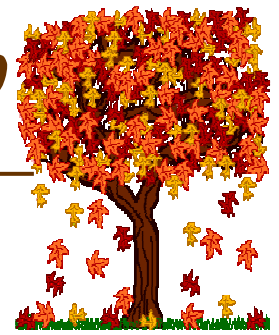




THE STEEPLE

A Publication of St. Paul United Methodist Church
of Rosewood Heights, Illinois



OCTOBER 2013

For my contribution to *The Steeple*, I want to share with a broader audience the wisdom shared with those present for our *Broadway Meets The Bible* worship service. I quote from the script:

In I Corinthians 13, it is written that “*love is patient, kind, humble, polite, serving others, self-controlled, forgiving, good, and truth-loving. Love is not envious, boastful nor desiring recognition, nor proud, rude, self-seeking, nor wanting to be served, quick-tempered, unforgiving, entertained by evil, nor does love seek out a lie.*” This is the *agape love* that is only available as it flows from the throne of God.

Our church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, was founded by friends who loved one another and loved God. (*Phileo and Agape love*). One month from today, we will celebrate our 60th Anniversary as a congregation.

We are seeking God’s will in prayer; dreaming about the vision that will keep us focused on the path that God leads us down. We are honoring certain traditions and examining those that do not serve the needs of our 21st Century community.

We are looking at more effective ways to teach our children. Changing our programs and ministries to be more effective. We are looking at all of our resources (*spiritual, human, financial, material*) to see how we will meet the needs of the 21st Century world and our changing community.

We are praying for God’s direction because of our love for God, for one another, and for those people who do not yet know God. Those people whom God has called us to minister to in love and not judgment.

The Broadway musical, *A Chorus Line*, centers on the lives of 17 dancers as they try to win one of only 8 spots in a Broadway show. It provides a glimpse into the personalities of the performers and choreographer as they describe the events that have shaped their lives and their decisions to become dancers.

During a dance rehearsal, Paul, one of the finalists, falls and injures his leg. As he is carried off to the hospital, the audition comes to a standstill. His fellow dancers stand in disbelief, realizing that their careers could also end in an instant. Zach, the choreographer, asks the remaining dancers what they will do when they can no longer dance. Led by Diana, each performer states that they will be free of regret because they danced for the love of the dance itself.

As we move forward as a congregation, we must ask ourselves these hard questions:

Will we have missed opportunities to be the eyes, ears, hands, and feet of Jesus to those who do not know Him? Will we be able to let yesterday go as we look to tomorrow? Will we have no regrets about what we did for love of our community, our family, and our friends? Will we as individuals and as a community have a positive impact on our world?

[here are the lyrics of the Broadway song, “*What I Did For Love*,” that was sung]

Kiss today goodbye,
The sweetness and the sorrow.
Wish me luck, the same to you.
But I can't regret
What I did for love, what I did for love.
Look my eyes are dry.
The gift was ours to borrow.
It's as if we always knew,
And I won't forget what I did for love,
What I did for love.
Gone,

Love is never gone.
As we travel on,
Love's what we'll remember.
Kiss today goodbye,
And point me t'ward tomorrow.
We did what we had to do.
Won't forget, can't regret
What I did for Love
What I did for Love
What I did for...
Love

