



The Steeple

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



FEBRUARY 2015

Lent—a period of preparation for the grand celebration of the Resurrection on Easter—begins with our Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 18th at 7 p.m.

A French priest says it actually happened to him. An armed robber accosted him on a dark, back street in Paris and demanded his wallet. As the priest opened his coat to reach for the wallet, the thief caught sight of the clerical collar for the first time and immediately apologized: *"Never mind, Father, I didn't realize you were a priest - I'll be on my way."* The good priest was relieved, of course, and good-naturedly offered the man a cigar. *"No, thank you, Father," the robber said; "I gave up smoking for Lent."*

Somehow the hold-up man missed the whole point of Lent: the transformation of our lives. His faith had little impact upon his lifestyle. It didn't get in the way of his robbing.

It has been a practice during Lent to sacrifice something that is precious to us—candy, pop or whatever—as a reminder of the great sacrifice of our Lord upon the cross. The intention is to lead us to a daily contemplation of the meaning of the cross.

The cross marks the great divide that separates us from God; a divide created by our sin. It leads us to an understanding that we need more than a light dusting of our souls during Lent. We must seek total renewal: transformation.

If the new creation of God is to grow within us, then we must cast out sin so there is room for the new. That is usually the sticking part. Sin clings tightly to us, reluctant to release its grip upon us.

We are like the cartoon that showed a young woman in a doctor's office saying to the doctor: *"What can I do to feel better without giving up what's making me feel awful?"*

In our spiritual life, we want to feel better without giving up what's making us feel awful. Lent reminds us that if we are to have Jesus' life, then we must cast aside the sin that clings so tightly to us.

In the hold-up man's mind, Lent is a time when small sacrifices are made—giving up candy, pop—while leaving untouched the great sin within our lives.

During this season of preparation, let us address the great sin within our lives. Honestly and freely acknowledge its presence. Admit our helplessness to conquer it upon our own.

Let us turn to the cross that provides the promise of deliverance from this sin. Jesus died to free us from the death grip of sin. Jesus died to provide the power to live his life.

We free ourselves from sin by trusting in the forgiveness flowing from the cross. We find the power to live a Christ-like life by daily leaning on Jesus and his wonderful grace. We find the Resurrection is present—not only on Easter—but every day.

Pastor Daryl



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- Congratulations to **Joshua Studnicki**, the newest Eagle Scout from Troop 777. Pastor Daryl had the privilege of sharing in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
- Our prayers and deepest sympathy goes to those who have lost loved ones recently. To the family of **Dorothy Rehmstedt**, grandmother of Christina Johnson; to the family of **Marin Greider**, uncle of Diane Murbarger; to the family & friends (and the Roxana School District, staff, students and alumni) of **Jeff Welker**, Roxana teacher & coach; to the family of **Ruby Walls**, wife of Gene Walls; to the family of **Al Batchelor**, life-long friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; and to the family, friends, & congregation of **Pastor Jeremy Robinson** of the Bethalto Church of God. May God give you all comfort, healing, and peace in this time of grieving.
- **THANK YOU** Thanks for the uplifting prayers, words of encouragement, cards, food, and visits from Pastor Daryl and Pastor Doug (Parish Visitor). I am blessed by being a member of the St. Paul family! I am doing better day by day! -- *Carole Taylor*

Rev. Matt Henson returns to engage us on Feb. 21-22 for *Living the Adventure*, a time of spiritual growth.



During the worship services on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 22 at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m., Matt will challenge us to adopt spiritual disciplines that lead to new growth. A workshop after the 10:30 a.m. service will focus on the value of small groups in growing our faith. The workshop serves as a kick-off to our launch of short-term small groups for all ages.

Rev. Matt Henson is the Executive Director and Lead Evangelist for *Living the Adventure*. In Matt's ministry background he has started new worship experiences, seen youth ministries grow in number and faith, and people have made decisions to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior under his preaching. He is a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary in Asbury, KY. Matt and his wife of fourteen years, Nancy, live in Albion, IL with their four sons (Elijah, Micah, Judah, and Isaiah). Currently, they are expecting another addition to their family.

At the conclusion of our worship services, we will take up a love offering to support Rev. Henson's ministry.



Ash Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 18 @ 7 p.m.

Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series,
Calling Us Home.
*Once we were no people, now we are
God's people. The ashes mark us as
God's people in this world.*
Read 1 Peter 2:9-10

**Service includes imposition of
ashes (optional),
Holy Communion and Special Music**

As you go about your week, remember: Your work matters to God. How you treat people matters to God. There is no higher calling than loving and serving the people you meet today.

