



THE STEEPLE

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“Indeed, who would ever believe it? Who would possibly accept what we’ve been told? Who has witnessed the awesome power *and plan* of the Eternal in action? *Out of emptiness* he came, like a tender shoot from rock-hard ground. He didn’t look like anything or anyone of consequence—he had no physical beauty to attract our attention. So he was despised and forsaken by men, this man of suffering, grief’s *patient* friend. As if he was a person to avoid, we looked the other way; he was despised, *forsaken*, and we took no notice of him. Yet it was our suffering he carried, *our pain and distress, our sick-to-the-soul-ness. We just figured that* God had rejected him, that God was the reason he hurt so badly. But he was hurt because of us; *he suffered so.* Our wrongdoing *wounded and* crushed him. He endured the breaking that made us whole.

The injuries he suffered became our healing.”

Isaiah 53:1-5, The Voice

*“There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin sick soul.”*

An American Folk Hymn

God wills healing and wholeness. When God observes Evil destroying His good creation, He sends Jesus to oppose the Evil and restore the creation.

The early church believed that Jesus came to fulfill the promise embodied in these words of the prophet Isaiah. In Jesus, God comes to earth to share in our suffering, our pain, and our death. God comes to us, not as someone who dwells in the heavens—far removed from human affairs—but as a brother who has felt the rejection of others, the searing pain of the whip, the humiliation of the crown of thorns, and the agony of the cross. Here is one who has known death and yet lives.

Underlying the sermon series, *Second Chances*, is the belief that God takes our broken lives and through His Son makes them whole. Jesus’ grace is at work in our lives—even before we are aware of His presence—forgiving us for the evil we have done and the good left undone. Jesus offers us the life we seek; if only we choose to follow Him.

This is why we are concluding the sermon series with a Healing Service on Sunday, September 15 at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Whether or not you worshiped with us during this sermon series, let me encourage you to come and take part in this Healing Service. For we are all sick—sick unto death—and only Jesus may make us whole. Isaiah is right: “The injuries he suffered became our healing.” Jesus is the wounded healer.

What festering, life-sapping wounds afflict you? Bring them to Jesus on September 15th. Through Jesus, the wounded healer, our relationship to God, to the Creation, and to each other may be restored. For God always acts to build up, sustain, and heal the Creation. Isn’t God great? Pastor Daryl



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Celebrating the arrival of **Kynlee Jae Bunt** born on July 23rd weighing 7lbs. 7oz. Her parents are Michael & Ashley Bunt, grandparents Don & Patricia Bunt, and great-grandparents Don & Evelyn Bunt. Her big brother, Clayton, is 9 and her big sister, Adyson, is 5. Congratulations everyone!
- Our sympathy goes out to the families of: **Edward Scott**, brother-in-law of Dorothy Kasinger; **Judy Corzine**, friend of Lois Mitchell; **Warren Roose**, (brother) brother-in-law of (the late Shirley and) Harvey Birmingham; **Lauvear Bangert**, uncle of Evelyn Paris; and **Randy Mortland**, retired East Alton Fire Chief and brother/brother-in-law of Greg & Lana Mortland. May God bless you and comfort you in this time of loss.
- A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to all who have offered special music throughout the summer, and also to CRAVE and all who have helped as Summer Worship Team members! Music touches our lives in a way nothing else can and the gift that you give when you share in song blesses in a way nothing else ever will.
- The **Karios Coffee House** on Aug. 17th was a wonderful success! So many folks have commented on what a delight it was...lots of fabulous music and food and a time to relax in great company! Thank you to all who donated their talents be it in performance or in creating delicious snacks. Keep a watch out - we will be doing this again soon!



We say goodbye
to our friend...

Marilyn H. Hill, 83, formerly of Rosewood Heights, passed away at 9:11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Fountain View Manor in Granite City. Born Feb. 15, 1930, in Stotts City, MO, she was a daughter of Roy and Edna (Moore) King, who both preceded her in death.

She married Jim R. Hill in Wood River on Dec. 21, 1957. He passed away June 26, 1987.