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- **Another season of outdoor services has ended.** We are grateful for those faithful crews who set up and tore down the sound equipment every Sunday. The people who took turns providing the refreshments for our Tailgate at 8 added to our time of fellowship. Thank you for taking a turn!
- With the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed **Jocelyn Nicole Toner** on September 15 as the newest member of our family. Jocelyn is the daughter of Jessica Kuechle and Jake Toner. Grandparents from our congregation are Cathy & Ted Toner, great grandparents are Ron & Flo Nelson and Chuck & Rosalie Toner.
- Thanks to **Pat Traitor**, our Parish Visitor, her daughters, **Tiffany and Erika**, and everyone in the congregation who helped with the 3rd Annual Senior Luncheon. It was a rousing success! We all enjoyed the swing music of *Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers*. A few even danced to the music.
- **Thanks to all** those who participated in the *Broadway Meets The Bible* service: Kyle Norris & Dani Wilson, CRAVE, Kristen Rowe, Mark Bacus, Iris Uzzell, Harvey Chiles, and the Worship Choir. A **special thanks** to Harvey Chiles for pulling everything together.
- Our heart goes out to the family of **Gary Lynn Wright** who died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Sept. 15. Lora, his wife, remains hospitalized with injuries from that accident. Gary was a member of the Dream Weavers Motorcycle Club which is noted for contributing to many charitable causes including Patches and Badges. Please keep in your prayers: Lora and two sons, Jeff and Jenifer Benner and Billy and Tanya Wright all of Wood River; a daughter, Shelly and Bryan Allman of Piggott, Ark.; six grandchildren, Connor, Duncan and Aiden Benner and Alicia, Kelsey and Logan Allman; a brother, Randy Wright of Granite City; a sister, Phyllis Wright of Victorville, Calif.; mother-in-law, Leta Harshbarger of East Alton; and a dear family friend who was like a son, Doug Rensing of Wood River.
- **Thanks to the children, youth, and adults** who worked to bring us the message of The Prodigal Son through the play, *The Prodigal Clown*. You helped us see this story in a new light. A special thanks to Harvey Chiles for directing this production.
- We extend our sympathies to those who lost loved ones this past month: the family of **Myrtle Hendricks**, mother of Doug Pascoe; the family of **Bette Schrimpf**, lifelong friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell, mother/mother-in-law of Bill & Vicki (Caldwell) Schrimpf; the family of **Lionel Martin**, uncle of Tom Martin; the family of **Bob Ledin**, brother/brother-in-law of Joy & Bob Kissack; and the family of **Frank Bottorff**, father/father-in-law of Michael & Priscilla Bottorff.



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As we travel on,
Love's what we'll remember.
Kiss today goodbye,
And point me t'ward tomorrow.

We did what we had to do.
Won't forget, can't regret
What I did for Love
What I did for Love
What I did for...
Love

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, October 20th** as we celebrate during the 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services our **60th Anniversary**. We celebrate the love of God and the love we have for each other that is at the heart of St. Paul. If you are able, please stay for lunch where you will have an opportunity to reconnect with old friends. There will be a short program and activities for the children following lunch. See you on the 20th! Pastor Daryl

P.S. The Broadway Meets The Bible service ended with The Impossible Dream. In the days ahead, we will be pursuing God's dreams for St. Paul. Dreams we may regard as impossible, but God says are possible with God's help.

THANK YOU'S

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

Thank You: Church Friends - Thank you for the prayers and well wishes during my recent surgery. Friends, family, and a lot of prayers have made this journey much easier to deal with and has given me strength. Thanks again and God Bless, **Cathy Toner**

Thank You: How can I ever thank you all enough for the wonderful birthday party! All I did was turn 90... I am glad that you made a big deal out of it. 41 people came out to the village to celebrate and I received over 70 cards wishing me a Happy Birthday. It was a great time with great friends and great music. I truly am blessed. Love to everyone,

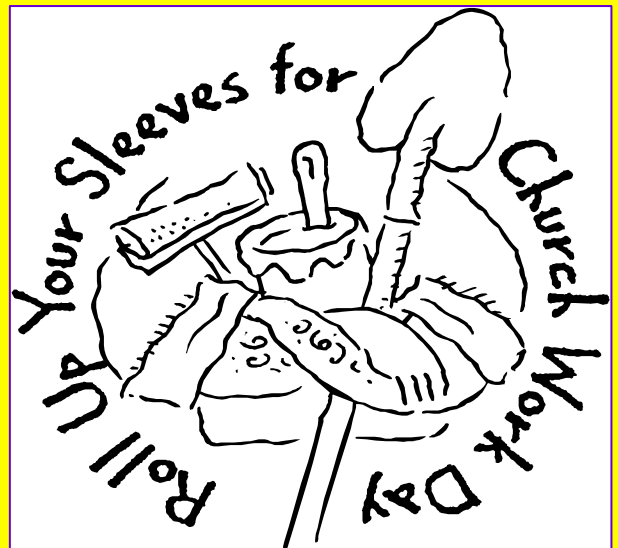
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FALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, October 26th
8:00 a.m.-Noon