2015 NEWSLETTERS:

The cost to have the newsletter mailed directly to you at home will be **\$8.50**. We will still email the Newsletter, place it on the website, and have copies at the church for you to pick up, to have extras to give to friends you invite to church, and for visitors to take. You may go ahead and send your request to the Church Office and your check for **\$8.50**.

Any questions...please call 259-5210.



FEBRUARY - Church of Rock (COR) Youth News

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

**Youth meet on Sundays @6:30 p.m. at
SPUMC in the Youth Room!**

**Contact Kevin Rader at
(618) 303-0044 for other February info!**

REPORT ON “God Owns the Cattle; We Manage the Range!” COMMITMENT SUNDAY

There is still time to return your **Estimate of Giving card**. If you misplaced your card, stop by the Church Office or the plastic pockets on the wall in the entryway for a replacement. Your estimate is important to the 2015 budget.

- A total of **92** individuals, couples, and families have completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* to-date (1/25/2015).
- The total committed on these *Estimate of Giving Cards* to our ministry for 2015 to-date is **\$223,548.00**.

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



SATURDAYS AT ST. PAUL IN FEBRUARY 5:00 P.M. SERVICE

Join us on **SATURDAYS at 5 p.m. for Awakening!** Awakening is St. Paul's newest worship service featuring a relaxed, contemporary theme with the Awakening Praise Band in a family friendly setting. CRAVE has been praying about this service for about a year and the Holy Spirit has been at work, feeding us from the initial idea through the intensive planning phase and now it is offered to the community. We hope you will join us (and bring your family, friends, and neighbors) as we praise God and celebrate what the Holy Spirit has done for all of us!



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Our February Speakers:

7th - Justin Butler 14th - Ryan Tite
21st - Matt Henson 28th - Dani Wilson

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.

- 1** **4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. COMMUNION CELEBRATED.** Pastor Daryl begins a new sermon series, *Calling Us Home*, based on 1 Peter. This world is not our home. Our home is in heaven and deep within us is this yearning for our heavenly home. Read 1 Peter 1:3-5.



- 8** **5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. BOY SCOUT SUNDAY. BIRTHDAY SUNDAY.** Pastor Daryl continues a new sermon series, *Calling Us Home*, based on 1 Peter. We are called to be holy because we worship a Holy God. We fall short in this, but straining towards holiness is good spiritual exercise for us. Read 1 Peter 1:15-17. During the second service we celebrate the Scouts and their ministry in our midst.



- 15** **TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY.** We have a special speaker today. Pastor Daryl is with our youth at Confirmation Camp.

- 22** **1st SUNDAY IN LENT.** Rev. Matt Henson joins us for a *Living the Adventure Renewal Weekend*. He will share those spiritual practices that lead to growth in faith. A love offering for Rev. Henson's ministry will be taken at the end of each worship service. We invite you to stay for lunch after the 10:30 a.m. and for a workshop on the value of small groups.



**Nurses Notes for FEBRUARY 2015 from Parish Nurse, Eileen!**

February 14th is quickly approaching and I know that I can almost feel the sugar rush upon us. The stores were already filled with Valentine's Day treats during the Christmas season! While Valentine's Day is a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation for the people we love, it has become a day in which we celebrate love by giving gifts of chocolate and candy, and making meals from savory recipes. Although it is a celebration of all things sweet, it is also American Heart Month, a time to establish some long term lifestyle changes to promote a stronger and healthier heart. C'mon, you know that you have needed to do this for a long time! If not to make a drastic change, at least to take some baby steps towards healthier living!

Healthy Heart**Healthy You**

If you are ready to make some changes the first thing you could do is attend the **Alton Memorial Heart/ Stroke Health Fair. The date is Saturday, February 7, from 9 a.m. to noon.** There will be information booths for discussion on heart attack, stroke, congestive heart failure, angioplasty, emergency care, peripheral artery disease, depression, stress management, and diet and nutrition. There will be cholesterol, blood pressure, and breast screenings at no cost. **The screening packages require an appointment: call 800-392-0936. You also need to register if you want to enjoy the free heart healthy lunch provided by Subway.** I hope to see some of you there. Dr. Joseph Moore, MD (cardiologist) will be the guest speaker at 9:30 a.m. and Dr. Laura Heitsch from Washington University will be the guest speaker on Stroke Prevention at 10:30 a.m. Please call in and sign up! Until then, here are a few tips to help you become more heart healthy!

