



that thorny conundrum, this hybrid thriller/love story—which feels like an unlikely mash-up of *The Matrix* and *Sleepless in Seattle*—taps into the emotional and intellectual tension inherent in that debate.

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## JOURNEY

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## Don't Miss Our Movie Sermon Series "Movie Rewind"—No Tickets Required!

**T**his summer join us for St. Paul's "Movie Rewind" sermon series.

For three weeks starting July 31st we'll learn something about faith from Hollywood. We started with your recommendations of movies that have a spiritual message embedded in them and then narrowed a list of 26 down to three. Two newer releases and one "oldie but goodie" will form the basis of the messages shared. Beginning Sunday, July 31, Pastor David will take a look at the message behind *The Adjustment Bureau*, *Places in the Heart* and *How to Train Your Dragon*. There's something for everyone, and what a great reason to have a movie night to watch in anticipation of the upcoming sermon series! It all begins with...



### THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU (2011)

**JULY 31, 2011**

Fate vs. choice. Free will vs. predestination. Human decision vs. divine destiny.

For millennia, humankind has wrestled with these competing notions of how much freedom we really have to determine our own ends. Do our decisions matter? Or are they somehow scripted for us? Or is it all just up to chance in the end? Few theological discussions are as likely to provoke as much heated debate as the age-old paradox of free will vs. predestination. And while *The Adjustment Bureau* is not explicitly about a Christian understanding of

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## From the Senior Pastor

Rev. David Livingston

Last month I had the opportunity to go with 55 students and 12 adults on the annual youth mission trip. You will have the opportunity to hear about the trip in worship on July 17. It has been nine years since I was last on a mission trip. That one also was with teenagers. On these two trips, as with previous ones, I came away anxious to get home but wishing that we could go on another trip soon.

I came away from this trip inspired by the deep faith and commitment of the students at St. Paul's. They led worship, held each other accountable

for following rules and working hard, and had a positive attitude throughout. They were excited about helping children, senior citizens, and homeless that were now affected by the work that was done. The teens of St. Paul's remind me of what a good church this is. We are fulfilling our mission of empowering people to live fully and faithfully in a changing world. The way that these young people served is evidence of their faith and their desire for everyone to live fully in this world.

I hope that you will take inspiration from their experience and be part of a mission team yourself. We have opportunities coming up in August

and hopefully September for short-term work in Joplin. We have trips to Nicaragua planned for January and March 2012. If it's not possible for you to give your time you can still help. Our conference disaster response team has immediate need for flood buckets (instructions are at the Connexions Center) and we always encourage food donations brought in for local food pantries (a shopping list is at the Connexions Center. Food can be put in the large box just inside the main entry.)

Thanks to our youth for leading the way for us as we share our belief in God's universal love.

### PARKING LOT TO BE REPAVED

Our upper parking lot will be repaved and striped in July. This has needed to be done for some time, and funds are now available to complete the project. The entire process began July 1 and will end about July 15. You will notice work being done, but if the weather cooperates there will be no impact on Sunday parking. If you come to the church during the week of July 11-15 please park in the lower lot.



The July 12 ETC meeting will feature Steve Davee, President of Employment Strategies, LLC presenting "How to Seriously Improve Your Odds of Landing a Job." Steve will cover little known and little followed secrets to put yourself ahead of the crowd. Join us in the bridge classroom.

### CALLING ALL YOUTH MUSICIANS!

Emily Boedeker's position has expanded. Since April 1 she has served as our Children's Music Director. As of August 15th Emily's position will expand to include working with youth music. We have many gifted youth musicians at St. Paul's so watch for news soon about how you can be involved in this exciting new ministry!





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**PLACES IN  
THE HEART (1984)**  
**AUGUST 7, 2011**

Acclaimed by critics all over the country and boasting an Academy Award®-winning performance by Sally Field, *Places In the Heart* is a landmark film. Its emotionally gripping story centers around Edna Spalding (Field) and her unending struggle against extraordinary hardships.

