



# THE STEEPLE

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of Rosewood Heights, Illinois

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*"Prayer is not preparation for the work, it is the work."  
Oswald Chambers*

*I said, 'Plow new ground for yourselves, plant righteousness,  
and reap the blessings that your devotion to me will produce.  
It is time for you to turn to me, your LORD, and I will come  
and pour out blessings upon you.'  
Hosea 10:12*

If I asked you: "What is the most important area of the church?" what would be your response? My guess is that most people would reply: "The sanctuary."

My response would be "The Chapel/Prayer Room" because it symbolizes the work of prayer that must form the foundation all that we do: worship, teaching, missions, music, evangelism. It is when God's people pray collectively, intentionally, and persistently that good fruit is produced in the other areas of the church. It is when God's people pray that the Spirit sweeps through the Body making us more like our Lord. It is when God's people pray that we are transformed into a new creation.

This month we are focusing on the centrality of prayer in our life together. Iris Uzzell, our Prayer Coordinator, offers two workshops, *Praying with Prayer Beads*, on Feb. 1st and Feb. 24th. Our worship services, Feb. 16-23, will present opportunities for us to pray in new ways. And, we continue to gather as a staff on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. for prayer in my office. (As always, we invite you to join us at any time!)

The *Daily Bread* devotion on Jan. 16 highlighted the importance of prayer. David McCasland observed that "during evangelist Billy Graham's historic 1949 Los Angeles campaign, the big tent that held over 6,000 people was filled to overflowing every night for 8 weeks. Close by was a smaller tent set aside for counseling and prayer. Cliff Barrows, longtime music director and close friend and associate of Graham, has often said that the real work of the gospel took place in "the little tent," where people gathered on their knees to pray before and during every evangelistic service."

Let me encourage you to make *The Chapel/Prayer Room* the little room that provides the power for our great ministry. Let us all go there often to pray. In doing this, we follow the lead of our children. Connie Hickerson takes the *More Jesus Time* kids there to pray. As you enter the room, you are invited to write down prayer requests on the cards provided at the back table and place them on the prayer rail. In this way, we may pray not only for our needs and those of the people in our lives but also those in the greater community. As I was praying at the rail this week, it was neat to see that some people wrote how God answered their prayers!

As you pray this month, I ask you to lift up those who will be participating in the ***Navigating Change Conference on Feb. 20-21***, in the ***Radical Hospitality Workshop on March 8***, and in the ***How to Reach Younger Adults Process on March 14-15***. Out of these experiences, our ministry plan for the rest of 2014 and beyond will emerge. Pray that we might discern where God is leading us!

Pastor Daryl



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Thank you to **Mike Voorhees and his crew** who have kept our parking lot clear during the deep snows.
- We welcome **Elaine Rose Hart** into the world; born Dec. 16th weighing 7lbs. 10oz. Her parents are Tad & Yvonne Hart; older brother is Gary; and grandparents, Joyce & George Tappy! Congratulations to all!
- Our loving care is extended to these families: the family of **Juanita “Aunt Nee Nee” Ruben**, aunt of Debra Fansler; the family of **James “Jim” Sheppard**, father/father-in-law of Keith & Ashley Sheppard; the family of **Don Schlueter**, friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; the family of **Irene Wilkerson**, mother of Bill & Gloria Basden’s son-in-law; the family of **Eugene “Gene” Voorhees**, brother/brother-in-law of Tom & Ruth Voorhees; the family of **Greg Shewmake**, nephew of Mary Lou Dorsey and friend to many at St. Paul; and the family of **Nora Bell Baker**, grandmother of Lindsey Mayer.
- Members of the Women of Worship would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Beulah Moore** who has faithfully served as our Treasurer since 1998 (25 years) and to **Elinor Blacklock** who has faithfully served as our President since 2001 (12 years). These offices entailed many years of planning and keeping events on track. Many thanks and God Bless you both!
- The Women of Worship would like to **thank Phyllis Hill** for the great metal shelves for the craft room as a memorial from her mother, Jean Sitze. (And **thank you to Larry Bryan** who put them together.) This will make it so much easier to find materials and to keep them organized when we are making crafts for the Fall Festival. We welcome any visitors to stop by and see how nice it all looks!
- While you are walking through the church hallways, have you noticed the beautifully decorated Bulletin Boards? Give a “pat on the back” and a big **“thank you”** to **Joyce Tappy**, our resident interior decorator!