Marilyn worked as a children's librarian at the East Alton Library and as a Jr. High English teacher for the Roxana school district. She was a founding member of the Riverwind Storytellers and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Survivors include two daughters, Alicia (John) Webb of Benton, MO and Lori (David) Kamp of East Alton; two sons, Andy (Tracie) Hill of Boise, ID and Jay Hill of Jasper, GA; a daughter-in-law who was more like a daughter, Michele Denton of East Alton; eight grandchildren, Elijah, Rosie, Amy and Mason Hill, Timothy and Brandon Plummer, and Katelyn and Haley Webb; six great-grandchildren; & a sister, Elizabeth "Bibby" Kaminsky of Joplin, MO.

My sermon was based on Philippians 4. In particular, vs. 4: "*Most of all, friends, always rejoice in the Lord! I never tire of saying it: Rejoice!*" I observed that Paul rejoiced even when the world gave little cause for rejoicing. We have joy because Jesus lives; the victor over death and evil.

Marilyn Hill was someone who looked for the joy in life. I think that was why she was such a good storyteller. Her joy sold the story. I remember seeing the joy on my daughter's face in the midst of the *Bear Hunt Story*.

As she related her travels with her friend, I could see those journeys and later the memory of those journeys gave her great joy. The joy was there when she talked about her husband and her children. Even greater joy was present whenever she related the latest accomplishments of her grandchildren or the antics of her great-grandchildren. As sick as she was these past few months, she found joy in eating her chocolate chip cookies.

As Christians, we have joy because we worship a God of empty tombs and glad hearts. Our joy is a never ending stream flowing from the cross of Jesus. Our joy is a gift from God. So no one or nothing can snatch it away from us.

This joy gives us a peace beyond the understanding of those in the world. It is a peace that comes when we live in harmony with God and His plan for us. A peace that comes from knowing our life is secure with God.

Marilyn had this joy. She knew this peace. It is why until she became so very sick she joked with those who cared for her: with family and friends. It is why we were requested by Marilyn not to wear black today. Marilyn kept her joy so that others would see what it is like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Marilyn believed that while this day would give us little reason to rejoice, Jesus always does! The story of the women testifies that Jesus is not rotting in the grave, but living in our hearts. Our Easter faith means that we look forward to life not death, dawn not darkness, hope not despair and love not hate.

Geoffrey Kennedy, priest and poet, wrote these words:

*Peace does not mean the end of all our striving,
Joy does not mean the drying of our tears,
Peace is the power that comes to souls arriving
Up to the light where God Himself appears.*

*Give me, for light, the sunshine of Thy sorrow,
Give me, for shelter, shadow of Thy cross;
Give me to share the glory of Thy tomorrow,
Gone from my heart the bitterness of Loss.*

Gone today from our hearts is the bitterness of loss because dwelling there is the peace that passes all understanding. The peace that assures us Marilyn lives and one day we shall see her again. Then, we will whoop and holler and hug each other and listen intently as Marilyn leads us on a bear hunt once more.

Please keep Marilyn's family in your prayers. Their loss is great.
Pastor Daryl



THANK YOU

→ → *Thank yous will continue to be saved throughout the month and included in the next month's newsletter.*



Thank You: We had a great group of volunteers from St. Paul who delivered about 435 meals in the East Alton/Wood River area during the month of August. This marks the 28th year that St. Paul has been involved in the Meal On Wheels program. Through this important community outreach effort, meals are provided for individuals who need a little extra help.

We extend a well-earned thank you to our volunteers: **Ruth & Tom Voorhees; Iris, John, & Robin Uzzell; Kyle Norris; Sherry & Joe Huff; George Tappy; Judy Glassmeyer; Joan & Phill Ford; John Hendricks; Larry Bryan; Terry Sitze; Susie Pruetzel; Harvey Birmingham.**

Thank you also to our willing and ready extra: **Spencer Bacus.** Also, we appreciate Larry Bryan's role in helping coordinate our program this year.

