



THE STEEPLE

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¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come, ²² and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1 (RSV)

What kind of memories does Thanksgiving evoke in the child in you? In grade school, we cut out turkeys from construction paper and traced our hand to provide the tail. At home, I recall the smell of turkey baking in the oven and mincemeat pies cooling on the countertop. Our cat, Boots, loved Thanksgiving because she loved turkey. Every Thanksgiving she paced in front of the oven impatiently waiting for the bird to be done so she could get her piece of thanksgiving turkey. I'm sure you have your own special memories of Thanksgivings past.

Every Thanksgiving season, my mother placed a cornucopia or "horn of plenty" as the centerpiece on our dining room table. The cornucopia was a wicker basket shaped like a horn with fruits and vegetables flowing from it. It is an ancient symbol, going back to Greek and Roman times. In Greece, the goat Amalthea, whose milk fed the baby god, Zeus, was said to have a horn that was always filled with whatever anyone wanted to eat or drink. In Rome, the goddess of plenty, "Copia," always wore or carried a horn filled with fruits and drinks. Her magical horn of plenty was always full; its supply was never exhausted.

Paul gushes in the scripture passage above about the cornucopia of blessings made available to us through Jesus Christ. Like that cornucopia of mythology, God's cornucopia of blessings are never exhausted. Among the blessings Paul mentions here are:

1/The Hope To Which He Has Called You. Paul calls upon the Ephesians to see with the eyes of faith and claim the salvation that is theirs in Jesus Christ. In Jesus is found genuine life. The life that is worth living.

Paul calls Christians to live as people filled with hope. Hopeful because we no longer fear death. Our bodies may pass away, but our spirits live with God. We are Resurrection People who live in the light of the Risen Son. During this Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for the hope we find only in Jesus Christ and the life He offers us.

2/The Riches Of His Glorious Inheritance. Paul felt that the things which once mattered to him, now seemed like garbage when compared to the riches of Christ. We don't need to hit the jackpot on the Alton Argosy, because the riches we enjoy are those that cannot be stolen, lost or gambled away. It is the love of God that we experience through the church. It is the knowledge that Jesus walks with us and, sometimes, carries us on our journey through life. It is the peace that comes from having a right relationship with God. It is the endless grace that grows more abundant as we

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Congratulations to **Colleen Minton & Jeff Augustyn** who were united in marriage on Oct. 19th at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Colleen is the sister of Kristin Cameron. We pray that their home may always be a place of blessing and peace.
- Tom & Karen Martin were ecstatic on Oct. 6th when their three grandchildren were baptized. (George & Joyce Tappy are the great-grandparents.) **Hunter Melvin Bonds** was born on March 13 to Kara Martin & Aaron Bonds, **Wyatt Odin Parker** was born on May 15 to Ryan & Megan (Martin) Parker, and **Colton James Bourne** was born on July 5 to Jimmy & Brianne (Martin) Bourne. Wyatt has a proud big brother, Maddox, who loves his two cousins, Hunter and Colton. We welcome these newest members of our church family.
- **Thanks to Pat Traitor and the 60th Anniversary committee** for all their efforts in organizing the celebration of this milestone. We invite you to look at the timeline in the Fellowship Hall as well as the Memory Tree recalling those whose faith inspired us.
- Thanks to all the members of **CRAVE** who delivered what they promised us: a unique worship service called ILLUMINATE on October 13. The music, the preaching of Kevin Rader, and the setting was truly inspirational.
- Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Katie Weiss**, a friend of Barbara Blaine; the family of **Ruth Northway**, an active member of East Alton First UMC who had many friends at St. Paul; and the family of **Norma Judkins**, 5th & 6th grade teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School for Lois Mitchell and Mark Bacus (and so many others) who greatly changed our lives.
- Congratulations to **Jacob Smith** who is the most recent member of Troop 777 to attain the rank of Eagle Scout! His Court of Honor ceremony was held on Sunday, Oct. 27th at St. Paul UMC. Jacob's parents are Mark & Jackie Smith.

THANK YOUS

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



Thank You: Thank you for the prayers and phone calls as I continue on this journey to being well again. Your prayers have made this much easier to deal with. Thanks again and God Bless,

Mildred Ballard

A big Thank You to Pat Traitor, Pastor Daryl, and all who helped with the 60th Anniversary celebration. It was a wonderful service and dinner. A special thank you to Kyle Norris for the videos and all of those who were interviewed. Thanks to Harvey Chiles, Kevin Rader, Marilyn Cisler, and the hand bell and worship choirs for all the lovely music. It was great fun to have a potluck dinner just like the old days! The food was delicious – the music from Harvey and Jeff Wills, enjoyable, and we loved looking at the old pictures and hearing from the former pastors. It was a great success and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!