It is the 1930s in Waxahachie, Texas. Against this Depression-torn background, unforgettable characters meet and collide. Like Mr. Will (John Malkovich), the blind boarder who sees all too clearly the bigotry of his time, Moze (Danny Glover), a black man who knows a lot, including his own place in a white Southern town,

and Wayne (Ed Harris), Margaret (Lindsay Crouse) and Viola (Amy Madigan), decent people caught up in an adulterous triangle which threatens two marriages. Together they leave an indelible impression of faith, courage, love and, most of all, endurance.



**HOW TO TRAIN  
YOUR DRAGON  
(2010)**  
**AUGUST 14, 2011**

Set in the mythical world of burly Vikings and wild dragons, and based on the book by Cressida Cowell, the action comedy tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn't exactly fit in with his tribe's longstanding tradition of heroic dragon slayers.

*How to Train Your Dragon* takes place in a period when the humans and beasts are mortal enemies. A Viking's value is determined by his or her ability to vanquish the enemy and Hiccup's tribal self-worth is in question. During a fiery dragon attack, unbeknown to his

village, the awkward lad brings down one of the most lethal dragons, a Night Fury.

Later, when he goes in for the kill, he's ashamed to learn he lacks the tribal instinct. Instead he befriends Toothless, a dragon who resembles a cross between a stealth bomber and a black frog with green eyes.

The film takes the 3-D technology to a new level, using it to sweep us into a lush sensation of flying. Reminiscent of Harry Potter going up on his broomstick, or that house lifted by balloons in Pixar's *Up*.

But what stays with you, afterward, is even more satisfying - a message that perfection is not the goal. Instead, the imperative is to be one's self, to think for one's self and to do the right thing the best that one can.

Watch for future announcements about showing one or more of these movies at St. Paul's.

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In the first week of June, 215 pounds of food was delivered to the Johnson County Multiservices Center Food Pantry. Way to go St Paul's! Keep those cans and packages coming!! Remember, BOD squad has thrown out the challenge of collecting 500 pounds of food per month this summer for the 2 food pantries we support. Here are the items most needed:

*Unsweetened cereal*  
*Canned meat/tuna*  
*Tuna/Hamburger Helper*  
*Macaroni and cheese*  
*Peanut butter*  
*Pasta sauce*  
*Rice*  
*Beans (dry or canned)*  
*Canned fruits*  
*Canned vegetables*



If you see Lelia Moore or Ann Thomas, please give them a pat on the back. These ladies unload our collection bin and deliver food to Metropolitan UMC and JoCo Food Pantry every month! We're looking to meet our goal of 500 pounds of food this month, so thanks to those of you who continue to make this project a priority, and if you're new to this project, welcome and thanks for your participation!

## Getting Closer to the



Children's Ministries is excited about the new program for 4th-6th graders that is taking shape to debut this fall. EDGE (Every Day Give Everything for Jesus) will be a ministry of fun, fellowship and service that will meet immediately following choir practice for 4th-6th graders on Sunday afternoon (exact time is still to be determined). EDGE will meet weekly and will be an opportunity for children of this age to make connections with each other, with adults in the congregation and, most importantly, deepen their connection with Christ.

The 4th-6th graders will meet in small groups and experience activities both on and off site that allow them first hand experience in being compassionate and cooperative young people. They will be part of a small group of 4-5 children who will meet together each week to process their experiences and share with each other.

Participation in EDGE will require enrollment each semester. The fee will be \$20 (per semester) which will include program materials and a specially designed t-shirt. Enrollment for Fall 2011 EDGE will begin in August so watch for details. If you have a child that is interested or have additional questions, please contact Pastor Sandra (913.268.9551).

## Vacation Bible School Not Just for Kids Anymore!

Vacation Bible School 2011 included four different evening offerings for adults.

On the opening night, Scott Groth made a presentation on the politics, economics and culture of Galilee in the first century so adults could learn what it meant for Jesus to call Nazareth his hometown. Cindy Moore made a presentation the following night, Christian Medical Action in Nicaragua, an Advance Special Project supported by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist church. Cindy will be leading a Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua in March of 2012.

Terrie Van Zandt-Travis, Executive Director of Head Start of Shawnee Mission, came the next night to share information about the programs and services Head Start of Shawnee Mission provides to poverty-level children (birth to age five) and their families, as well as about the growing poverty issues our community faces, and how we can help. On the last evening Rob Reiman made a presentation on issues of global environmental stewardship.