**Ash  
Wednesday**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**MARCH 5 @ 7 P.M.**  
**WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right & evil doesn't become good, just because it's accepted by a majority."



# THANK YOU

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

**THANK YOU:** The family of Keith Elliott wishes to thank their St. Paul family for all their prayers, visits, cards, food, and many kindnesses. We especially thank Pastor Daryl, Nurse Eileen, Secretary Lois, Marilyn Cisler, and Art Zehr. Thank you also to Dottye Aitken, Carol Warner, and Joyce Tappy for helping with the funeral dinner at our home. Following is a song our daughter, Vicki Stewart, thought fitting for her Daddy...

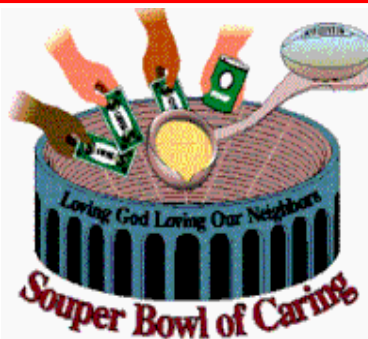
### Daddy's Hands

I remember Daddy's hands,  
Folded silently in prayer.  
And reaching out to hold me,  
When I had a nightmare.  
You could read quite a story,  
In the callouses and lines.  
Years of work and worry  
Had left their mark behind.  
I remember Daddy's hands,  
How they held my Mama tight,  
And patted my back,  
For something done right.  
There are things that I've forgotten,  
That I loved about the man  
But I'll always remember  
The love in Daddy's hands.

Daddy's hands were soft and kind  
When I was cryin'.  
Daddy's hands were hard as steel  
When I'd done wrong.  
Daddy's hands weren't always gentle  
But I've come to understand,  
There was always love in Daddy's hands.

I remember Daddy's hands, working 'til they bled.  
Sacrificed unselfishly, just to keep us all fed.  
If I could do things over, I'd live my life again.  
And never take for granted  
The love in Daddy's hands.

*The family of Keith Elliott*



ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEB. 2, WE TAKE UP OUR "SOUPER BOWL OFFERING" FOR OUR AREA FOOD PANTRIES,

### **OPERATION BLESSING & COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER.**

THE YOUTH WILL BE STANDING OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY WITH A SOUP POT AFTER WORSHIP TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFTS.

## **CALEB BETTS BENEFIT CULVER'S SHARE NIGHT**

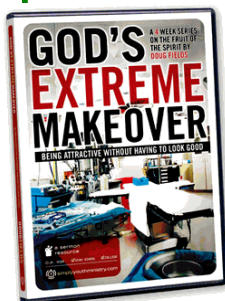
**On Monday, February 17th  
from 5-8 p.m. at  
6724 Old Troy Road,  
Edwardsville, IL**

**Join us for a fund raiser to help the Betts family with some of these crazy hospital, medical, and travel expenses. Any little bit you can spare will help. Keep them all in your prayers.**



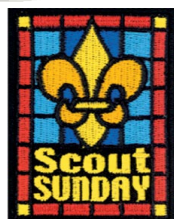


## Sundays at St. Paul in FEBRUARY 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Services

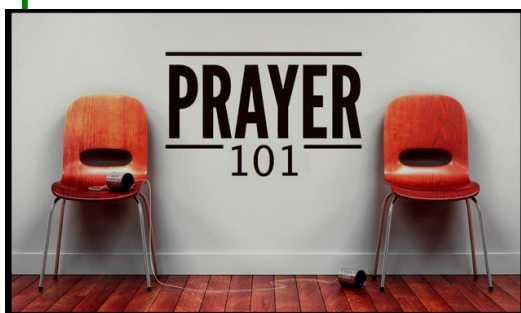


*"More Jesus Time" for Pre-school - 5th grade and Nursery are provided for the 10:30 a.m. Service.*

**2** 4th Sunday after Epiphany. Communion celebrated. Pastor Daryl completes the sermon series, *God's Extreme Makeover*, with a focus upon the three remaining fruit: faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



**9** 5th Sunday after Epiphany. Birthday Sunday. Boy Scout Sunday. Love is in the air. Valentine's Day is coming. As the fullest expression of God's love, Jesus is God's valentine to each of us. Read 1John 3:16-19.



