



THE STEEPLE

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MAY 2014

*"April showers bring May flowers."
An English Proverb*

Growing up, our family had a May Day tradition. We made May baskets filled with flowers for the older adults in our neighborhood. We would sneak onto the front porch, carefully place the baskets in front of the door, ring the doorbell, and run to the bushes. There we would watch the appreciative adults pick up their baskets. Now, I realize that the adults were smart enough to figure out where the baskets came from. I suppose the giggles arising from the bushes probably gave us away.

May Day was a big Druid holiday celebrating the arrival of spring. When the Romans invaded Britain, they adopted the holiday as a feast day for Flora, the goddess of flowers. May Day is still a big holiday in Great Britain with Morris dancing, the crowning of May Day Queens, and local festivals.

While we didn't do maypole dancing or make reference to the pagan origins, May Day was a big event in my hometown elementary schools. I think our celebrations had a lot to do with the return of good weather and the relief that the harsh winter was behind us. Something that we all can surely relate to this year!

Times have changed and few children celebrate May Day. So while May Day elicits warm, fuzzy feelings in me, it does little for my daughter.

We are immersed in a yearlong process of sharpening our reach to younger adults with the help of Steve James, our coach from *Go, See, Love Ministries* and Mike Crawford, Director of Congregational Development for the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. It is an intensive process that holds pastors accountable through bi-monthly video sessions and church teams through bi-monthly conference calls. The process started with a weekend with Steve James, our coach, and other participating churches in Tuscola in March.

This yearlong process will be an arduous, challenging adventure because one truism is that churches may no longer adopt cookie cutter denominational programs that are successful everywhere. Indeed, the focus isn't upon programs but making connections relationally.

One of the big pushes is to free up the pastors so they may spend more time in the community. We are addressing this by altering our church structure so the pastor spends less time in meetings. Specifically, I have been asked by our team to spend some time preparing my sermons in a restaurant or other public setting. I am to ask myself how the Bible passage that I am wrestling with relates to the people around me.

Our team is challenging our church to go outside our four walls into the community. In April, we moved our Kairos Coffeehouse into the community and provided free musical entertainment for the Grand Opening of The Grindhouse Café in Bethalto. Thanks to all who stopped by to support a great, new local business and our outreach.

We have formed a worship group that has been meeting weekly to create meaningful worship that connects us more closely to Jesus. From this group emerged our celebration of communion during the Sundays of Lent, the Holy Thursday service, our Easter celebrations, the booking of the Cavaliers Quartet, the upcoming Mother's Day service, and the solicitation of your top ten worship songs to fill out the 8:15 a.m. outdoor summer hymnal.

Let me end by sharing a few things I have learned in the initial stages of this process:

- *We are blessed with a solid, active core of young adults at St. Paul who are willing to lead us. Already they helped us raise over \$400 through the Soup & Potato Bar for the expansion of our Vacation Bible School. We could not offer a daytime Vacation Bible School without the leadership of our youth and young adults.*
- *We have more young adult families with children in St. Paul than the typical United Methodist Church! We learned in Tuscola that on the average Sunday, only 14% of young adult families with children are in a church. When you see all the children participating in the More Jesus time on Sundays, think about how blessed we are with dedicated young families!*

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- *To make connections with young adults, I have to move outside my comfort zone. I wish we lived in a May Day basket world, but we don't. However, Jesus Christ is the Savior of this generation just as He is of mine.*
- *When God's people pray, the Holy Spirit moves the church in remarkable new directions. Where we are moving isn't the result of intentional planning, but rather has emerged from our prayer gatherings and your individual prayers.*
- *Finally, everything old is new again. I am struck by the reality that so much of what we are doing is what St. Paul did in its beginning. We have a case downstairs filled with sports trophies. On the surface, there isn't anything overtly spiritual about playing baseball, basketball, or volleyball. Along the way, you made connections with people who didn't have a relationship with Jesus Christ. People who didn't have a faith community in which to live out their faith. I wonder how many people came to faith or came to St. Paul because of those sports team relationships? Today, we are striving to relate once more in a variety of settings to the people in our neighborhood.*

We live in interesting times. While fewer people are involved in the institutional church than ever before, Hollywood has been shocked by the success of faith based movies like *Son Of God*, *God Is Not Dead*, *Noah*, and *Heaven Is For Real*. God wired us to worship the Creator. What we need to discover as a church is how to facilitate this need to worship. We hope to have a better sense of how to do this at the end of our yearlong journey.