The focus for Vacation Bible School 2011 was to learn something about the way Jesus grew up to love and serve others. Truly the presentations for adults during VBS helped us consider many avenues of serving one another in Jesus' name.

### JOIN FAMILY LIFE AT THEATRE IN THE PARK FOR



Once again this summer, Family Life is sponsoring an evening under the summer stars at Shawnee Mission Park's Theatre in the Park. This year we are planning to see family-friendly "Seussical" on Saturday night, July 23.

Tickets for adults and kids are less than \$10 each -- a tremendous bargain! You can buy them that evening when the box office opens at 6:30pm or, to avoid lines, buy tickets online at <http://www.theatreinthepark.org>.

Gates open at 7:30pm and the curtain goes up at 8:30. We will be providing pizza and water before the show begins. You'll want to bring chairs, blankets and alternative non-alcoholic drinks. Contact Dawn Gentry-Waltman for more information. See ya there!



# Hometown Nazareth...Where Jesus Was a Kid!

This year for Vacation Bible School about 90 children, 44 youth and 30 adults took a daily trip back to first century Nazareth...where Jesus was a kid. Children were grouped into tribes that became their families for the week. Each tribe had a name of one of the 12 tribes of Israel and to show their family pride, they created a tribal cheer to share in Hometown Nazareth. Each session began with music from the Tribal Band, a praise team comprised of St. Paul's UMC youth: Quiannah Howell, Dylan Crow, and Devin Rudicel. Emily Boedeker led the singing.

During their stay in Hometown Nazareth, children traveled to the Rock Quarry where they dug to find jewels to make a necklace and a variety of shops where they had the opportunity to make wool soap, olive oil scrub and a special wooden box. Throughout the week children learned about El Porvenir, the organization that provides clean water for rural villages in Nicaragua. The children had an opportunity to tie dye backpacks for the children there that will be delivered by our next mission team that will travel there in January 2012. Because tie dyeing was so much fun, the children even had the opportunity to tie dye something to take home!

Each trip to Hometown Nazareth the children would visit Mary's house where she would share stories with them about what it was like being Jesus' mother. She told them the story about God sending an angel to ask her to be Jesus' mother, about the time they had to travel all the way to Egypt just to keep Jesus safe and about the time, after Jesus grew up, that they went to a wedding and they ran out of wine so Jesus turned the

water into wine so the host wouldn't be embarrassed! Through the stories and their tribal Hometown Huddle with their tribe leaders, children learned that Jesus was a kid...just like us and that he had a family, a home and that he served others and we do too!

The children also met Mary's nosy neighbor Eunice who seemed to have a hard time believing there was anything special about Jesus. The children made a point to tell Eunice about the surprising nature of God's love and some even boldly invited her to come to church with them. What a wonderful surprise on their last trip to Hometown Nazareth to hear Eunice say she was so impressed by the way she was treated by the children that there must be something to Jesus she didn't see at first! Eunice joined the children in singing "Jesus Loves Me" and it was quite exciting.



Our older children participated in many off-site experiences and did a lot of serving others at places like Heart to Heart, CrossLines Community Gardens and Food Program and the Lenexa Trail clean-up. They also visited two assisted living centers, Village Shalom where they played games with the residents and Sunrise Assisted Living Center where they met a couple who had been missionaries in Africa and Asia for over 40 years. Children also helped to assemble flood buckets to be used by our teams who will go to Joplin, MO.

Every visit to Hometown Nazareth the children were encouraged by their Tribal Leaders and Miss Emily to be on the look-out for God Sightings. God Sightings could be anything that helped illustrate the love of God. Many children wrote their God Sighting experiences on sheep that they posted on the wall of the AV booth in the sanctuary. You are invited to come and see the amazing ways our children saw God in their midst during Hometown Nazareth.

Our trip to Hometown Nazareth concluded with a fine celebration. Led by the Tribal Band (Quiannah Howell, Dylan Crow, Devin Rudicel and a few guest artists on the tambourines) and Miss Emily (Boedeker), the children sang all the songs they learned in Hometown Nazareth. They also demonstrated their cheers and got special souvenir photos of themselves in Hometown Nazareth. Everyone enjoyed some yummy ice cream and a special appearance by a pair of llamas, some goats and some sheep...just the kind of animals that might have been in Jesus' own backyard!