**16** 6th Sunday after Epiphany. *Prayer 101.* We take time during worship to pray in new ways for ourselves, for others, for our church and our world.

**23** 7th Sunday after Epiphany. *Prayer 101.* We take time during worship to pray in new ways for ourselves, for others, for our church and our world.



### Sacred Fine Arts Competition Exhibition

We will hold a juried fine arts competition for sacred art work. First prize is \$300.00. Entry fee is \$20.00. Artists submit an image and a brief (250 max) description of their work via email or snail mail to the church c/o Arts Competition. The exhibition will open on Sat. April 12th, the Palm Sunday Weekend and remain in place for one month. Submissions accepted now through April 6th! All forms of fine art will be considered including: sculpture, ceramic, oils, watercolor, photography, etc. Does not include the written word.

**"Answers do come to prayers, both clear and unclear answers. What starts as an anxious query to God - 'Are you there? Do you hear me?' - or a defiant demand - 'Prove it to me! Show me a sign!' - turns into fear in the presence of the holy. What begins as worry that our prayers are not answered, ends, if we keep praying, in awe that answers really do come. When that happens, we grow cautious about what we pray for."**

*~Primary Speech, Ann and Barry Ulanov*



**Nurses Notes for FEBRUARY 2014**

**Brrrr...**what a bitterly cold winter we are having this year. I hope that all of you are keeping warm, perhaps in front of a roaring fire, snuggling with a loved one, or bundled up in a warm blanket with a good book! One thing I know about winter is that it helps me to appreciate and long for spring.

February is usually dedicated to Valentine's Day- a time to show how we love and care for others. But you may not know that **February is designated as American Heart month.** February is an appropriate month to raise awareness about heart disease and lifestyle changes - to help you have a healthy heart. **National Wear Red Day is February 7th.** This is a day designated to **raise awareness of heart disease in women. Ladies- Go Red!**

The area of heart health that I have selected to discuss is blood pressure. I am asked many questions about blood pressure during office hours, cholesterol screenings, and home visits. Hopefully some questions will be answered more completely in this newsletter.

**High blood pressure, or "hypertension," is the single most important risk factor for heart disease.** When blood pressure stays in the healthy range, you reduce the strain on your heart, arteries and kidneys which keeps you healthy longer. High blood pressure means the blood running thru your arteries flows with too much force- which stresses them and can also cause tiny or microscopic tears. Although the body is able to heal the tears, it does so with scar tissue. This scar tissue can sometimes trap plaque and white blood cells as they flow through our circulation, which can cause blood clots, and may also harden and weaken the arteries. Hypertension can lead to stroke, heart attack, kidney failure or heart failure.

**Keeping your blood pressure in a healthy range will reduce your risk of damage or blockages, and protect your entire body; as the body needs a regular supply of oxygen that comes through circulation.**

What is a "normal" blood pressure? Normal blood pressure is defined as a **systolic (top number) under 120** and a **diastolic (bottom number) under 80.** The top number measures the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats (contracts). The bottom number measures the pressure in the arteries between heart beats (filling and resting). More attention is given to the top number as a risk factor for heart disease for people over 50. The systolic steadily rises with age due to stiffness of the arteries, and the long term build up of plaque.

The risk factors for heart disease can include the following: family history, advanced age, being overweight, smoking, certain medications (such as diuretics, cardiac, or Parkinson's medications), endocrine conditions, nutritional deficiencies, and problems with heart valves. Some of the risk factors you cannot change- but some you can.