Pastor Daryl

THANK YOU

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

THANK YOU: A special "Thank You" from the family of Dean Warner to our Church family, for the cards, the visitation, food brought to the house, and the wonderful meal prepared and served after the service by our women of the church. Also, a special "Thank You" for all the memorials to honor Dean. Our heartfelt appreciation also goes out to Pastor Daryl, Harvey Chiles, Secretary Lois, and Nurse Eileen. Thank yous cannot really express our appreciation for all our church family has given our family, but we offer it and want you all to know how much of a blessing you really are!
Carol and Brenda & Alan and Larry & Reece

THANK YOU: I would like to thank all of those who prayed for me, phoned me, and sent cards to me during my recent recovery from thyroid surgery. God is great and I thank Him everyday for all that He has given to me. That includes putting me in such a wonderful church family!
God bless you! *Gerry Ward*

THANK YOU: I am most thankful for all of your prayers and the many cards I received in connection with my knee replacement surgery. Pastor Daryl's visits while I was hospitalized and later in rehab at Meridian Village meant a lot to me. Also, I extend a big thank you to the ladies of our church for providing delicious Caring Casserole meals. Being part of such a caring church family is the kind of a blessing that words cannot explain!

Harvey Birmingham

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone for their help during the recent Rummage Sale sponsored by the Women of Worship. As of right now, our profit is a little over \$2,000. This money will be added to throughout the year by our other events and at the end of the year will be divided up among many mission projects. We could not do this without each one of you who contribute in your own way. Thank you! *Virginia Croxford, Co-Treasurer for the Women of Worship*

THANK YOU: We want to thank everyone for the cards, the prayers, the calls, etc. We really appreciate them. They are a real blessing. Bill has now finished the radiation and will have more tests to see how everything is; then we go on from there. May God bless you as you bless us! *Bill & Shirley Crews*



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- **Sydney Martin** had the lead role of *Ariel* in the Roxana Jr. High production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* **Sydney Palmer** played one of the seagulls. **Debbie Bacus** directed the play while **Mark Bacus** designed the set. We are proud of all of you.
- **Thanks to everyone who helped on Church Clean-Up Day.** We finished cleaning the leaves and gum-balls out of the park in preparation for our outdoor service, recycled the scrap from the parsonage kitchen project, and cleaned the van garage.
- We welcome **Reid Randal Pruetzel**, born April 11th weighing 6lbs.15oz. His parents are Randy & Amy Pruetzel, brothers are Gavin and Joey, sister is Maggie. His grandparents are Rohland & Susie Pruetzel. Congratulations to all!
- A big welcome to **Patsy Grace Scroggins**, born April 19th weighing 7lbs.12oz. Her parents are Kenny & Jaclyn Scroggins and her grandparents are Mike & Linda Scroggins. Congratulations everyone!
- **Thank you to the Wednesday Worship Group, Harvey Chiles, Kevin Rader, Jeff Wills, readers, table leaders, and Worship Ministry Team** for making our Holy Thursday Communion Group awesome and inspirational. Our journey to the cross with Jesus impressed upon us all the meaning of Jesus' death for us.
- **Thanks to the Wood River Township Ministerial Alliance** for sponsoring the Community Good Friday Service. The First United Methodist Church in Wood River were our gracious hosts and Julie Gvillo, Kimberly Allen, and Mike Southcombe planned the service. We collected \$379 for the Alliance's Benevolence Fund. The fund assists transients through the police departments and residents with emergency supplies of medicine through Riverbend Family Ministries. Pastor Daryl is president of the Alliance.
- **Thank you** to those who provided our great music on Easter Sunday: **Mark Bacus, Harvey Chiles, Kevin Rader, and Sydney Martin & Kids Praise.** You added to our celebration of the Resurrection.
- **Congratulations to Meg Fansler** who was a Silver Medallion Award recipient from Metro East Lutheran High School. The award recognizes the top students at area high schools. Meg will be attending St. Louis University in the fall.
- **Joe Hanfelder**, our custodian, returned to work after his recovery from surgery. It is great to have Joe back! A big thank you to **Phil Tite** who filled in during Joe's absence. Your care for our building and ministry was very evident in your work.
- Did you know that we participated in the **Parent-Teacher & Community Learning Institute at Roxana High School?** Our display was entitled "Make a Joyful Noise Unto The Lord" and featured upcoming events at St. Paul. The children really loved the kazoos we handed out at our booth. Their parents were less enthusiastic!
- Our **April Kairos Coffeehouse was held at The Grindhouse Café** in Bethalto (located in the Liberty Bank building). We provided the music for their Grand Opening on April 26th! **Harvey Chiles, Kristen Rowe, Mike Link, and Iris Uzzell and Jeff Wills were the featured performers.**
- Our loving care goes out to the family of **Abbigale Klotz** from Bethalto, recent CM Graduate and College Student, who died suddenly. Abbigale had many friends at St. Paul who will miss her so very much.
- We offer our sympathies and prayers to the families whose loved ones have died: family of **Imogene Nicholson**, aunt of Phil Tite; family of **Michael Walsh**, nephew of Carole Taylor; family of **Doris Stille**, sister of Joe Hanfelder; family of **LaVerne Buster**, grandmother of Ryan Spurgeon; and family of **Jed McClain**, high school friend of Lois Mitchell. May God bring to all of these His mighty comfort & healing.