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walk with God. These are the riches beyond measure and price. During this Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for the riches that are ours because we have chosen to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

3/The Immeasurable Greatness of His power In Us Who Believe. So often it seems as though evil rules within our world and it doesn't pay to be good. Paul points to God's raising of Jesus from the dead and placing Jesus at his right hand as ruler over all as the greatest sign of God's power. We do not fully understand how this power works or why it doesn't always provide the things we want, because our vision is limited by this earth. Only in heaven will all this be revealed to us. We trust that somehow God is working for us to bring good things into our lives. During this Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for God who uses His power to care for us.

Above all else, Paul calls for us to give thanks for Jesus Christ. Christ is our head while we who believe are Christ's Body, the church. Christ's presence fills the church and fits us all for heaven. While the Greek and Romans fantasized about a horn of plenty whose supply was never exhausted, we experience the overflowing and never ending blessings of Jesus Christ. Indeed, Paul says in Ephesians 1:3: "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.*" During this Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for Jesus who is the only true cornucopia for us.

Bounty Sunday is a time when we as a church gather together to give thanks for the never-ending blessings that flow into our lives through Jesus Christ, our horn of plenty. We celebrate on Sunday, November 24 at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. by sharing out of our blessings with others. Bring your offering of food on Bounty Sunday for our food pantries, Community Hope Center in Cottage Hills and Operation Blessing in Wood River. Bring your Thanksgiving Offering which (if undesignated) goes to our Helping Hands fund. Through this fund we assist our neighbors with rent assistance, utilities, emergency lodging, and gas. We help through Helping Hands the homeless, the working poor, and senior citizens. Pastor Daryl



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Do you have a favorite Christmas carol, but are disappointed when we don't sing it during worship? We invite you to e-mail us at info@stpaulwired.org or call 259-5210 with the name of your favorite carol. We can't promise we'll sing them all, but we are going to start singing carols about 10 minutes before every service during December. More Christmas music all the time!



**2013
Christmas
Cantata
"The
Rose"**

**Sunday,
December 22nd
10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.**

**Nurses Notes for November 2013****"In everything give thanks, as this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Many people will plan for weeks for a job interview or a vacation but how about a trip to the physician? Planning before your doctor's appointment is one way that you can assist in getting the best care from your healthcare team. You are to be an active player on the team! Be prepared and begin by asking yourself the following questions:

**What do I want to accomplish from the doctor's visit?**

- to discuss a healthcare problem
- to discuss changing a medication
- to discuss a medical test
- to discuss treatment options

What questions do I have for my doctor? You will build a trusting relationship that leads to better patient satisfaction if you ask questions. Your healthcare is a team effort; it is not just the responsibility of the physician. Since time is limited at an appointment, you will feel less rushed if you are prepared with a list. Before the appointment write down all of your symptoms and you will not have to worry about forgetting something that you feel is important.

After the physician's exam and his response you made need to ask the following:

- what is my diagnosis (it is important that you fully understand the diagnosis)
- what are my treatment options? Is surgery the only option?
- what is this test for? What will the results tell me? Is it covered by my insurance?
- what is this new medication for? Why are you prescribing it?

If there is something you do not understand, or that you do not want to forget write it down- or have someone write it down for you.

Lots of questions and lots of answers! If you have trouble with hearing or vision, you may want to take someone with you- a family member or trusted friend to help you to get the complete message so you can make informed decisions. Do bring a list of current medications, and which doctor prescribed them for you. There can be many doctors on your health team, and they do not always communicate or share information.

Call the doctor's office if you experience any of the following:

- side effects from new medications
- if your symptoms get worse
- if you receive new medications from other doctor
- to get test results (don't assume that no news = good news)
- to ask questions about results that you do not understand

I hope these tips will be helpful when you are getting ready for your next doctor's appointment.

One other suggestion: Consider a healthcare binder. This could include yourself, or your spouse and children. It is an excellent way to have your records easily available for your primary physician or a specialist or surgeon. I know of some people in the community that also keep any results of lab work and other tests in their binder. It is also ready in case of an emergency. I hope to have a sample prepared and at each church and the village for review soon. It will at least give you an example and then you can personalize it as you think would best serve your needs.

During this time of year, let us remember to be thankful in all circumstances! A prayer to remember God's goodness.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Thank you God for the times you have said "no". They have helped us depend on You more.

Thank you, God, for unanswered prayer. It reminds us that You know what's best for us, even when our opinion differs.

Thank You for the things you have withheld. You have protected us from what we may never realize.