If anyone is interested in delivering meals **ANY TIME** during the year, there is always a need for volunteers. Contact Harvey Birmingham (377-7957) or Larry Bryan (210-7548) for more information.

Thank You: To St. Paul UMC and all the ladies who put on the funeral dinner - a heartfelt thank you for allowing us to have mom's (Marilyn Hill) service at "her church" and thank you so much for all of the support shown to us. Thank you also to all who helped with the funeral dinner. It was wonderful and this is a wonderful ministry. Sincerely, **Lori (Plummer) Kamp & Family**

Thank You: We are truly grateful for your generous donation of school supplies. With the economy the way it has been, the needs are greater than ever. We will put these supplies to good use. Thanks again!

Central School, Roxana

Cary Anderson, Sec.; **Jim Milley, Principal**

Thank You: I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude on behalf of the students & staff of South Roxana Elementary School for your generous donations. The beginning of the school year is always filled with excitement and anticipation. Your service & willingness to assist our students with school supplies has been greatly appreciated. Our students will greatly benefit from your generosity and the supplies will be put to immediate use. The relationship between school and community is essential in developing a culture of learning for our young students. With Gratitude,

Ryan Tusek, Principal



Thank You: To the congregation and friends of St. Paul UMC - On behalf of any and all recipients of blood donations

I want to thank all of you for the great participation in the recent American Red Cross Blood Drive. Twenty eight (28) potential donors presented themselves with twenty three (23) making successful donations. Our goal was 24!

To all of you who helped in any way, your assistance was great! The sandwiches and fruit salad were enjoyed by all including the workers. It was wonderful to be greeted and registered by two high school seniors involved in community service - a special thanks to Meg and Leann.

Once again, thank you to one and all for making our blood drive a success!

Pat Traitor, Parish Visitor



BODY * MIND * SPIRIT:

This month's newsletter will be a hodgepodge of information that has been coming in to my office over the past few months. I think that each piece of information needs to be mentioned, as all have something important for different people in the congregation. It is my hope that each of you find something useful to use, share, or put into practice.

Tanning: A recent study found that 30% of teenage high school students are using tanning beds, despite warnings that it increases the risk of skin cancer. According to the cancer prevention division of the CDC, the risk of skin cancer, including melanoma, is increased among younger users and those who use tanning beds frequently. Dr. Melanie Palm stated that there is a disconnect in our culture between the risk of cancer and having a "healthy glow." She continued that parents need to be role models and educate their children about the dangers of UV exposure, to use sunscreen, and to try other methods of tanning, such as a tanning spray. Children should also be educated that cancer is not the only risk of tanning- UV exposure ages the skin and causes wrinkles and spots. Tanned skin is damaged skin.

Kid's Backpacks: Backpacks are designed so that the weight of the load will be equally distributed among the body's strongest muscles. If the backpacks are worn incorrectly, injury, such as sprains, strains, and other posture problems can occur. Children should never carry more than 15-20% of their body weight in their backpack. They should be taught to use both shoulder straps. Parents should adjust the load to keep the pack close to the back. Place the heavier objects in the backpack low and to the center. When lifting the backpack, bend at the knees. Carry only the items needed for the school day. If the pack looks to heavy, parents should encourage the child to carry some of the books in their arms to ease the load.

Concerns about BPA: BPA is found in polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins. Polycarbonate plastics are often used in containers that store food and beverages, such as water bottles. They may also be used in other consumer goods. Some research has shown that BPA can seep into food or beverages from containers that are made with BPA. Exposure to BPA is a concern because of possible health effects of BPA on the brain, behavior and prostate gland of fetuses, infants and children. The FDA is continuing its review of BPA, including supporting ongoing research. In the meantime, if you're concerned about BPA, you can take these steps to reduce your exposure:

Seek out BPA-free products. Look for products labeled as BPA-free. If a product isn't labeled, keep in mind that some, but not all, plastics marked with recycle codes 3 or 7 may be made with BPA.

Cut back on cans. Reduce your use of canned foods since most cans are lined with BPA-containing resin.