Sundays at St. Paul in **MAY** 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.

4 **3rd Sunday of Easter. Communion Celebrated.** The sermon, *After Easter*, focuses upon the change Easter makes in our lives and our world. The Hand Bell Choir plays at both services.



11 **4th Sunday of Easter. Birthday Sunday. Mother’s Day.** The Ding-a-Lings, children’s hand bell choir plays, and Kristen Rowe provides special music. Every mother present receives a gift from us. During More Jesus time, the children will make a special gift for their Moms.



18 **5th Sunday of Easter.**

25 **6th Sunday of Easter. Graduate Sunday. Memorial Day Sunday.** During both services, we remember those who have died and gone to be with the Lord this past year. We will also dedicate all our Memorial projects. During the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we recognize our 8th grade, High School, College, and Graduate School graduates. We recall that we are indebted to the generations who have gone before us. We build upon the foundations they have laid. Also, we remind ourselves to build well because others will build upon our foundations.



You Are Invited!

Members of Finance Committee, Church Council, and the Board of Trustees are especially invited to a **PowerPoint Presentation on Capital Fund Campaigns** by Ted Frost, Conference Foundation Director, on **Thurs., May 22nd at 7 p.m.**, but the gathering is **open to anyone**. At the direction of the Finance Committee, the Board of Trustees have compiled and prioritized a list of capital needs at St. Paul. We have invited Ted Frost to provide information as we decide how to proceed with the funding of these necessary projects.

Congratulations!

Kyle Norris has been named the KCOU Sports Director for 2014-2015. The department took huge steps forward this year, and we hope they will soar under Kyle's leadership. Kyle has also been named an intern for the Gateway Grizzlies this summer, too!
Congrats to Kyle!



Nurses Notes for MAY 2014 from Parish Nurse, Eileen!

It seemed as if last month I encountered many people who were fighting with a painful case of shingles. Many of you had questions, so in this article I hope to answer some of them.

What in the world is shingles and how did I get it? Shingles is a disease that affects nerves and causes pain and blisters in adults. It is caused by the varicella-zoster virus, the very same virus that causes chicken pox. Varicella-zoster is in a group of viruses called herpes viruses; which includes cold sores (herpes simplex 1). You may see shingles called herpes zoster. If you have had chicken pox, the virus can stay in the body as you recover, and will continue to live on some of the nerve cells. It can remain dormant for years. Eventually, it can reactivate, travel along nerve pathways and reach the skin producing shingles. It is not clear why the virus becomes activated again, but it may be a lower resistance to infections as we grow older. According to the CDC anyone can get shingles, even children, but about half of all shingles are seen in people over the age of sixty. People who have weakened immune symptoms from cancer, steroid use, or transplant patients have a higher risk of developing shingles.

What are the symptoms? Shingles usually starts as a painful rash to one side of the body. The rash **forms** blisters that will usually scab over in one to seven days and are cleared up in two to four weeks. Sometimes before you even see the rash, you can experience pain, tingling or burning in the area. I have cared for some people who have gotten shingles in their eye and have experienced some vision loss. Other symptoms may include fever, headache, chills, or an upset stomach.

Can I get shingles from somebody who has them? The answer is no, shingles cannot be passed from one person to another. However, if you have never had chicken pox, shingles virus could be passed to you and you could develop them; but only if you come in direct contact with the blisters. The shingle virus is not spread by coughing, sneezing, or casual contact. You would have to come in direct contact with the fluid from the blisters. A person is not infectious before the blisters appear. As soon as the rash develops a crust, it is no longer infectious.

What is the treatment for shingles? Shingles are treated with antiviral medications such as acyclovir, or famciclovir. The medications need to be started as soon as the rash is noticed to be the most effective. Other treatment options are analgesics for pain, wet compresses, and calamine lotion. The most important thing to remember is at the first indication that you may have shingles is to call your healthcare provider.

Are there complications from shingles? There can be. Some people may experience postherpetic neuralgia or PHN. People who have PHN have continued pain long after the blisters crust over and heal. Sometimes it can last a few weeks or months, but some have had chronic debilitating PHN for years. Shingles can also lead to severe eye complications and although rare, pneumonia and even death.

