



# The Steeple

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*"I give you a new commandment: love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples." John 14:34-35*

Jesus did not have in mind a philosophical ideal of love that we are supposed to all subscribe to. No, Peter is to love John. James is to love Andrew. The disciples are to love the person beside them at the table during that Last Supper; the one who sometimes gets upon their nerves.

God's love is concrete—encased in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ—who is the example for all of us. I John 3:16 says: *"It is by this that we know what love is: that Christ laid down his life for us."* In those moments when we are tempted to doubt God's love for us, we need look no farther than the dying form of Jesus upon the cross for the assurance of God's love

Our love for each other isn't a matter of thinking lofty thoughts, but rather of doing small, quiet deeds. It is taking a dish of food to a neighbor who just came home from the hospital, driving a friend to the hospital for treatments, sending a *"Thinking of You"* card to a friend. I John 3:18 reminds us that: *"Love must not be a matter of words or talk; it must be genuine and show itself in action."*

Christian love isn't an emotion, but rather a commitment. It is a commitment to be Christ towards each other. A commitment to open ourselves to God, so God's love might flow through us toward our neighbor.

Jesus understood how easy it is for the best of us to become self-absorbed in our own lives. How easy it is for us to live with little thought about others. Jesus wanted his community to be different. He wanted us to think first—not of ourselves—but of others. He wanted the mark of his disciples to be their love for each other and their love for the world.

And, it worked. Commenting upon the first century Christians, a Roman historian said: **"OH, HOW THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER!"** Loving others as Christ would have us love them is hard. Through these words Dr. Karl Menninger, the famous psychiatrist, captured how hard it is to love:

*PEOPLE ARE UNREASONABLE, ILLOGICAL, AND SELF-CENTERED. LOVE THEM ANYWAY.  
IF YOU DO GOOD, PEOPLE WILL ACCUSE YOU OF SELFISH, ULTERIOR MOTIVES. DO GOOD ANYWAY.  
IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL, YOU WILL WIN FALSE FRIENDS AND TRUE ENEMIES. SUCCEED ANYWAY.  
THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY WILL BE FORGOTTEN TOMORROW. DO GOOD ANYWAY.  
HONESTY AND FRANKNESS MAKE YOU VULNERABLE. BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.  
PEOPLE FAVOR UNDERDOGS BUT FOLLOW ONLY TOP DOGS. FIGHT FOR UNDERDOGS ANYWAY.  
WHAT YOU SPEND YEARS BUILDING MAY BE DESTROYED OVERNIGHT. BUILD ANYWAY.  
PEOPLE REALLY NEED HELP BUT MAY ATTACK YOU IF YOU HELP THEM. HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY.  
GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT AND YOU'LL GET KICKED IN THE TEETH. GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.*

This is what God did. God gave the world His best. He gave us His only son that whosoever believed in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. There is no greater love than this!

**We remember and celebrate God's love with these special services:**

**Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 29 at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Thursday Service - Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 5 at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.**

Pastor Daryl

P.S. You may join us at the Awakening Service every Saturday at 5 p.m. I have found it to be a great blessing and you may as well!



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

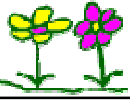
- We were blessed by **Matt Henson**, Executive Director of Living the Adventure Ministries, who challenged us to grow in faith on Feb. 21-22. In an afternoon session on the 22nd, Matt reminded us of the importance of small groups in growing our faith and the church. Matt challenged us all to have our own Aldersgate experience so we might grow in Christ.
- **Boy Scout Sunday** reminded us how blessed we are to have Boy Scout Troop 777 and Cub Scout Pack 3030. As the charter organization for these groups, we are instrumental in shaping the character of the young men in our community. The quality of our troop is shown by the number of scouts who ascend to the elite group of Eagle Scouts. We are blessed to have great leadership and motivated boys!
- On Wednesday, Feb. 18, Josh Williams & Jocelynn Gallup welcomed a baby boy into this world, **Roman Angel Williams**, weighing 9lbs. 11oz. His big brother is Max, his grandparents are Randy & Jan Williams, and his great-grandmother is Janet Williams.
- We welcome **Victoria Rose Garrison** who arrived on February 20th weighing 9lbs. 2oz. Her parents are Andrew & Jennifer Garrison. Her siblings are Will and Kate. The proud grandparents are Randy & Mindy McLain. Congratulations to this growing family!
- Also, on February 20th, **Grady William Mayer** (6lbs. 1oz.) and **Emerson Ruth Mayer** (6lbs. 3 oz.) made their entrance. Parents, Jason & Lindsey Mayer, and big sister, Edie, are all very excited! Proud grandparents are Mark & Deb Mayer. There are many in the St. Paul family on both sides of this family and we congratulate everyone on this double blessing!
- Our prayers and deepest sympathy goes to those who have lost loved ones recently. To the family of **Danny Zipprich**, neighbor & friend of Tom & Ruth Voorhees; the family of **Kenny Wickenhauser**, friend of the Pruetzels; the family of **JoAnn Harmon Arnold**, friend of the Pruetzels; the family of **Sammy Biggs**, grandson of the Pruetzels' friend, Charlie Biggs; the family & friends of **Timmy Showers**, including Jim & Anna Mae Stewart and Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; and the family of **Stacie Williams**, daughter of Randy Williams and granddaughter of Janet Williams. May God give you all comfort, healing, and peace in this time of grieving.