Avoid heat. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, part of the National Institutes of Health, advises against microwaving polycarbonate plastics or putting them in the dishwasher, because the plastic may break down over time and allow BPA to leach into foods.

Use alternatives. Use glass, porcelain or stainless steel containers for hot foods and liquids instead of plastic containers.

The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to join their Cancer Prevention Study-3. They are recruiting men and women between the ages of 30 and 65. If you feel lead to volunteer, the sign up will take place on September 26th at Madison County Health Dept. from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information call 1-800-604-5888.

Next month we will start discussing flu vaccines!

Sources: Medline Plus, Mayo Clinic, AMH

Following Him-
Eileen Cheatham RN,BC B.S.N.
Faith Community Nurse

Office hours are 9-11 a.m. on Tuesdays. If you need to speak with me at other times, Lois can reach me or you can leave a message at 463-7785.

Romans 12: 1&2 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."



SUNDAYS AT ST. PAUL IN SEPTEMBER 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. SERVICES

The 8:15 a.m. worship service is held in amphitheater in the park **through Sept. 8th**. Wear casual clothes and bring your lawn chair. T8: Fellowship with coffee, juice, and snacks is at 8 a.m. In case of rain, the service is held in the sanctuary. The 10:30 a.m. service is always held in the sanctuary. **"More Jesus Time" for Pre-school - 5th grade and Nursery are provided for the 10:30 a.m. Service.**



1 15th Sunday after Pentecost. Labor Day Sunday. Communion celebrated. Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series, *Second Chances*. Today we focus on *when I fail God*. We need to accept the forgiveness and the second chances God offers to restore our relationship.



SECOND CHANCES

8 16th Sunday after Pentecost. Birthday Sunday. Last outdoor service! Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series, *Second Chances*. Today we focus on *the quicksand of failure*. We include a remembrance of 9/11 as a part of worship.



second chances

15 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series, *Second Chances*. Today we focus on *starting over*. We need God's help to restore our broken relationships. Whether we need to forgive someone or seek forgiveness, we need to act so we may be made whole. We are offering a *healing service* as part of worship today to facilitate this process.

22 18th Sunday after Pentecost. The Bible advises us to listen for the *still, small voice of God*. God speaks to us through many different avenues. What do *Man of La Mancha*, *A Chorus Line*, *Carousel*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Rent* have to do with the Bible? Come, hear some great tunes, invite friends, and find out!



29 19th Sunday after Pentecost. Our children, youth, and adults share the gospel with us through the musical, *The Prodigal Clown*, at the 10:30 a.m. service. Come support our cast of all ages as they tell the story of the Prodigal Son in a new and unusual way. This is a perfect opportunity for you to invite friends without a church home to join you in worship.



Prodigal Clown rehearsals continue!
Performance date:
Sun., Sept. 29, 10:30 a.m.

"Be the change you want to see in the world!"
-Gandhi-



September 01 Bentley, Jay III
 September 01 Baggett, Christi
 September 02 Nelson, Ron
 September 02 Ortegren, Jenni
 September 03 Poston, Al
 September 04 Croxford, Rod
 September 04 Hamilton, George Sr.
 September 04 Buatte, Cherie
 September 04 Hendricks, John
 September 05 Newingham, Damian
 September 06 Henderson, Jason
 September 06 Gowan, Josh
 September 06 Tite, Ryan
 September 07 Dawson, Jim
 September 07 Bell, Kamryn
 September 08 Bottorff, Justin
 September 09 Hansard, Angie
 September 09 Poston, Matthew
 September 09 Oertle, Liam
 September 10 Scroggins, Christy
 September 10 Birmingham, Jake
 September 10 Plummer, Zelda
 September 11 Bunt, Don Sr.
 September 11 Schuerman, Steve
 September 11 Schuerman, Judy
 September 11 Ortegren, Marc
 September 12 Badman, David



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

" Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work! "