Jobs inside and outside matching all skill levels. Come and join the work and help keep all we have been blessed with in great shape! **Even if you only have one hour to give, it sure would help!**



Sponsored by the Board of Trustees

**BODY * MIND * SPIRIT:**

Greetings Friends,

I know it is hard to believe, but it is time for flu vaccines! Medicare B and Railroad insurance will be accepted. If you have an HMO, such as Medicare Complete, you can self pay **\$20.00** and turn in to your insurance company for reimbursement, or if you prefer, receive yours at your physicians office. The date and time for the vaccine is listed below:



Tuesday, October 8th, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 3-7 p.m.

Here is just a little update on the flu...Sources: www.cdc.gov&www.mayoclinic.com

Get Ready for Flu Season Now!

The flu season lasts through the fall and winter. More than one kind of flu virus may be spread during the flu season. The vaccine is trivalent—meaning it will cover 3 strains, determined by the World Health Organization (WHO) to be the most virulent—high morbidity & most deadly—high mortality . This year's annual flu vaccine will offer protection against H1N1 flu (swine flu) virus, in addition to two other influenza viruses that are expected to be in circulation this flu season. If you get the flu, you can spread the flu to others at home, at work, and in the community. Flu vaccines are the most effective way to prevent influenza and its complications. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months of age or older be vaccinated annually against influenza.

Symptoms of flu can include **all or some** of the following: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, tiredness, and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting. It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever. Influenza is a respiratory infection that can cause serious complications, particularly to young children and to older adults.

Plan to stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100degrees Fahrenheit or 37.8 degrees Celsius) **or signs of a fever** (have chills, feel very warm, have a flushed appearance, or are sweating). This should be determined after fever-reducing medicines (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen) are no longer needed.

BE PREPARED

Get the vaccine for seasonal flu as recommended.

Make plans to care for sick household members or for children if schools dismiss students or early childhood programs close.

Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home. To help avoid the need to make trips out in public while you are sick, have the following items on hand: a supply of fever-reducing medicines that contain acetaminophen or ibuprofen, alcohol-based hand rubs, and tissues.

Remember to cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash after using it.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Wash your hands often with soap and water; especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand rub can be used.

There is more information posted on the Parish Nurse Information bulletin board!

Be well and may God bless you! Hope to see many of you on vaccine day! Remember to bring your Medicare Card!

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.

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;” Hebrews 2:3 (KJV)



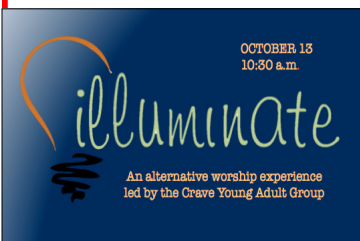
SUNDAYS AT ST. PAUL IN OCTOBER 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. SERVICES

“More Jesus Time” for Pre-school - 5th grade and Nursery are provided for the 10:30 a.m. Service.

6 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. The words of the hymn writer, John Foley, capture the essence of this day: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.* We gather around the table where there is room for all—the Lord’s Table—as we celebrate this meal the Lord has given to us. We take up a special *World Communion Sunday offering.* Pastor Daryl preaches on *Jesus: The Best Thing Since Sliced Bread!*



13 HOPE, HEALING AND RESTORATION SUNDAY. ILLUMINATE SERVICE DURING THE 10:30 A.M. SERVICE. Birthday Sunday. We join other churches in the Wood River Township Ministerial Alliance in celebrating the strength we find from Jesus Christ in living a whole, healthy life. Drug abuse has caused so much pain within our church community and our wider community. During the 8:15 a.m. service, Pastor Daryl preaches on *We Are The Good Creation.* CRAVE leads us in *ILLUMINATE SERVICE* during the 10:30 a.m. service.