Thank You, God, for the doors You have closed. They have prevented us from going where You would rather not have us go.

Thank you, God, for the uncertainties we've experienced. They have deepened our trust in You.

Thank You, Lord, for the times You came through for us when we didn't even know we needed a rescue.

Thank You, Lord, for the losses we have experienced. They have been a reminder that You are our greatest gain.

Thank You, God, for the tears we have shed. They have kept our hearts soft and moldable.

Thank You, God, for the times we haven't been able to control our circumstances.

They have reminded us that You are sovereign and on the throne.

Thank You, God, for Your ability to take what we consider 'tragedy' and turn it into a treasure.

Thank You, God, for those You have called home to be with You.

Their absence from this earth reminds us to keep our eyes fixed on heaven.

At this time of the holiday season, may you remember all of the blessings so richly given to us from above!

Eileen Cheatham RN, Parish 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.

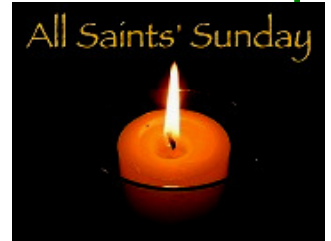


SUNDAYS AT ST. PAUL IN NOVEMBER 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. SERVICES

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



3 All Saints Sunday. Communion celebrated. Daylight savings time ends. Although the decision to be a follower of Jesus Christ is ours alone, we do not reach that decision point alone. Other Christ followers have pointed out the Way for us. Who are the Christ followers, the saints of God, who have been influential in your journey? We give thanks for these saints today.



10 25th Sunday after Pentecost. Birthday Sunday.

During both services, we recognize our Veterans and give thanks for their service on our behalf. Our two-part sermon series, *Generations of Generosity*, begins today. We focus on our mission to share Christ with the next generation. We are empowered by Christ to tell the story how He has changed us for the better. If we do not tell the story, how will the next generation know the story? Read Psalm 145.



17 26th Sunday after Pentecost. Commitment Sunday.

During both services, we have an opportunity to make a financial commitment to fund the ministries of St. Paul. (*The church budget will be drawn up following the Commitment Sunday.*) Our two-part sermon series, *Generations of Generosity*, concludes today. We celebrate that Christ is the Christ of All Generations. We remember that we give--not to fund a budget--but rather out of faithfulness to our calling as Christ followers. We give because we want the next generation

to experience the same love of Christ that is ours. *You are invited to stay after the 10:30 a.m. service for the Chili Cook-Off fundraiser sponsored by the Youth Group. (Sign up on the bulletin board for your opportunity to be named the best Chili Chef at St. Paul!)*



24 Christ the King Sunday. Bounty Sunday. Bible Sunday. United Methodist Student Day. Bounty Sunday is a time

when we count the blessings we have received, give thanks for them, and pay it forward by sharing food with our local food pantries and by sharing financial help with our neighbors in need through the Thanksgiving offering. *During the 10:30 a.m. service, we celebrate Bible Sunday by giving a study Bible to each of our 6th graders. During both services, we take up a special offering to support the scholarship and loan fund for United Methodist students.*





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

November 01	Demond, Richard	November 14	Russell, Gordon	November 28	Tappy, George
November 01	Norris, Kyle	November 14	Natsch, Julie	November 28	Davis, Dan
November 02	Ballard, Larry	November 15	Westhoff, Vivian	November 29	Crews, Jacob
November 03	Bishop, Monna	November 15	Hanfelder, Joe	November 30	Elliott, Dot
November 04	Justic, Maximus	November 15	Natsch, Steve	November 30	McPheters, Rachel
November 05	Champa, Larry	November 15	Dorsey, Cathy	November 30	Brown, Sam
November 05	McCammon, Amber	November 17	Yankovich, Frank Jr.	November 30	Bunt, Adyson
November 05	Martin, Raegan	November 17	Ward, Kristi		
November 06	Hatten, Karen	November 17	Chester, Lydia		
November 06	Huff, Brett	November 17	McCammon, Heather		
November 06	Ramirez, Madelaine	November 18	Babcock, Ashley		
November 06	Ramirez, Morgann	November 18	Chester, Nathan		
November 07	Dorsey, Courtney	November 19	Gowan, Elaine		
November 08	Badman, Donna	November 20	Ortegren, Jason		
November 09	Crandall, Caroline	November 21	Martin, Emma		
November 10	Basden, Gloria	November 21	Dunnagan, Steve		
November 11	Brown, Julie	November 22	Taylor-Sullivan, Jill		
November 11	Crain, Bill Jr.	November 25	Wood, Emma		
November 12	Jensen, Daniel Jr.	November 26	Mortland, Greg		
November 13	McKnelly, Charles	November 27	Mormino, Paul		