1. **Stop smoking!** The carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke replaces oxygen in the blood, increasing your blood pressure and heart rate. Women who smoke have an increased risk for blood clots- especially when taking birth control pills. There is good news- when you stop smoking your risk of heart disease drops almost to that of a nonsmoker in 5 years! It is never too late to quit.
2. **Exercise for 30 minutes most days of the week:** Getting daily exercise can reduce your risk for heart disease. The physical activity helps you control your weight and that can reduce your chances of developing other conditions that put a strain on the heart, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. Shoot for 30-60 minutes a day- if you need to break it up into 10 minute spurts. Remember- all exercise counts; gardening, walking the dog, playing with the kids, housekeeping, taking the stairs instead of elevators- it all counts and has heart benefits.
3. **Eat A Heart Healthy Diet:** I know this can be quite a challenge, but once you get your body used to healthy foods, and you stop eating as much sugar- you will begin to want the good stuff and the sugary stuff will actually be too sweet. The Mediterranean diet or DASH diets are two examples of heart healthy diets. A diet that is rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, (but not heavy on processed foods) is good for your heart. Beans, occasional lean meats, and other sources of protein and certain fish can also reduce your risk of heart disease.
4. **Maintain a healthy weight:** Being overweight, especially around your middle increases your risk of heart disease. Excess weight can also lead to other diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. Men are considered overweight if their waist measurement is greater than 40 inches (101.6 centimeters, or cm). Women are overweight if their waist measurement is greater than 35 inches (88.9 cm). Even a small weight loss can be beneficial. Reducing your weight by just 5 to 10 percent can help decrease your blood pressure, lower your blood cholesterol level and reduce your risk of diabetes.
5. **Get enough quality sleep:** Sleep deprivation can do more than leave you yawning throughout the day; it can harm your health. People who don't get enough sleep have a higher risk of obesity, high blood pressure, heart attack, diabetes and depression. Most adults need seven to nine hours of sleep each night. If you wake up without your alarm clock and you feel refreshed, you're getting enough sleep. But, if you're constantly reaching for the snooze button and it's a struggle to get out of bed, you need more sleep each night. Make sleep a priority in your life. Set a sleep schedule and stick to it by going to bed and waking up at the same times each day. Keep your bedroom dark and quiet, so it's easier to sleep.
6. **Get regular health screenings:** High blood pressure and high cholesterol can damage your heart and blood vessels. But without testing for them, you probably won't know whether you have these conditions. Regular screening can tell you what your numbers are and whether you need to take action.

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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, Tori
 February 05 Adams, Rodney
 February 05 Boeshans, Brooklyn
 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 09 Birmingham, James
 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 15 Laufersweiler, William
 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 23 Wold, Eldon Jr.
 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 BIRTHDAYS

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



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



Church Directory Changes and additions to keep you up-to-date!

Changes/Additions: Rohland & Susie Pruetzel 3417 Sharon Lane, Alton, IL 62002;
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Sparling P.O. Box 536, Bunker Hill, IL 62014;
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Whaley 307 Whispering Oaks Drive, Bethalto, IL 62010.

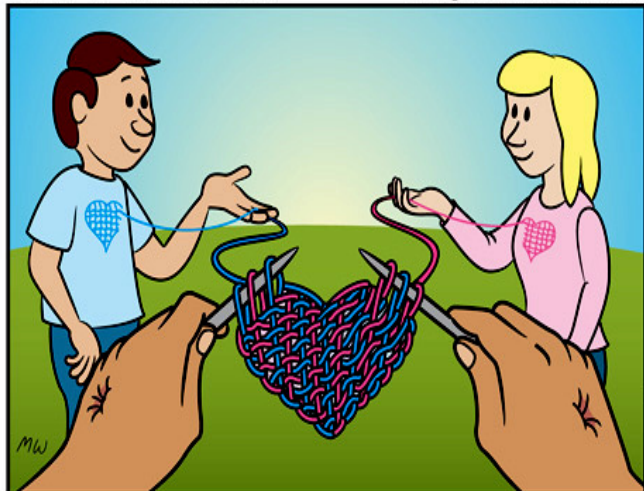
If you are going to move soon, give the church office advance notice of your new address.
 Also, remember to update us on your new phone number. Thank you!

**JANUARY Stewardship**

Budget Offering:	through 1/31/2015	\$24662.00
Designated Giving:	through 1/31/2015	\$2088.50
	Capital Improvements	815.00
	Loose Change	103.00
	Flowers	121.00
	CRAVE	20.00
	Youth	20.00
	Awakening Service	25.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	50.00
	Upper Rooms	2.00
	Memorials	703.00
	2015 Steeple Postage	45.50
	2015 Offering Envelopes	184.00
Thanksgiving Offering		10.00
Christmas Offering		85.00
Reimbursements		14.48
Total:		\$26859.98

JOINED TOGETHER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate. — MATTHEW 19:6 NIV

MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT**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!