20 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. A day of remembrance of where we have been and dreaming about where we are going. Pastor Daryl preaches on *Back to the Future.* With special music and special worship services, we celebrate the birthday of St. Paul United Methodist Church. Plan to stay for lunch after the second service.



27 TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes for the 10:30 a.m. service. After worship, adults will hand out candy from their cars while the children *trick or treat.* Pastor Daryl preaches on *God is Bigger Than The Boogie Man.*



This year's Christmas Cantata is called "The Rose" and practice for it begins on Wed. Oct.2nd at 7:45 p.m. We would love to have you come participate with the Worship Choir to bring this special musical event during the 2013 Christmas season!

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I can do everything through him who gives me strength. - PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NIV



- October 01 Martin, Joe
- October 01 Pruetzel, Susie
- October 01 Fansler, Daryl
- October 01 Herndon, Matt
- October 01 Vore, Tom
- October 01 Springer, Jessie
- October 02 Schroedter, Adam
- October 02 Cathorall, Michael
- October 03 Huddleston, Jeannie
- October 03 Hamm, Karen
- October 03 Blacklock, Cody
- October 03 Hartman, Lucas
- October 04 Bell, Lisa
- October 04 Dorsey, Mickey
- October 04 Tite, Dena
- October 05 Crain, Ronda
- October 05 Huff, Sherry
- October 05 Ford, Emmaleigh
- October 07 Hancock, Dee
- October 07 Toner, Rosalie
- October 08 Bell, Mike
- October 08 Cruthis, Kelly
- October 09 Clark, Gary
- October 09 Phelps, Douglas
- October 09 Huddleston, Drew
- October 09 Gowan, Elaina
- October 10 Colclasure, Pat



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- October 10 Bowman, Emily
- October 10 Napp, Gracie
- October 11 Hale, Bill
- October 11 Cameron, Ashley
- October 12 Oertle, Grace
- October 13 Liedtke, Jennifer
- October 13 Emerick, Leah
- October 13 Campbell, Carly
- October 14 Clutts, Dana
- October 14 LaTempt, Erica
- October 14 Hendricks, Jaxson
- October 14 Vore, Gianna
- October 15 Ward, Paul
- October 17 Baggett, Jim
- October 17 Baggett, Danielle
- October 17 Bentley, Ryan
- October 17 Bailey, Angelina
- October 17 Adams, Madelyn
- October 18 Peters, Patty
- October 18 McCammon, Jonathan
- October 19 Caldwell, Nita
- October 19 Taylor, Carole
- October 20 Doug Upple
- October 20 Helmkamp, Amy
- October 21 Uzzell, Jacobb
- October 22 Armon, Mandy
- October 23 Schlemer, Mike
- October 23 Hatten, Morgan
- October 24 Warner, Dean
- October 24 Martin, Ian
- October 24 Gowan, Matthew
- October 25 Babcock, Gene
- October 25 Keith, Jamie
- October 26 Huff, Joe
- October 26 Taylor, Eva
- October 26 Hickerson, Lori
- October 27 Ramirez, Anthony
- October 27 Bacus, Spencer
- October 27 Lusicic, Stella
- October 28 Bentley, Caleb
- October 28 Hubbard, Reagan
- October 29 Stewart, Anna Mae
- October 29 Bacus, Oliver
- October 30 Crews, Greg
- October 31 Bunt, Don Jr.
- October 31 Ford, Deanna
- October 31 Kainz, Stephanie