September 13 Link, Kathy
 September 13 Cameron, Susan
 September 13 Georgeoff, Chelsea
 September 14 Bunt, Dan
 September 14 Herndon, Kiley
 September 16 Cameron, Jerry
 September 16 Redden, Dick
 September 16 Skjerseth, Jeff
 September 17 Greer, Jeff
 September 17 Weigler, Nic
 September 18 Scroggins, Linda
 September 18 Greer, Christian
 September 19 Lewis, Bettie
 September 19 Skjerseth, Paul
 September 20 Buatte, David
 September 20 Boeshans, Blake
 September 21 Gimmy, Marcella
 September 21 Wilson, Dani
 September 22 Warner, Carol
 September 22 Herndon, Neil
 September 23 Gowan, Harvey
 September 23 Allshouse, Baylee
 September 24 Bunt, Tim
 September 24 Greer, Kellie
 September 24 Betts, Tanner
 September 25 Fox, Kenneth
 September 25 Tite, Phil
 September 25 Schlemer, Hayley
 September 26 Williams, Jan
 September 26 Tite, Debbie
 September 26 Blacklock, Bob
 September 26 Poore, Ashley
 September 26 Laufersweiler, Sarah
 September 26 Roberts, Lily
 September 27 Hutchens, Joyce
 September 27 Inman, Sharon
 September 27 Chester, Becky
 September 27 Betts, David
 September 27 Cheatham, Douglas
 September 27 Ewing, Donna
 September 29 Martin, Kara
 September 29 Tite, Steven
 September 29 Brown, Jordan
 September 30 Pratt, Michael

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 02 Henderson, Jason & Gretchen
 September 04 Fansler, Daryl & Deb
 September 06 Mayer, Jason & Lindsey
 September 12 Squier, Joshua & Stephanie
 September 13 Tite, Phil & Debbie
 September 14 Cloninger, Wayne & Sue
 September 15 Rader, Kevin & Lindsey
 September 17 Cameron, Chris & Susan

September 18 Cameron, Jerry & Cathy
 September 18 Dona, Ben & Jamie
 September 19 Crandall, Cory & Caroline
 September 20 Clark, Bryan & Katie
 September 20 Eggebrecht, Ross & Debbie
 September 26 Ford, Don Sr. & Diane
 September 26 Cincoski, Ryan & Savannah
 September 27 Parker, Ryan & Megan
 September 28 Moore, Ben & Beulah
 September 28 Bottorff, Mike & Priscilla
 September 29 Clark, Gary & Shirley



Updates to the current church directory:

Changes/Additions: Ms. Virginia Scott now in Room 418 at Rosewood Care Center;
Mrs. Gayle Sitze 405 Sanders Street, Bethalto, IL 62010; Mrs. Madelyn Bivens c/o Dale Bivens,
 5466 Kenwood Circle, Newburgh, IN 47630; Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Chester 1034 Rhondell Lane, East
 Alton, IL 62024; Mrs. Minnie Tindall 229 Aspen Point, Glen Carbon, IL 62034; Ms. Nicole Poston
 3315 Huber Street, Alton, IL 62002; Mr. Eric Wood 547 Hamilton Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095;
Mrs. Marsha Weston 2626 Meridian Lake Drive, Belleville, IL 62221

If you are going to move soon, give the church office advance notice of your new address.
 Also, remember to update us on your new phone number. Thank you!



Prayer gathering



Watch for the "Prayer Focus" displayed on the bulletin board inside the door off the back parking lot and the one alongside of the Pastor's Office.

Monthly Loose Change Project! (loose coins in offering plate)

September's Loose Change Project is Trinity United Methodist Church in East St. Louis/Washington Park. The ministry of the church has expanded to provide worship services, Vacation Bible School, and a food pantry to the growing Hispanic Community. The need is greater than the resources of the local church which is why we help. There is a dedicated membership and a strong youth program at both sites. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

AUGUST Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 8/31/2013	19393.00
Designated Giving:	through 8/31/2013	2090.50
	Capital Improvements	375.00
	Loose Change	141.50
	Flowers	39.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	85.00
	Conference Apportionments	940.00
	Newsletter Postage	4.00
	Elevator Fund	200.00
	New sanctuary monitor	106.00
	Memorials	100.00
	Funeral Dinner	100.00
	Living Trust Interest	1.01
	Parsonage Repair Fund	80.00
	Painting	101.96
Total:		21666.47

SEPTEMBER Ushers (10:30):

Sep. 1st: Deb & Meg Fansler, Diane Murbarger

Sep. 8th: Sydney Martin, Anita Dawson

Sep. 15th: Mike & Kathy Link

Sep. 22nd: Norma Shaffer

Sep. 29th: Bacus Family!