**So what is a person to do to decrease risk factors?** Start with the following:

1. **Eat** a heart healthy diet.
2. **Get** regular physical activity.
3. **Maintain** a healthy weight.
4. **Manage** your stress and stop smoking.
5. **Monitor** & keep track of your blood pressure. (One BP reading at the physician's office is **not** a good indicator of high blood pressure.)



**When is a good time to start on this new heart health campaign?** How about at this month's **Heart-Stroke Fair at Alton Memorial Hospital!** The heart-stroke fair is **Saturday, February 15th from 9 a.m. to noon.** There will be free screenings, including blood pressure & cholesterol (which includes cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides). You must register for the cholesterol screening, and it is fasting. A free boxed lunch will be provided by Subway. **There will be two guest speakers:** At 10 a.m. the speaker will be Dr. Rama Gondi, a cardiologist on staff at AMH. At 11:30, the speaker will be Kelly McCreary, a paramedic on staff AMH. Kelly will speak on her role as a paramedic, and someone who has suffered two strokes in the past 15 months. There will be a variety of information booths to provide details on heart attack, congestive heart failure, emergency care, angioplasty, smoking, diabetes, sleep disorders, nutrition, and much more. The AMH Heart & Vascular Center and AMH Stroke Center will have featured tables too. There will also be breast screenings for women, aimed at women who do not have insurance, who have breast health concerns, or have not had a breast exam in over a year. You must register for an appointment. **You must register in advance for any of the screenings and to get the free boxed lunch! Please call 1-800-392-0936.** The Heart-Stroke Fair is an excellent way to start off the New Year for those seeking to assess their heart health, and learn about prevention and treatment of heart disease. Please consider your heart health this month and join us at the fair.

Please remember that **I have office hours each week,** for any questions or concerns about health - whether physical or spiritual. Monday office hours at Roxana Church of the Nazarene are 9 a.m. - 11a.m., St. Paul UM Church are Tuesday 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., and United Methodist Village on Thursday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. I provide blood pressure screenings and will record them for you each week. You can take the recorded BP's to your physician for review. Many times I have been told the physician likes to see them. This gives the physician more than just the "office BP" to review to see how your medications are working, if the medication needs to be increased or decreased, or to help them in their decision to place you on blood pressure medication. It is another way to take responsibility for your health.

**Ageing well is a choice for most people.** It means making smart choices for your body, mind and spirit. The good news is it is never too late to start! So what are you going to do to keep your heart healthy?

Sources: Alton Memorial website, American Heart Association, CDC

God's peace to all of you,  
Eileen, Parish Nurse

**"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not." - C.S. Lewis**



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

February 01 McCammon, Phillip  
 February 01 Suermann, Erin  
 February 01 Brueggeman, Dylan  
 February 02 MacDonald, Verda  
 February 02 Liedtke, Trenton  
 February 02 Plummer, Teagan  
 February 03 Bailey, Amanda  
 February 04 Roberts, Randy  
 February 04 Elliott, David  
 February 04 Brueggeman, Reese  
 February 04 Newingham, Viktoria  
 February 05 Stucker, Mark  
 February 05 Adams, Rodney  
 February 05 Boeshans, Brooklyn  
 February 06 Davis, Leon  
 February 06 Dorsey, Nick  
 February 07 Scroggins, Mitch  
 February 08 Herndon, Jane  
 February 08 Poore, Tom  
 February 08 Palmer, Sydnie  
 February 09 Wood, Kimberly  
 February 09 Stamper, Chris  
 February 09 Henderson, Dillon  
 February 09 Justic, Jaida  
 February 09 Wood, Madeline  
 February 10 Scroggins, Sandy  
 February 10 Scroggins, Jayme  
 February 10 Myers, Laurie  
 February 10 Garland, Tony  
 February 12 Cameron, Tyler