Hometown Nazareth was a huge success this year! So many wonderful volunteers made it all possible. Awesome adults stepped up to be shopkeepers and tribe leaders. Some terrific youth really stepped up to be tribe leaders and assistants and shop keeper assistants and keep the snacks going for the AM session. And a very special thank you to Ginny Howell and Katy Crow who were our directors, travel agents, tour guides and producers. All of them helped Hometown Nazareth be an incredible place where we all learned first hand how to, "Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)





# A Look at 2011 VBS **TAKE YOUR PIC**





# Upcoming Adult Christian Ed Oppotunities

## SUMMER SHORT TERM STUDIES

### **If the Church Were Christian:**

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

Began July 6 continues through July 27

What are the “ifs” in your life? If only? If ever? If not now, when? In his relatively short (200 pages) book, author Philip Gulley poses this If: “If the Church Were Christian...” A Quaker minister, Gulley is also the co-author of “If God Is Love” and several other books. Diana Butler Bass (author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture) says of this book: “If the church were as Philip Gulley envisions here, people would be knocking down our doors to experience God’s love.” Facilitated by Marti Johnson.

### **Corinthians: An Immersion Study**

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm

July 14 – August 18

Take a fresh look at two letters central to Paul’s message to the early church. The letters of 1st and 2nd Corinthians provide lessons still at the core of understanding Christian faith, covering topics as diverse as church unity, spiritual gifts and Paul’s teaching on eternal life. In addition to the letters’ instruction, we find correspondence among a very real church addressing very real concerns of their time and our time. Join us on Thursday evenings as this study helps you explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of your personal faith. More importantly, you’ll be able to discover God’s revelation to you through readings and reflections. Facilitated by Shawn Mulkey.

## FALL LONG TERM STUDIES

### **Disciple I: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study**

Date and Time TBD

This course offers a 35-week overview of the entire Bible, giving equal time to the Old and New Testaments. The Disciple series draws on the work of scholars, personal Bible reading, participant study and dynamic group discussion. Disciple I is the foundational course for all other Disciple classes. Each participant is expected to spend about 30 to 45 minutes daily with readings and participate in a weekly 2 hour class and discussion time. Date/Time information forthcoming. Facilitated by Pastor Sandra Cox.

### **Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life,**

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm, beginning August 18

This 32-week course offers in-depth study into scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament portion includes books such as Ruth, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel. The New Testament portion includes the Gospel of John, John 1, 2, 3, James, Jude and Revelation. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel’s hymn and prayer book leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in the study. It is recommended that persons first take DISCIPLE 1 before taking this course. Facilitated by Jan Rhind and Marti Johnson.

## FALL SHORT TERM STUDIES

### **Invitation to John: A Disciple Study**

Sunday evenings from 5-7 PM,

Beginning September 11

In its wisdom, the early church chose to keep four Gospel accounts of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Three of these Gospels are very similar to each other in both what they tell about the story of Jesus and how they tell it. However, the Gospel of John stands apart. In it, we find Jesus speaking not in parables but in lengthy discourses which echo the invitations of this study: to come and see this Jesus—to hear him speak, to see his signs—and to consider anew what it means to be his followers. This 11-week study is facilitated by Royce Ann Collins.

### **Naked Spirituality**

Tuesdays, 7:00pm

September 13 – October 4

**If:** “You can no longer live with the faith you inherited from your parents or constructed earlier in your life.”

**If:** “As you sort through your dogma and doctrine, you’ve found yourself praying less, less thrilled about worship, scripture, and church attendance.”

**If:** “You’ve been so focused on sorting and purging your theological theories that you’ve lost track of the spiritual practices that sustain an actual relationship with God.”

**Then:** Join Linda Stoner for a four-week look into Brian D. McLaren’s *Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words*. McLaren’s 12 single word spiritual practices promise to give new life to our personal faith journeys.







## Preschool Offers Unique Learning Experiences

**T**his fall St. Paul's Preschool will begin the 10th year of services offered to the area community. While continuing to maintain a positive learning environment for children, the school program has an expanded curriculum that offers opportunities for each child to excel that may be unique from other preschools.