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- October 02 Hendricks, Brock & Heather
- October 04 Bowman, Glenn & Debbie
- October 04 Lusicic, DJ Jr. & Brandy
- October 09 Toner, Ted & Cathy
- October 09 Griffin, Stan & Laurie
- October 10 Schiber, Dave & Noël
- October 11 Virgin, Todd & Joy
- October 12 Tappy, George & Joyce
- October 12 Cruthis, Scott & Kelly
- October 12 Adams, Rodney & Heather
- October 15 Bailey, John & Donna
- October 16 McLain, Jamie & Jennifer
- October 17 Duryea, Dan & Myrna
- October 17 Poston, Al & Terry
- October 24 Bishop, Ronald & Monna
- October 25 Hartman, Geno & Amy
- October 27 Mayer, Mark & Deb
- October 30 Challandes, Chris & Karen



Updates to the current church directory:

Changes/Additions: Mr. Joe Stark 502 Parc Forest Trail, St. Charles, MO 63303; 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-Fiss 2626 Meridian Lake Drive, Belleville, IL 62221; Mr. Brandon Bentley 5340 Waterton Lakes Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46237.



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

October's Loose Change Project is Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. Long associated with the United Methodist Church, Red Bird Mission provides a school, dental care, health care, food pantry, thrift store and other services in one of the most impoverished areas of Appalachia. It has many success stories of helping children rise out of poverty. May God bless and multiply your gifts!



SEPTEMBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 9/30/2013	20755.00
Designated Giving:	through 9/30/2013	2262.66
	Capital Improvements	275.00
	Loose Change	157.00
	Flowers	220.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	60.00
	Conference Apportionments	1175.00
	Upper Room	27.00
	Elevator Fund	200.00
	Reimbursement/Rebate	38.66
	Happy Bears	20.00
	Senior Luncheon	50.00
	Youth	40.00
	Living Trust Interest	.34
	Parsonage Repair Fund	30.00
	Transfer from Reserve	1878.00
	World Communion	15.00
Total:		24941.00

**DEADLINE FOR
 NOVEMBER
 2013 STEEPLE,
 Fri., OCTOBER
 18th!**

**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.

OCTOBER Ushers (10:30):

- Oct. 6th: Art & Jeanette Zehr
- Oct. 13th: Bob Moon
- Oct. 20th: Anita Dawson, Sydney Martin
- Oct. 27th: Ushers needed!

Call the Head Usher if you can help!

**OCTOBER Head Usher:
 RANDY BRUEGGEMAN**

Average Attendance for SEPTEMBER 2013

Early Service	62
Late Service	110
Sunday School	47
Visitors	8






OCTOBER 13
10:30 a.m.

illuminate

An alternative worship experience
led by the Grave Young Adult Group

join us for our

60th

ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION



Happy 60th Anniversary St. Paul UMC

Sunday, October 20th

Tradition, Transition, and
21st Century Worship

Please plan to be a part of the festivities:

8:15 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service
 9-10:30 a.m. - Coffee Time in the Parlor
 for visiting and reminiscing
 9:15 a.m. - Education Hour
 10:30 a.m. - Celebration Service!
 Noon - Potluck Luncheon (meat, drinks,
dessert furnished by the church; the rest
 furnished by the congregation.)
 1:00 p.m. - Celebration Entertainment
 1:00 p.m. - Special activities for youth &
 children

___ (number) of my family & friends attend-
 ing the potluck
 ___ (number) eating FRIED CHICKEN!
 ___ (number) eating BAKED HAM!
 ___ (number) that are 12 years old & under
 →For my part I will bring:
 ___ a large salad
 ___ a large vegetable dish
 ___ a large potato or pasta dish
X a smile, a happy heart, lots of memories!

FAMILY NAME

Please sign-up by
October 14th!



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: OCT. 6

In 1869, some members of a Methodist Church in Vineland, VA, were alcoholics and could not come to the Communion table because they could not drink the wine. Thomas Welch, a dentist who served as a Communion steward, created an unfermented grape juice so all church members could participate in the sacrament. By 1890 "Dr. Welch's Grape Juice" had become a staple on Communion tables across the United States.