FEBRUARY Ushers (10:30):**Feb. 1:** Tamera, Sydney, Piper Martin**Feb. 8: USHERS NEEDED!****Feb.. 15:** Deb Mayer, **USHERS NEEDED!****Feb. 22:** Jamie Keith, **USHERS NEEDED!****GREETERS NEEDED FOR SOME SERVICES**

Please Call the Church Office (259-5210)
if you will help be an usher or greeter!

Average Attendance for JANUARY 2015

Early Service	39
Late Service	93
Sunday School	41
Visitors	6
3 Awakening Services	50



**DEADLINE FOR
MARCH 2015
STEEPLE, Wed.,
FEBRUARY 18th!**



Your Help Is Needed...

Connie Hickerson wishes to **take a break** from *More Jesus Time*, the educational time for 1st-5th graders during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. **We have a couple of options.** Debra Fansler is willing to do *More Jesus Time* if someone is willing to take over her *Helping Hands for Christ Class* for children in K-5th grade meeting at 9:15 a.m. **Or** adults may take turns leading the *More Jesus Time*. We would supply materials for the weekly lesson time. The continuation of these vital programs depend upon us. **If you are willing to help**, please email us at info@stpaulwired.org or call us at 259-5210 or speak to Debra Fansler on Sunday mornings. We thank Connie for successfully launching *More Jesus Time* and making it a key component of our educational ministry.



Flower Calendar for 2015 is posted on the long bulletin board in the Education Wing. There are still several openings

FLOWER CALENDAR

remaining on the chart.

Please, take time to check it out and fill it up! Thank you!

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?



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--Blood pressure. Adults should have their blood pressure checked at least every two years unless you have a diagnosis of high blood pressure then it should be more often. If you have at least weekly readings, taken around the same time each day, your physician has readings to help he/she determine how to help you manage your blood pressure. Optimal blood pressure is less than 120/80, but "controlled" hypertension is defined as <140/90. Talk to your healthcare provider and discuss what level he thinks is optimal for you.

--Cholesterol levels. Adults should have their cholesterol measured at least once every five years starting at age 20, if they have risk factors for heart disease, such as obesity or high blood pressure. If you're healthy, you can start having your cholesterol screened at age 35 for men and 45 for women. Some children may need their blood cholesterol tested if they have a strong family history of heart disease. Cholesterol levels can be checked at Alton Memorial Hospital at certain times of the year (dates are posted on bulletin board) for a fee of \$10.00. You can check with me for dates for 2015 if you are interested.

--Diabetes screening. Since diabetes is a risk factor for developing heart disease, you may want to consider being screened for diabetes. Talk to your doctor about when you should have a fasting blood sugar test to check for diabetes. Depending on your risk factors, such as being overweight or having a family history of diabetes, your doctor may recommend early screening for diabetes. If your weight is normal and you don't have other risk factors for type 2 diabetes, the American Diabetes Association recommends starting screening at age 45, and then retesting every three years.

You can still take charge of your health even now, no matter what level you are at. You should be the primary manager of your health, with the physician and other clinicians working as part of your health care team. Know your numbers, eat heart healthy, exercise, maintain a healthy weight, get plenty of rest, and enjoy this life that God has given you! See you at the heart/stroke fair!

**Blessings,
Eileen**





open hearts
open minds
open doors



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Our mission is to share our love of Christ to open hearts for a life filled with amazing possibilities!

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 yrs old to 30s.

CRAVE Facilitator - Betsy Blacklock 618.250.3858
betsy.healingimages@yahoo.com

CRAVE - 9:15 a.m. Sunday morning:
"Awakening - Honesty - Action (AHA)"
Bible Study Series

Awakening Service:

Every Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

<https://www.facebook.com/AwakeningWorshipSTPUMC>

twigs

The Awakening Service on Saturdays at 5 p.m. is collecting items for ***TWIGS: Pack-a-Sack.***

This program provides food for children of the Granite City School District who are at risk of having nothing to eat over a weekend. Each child in the program discreetly receives a sack of non-perishable food items each Friday. You can participate by placing these food items in the ***TWIGS garbage can*** at the front of the stage: Pudding Cups, Jello Cups, Applesauce Cups, Fruit Cups, Individual Cereal Cups, Granola Bars, Ramen Noodles, Soup: Chicken Noodle or Vegetable Beef, Mac n Cheese, Cheese n Crackers, Fruit Chews, Hot Cocoa Mix Pouches, Beef Jerky Sticks (Small, individually wrapped). PLEASE, NOTHING WITH PEANUTS. ***TWIGS*** was started by Rev. Lisa Williams, pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Granite City. For more information, check out the website:

www.twigsforkids.org.