### Unique Components of St Paul's Preschool



■ **Nature Adventures** – The rich nature environment at St. Paul's, with a creek, ponds, trees, and walking trails, provides sensory experiences where a child can explore, discover, play, and value God's creations. Learning develops when children see a colony of ants, watch tadpoles in the pond, listen to a story while watching the sunlight through the trees, or dig for earth worms.



■ **Art Studio** - Children explore and use various art mediums and learn about artists. Master artists such as Van Gogh, Picasso, Warhol, and others are introduced; we also feature visits from local guest artists.



■ **Jesus & Me** - Our program offers a unique approach for the spiritual education of children, with a curriculum using Montessori techniques and materials, as well as scripture, prayer and parables to help the child develop a relationship with our living God. This experience occurs in a quiet, meditative, yet interactive environment we call the atrium.



■ **Grandfriends** - Students participate in an intergenerational program with an area assisted living facility to build relationships through various interactive activities.



# Destination: Nicaragua

Our Discipleship through Missions team (DtM) has 2 opportunities planned in 2012 to serve our neighbors in Nicaragua. January 7-15, 2012 we will be working again with El Porvenir - an organization dedicated to clean water, education and reforestation projects. This project will be similar to what the work team did in January 2011 when they helped a community with the final phase of a water sanitation system.

March 3-11, 2012 we are hoping to have a 2-in-1 team. Part of the team will work with El Porvenir and the others will work as a medical team with Accion Medica Cristiana (AMC or Christian Medical Action). AMC is an organization working to empower God's people in four strategic areas: community health, food security, disaster prevention and recovery, and knowledge management (education). Last January, our team had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Belinda Forbes DDM, a United Methodist missionary assigned to work with ACM.

Please let us know your interest in either one or both of these teams. The team leader for the January team is Ginny Howell (ghowell@everestkc.net) and

for March is Cindy Moore (clmfnp@aol.com). You can contact either of them or Pastor Sandra, sandracox@stpaulslenexa.org.

If you are interested in the January team, we need your deposit of \$200 by July 15. Based on the costs for the team this past January, we are estimating costs of somewhere around \$1500-\$1600 but this cost may be adjusted due to cost of airfare, in-country costs, etc.

In order to best serve the medical needs in March, we need know what kind of skills we will be bringing. A medical team needs non-medical members as well as medical professionals to be successful, but there is a need for a core of licensed professionals. If you are a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, RN or LPN – WE NEED YOU. Please contact Cindy as soon as possible so planning can begin for this team – medical teams require additional planning and preparation time!

Keep your calendar open for our Auction this fall on October 1 – the funds raised from the auction will be used to help support all of St Paul's mission efforts: youth, local and international mission activities.

## ON THE DIAMOND

St. Paul's is once again fielding a summer co-ed softball team. We play in a Tuesday night church league through Olathe Parks & Rec at BlackBob Park at 151st & Mullen. The season started June 7 and concludes July 26. The average score has been 20-15, so our games are fun!

Members of the team include Nancy Watson-Pistole, Brian & April Walker, Steve Kouri, Rachel Ryan, Greg Harper, Pastor David Livingston, Lindsey Wiegele, Kirsten McManus, Hadley Tharp, Sam Johnson, Jason Humphrey, Kelly Ryan, Gordon Zoesch, Ryan Feldman, Elizabeth Mulkey, and Brian Anderson. We do have a few newbies this year which is always welcome!

We also have had guest appearances so far from Dawn Gentry-Waltman, Paige Waltman, and Jane Wiegele. Hal Johnson serves as a very vocal 3rd base/bench coach and Marti is almost always in the stands helping Sam with his swing. Tim Pistole is also an astute fan/coach.

Our July games are on the 12th and 26th all at 7:30pm on Field 2. The 19th is a bye week. If you want to spend a fun hour watching us play, come on down and check us out!