February 13 Nash, Kathy  
 February 13 Moore, Kari  
 February 14 Scroggins, Mark  
 February 14 Tappy, Amber  
 February 14 Tappy, Amy  
 February 14 Williams, Joshua  
 February 14 Winchester, Meagan  
 February 14 Huddleston, Addyson  
 February 15 Schilling, John  
 February 15 Toner, Mike  
 February 15 Hobbs, Nicholas  
 February 15 Cameron, Cassie  
 February 15 Maxwell, Zane  
 February 16 Mormino, Brandy  
 February 17 Balzraine, Carleen  
 February 17 Sims, Tyler  
 February 17 Skjersth, Jordyn  
 February 17 Allshouse, Chloe  
 February 18 Greer, Chris  
 February 19 Boeshans, Jackie  
 February 19 Toner, Joshua  
 February 19 Dawson, Nicholas  
 February 20 Bunt, Joni  
 February 20 Liedtke, Brian  
 February 21 Yunker, John  
 February 21 Plummer, Tesla

February 22 Moore, Ben  
 February 22 Poston, Nicole  
 February 23 Roberts, Don  
 February 24 Herndon, Mary  
 February 24 Harlan, Amber  
 February 24 Wheat, Ian  
 February 25 Eggebrecht, Debbie  
 February 25 Ward, Nikolas  
 February 26 Wheat, Lynda  
 February 26 Martin, Noah  
 February 27 Crews, Shirley  
 February 27 Scoggins, Kansas  
 February 28 Clark, Shirley  
 February 28 Garrison, Katelyn



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 02 Poore, Jerry & Jan  
 February 03 Clark, John & Edith  
 February 04 Hamm, Pat & Karen  
 February 14 Bunt, Dan & Kathy



## 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;  
Mrs. Betty Roberts 625 27½ Road, Apt. 111, Grand Junction, CO 81506, phone 970-773-2047;  
Mrs. Patsy Goss new phone number: 618-717-0036.

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!



### JANUARY Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 1/31/2014	21184.00
Designated Giving:	through 1/31/2014	3591.50
	Capital Improvements	255.00
	Loose Change	100.50
	Flowers	159.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	60.00
	Conference Apportionments	235.00
	Upper Room	23.00
	Memorial-Keith Elliott	2265.00
	Choir Memorial-Pat Traitor	260.00
	Helping Hands	35.00
	Offering Envelope	154.00
	Youth	45.00
Brad Fester/Wycliffe		50.00
Steeple Postage for 2014		52.20
Community Hope Cntr		25.00
Operation Blessing		25.00
Human Relations		20.00
Christmas		50.00
Charles McKnelly		50.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$25047.70</b>

**DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR SCHNUCK'S e Scrip COMMUNITY CARD! YOUR PURCHASES BROUGHT \$291 INTO OUR GENERAL BUDGET IN 2013. Don't have an e Scrip card and want one? Check with Lois in the Church Office!**



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

February's Loose Change Project is designated for one of our most valuable assets within our church-our youth! These funds are to be used to help with youth activities throughout the year. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2014 STEEPLE, Mon., FEB. 17th!**

### FEBRUARY Ushers (10:30):

- Feb. 2nd: Diane Murbarger, Kevin & Lindsey Rader
- Feb. 9th: Mindy McLain, Deb Mayer
- Feb. 16th: Tamera, Sydney, & Piper Martin
- Feb.. 23rd: Debbie Tite, Janet Hughes

➔ Call the Head Usher if you can help!

### FEBRUARY Head Usher:

**DEB MAYER**

### Average Attendance for JANUARY 2013

Early Service	48
Late Service	101
Sunday School	40
Visitors	5





### 2014 Newsletter Information

It is once again time to decide concerning how you would like to receive your copy of The Steeple each month. We will be including an insert in the bulletins on Sundays in January and the first Sunday in February as well as the information here. As in the past two years there will be 3 options for you to choose from:

1. Pick-up The Steeple at church on Sundays or during the week
2. Have The Steeple e-mailed using an e-mail address
3. Pay \$8.40 for postage throughout the year for The Steeple to be mailed to your home.

We do hope that The Steeple is something you look forward to receiving and reading. If you have suggestions for new features we can include in The Steeple, please be sure to let the Church Office know! Happy Reading!