Should I get the vaccine? The CDC recommends a shingles vaccine (Zostavax) for anyone over the age of 60. It is a one-time vaccination. In a clinical trial Zostavax reduced the risk of getting the shingles by 51% and PHN by 67%. People over the age of 60 should get the vaccine, regardless if they remember having chickenpox or not. The FDA has approved the vaccine in people ages 50-59, too. Even if you have had shingles, the CDC recommends that you get the vaccine to help prevent future outbreaks.

Who should NOT get the vaccine? The following people are not recommended to have the vaccine:
-persons who have a weakened immune systems from HIV/AIDS, chemotherapy/radiation cancer affecting the bone marrow or lymphatic system, or someone who is pregnant.

Have there been any reactions to the vaccine? The most common side effects were pain and swelling at the injection site, redness, itching and headache. **There has been no documentation from anyone getting chickenpox from someone who has had the shingles vaccine.** Some have gotten a chicken pox type rash at the injection site, and should this happen just keep it covered until the rash is healed.

Will my insurance cover the vaccine? All Medicare D plans cover the shingles vaccine. You may have a co-pay or have to pay in full and then get reimbursed. Medicare B does not cover it. Medicaid may cover it and you would have to check with your insurer to find out. There are programs out there that may help cover the cost if you cannot afford it. **Merck Helps** is one such program. You can go to the website and see if you are eligible for assistance. If you have any questions that I have not answered, please let me know and I will attempt to find an answer.

Happy Mother's Day to all! May God bless you. "My mother is a never-ending song in my heart of comfort, happiness and being. I may sometimes forget the words, but I always remember the tune." - Graycie Harmon



May 01 Scroggins, Kennedy
 May 02 Cheatham, Jonathan
 May 03 Ayres, Bowen
 May 03 Fulks, Sharon
 May 03 Eyster, Brian
 May 03 Workman, Kristina
 May 04 Balzraine, Homer
 May 04 Toner, Zack
 May 05 Whaley, Keri
 May 05 Martin, Sydney
 May 06 Tappy, Mike
 May 07 White, Jeff
 May 07 Napp, Ian
 May 08 Lehnen, Trudy
 May 08 Hatten, Bruce
 May 08 Skjerseth, Gina
 May 08 Virgin, Joy
 May 08 Rader, Kevin
 May 08 Decker, Brayden
 May 09 Burt, Jackie Beth
 May 10 Hinkle, Bob Sr.
 May 10 Bentley, Brandon
 May 10 Toner, Jake
 May 10 Ford, Katie
 May 11 Tindall, Minnie
 May 12 Goodman, Nelba
 May 12 Hickerson, Connie
 May 12 Hendricks, Heather
 May 12 Bottorff, Aaron
 May 12 White, Laura Mae

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

May 13 Yankovich, Tana
 May 13 Cameron, Troy
 May 13 Rich, Aaron
 May 13 Whaley, Shelby
 May 13 Martin, Ethan
 May 15 Dawson, Carolyn
 May 15 Giddings, Joshua
 May 15 Parker, Wyatt
 May 16 Bowman, Paul
 May 16 Spurgeon, Adelyn
 May 17 Uzzell, John
 May 17 Ortegren, Bobbi
 May 17 Bacus, Debbie
 May 17 Nairn, Jeremy
 May 19 Ford, Phill
 May 19 Winchester, Kylie
 May 20 Baggett, Barbara
 May 21 Babcock, Ray Jr.
 May 21 Toner, Jocelyn
 May 22 Babcock, Tyler
 May 22 Hubbard, Ridgely
 May 23 Caldwell, Tom
 May 24 Hall, Marjorie
 May 24 Spurgeon, Ryan
 May 25 Nairn, Tiffany

May 26 McPheters, Kelly
 May 26 Palmer, Brendan
 May 27 Campbell-Davis, Betty
 May 27 Mortland, Lana
 May 27 Lusicic, Brandy
 May 28 Lusicic, DJ Jr.
 May 29 Huebner, Richard
 May 29 Brown, Gina
 May 29 Griffin, Laurie
 May 30 Dawson, Steve
 May 30 Gebhardt, Sarah
 May 30 Griffin, Sam
 May 31 Braun, Jessica



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 01 Scroggins, Mark & Sandy
 May 02 Hickerson, Jim & Connie
 May 05 Sparling, Rick III & Meghan
 May 07 Russell, Gordon & Carol
 May 12 Greer, Chris & Kellie
 May 14 Caldwell, Tom & Nita
 May 15 Blacklock, Bob & Betsy
 May 15 Davis, Leon & Betty

May 17 Liedtke, Brian & Trista
 May 18 Potter, Lloyd & Vi
 May 19 Cameron, Troy & Kristin
 May 21 Martin, Tom & Karen
 May 22 Bourne, Jimmy & Brianne
 May 25 Ford, Phill & Joan
 May 25 Hatten, Bruce & Karen
 May 26 Armon, Keith & Mandy
 May 27 Kainz, Steve & Jean
 May 31 Martin, Joe & Alicia



New Church Directories are available in the Narthex (Entryway) and from the Church Office!