On *World Communion Sunday*, most United Methodist Churches still use *Dr. Welch's Grape Juice* because we want our table open to all worshippers. All who are present in the 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. services may come forward to receive this Holy Sacrament. We celebrate God's gift of grace to us as well as the faith we share with Christians around the globe.

You have the opportunity as well to give a special *World Communion Sunday offering* so students from the United States and other countries can pursue their educational dreams. Your gifts support:

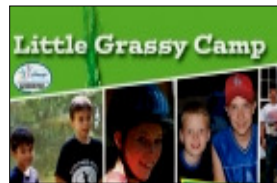
- *World Communion Scholarships. For international and U.S. ethnic-minority graduate students.*
- *Ethnic Scholarship Program. This scholarship benefits undergraduate students.*
- *Ethnic In-Service Training Program. Ethnic-minority students seeking second careers in church-related vocations receive these scholarships.*

You are invited to use your special *World Communion Sunday offering envelope* from your personal supply of envelopes for this offering or mark an amount for this offering on your regular envelope. Or you may use any pew envelope marking it for "*World Communion Sunday.*" Thank you for your generosity.

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.



Camp Reunion Celebrating

60 Years of Ministry At Little Grassy!

Sunday, 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 dining hall

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

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

PLANNING

Long-Range Planning Committee

meets after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 13th. We gather for lunch and then plunge into our work together. We will evaluate our progress on our goals thus far. Then we will map out our next steps. We thank everyone who agreed to serve in this important group.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

- **Kevin & Lindsey Rader** have moved into the Jr. Parsonage. In a cooperative agreement with Bethalto UMC, Kevin is serving as our Youth Director. Our part of the Youth Director's support is supplying a house to live in. Howdy to our new neighbors!
- This month the **Parsonage kitchen** will be gutted and completely redone. The wiring had reached the point where it desperately needed to be upgraded. Since most of the work centered on the kitchen, the Trustees decided to redo the whole room. (If you go to the Primetime Café at Hollywood Studios in Walt Disney World, you will find the same cabinets in their kitchen as in the parsonage kitchen!) New cabinets, sink, countertops, and flooring will be installed. Also, a new fridge has been purchased. Thanks to John Hendricks who is building and installing the new cabinets. Stumpf Construction Company and Lifetime Electric are doing the renovation work. At the same time, the basement shower will be replaced.
- **We have entered a covenant agreement** with the Illinois Great Rivers Conference to be part of *How to Reach Younger Adults and Build a Stronger Church process*. Pastor Daryl and a lay team will attend a 2-day workshop in March 2014, develop an action plan, participate in a cluster with other churches, engage in a monthly on-line coaching conference, and report on their experiences in a Fall workshop. Ryan Tite is the Lay Partner for this effort. We are assembling our lay team now. Steve James from Griffith Coaching is our leader in this process.

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!



The Women of Worship will hold an **Arts & Crafts Sale** on **Saturday, October 5th from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** – the Sat. before the Fall Festival. This will enable people who work during the week and are unable to attend on the day of the Fall Festival an opportunity to participate in purchasing crafts and gifts.

In addition to our usual fall and Christmas crafts we are including kitchen accessories, net scrubbers, pot holders, and crocheted top towels. We also have florals and jewelry to name a few items. Be sure to check out each table for reasonably priced gift items. See you at the sale!



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.



Madison County Children's Choir
Open to 3rd through 8th grade
Rehearsals for the East Alton area
began on Tues., October 1st
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!

OCTOBER IS...



Pastor Appreciation **MONTH!**

"Trunk-or-Treat"



**Sun., October 27
after 10:30 a.m.
service**

Children come in costumes.. Adults who want to hand out treats should park in the back parking lot. The children travel from car to car Trick-or-Treating!



Have you signed up to be part of St. Paul Fall Festival on Thursday, October 10th?