Flower Calendar for 2014 is posted on the long

**FLOWER CALENDAR**

bulletin board in the Education Wing. Fill it up! Thank you!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION - If bad weather requires the cancellation of worship services, we will:

- ✿ leave a message on the answering machine
- ✿ contact TV Channel 5 and WBGZ-radio
- ✿ post a notice on our website (if possible), [www.stpaulwired.org](http://www.stpaulwired.org)
- ✿ contact those on the e-mail prayer chain (if possible)



### REPORT ON "Generations of Generosity" COMMITMENT SUNDAY

There is still time to return your Estimate of Giving card. If you need a card, get one off the wall in the entry-way in front of the sanctuary . Your estimate is important .

- A total of **94** individuals, couples, and families have completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* to-date (1/31/2014).
- The total committed on these *Estimate of Giving Cards* to our ministry for 2014 to-date is **\$204,072.00**.



**PECANS :** There are still 6 bags of regular pecans... **\$9.50** for the 1lb. bag. You may come by the church office and purchase your pecans throughout the week or buy them on Sundays!



Even though the weather was a problem, our Bell Ringing efforts on **Friday, December 13, 2013** at the Wood River Walmart raised a total amount of **\$631.74**. We thank everyone who took the time to come out and ring bells and help raise money for folks in need. May God bless you as you have blessed others! The 2014 date is **Friday, Dec. 12th!**





We say goodbye to our dear friend...



"The heritage to his children wasn't words or possessions, but an unspoken treasure, the treasure of his example as a man and a father."

~ Will Rogers, Jr.

Keith H. Elliott, 85, passed away at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 at Bethalto Care Center. Born on June 18, 1928, in Alton, he was the son of Herbert and Mayme (Klopmeier) Elliott.

He married the former Dorothy Donelson on March 7, 1951, in Alton. She survives. Also surviving are a son, Chris (Lori) Elliott of Valier, IL; two daughters, Debra Teachman of Chapmanville, WV and Vicki Stewart of Rosewood Heights; five grandchildren, Nick (Shannon) Stewart, Brandon (Jess) Stewart, Amanda Thesier, David Elliott and Mark (Melissa) Elliott; six great-grandchildren, Rylan and Elizabeth Stewart, Michael Thesier, Parker Stewart, and Gunnar and Huck Elliott.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Audrey Adcock.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served during the Korean Conflict. Keith retired from Clark Refinery Engineering Department. He was a longtime member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in East Alton. He loved his church family and all his special friends. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He devoted his life to doing for others. He loved his family and enjoyed the grandchildren so much. He was a wonderful husband, father & grandfather.

During the celebration of Keith Elliott's life, this is a portion of what I shared: "The editor of the Bible version I read chose this heading for I Corinthians 13: THE WAY OF LOVE. As I prepare for a celebration of someone's life, I spend considerable time searching Scripture for that particular passage that captures for me the essence of their life. Keith Elliott saved me from this search because this passage from I Corinthians 13 not only was his favorite Scripture but captures so well the essence of his life.

What Paul says here isn't very radical. During the Last Supper, Jesus tells the disciples that they are to love each other as He has loved them. They are to love each other with the same sacrificial, whole-hearted love that Jesus has poured into each of their lives. In fact, the world will know they are Jesus' disciples by their love.

What is radical is trying to live this way of love. It's easy to love humanity in the abstract. Sometimes, it's pretty hard to love the neighbor who lives next door.

In life, Keith was humble. He did not regard his contribution as more important than the person beside him in the pew. It was enough that he was blessed to use his gifts to build up the Body of Christ. It was for this reason God gave him engineering skills. All that counted for Keith was that Christ be honored by his gifts used in service of his church, his family, his community.

I want you to reflect a moment upon this verse: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. This verse captures the spirit of a man who beat back cancer three times, who loved his children unconditionally, who was an encourager in the lives of his grandchildren, who was a devoted friend to so many here, and who made Christ-like love the foundation of his marriage to Dot.

I am convinced that only a man who believed this verse with every fiber of his being could live the life that Keith Elliott lived. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

It is our Risen Lord who gives us hope today. I Corinthians 13:8 proclaims that Love never ends. Some of the gifts we bring to the Body of Christ disappear or fade with time, but that is not true of love. Love endures.