Call the Head Usher if you can help!

SEPTEMBER Head Usher:

DOROTHY KASINGER & TRACY FRANKS

Average Attendance for AUGUST 2013

Early Service	88
Late Service	72
Sunday School	37
Visitors	8




DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 2013 STEEPLE, Fri., SEPTEMBER 20th!

Happy Labor Day





OCTOBER 13
10:30 a.m.



Illuminate

An alternative worship experience
led by the Crave Young Adult Group



Broadway Music and the Bible!

Sunday, September 22, 2013
10:30 a.m. service

What do *Man of La Mancha*, *A Chorus Line*, *Carousel*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Rent* have to do with the Bible? Come, hear some great tunes, invite friends, and find out!

join us for our

60th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION



Happy 60th Anniversary St. Paul UMC

Sunday, October 20th Tradition, Transition, and 21st Century Worship

A celebration of the past: A vision
for the future!
10:30 a.m. Service



CAMP REUNION CELEBRATING

60 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT LITTLE GRASSY!

SUN., OCTOBER 6th LITTLE GRASSY UNITED METHODIST CAMP

1 METHODIST CAMP ROAD MAKANDA, IL 62958

1:00 p.m. - Open House / Tours /
Reunion with cake and punch in the
dinning hall

3:30-4:30 p.m. - Camp style service at
the Tabernacle

4:30 p.m. - Campfire with smores at
Inspiration Point



TO: Seniors (70 & over in 2013) of St. Paul UMC
WHAT: A Luncheon and Celebration of You!
WHERE: St. Paul UMC, Fellowship Hall
WHEN: Thursday, September 19, 2013
TIME: 12:00 p.m. (NOON)

3RD SENIOR LUNCHEON

Won't you please join us for the 3rd annual senior luncheon served in your honor! Included will be time for fellowship & fun. The fun will be music presented by Miss Jubilee & the Humdingers.

Bring your spouse, a family member, or a friend; an appetite; and a smile to have a great time! We would love to know that you will be coming. Please call Lois at the **church office, 259-5210**, or **Pat Traitor, 466-9968**, by Monday, Sept. 16th to make a reservation. Arrangements for **door-to-door service or valet parking** are just a phone call away because we want you to be here!

Let us, with God's help, bless you with food, fellowship, and friendship on September 19th! We look forward to seeing you!



World Communion Sunday October 6, 2013

Our worldwide communion service

We join Christians across our planet at the Lord's Table on Sunday, October 6: World Communion Sunday. The worship service will remind us that while we come to the Table speaking many languages, our decision to be disciples of Jesus Christ unites us. Jesus invites all to join Him at the Table. Won't you join us on this special day?

PLANNING

Long-Range Planning Committee meets after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Sep. 8th. We gather for lunch and then plunge into our work together. First, we will evaluate our progress on our goals thus far. Second, we will map out our next steps. We thank everyone who agreed to serve upon this important group.



CRAVE CHRIST

Do you feel like something is missing from your life? We invite you to join us as we feed the craving to learn more and build a stronger relationship with Christ! Young adults – 20's to 30's

Better Late Than Never Bible Study Group – Feed your need for Christ's Word each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the 2nd floor classroom!

2nd & 4th Sundays = CRAVE Christian Connection

Meet us at 11:30 a.m. just after late service for lunch and fellowship.



**WORSHIP UNDER
THE TREES
ON SUNDAYS IN
THE CHURCH
AMPHITHEATER**

8:15 a.m.