*Stacie Williams*

## Thank You!

- **THANK YOU** to Pastor Daryl, Parish Visitor Doug, and Parish Nurse Eileen, and the Church Family for your many prayers, visits, and calls during my recent hospitalization. Prayer is powerful! **Don Gwaltney**



## Easter Egg Hunt



**Palm Sunday, March 29th in the church park after the 10:30 a.m. Service! Rain brings it inside.**

If you would like to donate candy or empty, plastic eggs for this event there is a box set-up in the entryway. Place your donations there.



*It is time to order your Easter Flowers for 2014. The order forms will be in the worship bulletins. Remember to pay for your flowers when you order them. The flowers will cost \$7.00 each this year. If you have any questions, call the church office @ 259-5210. Deadline to order: Sunday, March 29th*

## EASTER WEEKEND WORSHIP

Awakening Sat., April 4 at 5 p.m.

Easter Music by the Awakening Band

Pastor Daryl preaches on

**Living on the Far Side of Easter!**

Communion Celebrated

Easter Sunday April 5

Traditional Service at 8:15 a.m.

Praise & Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Daryl preaches on

**Why We Need A Resurrection!**

Special music at both services



**Maundy Thursday Holy Communion**

**Thursday, April 2nd  
7:00 p.m.**

**Special music and Observance of the Last Supper!**

### 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 send your request to the Church Office and your check for **\$8.50**.

Any questions...please call 259-5210.



### MARCH - 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 March info!**



## Saturdays at St. Paul in MARCH 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!



### Our MARCH Speakers:

- 7th - Iris Uzzell
- 14th - James Simpson
- 21st - Dan Beck
- 28th - Andy Raines (Passion Painter)

## Sundays at St. Paul in MARCH 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.*



### THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

#### 1 2nd Sunday in Lent. **GIDEONS SUNDAY.**

**Communion Celebrated.** St. Paul is a long time supporter of the Gideon ministry which distributes Bibles

throughout the world. The Gideons are meeting in Fairview Heights for their State Convention. This weekend they are sending speakers to churches throughout the region. At the end of each worship service, you will have the opportunity to financially support the work of the Gideons. We assume that you support their work with prayer throughout the year!



#### 8 3rd Sunday in Lent. **Change To Daylight Savings Time. Birthday Sunday.** Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series from I Peter by focusing on I Peter 2:20-25. Christ suffered for us. He who was without sin took upon himself our sin. So by his wounds we have been healed.

This is good news for all of us.

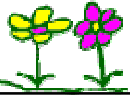


#### 15 4th Sunday in Lent. **One Great Hour of Sharing.** You may give a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief today or any Sunday. Today we focus on I Peter 3:8-17 which asks us to turn the other cheek; to return evil with blessing. If we do this, God promises to bless us.

#### 22 5th Sunday in Lent. This world is not our home. Soon we are heading home to heaven. This awareness influences our actions. We are called to live differently than others in this world. That is the focus of I Peter 5:8-10.