Changes/Additions:

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!



The Back Pew – Jeff Larson MOMMY, MOMMY WAKE UP!



BREAKFAST IN BED FOR MOM... Nothing says 'Happy Mothers Day' better than Cold Cereal and Hot Coffee served with love.



APRIL Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 4/30/2014	\$24775.00
Designated Giving:	through 4/30/2014	\$3533.00
	Capital Improvements	315.00
	Loose Change	136.00
	Flowers	415.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	205.00
	Memorials	2010.00
	Gas & Electricity	100.00
	Offering Envelopes	10.00
	Reimbursements	67.00
	Elevator Fund	230.00
	VBS	45.00
	Imagine NO Malaria	25.00
	Brad Fester/Wycliffe	250.00
	Easter Offering	1341.00
	One Great Hour of Sharing	135.00
	Charles McKnelly	100.00
Total:		\$30159.00



**Annual Rosewood Heights
Volunteer Fire Department
Saturday, May 17
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TICKETS ARE \$8
IN ADVANCE!**

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

May's Loose Change Project is the **Liberian Mission** of the Methodist Church. After 20 years of civil war the church is rebuilding. This will help support pastors in the churches who only earn \$1 per month in salary. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

**DEADLINE FOR
JUNE 2014
STEEPLE, Mon.,
MAY 19th!**

MAY Ushers (10:30):
NO USHERS ARE CURRENTLY SIGNED UP!
➔ Please Call the Head Usher if you will help!

MAY Head Usher:
DEB MAYER

Average Attendance for APRIL 2014

Early Service	70
Late Service	108
Sunday School	69
Visitors	8





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SEEKING GRADUATION INFORMATION

If you have a son or daughter who is a member or an active participant at St. Paul graduating from 8th grade, high school, junior college, college, or graduate school, please turn their name and information into the Church Office immediately so we may be able to honor him or her on Graduate Sunday, **May 25th (Note date change) during the 10:30 a.m. service! Call 259-5210 or send to info@stpaulwired.org. Thank you for your assistance!**



CAMPING...CAMPING... CAMPING

Illinois Great Rivers Conference Church Camps offer activities like caving, rock-climbing, horseback riding, canoeing, rappelling, hiking, swimming, rock wall climbing, sailing, archery, fishing, mountain bike riding, for a wide variety of interests from music to theater to missions to worship leadership at six different sites. Some camps are held in air conditioned dorm style rooms while others feature tree houses and tents. At some camps you go to camp with your grandparents while at others you stay up late every night! Camps are available for all ages. Information flyers are available on top of the mailboxes in the educational wing hallway. See Kevin Rader or Pastor Daryl for more information.

Financial help is available for those who need it through the Herman Camping Fund!

MISSION PROJECT FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

For our Annual Conference Mission project we are collecting items to make layette and birthing kits:

Layette Kit Contains:

- 6 cloth diapers—pre-folded or plain (no disposable diapers)
- 2 undershirts or onesies (one piece body suit)
- 2 washcloths—infant size
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins—must have protective plastic closures
- 1 sweater or jacket—open in front
- 2 receiving blankets—30" x 30" or 30" x 32" only
- Bundle the items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins

Birthing Kit Contains:

- 1 small bar of soap—1 to 2 oz. (hotel size)
- 1 pair latex, surgical, or thin rubber gloves
- 1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting—4 mil thick
- 3 pieces of cotton string—each 12" long
- 1 single edge razor blade (wrap blade in paper/plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury)
- 2 receiving blankets—30" x 30" or 32"x 32" only (no thermal or fleece)
- Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag



Please place the items in the collection area by Sun., June 1st. Our items will be distributed by the Midwest Distribution Center in Chatham to places of need throughout the world.



WORSHIP UNDER THE TREES ON SUNDAYS IN THE CHURCH AMPHITHEATER 8:15 a.m.

JUNE 1st-SEPTEMBER 14th
Pastor Daryl will be preaching a series on the sermons in the **Book of Acts**

TAILGATE FELLOWSHIP AT 8 A.M.

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

GET WELL IN MN PARTY FOR CALEB BETTS!