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 01	Bacus, Mark & Debbie	November 22	Voorhees, Mitch & Kimberly
November 01	Phelps, Douglas & Susan	November 23	Napp, Allan & Kyle
November 03	Stewart, Jim & Anna Mae	November 24	Wells, Brent & Amy
November 03	Dorsey, Mickey & Cathy	November 26	Dawson, Jim & Anita
November 05	Jensen, Daniel Jr. & Lindsey	November 29	Voorhees, Mike & Ricci
November 07	Schlemer, Mike & Bobbie Jean		
November 18	Martin, Ian & Tamera		
November 19	Liedtke, Gregg & Lana		
November 19	Nairn, Jeremy & Tiffany		



Updates to the current church directory:

Changes/Additions: Mrs. Lois Welch c/o 2 Brandon Court, Iowa Park, TX 76367;
Mrs. Ruth Harris 2002 Boardwalk Place Drive, Apt. 431, O'Fallon, MO 63368;
Mr. Joe Stark 502 Parc Forest Trail, St. Charles, MO 63303; Mrs. Minnie Tindall 229 Aspen Point,
Glen Carbon, IL 62034; Mr. Eric Wood 547 Hamilton Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095;
Mr. Brandon Bentley 5340 Waterton Lakes Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

If you are going to move soon, give the church office advance notice of your new address.



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

November's Loose Change Project is the **Mid-West Mission Distribution Center** in Chatham, IL. This is a United Methodist warehouse/depot out of which materials and supplies are distributed throughout the United States and the world at times of natural and man-made disasters. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

**DEADLINE FOR
 DECEMBER 2013
 STEEPLE, Mon.,
 NOV. 18th!**

"Things themselves do not remain, but their effects do. Therefore we should not be mean and calculating with what we have but give with a generous hand. Look at how much people give to players and dancers--why not give just as much to Christ?"

~ John Chrysostom
 (347-407 A.D.), early church father

**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 Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 10/31/2013	20079.00
Designated Giving:	through 10/31/2013	2257.00
	Capital Improvements	220.00
	Loose Change	123.00
	Flowers	72.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	235.00
	Conference Apportionments	705.00
	Upper Room	12.00
	Gas & Electricity	200.00
	Wedding Fee	175.00
	Memorials	295.00
	Brad Fester/Wycliffe	200.00
	Youth	20.00
	Youth 60th Ornament	20.00
	Parsonage Repair Fund	30.00
	Transfer from Reserve	590.00
	World Communion	317.00
	Red Bird Mission	50.00
	UM Student Offering	5.00
Total:		\$23,348.00

"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not count the cost."

~ Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

NOVEMBER Ushers (10:30):

- Nov. 3rd: Deb & Meg Fansler, Norma Shaffer
- Nov. 10th: Mindy & Randy McLain, Andrew & Jenn Garrison
- Nov. 17th: Ushers needed!
- Nov. 24th: Ushers needed!

Call the Head Usher if you can help!

NOVEMBER Head Usher:

TOM VOORHEES

Average Attendance for OCTOBER 2013

Early Service	52
Late Service	130
Sunday School	47
Visitors	12





"Do your giving while you're living so you're knowing where it's going."
~Ron Blue~



There is a "Thanksgiving offering" envelope for your use in the envelopes you received from the church. You may designate your Thanks-

giving offering for any approved designated church or mission project, or missionary. If you choose not to designate your Thanksgiving offering, it will be used 100% for the Helping Hand fund. It is from the Helping Hand fund that we aid area residents with gas, rent, or utility bills. Most of the people we help are the working poor. Some have experienced car breakdowns or medical bills that have busted the budget; others have had their hours cut, and still others have been fired because illness left them unable to work for a period of time. An increasing group that we are seeing is senior citizens trying to exist on Social Security alone. We believe that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others. Your gifts enable us to care for the least among us in the name of Jesus Christ.

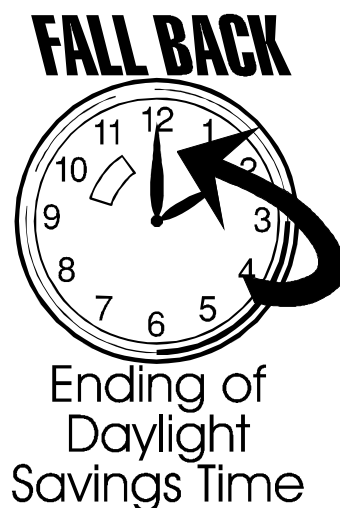
Christmas Dinner & Program



It is a St. Paul tradition for the church to gather for a Christmas Dinner. During November you will have an opportunity to make your reservation for this year's **Christmas Dinner on Sat., Dec. 14th at 6 p.m.** There is no set charge for the dinner. Instead, **we all make a donation for the meal.** Reservation forms will be in the Sunday bulletins 3 times in the month of November and the first Sunday in December. Please fill one out for your family. If you cannot be here to do this, **please call the church office (259-5210)** during the week or email to info@stpaulwired.org and leave your information with the church secretary.