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

*We extend our deepest sympathies to the following individuals & their families:*

*Neil Danner, upon the death of his uncle, Leroy Vanskike  
Cheryl Scott, upon the death of her uncle, Harold Dawson  
Rick Murray, upon the death of his father, Bob Murray*



# Kansas East Annual Conference 2011

Several staff and lay members of St. Paul's attended the 2011 version of the Kansas East Annual Conference June 8-11, held at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. Annual Conference is St. Paul's chance to voice its opinions in our larger connexional body and put forward specific legislative proposals if desired. This year's version of Annual Conference had an additional task, as the delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences (our denomination's highest legislative gatherings) were elected through a series of ballots. These ballots were divided between Lay and Clergy delegates, with a total of seven Lay and seven Clergy delegates and alternates being selected by the Annual Conference. These delegates will participate in General and Jurisdictional Conferences next spring and summer. Beyond the important task of electing delegates, the Annual Conference entertained and voted upon a number of legislative proposals which came from within the Kansas East Conference member churches. Two separate proposals on the language concerning homosexuality in the Book of Discipline were debated and voted upon during the Conference. One of these, the more comprehensive proposal to eradicate all negative references to homosexuality in the Book of Discipline, was drafted and presented by the members of our Monday morning study group, led by Jan Rhind and Marti Johnson. Both of these proposals were supported by ballot vote on the floor of Annual Conference and will be referred to the Secretary of General Conference for consideration. Another major issue discussed at

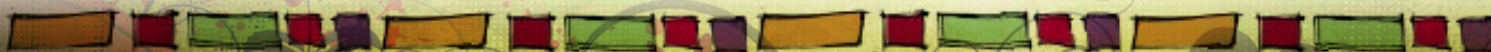
Annual Conference, but not voted upon, was the potential for combining the Kansas West, Kansas East, and Nebraska Annual Conferences into a single Conference. This potential move, referred to as Great Plans for the Great Plains, was occasioned by the decision by the senior leadership of the UMC to reduce the number of bishops in the Midwest by one, so that there will be a single bishop responsible for both Kansas and Nebraska. No decision was reached, as a transition team in each Annual Conference is still hard at work, but the delegates did express their support or lack thereof through a "Five Finger Vote" where they could inform the transition team of their level of support. Finally, though not a legislative issue, the Conference delegates had the opportunity to listen to Gil Rendel give a "State of the Church" presentation dealing with demographics and trends in the UMC. What his numbers showed was an aging church population in which numbers of members were declining while the amount of money given has increased. His talk raised significant concerns about the long-term viability of these trends and should be cause for much discussion in local church planning sessions. St. Paul's was also represented at the Thursday evening service. Elizabeth Mulkey directed the choir with Chris Leaver accompanying. Many of our choir members sang and Brad Athey also blessed the conference with his masterful talents.

*Thank you for the opportunity to represent St. Paul's at the Annual Conference. Respectfully, Royce Ann Collins and Jim Martin*

**mpower360**

*People Teaching People*

It's almost time for mPower360 again! Mark your calendar for Monday – Thursday evenings, August 8–11. We'll begin each evening with Desserts and Devotion at 6:30. From 7:00 – 8:15, we'll engage in classes on Arab Spring, Swing Dancing, Fairy Gardens, Ask a Pharmacist, African Drumming, Intro to Ukulele, Cooking with Your Kids, Facebook for Dummies, Dog Care and Behavior, Puzzled by LinkedIn?, Friendship Bracelets, Quick Quilts, Flaky Piecrusts. . . and we're working on many, many more! Expect to see lots of multi-generational classes this year. There will be something for everyone each night, including kids. (There will also be childcare for those who prefer that option.) Bring your neighbors, your in-laws, your book club, your fitness group! Watch for more information as we get closer to the event. (If you have a question that needs to be answered now, email [lindastoner@kc.rr.com](mailto:lindastoner@kc.rr.com).)