As difficult as today is, we take comfort in this truth. The love that Keith shared with us and we returned does not diminish in its purity, its intensity, or in its strength because of his death. It goes on and on and on. The grandchildren may share Keith's Christ-like love with their children.

Paul tells us in the Love Chapter that three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. A life well lived is a life lived spent walking the Way of Love. Isn't this ultimately what Keith has taught us? The Way of Love is the better way for all of us."

As I look over to the pew where Keith & Dot sat, I will miss Keith's presence. More than this, I will miss the love he shared freely with all of us. Please keep his family in your prayers. Pastor Daryl



*open hearts  
open minds  
open doors*



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**CRAVE**

**Who are we?**

We are young adults with a passion for living, a passion for learning, and a passion for loving Christ! We *CRAVE* knowledge that helps us live more like Christ, we *CRAVE* a life filled with Christ's love, and we *CRAVE* fellowship with others that *CRAVE* the same. **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 – 18 years old to 30s.

**CRAVE – Bible Study**

Sundays – 9:15 a.m.  
upstairs CRAVE Room

**CRAVE – Activities**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month –  
Breakfast 9:15 a.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month –  
Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Lunch at 11:30

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast at 9:15  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Lunch at 11:30

Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast at 9:15  
Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Lunch at 11:30

Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at 9:15

**Special Events –**

Eagle Watching - date TBA - Sun., Feb 16th?  
CRAVE Dinner Party - Sun., March 30th  
AGAPE Fest - Sat., April 26th

**Service Projects –**

Feb. 21st & 22nd - Cleaning/Fixing up CRAVE Sunday School Room  
Lunch Fundraiser - Sun., March 16th??  
Raising Money for the Homeless - Sat., April 5th

**ATTENTION 2014 High School Graduates!!**

We want you to join us at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday for fellowship (and sometimes food)!

For additional information on any and all activities or to learn more about CRAVE, please contact Betsy Blacklock at 618-259-3858 or e mail [betsy.healingimages@yahoo.com](mailto:betsy.healingimages@yahoo.com)



We say goodbye to our friend...



Mary "Madelyn" Bivens, 89, passed away Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at Gold Living Center in Woodlands of Newburgh, IN.

She was born March 10, 1924, in Harford, IL.

Madelyn was an original member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rosewood Heights, IL. She retired from First National Bank in Alton, IL. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Madelyn was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Audie Bivens.

She is survived by son, Jim Bivens and wife, Linda; son, Dale Bivens and wife, Kathy; grandchildren, Beth Bivens, Ann Bivens and husband, Jason Endicodt, Tom Bivens and wife, Susan, Jessie Bivens-Decort and husband, Ed, Steve Bivens, Justin Bivens; great-granddaughters, Adelaide Decort, Nedalia Bivens; and great-grandson, Drew Decort.

A private service for Audie & Madelyn will be held at a later date.



PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU!

Hospice...  
Hospital...  
Nursing/Care Center..

Whenever you or a member of your family enters the hospital, care/nursing center, or hospice, you need to call the Pastor or the Church Office. None of the area institutions will notify the church when you enter their facility due to privacy laws. We want to reach out to you at a time when you and your family may need it the most. Your call may be the only way for us to know of the situation. Thank you for your help!

“Believe on Monday, the way you believe on Sunday.”

~ Rita Schiano

What if we began to treat our Bibles the way we treat our cell phones?

What if we...

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turned back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of an emergency?

...spent an hour or more using it each day?





## FEBRUARY - Church of Rock (COR)

### Youth News

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

**Sunday, February 5** - Super Bowl Party! Meet at the BUMC youth house @ 5 P.M. to hang out and watch the Super Bowl! Bring your favorite snack to share!

**Sunday, February 9** - Youth praise band practice at St. Paul UMC @ 6:00 P.M. COR at St. Paul UMC @ 6:30 P.M. Let me know on THIS DAY if you want to go to the AUDIO ADRENALINE concert on March 28. \$18 a ticket.