Dinner will be followed by a variety show featuring talent from the St. Paul family.
Noël Schiber and Jill Oertle are organizing the variety show.

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD REMEMBER TO...



"Earn as much as you can. Save as much as you can. Invest as much as you can. Give as much as you can!"
~JOHN WESLEY (1703-1791)~



PECANS : We hope that by the time you read this newsletter that we might have this year's pecans!

The costs will be:

\$9.00 for the 1lb. bag of plain or **\$8.00** for a bag of the chocolate covered pecans or a bag of cinnamon/sugar coated pecans.

You can call the church office and put in your order so that as soon as the pecans come we can get them ready for you!



OCTOBER EXHIBIT



We are happy to announce that Joy Miller currently has the 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. Stop by the Parlor to see her artwork.

We say goodbye to our friend...

Billy Hugh Greer 87, died October 15, 2013. He was the son of the former Beulah Margaret Schroepel and Hugh Hampton Greer. He was born September 15, 1926, in Collinsville, IL, where he was delivered by his grandfather, Dr. Gustav H. Schroepel, at the family home at 317 West Main Street. His paternal grandfather was John Franklin Greer, an attorney in Whitehall, IL. His stepfather was Wilfred Davis (Whitey) Thorne.

He married the former Shirley Roberts of Granite City on February 7, 1948, and they had 4 children, Rebecca Dee Greer Tanner of Lakeland, FL, and sons Jon Jeffery Greer of Moro, IL and Victor Christian Greer of Collinsville, and daughter Constance Joanne (Jim) Hickerson of Hartford. Billy was also a father figure, friend, and mentor to our brother Darin McCall (Traci). He is survived by 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Patty Ferris Fields, daughter Rebecca Tanner, son-in-law, Alan Arthur Tanner, daughters-in-law, Sue Miser Greer, and Linda Madison Greer, and granddaughter, Meghan Marie Hickerson.

Billy's earliest interest was in aviation, and he made his first solo flight at Lakeside Airport on Christmas Day, 1942. It became a lifelong habit to leave the family festivities every year on that day and go to the airport to fly. He received his Private and Commercial Pilot's licenses at Midwest Flyers School of Aviation, and his Instrument and Airline Transport Ratings at Parks Air College. He was a certified Flight Instructor and Airframe and Engine Inspector. In a lifetime of flying, he logged more than 35,000 hours of flight. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Quiet Birdmen, Professional Pilot's Association, and St. John UCC.

After graduation from Collinsville High School, he was accepted as an aviation cadet for pilot training by the Army Air Corps, but WWII ended as he began training, and he was given a discharge from the service. He then resumed his training on the GI Bill. He had been a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol: Illinois, Missouri, and Florida Wings. He flew ground and sea patrol with the Miami, Florida Squadron.

He worked for Eastern Airlines in Miami and St. Louis, and for Ozark Airlines. He had been a flight instructor at Lakeside Airport, flew the U.S. Mail out of Lambert Field on the old route flown by Charles Lindbergh, and was a corporation pilot for Fabick Equipment Co., Horseshoe Bend Corp., and Chief Pilot for Central and Southern Truck Lines. His co-pilot much of the time was life-long friend and former Military Flying Ace, Harold "Keets" Allen. He drove a big rig for Yellow Transit after he quit flying professionally. He kept a small airplane at St. Louis Regional Airport and continued to fly for pleasure after his retirement.

In my sermon I quoted this passage from Lane Wallace's article, "Eyes of a Child," in *Flying* magazine, February 2000: "I'll run my hand gently over the wing of a small airplane and say to him, 'This plane can teach you more things and give you more gifts than I ever could. It won't get you a better job, a faster car, or a bigger house. But if you treat it with respect and keep your eyes open, it may remind you of some things you used to know — that life is in the moment, joy matters more than money, the world is a beautiful place, and that dreams really, truly are possible.' And then, because airplanes speak in a language beyond words, I'll take him up in the evening summer sky and let the airplane show him what I mean."