**American Legion Park
237 W. Wall St., Worden, IL**

Come on Sun., May 4th starting at 1 p.m. to wish Caleb best wishes before he goes to MN for his surgery in May. There will be live music. It is a potluck so bring food, bring lawn chairs, and bring your own drinks. We will have his shirts for sale (\$20) and bracelets (\$5). Paper products (plates, cups, napkins) provided. All friends and family invited. *Anyone who wants to wish Caleb good thoughts is welcome to come.*

PARSONAGE

OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY, MAY 31
1-3 P.M.**

We invite you to see the newly renovated kitchen at the Parsonage as well as the rest of the home.

Demolition done by Trustees.
Cabinets made by John Hendricks.
Electrical work by Lifetime Electric.
Construction work by Stumpf Construction. Countertops by K & D Countertops.
Floor laid by John Hendricks, Karen Challandes, Leona Hendricks, and friends.



THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

**GIDEON SUNDAY
JUNE 1st
8:15 & 10:30 A.M.**

Gene Walls, former member and Gideon, will share updates with us on their inspiring work.

Special offering collected for the Gideons.



Graduation Reception

Margaret “Meg” Fansler invites you to celebrate her graduation from Metro East Lutheran High School with a reception on Sat., May 31 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Lunch will be available.

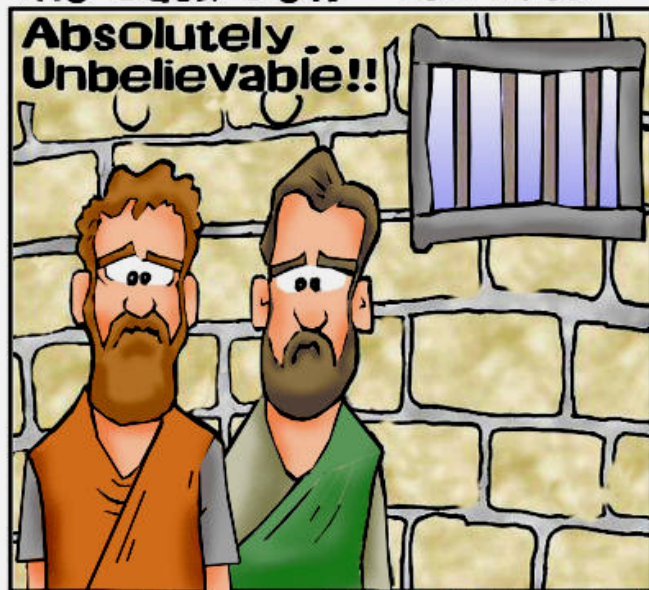
UNITED METHODIST DAY AT THE BALLPARK SAT., JUNE 14 6:15 P.M.

St. Louis Cardinals vs. Washington Nationals
 Tickets: \$25 for Outfield Loge Seats (normally \$60)
 Contact Church Office by May 28th at 259-5210 or info@stpaulwired.org to reserve your place.
 Proceeds support UM Men’s Programs in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

The Women of Worship would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this year’s Rummage Sale such a success. First, our appreciation to all who donated those great items for sale. Then, from day one - setting up the tables to several days of sorting, pricing, labeling, greeting people, bagging, cashiering, and, finally - helping customers to their cars with their purchases, our volunteers did a SUPER job. We always receive compliments about how neat and well organized we have our merchandise. Our treasurer reported that the profit from the rummage sale was \$1,940.45 with an additional \$182.00 from crafts. AGAIN, DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU - we couldn’t have done it without your help!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Peter and John imprisoned. **Acts 4:1-3** Their Crime? Inciting a 'Revival' without a permit.



WILSON MOVES TO PEORIA



Rev. Gary Wilson, Mississippi River District Superintendent, has been appointed to Peoria Bethel United Methodist Church beginning July 1. We are so very thankful for Rev. Wilson's strong spiritual leadership since April of 2009 as our District Superintendent. We

pray that God will bless the ministry of Rev. Wilson and his wife Muriel in Peoria.



2014 Annual Conference - June 4th to 7th
Peoria Civic Center



Grimmett appointed Mississippi River District Superintendent

SPRINGFIELD – Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton has announced the appointment of Rev. Dr. Roger Grimmert as superintendent of the Mississippi River District, effective July 1.

The announcement was made April 20 at Vandalia First UMC, where Grimmert has been pastor for the past six years. Grimmert succeeds the Rev. Gary Wilson, who has been appointed pastor of Peoria Bethel UMC. Wilson has served as Mississippi River District Superintendent since April 1, 2009.

“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world is the major focus of Roger’s ministry,” Keaton said in making the appointment. “Roger brings fruitful gifts in administration, teaching, preaching and relationships to the superintendency.”