**Sunday, February 16** - Youth praise band practice at BUMC @ 6:00 P.M. COR at BUMC @ 6:30 P.M.

**Friday-Sunday, February 21-23** - Sr. High FIRE-UP Conference! Meet at BUMC @ 6 P.M. on Friday, then leave for Troy UMC. We will get back around 10:30 P.M. On Saturday, meet at BUMC @ 8:45 A.M. to head over and stay all day; return about 10 P.M. On Sunday, meet at BUMC @ 8:15 A.M.; return around 12:30 P.M.

**Sunday, February 23** - No COR tonight! If we do not go to FIRE-UP we will have COR at St. Paul UMC @ 6:30 P.M.

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

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## Hickerson Scholarship 2014



The tragic skiing accident of January 15, 1995, that claimed the life of Meghan Hickerson of Hartford, IL, will never be forgotten.

God has a way of healing hurt and turning tragedy into triumph. Meghan's death immediately gave life to several people, known collectively as "organ donor recipients." Her legacy of faith and service lives on through the "Meghan Hickerson Christian Teen Leader Memorial Scholarship" that is made available through St. Paul UMC.

Meghan was a student leader who set a standard of excellence within the public school system. She also set an example of faith and dedication by spreading God's love through her church and her academic life, to all she encountered. Our goal each year is to reward one or two

deserving college-bound graduating seniors who sets for him or herself the same standards of outstanding scholastic achievement and faith reflected in their everyday life.

Graduating seniors from the three area high schools (East Alton-Wood River, Roxana, and Civic Memorial) or any who are a member of St. Paul UMC may apply for the \$500.00 scholarship.

We encourage members to notify any student that may qualify and have them complete the application process. Application materials will be available through the counselors at the above mentioned schools or directly from the church office.

**DEADLINE for completed application materials is: Tuesday, April 1, 2014**

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 259-5210.



## APPORTIONMENTS FOR 2013

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS THAT ENABLED US TO PAY NINE OUT OF TWELVE APPORTIONMENTS THIS YEAR. ENTERING DECEMBER, WE HAD MANAGED TO PAY ONLY TWO. WE ENDED THE YEAR \$10,000 SHORT OF PAYING OUR APPORTIONMENTS IN FULL. LET US JOIN TOGETHER IN MEETING OUR COMMITMENT IN FULL IN 2014! APPORTIONMENTS SUPPORT THE WIDER MINISTRY AND MISSION OF OUR CHURCH, BOTH IN OUR REGION AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**



## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

**Friday, April 4th, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, April 5th, 8:30 a.m. until noon; \$2 admission charged for the Pre-sale only on Thursday night, April 3rd, 6-8 p.m.**

**Please - bring NO rummage before SATURDAY, March 15th . . . place items on the stage to keep the Fellowship Hall neat and useable . . . can be brought through MONDAY, March 31st. Start looking for your rummage while you are stuck inside!**



# SON OF GOD

**SON OF GOD SERMON SERIES  
AND SMALL GROUP STUDY  
March 2-23**



**March 2: The Savior of the World  
March 9: The Son of God  
March 16: Man of Sorrows  
March 23: Lamb of God**



**The Small Group Studies are on Sundays  
at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
and Thursdays at 9 a.m. in the Chapel  
(Contact Pastor Daryl to schedule more small groups!)**



*Study is based upon the new motion picture,  
Son of God, in theaters beginning February  
28th. This motion picture is produced by  
Mark Barnett & Roma Downey who produced  
The Bible miniseries on the History Channel.*

**NAVIGATING CHANGE**  
CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

save the date  
**FEB 20 & 21, 2014**

### **PRAYER CHAIN PARTNER**

We are updating our list of prayer partners who pray for those that are added to the Prayer Chain. Are you a prayer warrior? We could use your help. Please call the church office (259-5210) or contact us by email ([info@stpaulwired.org](mailto:info@stpaulwired.org)) to let us know if you are led to participate in any of these ways:

- I will continue on the list as a prayer partner.**
- I want to be added to the list as a prayer partner.**
- I volunteer to be lead caller for a team of 3-4 people.**
- I want to participate by email.**

**Thank you so much for your help with this very vital ministry!**