Those gathered here have been impacted by the lessons Billy taught us through his love of flying: *Life is in the moment, joy matters more than money, the world is a beautiful place, and that dreams really, truly are possible.* To this I would add from my observation of Billy's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren: *find what you are truly passionate about and do it.*

Let us give thanks for all that we learned from Billy Greer. And let us thank God who made him the unique person we loved. Billy Greer wasn't perfect, but he didn't have to be because he believed in a perfect Savior who came to save imperfect people like him...like us. And, this is the promise: Those who die believing in Him shall be raised to new life. This promise gives us great comfort today.

For one day, we shall see Billy again and all those who have gone before us. We will join them around the throne of God singing: **Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!**

Please keep all of Billy Greer's family in your prayers, especially Connie, Jim, and Lori Hickerson, Jeff Greer, Chris, Kellie, and Christian Greer, Stephanie, Brendan, and Sydney Palmer. Pastor Daryl



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!

Sat. Nov. 2: CRAVE and the Youth group leaf raking for shut-ins and seniors, meet at Bethalto UMC @ 10 a.m.

Wed. Nov. 6: CRAVE Small Group @ Jr Parsonage 8:30 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 20: CRAVE Small Group @ Jr parsonage 8:30 p.m.

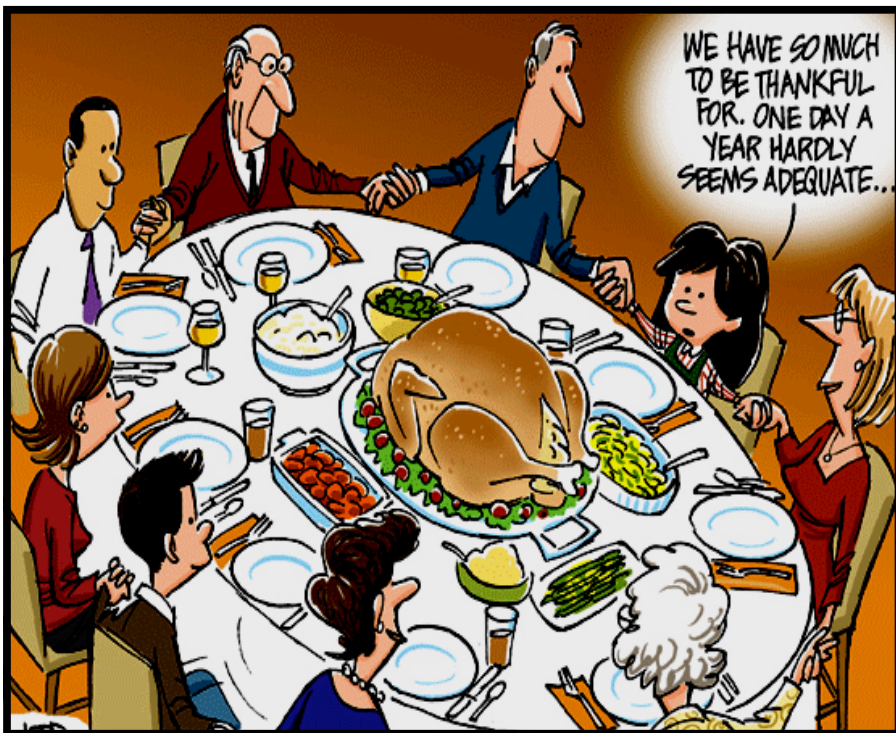
Fri. Nov. 22: Pinterest Potluck @ Jr parsonage at 6:30 p.m.

2013 Charge
Conference

CHARGE CONFERENCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

2:00 P.M.
AT BELLEVILLE
ST. MATTHEW UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

The Charge Conference is led by Rev. Gary Wilson, our District Superintendent. This is a time when we elect the leaders of our church, adopt our goals as a church, and set the Pastor's salary. *Everyone is invited to attend but only members of the church may vote. If you need a ride, please contact Pastor Daryl.*



“I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week.”

~John D. Rockefeller, Sr. (1839-1937)



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th
7:00 P.M.**

**EAST ALTON FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
1001 Third St., East Alton, IL**
Rev. Bill Pyatt, host pastor

Special Speaker
Special Music

Offering taken for support of:
Benevolence Fund of the Wood River
Township Ministerial Alliance

Sponsored by the Wood River
Township Ministerial
Alliance.



