry endeavors that will be continued and launched as we move into a new future together.

In August, Steve McElroy, District Superintendent of the El Paso District, met with St. Paul's SPRC and me. He had an important assignment for us: each SPRC member was to list their top five

priorities for St. Paul's; I would also list my top five priorities. Here are my five priorities for St. Paul's United Methodist Church in the coming year:

- To be a church who loves God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, knowing and claiming Jesus as Friend, Brother, Lord and Savior, empowered by the Holy Spirit, having an intimate relationship with the Living Lord among us.
- To love our neighbor by making St. Paul's a church for our community and local military, serving our neighbor, providing ministries and resources for all ages. Our community will call St. Paul's their church, we will call our neighbor family.
- To disciple, nurture and grow followers of Jesus Christ through Bible study, Discipleship classes, prayer, small groups, fellowship, providing caring and nurturing ministries for seniors, adults, college students, families, youth, and children.
- To continue providing inspiring, creative, exciting worship services with solid preaching, great music, and involvement of the church body, honoring and praising God and Christ.
- To be outward focused, serving Christ through ministries of mission in El Paso, our conference, and the world, feeding the hungry, visiting the prisoner, taking care of the needs of the poor, living out the words of Jesus, and the prophet Micah to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Many of these priorities have been the foundation and the very DNA of St. Paul's UMC. We are continuing to nurture them, and to also grow into new priorities and possibilities as part of our shared life. Through this coming year, my prayer is that we will develop ministries that will provide fulfilling, meaningful, exciting possibilities for our church, community, conference and the world. We are no longer "standing still to see the great thing that the Lord is about to do before our very eyes"... **we have seen this great thing**; we are standing up and claiming the good and powerful

work of God upon our lives and in our church. Praise be to God!
 I look forward with great anticipation to this new year and our new life together.
 In the peace, hope, love and joy of the Bethlehem Child,
 Pam

Merry Christmas to all and I hope you all have a Blessed New Year. I want to thank everyone for all the donations you have given this year.

Without your help the Outreach Committee would never be able to "reach out" to as many as we have the past year. We had seventy two pictures of the children from the two missions in Juarez on the Angel Tree and all have been taken off. Hopefully the gifts will be picked up this coming Monday afternoon and get delivered to the children before or on Christmas Day. Watch for a new schedule for the "grocery basket" to be published in January. But I do know the month of January, we will be collecting beans, rice, laundry soap, and any non-perishable foods for Danny Mitre's Mission, the Iglesia Renuevo in Juarez.

Again I want to thank all of you and hope you have a healthy, happy and blessed New Year.

*God Bless You All,
 Anna Schafer,
 Outreach*



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