Grimmett said he sees his role as superintendent as one of “providing spiritual support, encouragement and accountability for laity and clergy.” He added, “I believe in stressing the need for clergy and laity to minister together from the perspective of being in a mutually supportive covenan-

tial relationship. I believe the annual conference exists to serve and equip the local church for the task of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Grimmett was commissioned a probationary member in the former Central Illinois Conference in 1985 and was ordained an elder in full connection in 1988. He received a B.B.A. in business administration from McKendree University in 1983; an M.Div. from Candler School of Theology in 1986; and a D.Min. in Preaching from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2007.

He has served as pastor in small towns, county seat and larger metropolitan areas of the annual conference: Decatur South Shores, 1986-90; Bloomington Morningstar, 1990-97; Quincy Melrose Chapel, 1997-2003; Forsyth, 2003-2008; and Vandalia First.

Grimmett teaches Preaching and Worship in the Course of Study Extension School for part-time local pastors. He has completed Conflict Transformation training and has utilized those skills in the local church. His service beyond the local church includes being a mentor for a local pastor and as an active member of the District Committee on Ministry.

His hobbies include playing guitar, tennis, reading and he has a regular exercise regimen five to six times per week. Grimmert’s wife, Brenda, is a nurse and active in the local church. They are the parents of two grown sons – Blake and Nathan, ages 26 and 24 respectively. Both sons live in the Metro East area and work in St. Louis.



MAY - Church of Rock (COR) Youth News

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



Youth meet every Sunday evening @6:30 p.m.
at the Bethalto UMC Youth House!

Contact Kevin Rader at (618) 303-0044 for more info!



*open hearts
open minds
open doors*



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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

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

May 4th Breakfast at 9:15
May 18th TBA

Special Events –

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



Service Projects –



We say goodbye to
our dear friend...



"My home is in
Heaven. I'm just
traveling through
this world."

~Billy Graham

Morris "Dean" Warner, 89, passed away at 1:55 a.m. Monday, April 14, 2014 at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Born Oct. 24, 1924 in Stewardson, IL, he was a son of Wiley & Mary Catherine (Boldt) Warner.

Dean started his education at Charleston University with a Bachelor's of Science in Education. He then entered the U.S. Air Force and served during World War II in the South Pacific as a radio operator/navigator and training officer on a B17. After his military service, he returned to school and earned his Master's at Bradley University. He taught Industrial Arts at Madison High School, where he met his future wife. In the mid-1950s, he joined the Carpenters Union and worked for R & R Construction. In 1974 he began working for Helmkamp Construction and retired from there in 1993. He also taught part time at Lewis & Clark Community College. He was most proud of the fact that his very first and very last projects were both churches. After retirement, he enjoyed gardening. Dean also was a 30 year member of the Wood River Hoedowners Squaredance Club and was a longtime member and Sunday School teacher at St. Paul United Methodist Church of Rosewood Heights. He also was a member of the Masons and the Shriners, Ainad Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Sue (Orr) Warner; a daughter, Brenda (Alan) McCalla of Moro; a son, Larry Dean Warner of Butte, MT; a grandson, Reece Warner; and a brother and sister-in-law, Edwin & Mildred Warner of Sigel, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Terri Lynn Warner; a sister, Betty Roach; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dallas & Bea Warner.

During the service for Dean Warner, I noted that he found great satisfaction and pride in his work as a superintendent for Helmkamp. He told me details of different projects he had done throughout the years. Watching those projects he worked on while I have been at St. Paul--the construction of the garage, the garden around the light pole, and the playground, I observed the meticulous care he took in his work and his attention to detail. Sometimes Dean expressed frustration when our volunteers didn't meet his standards and I had to remind him that not all of us were blessed with the skills he possessed.

Dean Warner, George Tappy, Keith Elliott, and Bill Redden as a team did so much work throughout the years at St. Paul. Their efforts have provided us with a beautiful building and grounds that otherwise would have been outside our financial reach. For this we are truly thankful.

More valuable than the hours of labor our men have donated at St. Paul is their awareness of the truth of these words from Psalm 127:1: "**Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.**" Every nail driven at St. Paul, every yard of concrete poured, every tile laid revealed our men's love for Jesus.

While they may not have verbally expressed it, every man was aware that it wasn't them...it was Jesus who was building the church. While God was certainly using their skills and labor, it was clear to each of them that Jesus was the Superintendent. And, while they expressed satisfaction in a job well done, the men understood that our building glorified God.

The ceiling of the sanctuary soared toward the heavens as a reminder for all of us to look to our God for guidance and direction. The addition of a front parking lot was to accommodate more people coming to hear the Word preached. The garage was to protect the van that would drive youth to camp and float trips or the Sweet Sounds to their ministry in the Nursing Homes and Senior Centers. It was all for Jesus.