The Women of Worship would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make this year's Annual Fall Festival and Arts & Crafts Sale a success. There were helpers who set up for the Arts & Crafts Sale on Oct.5 and then again for the Festival on Oct. 10 - our faithful ladies who cooked and managed the kitchen, servers, dishwashers and dish driers, dining room workers, take-out order folks, and people who priced the donations and managed the various booths. We also appreciate all those who came and enjoyed a meal or two and/or made purchases at the bakery/candy booths. Hopefully you became acquainted, or reacquainted, with someone to make the day more enjoyable. The approximate profit to date is **\$5500**. There are a few more bills to be paid and we still have some lovely crafts and gift items available in the Fellowship Hall. The money gathered during the entire year from our events will be distributed at the Christmas party on **Thursday, December 5th at 6 p.m.** All ladies of the church are invited to join us in distributing these funds. (Just bring your favorite *appetizer* OR *dessert*. There is no gift exchange, just bring children's underwear or socks for the Cap 'N Mitten Tree.) AGAIN, A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED with these events.

God Bless you! **Women of Worship**

WE WILL DO
SALVATION ARMY BELL
RINGING ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
10 A.M.-8 P.M.
AT WALMART IN WOOD RIVER



WE RING AT TWO ENTRANCES
WITH TEAMS OF TWO PEOPLE
EACH FOR ONE HOUR AT A
TIME...

WATCH FOR THE SIGN
UP SHEETS!



**“The only investment I ever
made which has paid
consistently increasing
dividends is the money I have
given to the Lord.”**

~James L. Kraft (1874-1953)



"One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts... They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness."

Psalm 145:4,7

Sometimes in the church we get so caught up in our busyness that we lose sight of our mission: to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. For all the good we do in our time, we will have failed if our children do not have faith!

One of the things we recognize at St. Paul is that one worship style does not fit all! While we are all wired by God for worship, we worship God differently. Being rather geeky, I admit a fondness for pipe organs. In my ministry, I've had only one appointment without a pipe organ. The rich, deep tones of the pipe organ playing the great hymns of faith lead me into the presence of my God. Pipe organs don't do much for our daughter, but Meg loves playing the drums in the youth praise band and singing with the **CRAVE** worship group. A Chris Tomlin song is more likely to prepare her for worship. It's a different generation.

Neither way of worship is more spiritual or authentic than another. It is simply different generations and different people choosing different ways to worship the same God.

As we have considered our future at St. Paul during the Long-Range Planning Committee meetings, there are several core values that have emerged (at least that I see):

A conviction that Jesus is the Savior of All Generations

A desire for St. Paul to be a multi-generational church

A shared appreciation across generations for the beauty of our sanctuary

A passion to reach the next generation for Christ

These core values are important; they unite us as a church in our mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

This month you have the opportunity to support our campaign to fund our ministry, *Generations of Generosity*. Although Commitment Sunday is November 17, you may return your *Commitment Card* on any Sunday or by dropping it off at the Church Office. If we value something in our life, we support it with our time, our talent, our gifts, our energy.

I have seen many evidences of this in October. The **CRAVE** group spent hours to plan and prepare for *Illuminate* on Oct. 13th. *Illuminate* was the unique service that had people weeping at the beauty and the moving of the Holy Spirit among us. Another group, led by Pat Traitor, spent hours planning and preparing to celebrate our 60th Anniversary on Oct. 20th. Kyle Norris interviewed people from all generations who told what they loved about St. Paul and shared their dreams with us. We remembered the Ebenezers along the way; our stones of help that remind us up to this point God has been with us. So why would God abandon us now. God is with us! As people picked up their Ebenezer prayer rocks, I felt the strong presence of the Holy Spirit among us. Completely different services but the Holy Spirit was present in both.

As your pastor, I recognize how difficult the changes have been for some at St. Paul. Times of transition are never easy. More than once, I wished I had Dick Young and Jim Nunn to help me. When I arrived at St. Paul, Dick Young shared that his prayer was for St. Paul to reach the next generation for Christ. He had been praying for a revival. Within the last two years, I believe that Dick's prayer has been answered as our young adults have risen up to lead us. Jim Nunn lectured me about the need to change the music in the second service. He was impatient with the slowness of our change. He wanted us to sing the songs of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's generation. When Jim's great grandchildren request certain worship songs to be sung because they help connect their generation with Christ, I wish Jim were here. I'm sure he would not hesitate to tell me: "*I told you so!*" There are other saints who have helped me and prodded me during my time at St. Paul. All have shared a desire for this church to be all it could be. And all did not want their generation to be the last one worshiping at St. Paul. All wanted to be part of a multi-generational church.

Given where we are at in our faith journey, given the spirit of the worship services preceding the *Commitment Service* on Nov. 17th, it seemed the right time for us to celebrate *Generations of Generosity*. All of us are here because of the generosity of those who have gone before us. Those who follow us benefit from our generosity today.

Our church is like a family with multiple generations all living under the same roof. Like most families it is messy and sometimes we disagree and there is a crazy aunt or uncle in the mix, but we love each other. In this church, I see us loving each other with the love of Christ, praying for each other, thereby sharing our burdens, and worshiping together the one true God, the Father of All Generations. I look forward to all generations making their commitments on the 17th. It will be a glorious sight.