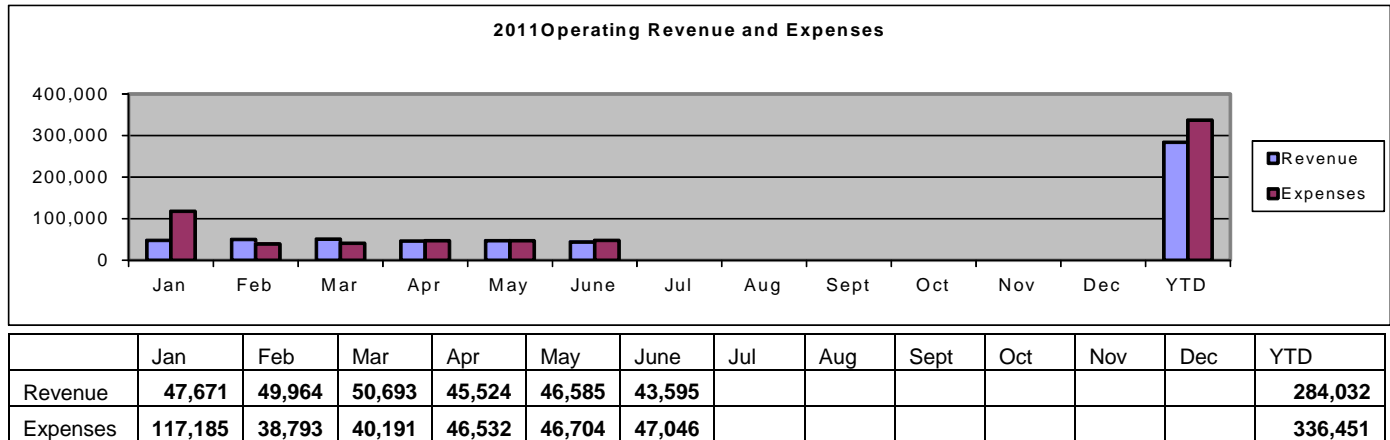




## Stewardship

Below is the chart of **operating revenues and expenses** year to date for 2011 (both in graphic and numerical format). Note that in January expenses appear to be running well ahead of revenue; that is due to a prepayment of our 2011 apportionments in full (100%) during January as well as prepayment in full of our insurance premium during January. As the year progresses, these expenses will even out with revenue.

Here are a few of the items your stewardship to the operating budget funded during the month of June: Addition of Children's Choir Director, Addition of on site church Custodian, VBS for our children, IHN, UMCOR (additional donation beyond individual donations), upgrade to membership software to track small groups. Your contributions to special requests funded several UMCOR outreach areas (Japan, flooding, tornados and one great hour of sharing), and installation of new heat pump unit in annex area of church.



## Capital Budget

Below is a chart of capital revenues and expenses for 2011.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Pledge Rev	5,510	5,908	5,638	26,728	17,515	14,418							75,717
Rental Rev	1,275	1,450	1,190	800	4,505	1,620							10,840
Loan Interest	9,173	9,140	8,220	9,060	8,733	8,987							53,313
Loan Principal	7,081	7,113	8,033	7,193	7,521	7,267							44,208
Rental Exp	4,008	1,497	1,911	4,283	354	748							12,801

Note that we are now only renting 2 of the properties. As of June 1, they are both rented.



# School Supplies Needed

Cross-lines is in need of school supplies for August. Their goal is to fill 1600 backpacks to distribute to low income families. St. Paul's will be collecting school supplies in the month of July, so that we can donate to the agency in plenty of time for fall distribution. Deadline is Sunday, July 24th.

**Volunteers are needed Tuesday August 2nd and Wednesday, August 3rd** at Cross-Lines to help prepare school supplies and stuff backpacks for families in need. Please pick up a few items when you see those sales, and place them in the collection bin at church for Cross-Lines. Especially needed are the  
1 and 1/2 " binders and the dividers that go inside them.

- \*\*\*Notebooks (3 ring binders, 1 1/2" or 2")
- \*Packs of dividers for 3 ring binder
- \*Pencil bags for 3 ring binders
- Large crayons (box of 8)
- Regular crayons (box of 24)
- Notebook dividers (pack of 5)
- Erasers (large pink ones)
- Pocket Folders (3 holes, no pictures)
- Elmers' School Glue (4 oz.)
- Crayola Washable Markers (8 classic colors)
- Paper (Wideline and college Rule)
- #2 Pencils
- Colored Pencils (box of 12)
- Ball point Pens (blue, black, and red)
- Rulers
- Scissors (Fiskar pointed)
- School Boxes (plastic)
- Spiral Notebooks (wideline and college)

\*Indicates items especially needed



St. Paul's Preschool & Children's Day Out

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