**JUNE 2nd-SEPTEMBER 8th
TAILGATE AT EIGHT FELLOWSHIP
AT 8 A.M.**

(In case of rain, service is held in the sanctuary! 10:30 a.m. service is held, as usual, in the sanctuary)



**OCTOBER
EXHIBIT**

We are happy to announce that Joy Miller will have her first public, solo exhibit of her work. Joy, a long time member of the St. Paul family, is pursuing a Masters of Fine Arts degree at SIUE.



**Katy Wills, Local Oil Painter, Art Exhibition in the Parlor
From Diesels to Oil:**

Katy retired from the Norfolk Southern Railroad after 33 years of service. For the past eight years she revisited her love of oil painting. With brushes and paints in hand and primarily self taught, Katy approached her work in

oil using the Old Masters technique. Every painting begins with a green undercoat giving the paintings luminosity. Katy enjoys still life, floral, pet, and human portraits the best; "Thank you to St. Paul for this opportunity to display my works in public" writes Katy. "I hope you enjoy the paintings as much as I enjoyed painting them." Katy is the wife of Jeff Wills, sister-in-law to Sharon Szegedy and Betsy Blacklock. This exhibit will remain through September.



Do you have any extra Ball/Kerr canning jars, clear or colored candle holders, and candles that we can borrow for October? Please drop them off at the office. Put your name on the bottom of the glass containers with masking tape and you will have them returned later in October>> Why???? It's a SECRET!



**Sunday,
September
15th**

Join us as the Sweet Sounds help bring the summer to a close as we return to our regularly scheduled services in the sanctuary.

Traditional Service returns at 8:15 a.m.
21st Century Worship returns at 10:30 a.m.



**IT IS TIME TO BEGIN
HANDBELL CHOIR
PRACTICE!**

**PRACTICE WILL BEGIN
ON WED., SEPTEMBER 4TH
AT 6:30 P.M.**

**→ WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER
HANDBELL CHOIR MEMBER!**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE
CALL MARILYN CISLER, 623-8945.**

The Arts Academy of Illinois will open a second location of the Madison County Children's Choir in Maryville at Our Lord's Lutheran Church, Wilma Drive Mon., September 23rd @ 4:30-6 p.m.





“This scholarship has contributed to my sense of success as a college student, which encourages me to keep working hard.”

– Erin Adachi-Kriege, sophomore, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.

Centered on Service

Serving others is important to Erin Adachi-Kriege. The sophomore at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., makes it a point to be involved in mission work.

Her hometown congregation — Epworth United Methodist Church, Berkeley, Calif. — planted the seed. “I attended church every Sunday and was there for other activities throughout the week,” Adachi-Kriege recalls. “Church was, and still is, a very big part of my life.”

As a teen, she served as a youth group leader. “The church encouraged me to become involved in my community,” she says.

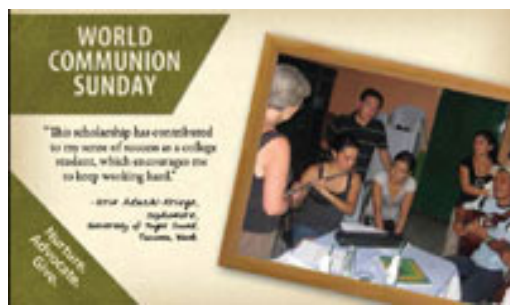
While Adachi-Kriege has not decided on a major, her studies likely will center on service. “I will want to have a career,” she notes, “where I (can) be active in my community and work to benefit it as much as possible.”

Adachi-Kriege, who is Caucasian and Filipino, was grateful to receive the World Communion Sunday Ethnic Scholarship.

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God’s children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

United Methodists relate to **World Communion Sunday** by informing qualified people, especially youth and young adults, to apply for scholarships and by giving generously to the special offering, which often enables first-generation students to attend college.

Please give generously on World Communion Sunday on Sunday, October 6th!



Your gifts to the **World Communion Sunday offering** equip racial- and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church & communities.

Gifts support World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program, and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.



September UMYF Youth News

Psalm 136:26 – “Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.”