Pastor Daryl



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Psalm 136:26 - "Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever."

Saturday, November 2 - Grab your rakes, gloves, and coats! We're going to rake the leaves for the church shut-ins and seniors. Meet at Bethalto UMC at 10 A.M. to load up the bus and get helping! We might even be blessed and get lunch & hot chocolate from someone!

Sunday, November 3 - Bonfire and Hayride at the Gwaltney's (from St. Paul)! Meet at St. Paul at 4 P.M. or Bethalto UMC at 4:15 P.M. to catch a ride! Bring yourself and wear warm clothes/coat! There will be hot dogs, chili, and s'mores! Parents, this is for you, too!

Sunday, November 10 - 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off at Bethalto UMC after the 2nd service. We'll set up after Sunday School and get everything ready for this fundraiser! Youth praise band practice at Bethalto UMC @ 5:30 P.M. Youth group at the Bethalto Youth House @ 6:30 P.M. (107 Logan Street, Bethalto)

Saturday, November 16 - Paintball at Wildcat Paintball! Meet at Bethalto UMC at 10 A.M. to get a fun day of paintballing! Dress warmly and in layers (for both the cold and getting hit with paintballs!) Bring friends along! \$25 to rent everything and bring extra if you want more paintballs. Also bring \$ for lunch on the way back!

Sunday, November 17 - 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off at St. Paul UMC after the 2nd service. We'll set up after Sunday School and ready for this fundraiser! Youth praise band practice at St. Paul UMC @ 5:30 P.M. Youth group in St. Paul's Youth Room @ 6:30 P.M.

Sunday, November 24 - Youth praise band practice at Bethalto UMC @ 5:30 P.M. Movie night at Bethalto's Youth House @ 6:30 P.M. (107 Logan Street, Bethalto)! Jr. High bring a bag of chips or pizza, Sr. High bring a 2 liter.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Kevin Rader at (618)303-0044.
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There is no good reason to be the richest man in the cemetery!

**-Col. Sanders.
Founder of KFC**



It will *soon* be time to order your poinsettias. The cost is at least **\$8.50** per poinsettia. **The order deadline will be Sunday, December 8th.**

The poinsettias may be taken home following the services on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. Please indicate when you order to whom it is "*in memory*" or "*in honor*" of and it is **important** to include your payment when you order.

Questions? Call **259-5210**.

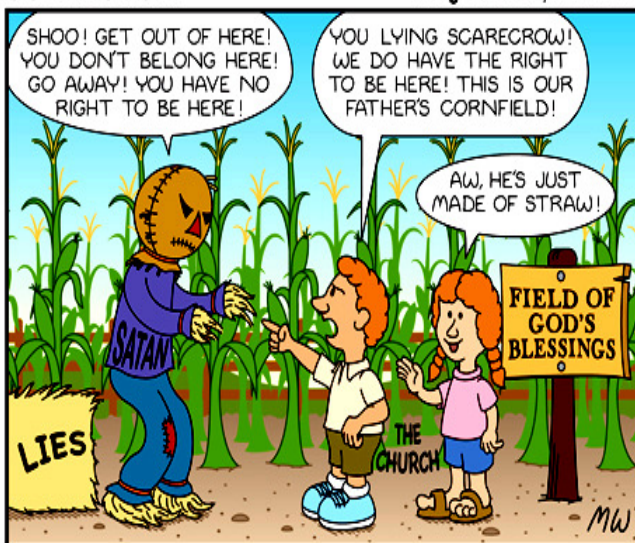


**Bounty Sunday,
November 24th**

is a long-standing tradition within our church. It is a time when we stop and reflect how God has richly blessed us. We do this during the 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. worship services. The proper response to God's blessings is to give thanks and praise Him. Bounty Sunday is filled with music, prayers, and praises. We bring an offering of food and other necessary items for our food pantries: Community Hope Center and Operation Blessing. Bags with information were passed out. Some suggested items are: green beans, corn, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, macaroni & cheese, yams, flour, and sugar. If you will not be in worship on the 21st, please do not let that stop you from bringing in a sack of food. You may place it in the food collection area anytime before Nov. 24th. We invite you to participate in our Bounty Sunday. For us, it captures the true meaning of Thanksgiving!

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. — LUKE 12:32 NIV

WHAT IF
all God's people **GAVE?**
more blessed to give than receive Acts 20: 35



Everyone is welcomed to come help the Worship Ministry Team decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, **November 30th** from **8 a.m. - Noon!**