IT'S ALMOST HERE . . . **ST. PAUL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL . . . THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th** FROM 9 a.m. TO 7 p.m. Get ready for those great Chicken & Noodles or the Vegetable Soup, etc. The craft ladies have been busy creating a variety of crafts and gifts – remember to pick up those gifts for the “wonderful people” you want to remember especially at Christmas or any special time. And, you know, there will be lots of good baked items and candy to take home. (What diet?) You might find some great jam or jelly, fresh vegetables or fruit donated to our Country Store. Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you can't “eat in” we'll be glad to fix a “Take-Home-A-Meal.”

If you have not already signed up to donate or work OR have not been called, please call the church office at 259-5210 or Elinor Blacklock at 259-4424 and let us know how you can help. Proceeds from this project and others held during the year will be disbursed at our December Christmas Party/Meeting. See you at the Festival!

INNER LIGHT A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. — 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 NIV

ASTRONOMER A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. — PSALM 19:1-2 NIV

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)*



OCTOBER UMYF Youth News

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

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!

Friday, October 11-12 - Fall camping trip @ Beaver Dam State Park! Meet at Bethalto UMC @ 5 P.M. to load up and head out! We will return to the church on Saturday afternoon/evening.

Sunday, October 13 - Help CRAVE @ St. Paul UMC at the 10:30 A.M. service. Arrive at 10 A.M. to find out what needs to be done! Youth praise band practice at Bethalto UMC @ 5:30 P.M. Youth group at the Bethalto Youth House @ 6:30 P.M.

Sunday, October 20 - Go to the Godfrey Corn Maze! Meet at St. Paul UMC @ 4:30 P.M. so we can head out and have some fun! Bring some \$ for admission and for dinner afterward!

Friday, October 25-26 - Ignition Middle School Conference in Troy, IL. This is a great couple days of worship! Meet at the church @ 5:30 P.M. to load up and head out! We will return to the church @ 10:30 P.M. Friday night. Meet again at the church on Saturday morning at 8:15 A.M. to go back to Troy for a great day! We will return to the church @ 4:30 P.M.



Saturday, October 26 - Newsboys concert at the Family Arena @ 7 P.M.! Any Sr. High that wants to go and any Jr. High that isn't worn out from Ignition is able to go! Bring your friends! We will meet at the church @ 6 P.M. to head over. We will return to the church about 11 P.M. Bring money for any snacks or souvenirs!

Sunday, October 27 - Halloween movie night at the Bethalto youth house @ 6:00 P.M. Wear a costume and we'll watch a scary* movie! Jr. High and Sr. High bring a 2 liter!

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Kevin Rader at (618)303-0044.



HISTORY CONTEST!

How well do you know your church? ANSWERS!

What is the official birthdate of the church?

-October 18, 1953

How many ministers have served St. Paul?

-10 (counting Mitchell)

What was built first?

-the Parsonage

What was the name of the first organist?

-Mrs. Harold Hindrichs

How many building units compose the church of today?

-three (3)

What are Chrismons and what does the word mean?

-In the 20th century the term started to be used in a wider sense to refer to a wide range of Christmas ornaments; the term *chrismon* comes from the Latin phrase "*Christi monogramma*," meaning "monogram of Christ"

When was the second parsonage purchased?

-in the 1970's

How many charter members are still attending St. Paul?

-one (1)

In what year was the steeple added?

-1964

Can you name 3 things that are in the cornerstone of 1964?

-*Cornerstone contains:* the Holy Bible; the Methodist Hymnal; the Methodist Discipline; yearbook & directory of St. Paul Church; bulletin for Dedication Services-Sept. 23, 1962; bulletin for Groundbreaking Services-March 22, 1964; issue of *Together* magazine; issue of the *Upper Room*; bulletin of the Cornerstone Service; list of enrolled members of the Sunday School including the Nursery Roll; list of members received on Sept. 20, 1964; copy of the Preliminary Planning Committee Document.

Not a single person tried to answer a single question in the contest... perhaps during the celebration of our 60th Anniversary we can see how many historical facts about St. Paul UMC we can actually remember!