Sunday, September 8 - Bonfire at St. Paul UMC @ 6 P.M.! This will be a fun night of fellowship where both youth groups can meet each other and form into one group of awesomeness! There will be hot dogs, smores, soda, fire, games, music, and lots of fun! Jr. High bring a 2 liter and Sr. High bring a bag of chips!



Sunday, September 15 - No youth group! I will be out of town!

Saturday, September 21 - Apple picking at Eckert's! We will meet at Bethalto UMC @ 10 A.M. and head up to Eckert's in Grafton for a fun time of apple picking! Bring \$ for your own apples though! Feel free to invite friends!

Sunday, September 22 - Youth praise band practice at Bethalto UMC @ 5:30 P.M. Youth group at the Bethalto Youth House @ 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, September 25 - See You at the Pole! Meet around your school's flag pole to pray about different topics in a public place! Meet an hour before school starts and pray!

Saturday, September 28 - Help at the Community Hope Center! Meet at Bethalto UMC @ 8:30 A.M. and we can head on over to help clean and sort clothes! We will get McD's after!

Sunday, September 29 - Youth praise band practice at Bethalto UMC @ 5:30 P.M. Youth group at the Bethalto Youth House @ 6:30 P.M. Let me know tonight if you're going to be at the trivia night October 5.



LOOKING AHEAD...

Saturday, October 5 - Rent-The-Youth Help Day! Meet at the church @ 8 A.M. to help people who need it! We will get lunch during the day!

Saturday, October 5 - Bethalto UMC Trivia Night at Joe's Pizza @ 7 P.M. Bring your favorite snack and have a fun night! Bring your families along and see how many tables we can get together!

Sunday, October 6 - Youth praise band practice at St. Paul UMC @ 5:30 P.M. Youth group in St. Paul's youth room @ 6:30 P.M. Let me know tonight if you're going to go to the Newsboys concert or Ignition!





HISTORY CONTEST!

How well do you know your church?

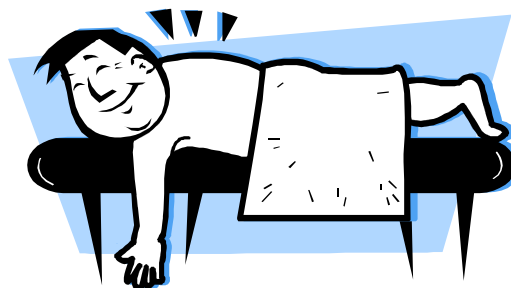
1. What is the official birthdate of the church?
2. How many ministers have served St. Paul?
3. What was built first?
4. What was the name of the first organist?
5. How many building units compose the church of today?
6. What are Chrismons and what does the word mean?
7. When was the second parsonage purchased?
8. How many charter members are still attending St. Paul?
9. In what year was the steeple added?
10. Can you name 3 things that are in the cornerstone of 1964?

There is a prize for the first person to call **259-3611** or e-mail me **croxford@charter.net** before Sep. 12 with the **most** correct answers. Blessings on your efforts! Answers will be in the October Newsletter.



Madison County Children's Choir
Open to 3rd through 8th grade
Rehearsals for the East Alton area
begins Tues., September 24
4:30-6:00 p.m. @St. Paul UMC.
Have your children / grandchildren
tried out yet? Have you told your
friends and family? Did you know
that it is **FREE!**

Did you know that musicians, singers, dancers, artists, and dramatists who participate in worship at St. Paul United Methodist Church, East Alton get **free back rubs and massages each week? It's TRUE.** Come, find out for yourself!



Can anyone help? There is a large Bible in the Chapel. It doesn't have a date on the inside but it does have a handwritten note. Do you know anything about where it came from? Does anyone know any history on the Chapel? Was it built as a chapel from the beginning or used as something else first? If you know the answer to either question, please call Virginia Croxford 259-3611 or e-mail at croxford@charter.net. Thanks!

NOTE INSIDE BIBLE...

*In kindest remembrance and love,
I present this Bible to dear old Centenary
The church of my childhood days.*

*Agnes Hochderffer
(Nee Trautman)*