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, March 20th, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and
Saturday, March 21st, 8:30 a.m. until noon;

\$2 admission charged for the Pre-sale only on

Thursday night, March 19th, 6-8 p.m. Please -
bring NO rummage before SATURDAY, March 7th.

... place items where designated to keep the Fellowship Hall useable for
Awakening ... can be brought through MONDAY, March 16th. Start look-
ing for your rummage as winter continues! Mark your calendars now!

Who Should Attend?

Navigating Change is a conference designed for pastors, pastors' spouses, church staff, lay leaders, ministry leaders, and volunteers in all areas of ministry. Would you like to go?

NAVIGATING
CHANGE
FEB. 26-27, 2015

CHANGES TO FACILITY USE

Please note these changes in the use of the church on **Saturday** beginning December of 2014.

Anyone using the Fellowship Hall must complete their event by 4 p.m. and have everything cleaned up by 4:30 p.m. Afternoon weddings must begin by 3:30 p.m. at the latest. Evening weddings may be held beginning after 6:30 p.m. Thank you.



Hickerson Scholarship 2015



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: Wednesday, April 1, 2015

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

The Four Steps Needed To Begin A New Ministry

(This is a summary of an article from Blaze Ministries by Tim Price)

I Could Do It!

It begins with a seed. Many people have walked by this same exact situation and haven't given it a thought, but you walk by and something catches your attention. A need surfaces and you think to yourself, "I could do that."

I Should Do It!

Then the seed begins to grow. You move beyond could and it becomes more personal. Now you're thinking you should do it! This is when it begins to burn into your heart and mind and will be difficult to shake. You have to move from thinking someone else should, or that you possibly could, to you - yourself - having the sense that you should do something.

I Will Do It!

You need to pass through each of these levels in order for this third level to be effective, because this is where it gets hard. Anyone can say they will do it. But without the drive, discernment, discovery that happens in your should during the first two levels, this level may be short lived. Once you've noticed the need and once you've determined you should do something about it, "should" then turns to "will." This phase is a commitment. You're in. And if you thought your mind was churning about should you do it, wait until you come to grips with "I will do it." In many ways, this level brings a peace that the decision has been made or an answer has been given. In other ways, your heart and life are consumed with getting it accomplished and working toward it. It doesn't mean you know all the steps ahead, but you're driven with commitment.

I Will Invite Others To Help Me Do It!

You could do it, you should do, you will do it, and now, you invite others to join you in accomplishing it. Without living through the first three phases, this phase is nearly impossible. Followers will travel pretty far with someone who has drive, passion and inexplicable desire to get something accomplished. And inviting people to join you, requires that you have lived through the struggle of wondering if you could, should or would do it. Now you're here, you must go for it, and you need the help of others who also see the vision with you.

Conclusion

So, where are you? Have you seen a need? Are you struggling with a call that you need to answer? There are lots of things you could do, but have any surfaced in your heart as something you should do? Or maybe you're involved in a ministry or role that you know you need to do, but now it's time to invite others to join you. Pray a ton and ask big!



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**
- ✦ **post a notice on our website (if possible),**
www.stpaulwired.org
- ✦ **contact those on the e-mail prayer chain (if possible)**



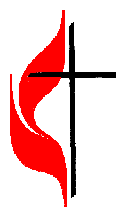
A Confirmation Class

for those in the **7th & 8th grades** begins with a **Retreat on Feb. 13-15** at East Bay Camp near Bloomington. (The retreat is optional.)

Weekly sessions begin with Pastor Daryl on Sun., Feb. 22 at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room and continue through Sun., April 19.

At the end of our time together, youth choose whether they desire to commit to be disciples of Jesus Christ and join His church.

For more information, contact Pastor Daryl at 259-5210 or dfansler@stpaulwired.org today!



Pastor Daryl will be preaching and providing communion on Sunday, Feb. 1st, at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Village Chapel. You are welcome to come, too.



THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

GIDEON SUNDAY

is Sunday, March 1st during the 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Since The Gideons' State Convention is meeting in O'Fallon, IL at that time, we will be part of their mission blitz.

Gideon speakers will blanket area churches on this Sunday telling about the work of The Gideons. At the end of both services, we will take up a special offering supporting the work of The Gideons. St. Paul UMC is a long-time supporter of The Gideons.