As I was reflecting upon those biblical passages that deal with construction, I realized that they most stress the importance of a good foundation. When I was at Green Valley, we were erecting a new building to replace one destroyed by fire. When the foundations were being dug, the architect told us that we would have to make some alterations because they had struck what he called *blow sand*; a *fine, powdery sand*. Basically we had to double the depth and the width of the foundations so the walls would not crack decades down the road.

Those in the construction trades know a few contractors who take shortcuts. Either using inferior materials or failing to correct shoddy workmanship. Often, no one is the wiser until problems emerge years later.

We can take spiritual shortcuts. We can skimp in the time we spend in prayer or in reading our Bible. We can live one way on Sundays and another the rest of the days of the week. We may be able to fool other people, but we can't fool God.

A careful, meticulous builder like Dean will build upon a solid foundation. And, the only solid foundation is Jesus Christ.

Time always reveals a shaky foundation and shoddy workmanship. Indeed, Paul says that on judgment day the strength of our building will be revealed. I am no more qualified to judge Dean Warner's spiritual building than I am his projects for Helmkamp, but this I do know. Dean loved his family. He loved his church. He loved his Lord. And, when Dean built he built for the ages. For he built upon Jesus Christ, the eternal One.

Please keep Dean's wife Carol, daughter Brenda, son Larry, and grandson Reece in your prayers. Pastor Daryl



Vacation Bible School SAVE THE DATES

June 9 - 13 (program June 15)
9:30 a.m. - Noon

Needed:

- **6-12 Class Leaders** - late high school thru adults
- **6-12 Class Assistants** - high school or college students, 7th & 8th grade students

Station Leaders:

- Science Lab - Dave Schiber
- P.E. - Kyle Norris
- Music - Debbie Bacus
- Kitchen - Counting on my "dependables"
- Crafts - Maggie Funke, Ryan Tite, & Marie Brown
- Story - Spencer & Oliver Bacus
- **Building Station - need someone!**
- **Movie - need someone!**

Security - Scott Gwaltney

Registration & Daily Assistant - Rita White

If you are interested in helping with VBS in any of these areas or in any way, please talk to Jamie Gwaltney or give her a call ASAP at **692-0898**.

We pray that it will be another fun and inspiring year! This year's theme is:



Start saving these items for VBS! ITEMS FOR CRAFTS AND OTHER STATIONS:

- Glow paints (small package of assorted colors)
- Cheap cans of shaving cream (5 cans)
- 5X7 index cards, no lines (1 pack of 100)
- Food Color (3 boxes of assorted colors)
- Your extra garbage bag ZIP TIES (100 - not twist ties)
- Cheap gallon sized ziplock style bags (500)
- Old Legos & blocks (as many as can get)
- Real lemon juice (1 large bottle)
- Plastic spoons (150) -Roll of twine, roll of ribbon
- Q-tips (1 small box) -Small paper cups (500)
- Small plastic bottles of cheap diet cola (50)
- Mint flavored Mentos candy (100 pieces)
- Disposable aluminum 9X13 baking pans (15-20)
- Scotch tape (6 rolls) -Empty large thread spool
- Small plastic pail with a handle or handles
- Empty 12 oz. water bottles (50)
- Effervescent antacid tablets (like Alka-Seltzer/ 200 tablets needed)
- Potting soil (1 large bag) -Old newspapers!
- Clear plastic SOLO cups (200)
- Vegetable seeds (20 packages of a variety)
- Sandwich ziplock bags (100 needed)
- Gallon of white vinegar (1 jug)
- Small bottle of liquid starch (1)

SNACK FOOD ITEMS:

- Paper plates (250) -Punch (30 gallons)
- Cookies (25 packages) -Toothpicks (1 box)
- Rice Krispy Treats (100 treats)
- Vanilla icing (6 tubs) -Popsicle sticks (100)
- Pudding cups (100) -Plastic bowls (200)
- Chocolate chips & marshmallows (6-8 bags each)
- Flat bottom ice cream cones (100)
- Pretzel sticks (4 bags) -Minis pretzels (4 bags)
- Chez Its (4 boxes) -M&Ms (8 big bags)
- Teddy grahams & Chex cereals (4 boxes each)
- Animal crackers (6 bags)
- Hershey chocolate syrup (2 big containers)
- Canned whip cream (i.e. Redi-Whip...6 cans)
- Oyster crackers (4 bags)
- Vanilla ice cream (6 gallons)

Check the bulletin board in the Education wing hallway. We have repeated the set-up from last year where you can take the post-it note of what you will bring, write your name on the board over what you are bringing, and cross it off when you bring it to church. Thank you in advance!!!