#### 29 PALM SUNDAY. **Holy Week Begins. PALM PROCESSIONAL BEGINS THE 10:30 A.M. SERVICE.** We begin our journey with Jesus to the cross. The crowds hailed Jesus as King. Later in the week, the soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head and mocked the claim to kingship. Jesus is King, just not the king we expected. Still, Jesus is King and we are commanded to be his loyal subjects. *The Handbell Choir and Worship Choir provides special music.*



### Nurses Notes for MARCH 2015 from Parish Nurse, Eileen!

*“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it, you were taken for dust you are and to dust your will return.” Genesis 3:19*

Well, I guess we were due for some winter weather and I don't even mind a little snow, but -5 degrees is just a little too cold for me. I am keeping my eye on March, which is fast approaching. Hopefully, it will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. I trust that while all of you are staying inside to keep warm that you are spending some time during this 40 days of lent to reflect, repent, and pray- so that your hearts are prepared for our glorious Easter morning celebration!

**Recently the parish nurses have had many questions come up concerning the recent measles outbreak.** I thought I would give some information on the topic for this newsletter. According to the CDC, this outbreak started of all places in Disneyland. From January 1- January 28 there were a total of 84 reported cases in 14 states. The CDC reported that most of the cases are due to adults and children not being vaccinated. Measles are brought in to the country by people who get the disease while traveling.

Many people are asking if they need measles “boosters”. Let's start with a bit of information on measles. Measles (also referred to as “hard”, 7, 8, or 10-day, or red measles) is a highly contagious, respiratory disease caused by a virus, transmitted by direct contact with infectious droplets or by airborne spread when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. Measles virus can remain infectious on surfaces and in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area. (Think about that while you are out in the grocery store-use those hand sanitizers and wipes!) Typically, measles starts with a fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat, and is followed by a rash that spreads from the face, down the back and trunk, and then extends to the arms and hands, and progresses to legs and feet. The symptoms of measles generally appear 7 to 14 days after a person is exposed; however, the incubation period ranges from 7 to 21 days. Patients are considered to be contagious from 4 days before to 4 days after the rash appears. Measles can be very serious or even fatal. Serious complications of measles include pneumonia and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Rubella (three day or German measles) is contagious as well, but generally without the morbidity, except in the case of pregnant women. It is quite serious for the pregnant woman, as it may cause congenital defects in the fetus if the mother is exposed within the first 20 weeks of pregnancy.

A licensed vaccine to prevent measles was first available in 1963 and an improved measles vaccine in 1968. Vaccines for the mumps and rubella became available in 1967 & 1969, respectively. A combined vaccine, MMR (measles, mumps, & rubella) became available in 1971.

As of February 11, 2015, IDPH reports that ten cases of measles have been confirmed in Illinois this year. All cases reside in or are linked to a daycare in suburban Cook County. Onsets range from January 16 to February 7, 2015. Contacts to cases are being identified and actively monitored and additional cases may be identified.

#### **Presumptive evidence of immunity to measles includes any of the following:**

- Written documentation of vaccination with 2 doses of live measles or MMR vaccine administered at least 28 days apart
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (titer),
- Laboratory confirmation of disease, or
- Birth before 1957\* -Prior to the vaccine, it was assumed that everyone caught the measles as it is 90% contagious if an unprotected person is exposed.

(\*Although birth before 1957 is considered as presumptive evidence of immunity, in some circumstances a person may be required to show lab confirmation of disease—for instance—a titer. Healthcare providers & travelers may have to consider vaccination with two doses of MMR vaccine at the appropriate interval.)

In an interview with BJC Today, Rachel Orscheln, MD, Washington University Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist at St. Louis Children's Hospital, says, “The St. Louis area has avoided the recent measles outbreak so far, but it will take vigilance on the part of parents and physicians to keep it that way. The most recent outbreak, thought to have been triggered by an infected international tourist visiting Disneyland, has spread — mostly in California, home to a larger percentage of parents who don't immunize their children due to concerns about vaccines. Though measles was declared eliminated from the United States in 2000, public health officials and doctors fear that this serious childhood disease, along with others like polio and mumps, may reappear in a big way.

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- March 01 Betts, Lisa
- March 01 Toner, Ava
- March 02 Brown, Robert
- March 02 Voorhees, Ricci
- March 02 Baker, Kristin
- March 03 Toner, Ted
- March 04 Ballard, Iola
- March 04 Napp, Allan
- March 04 Springer, Brent
- March 05 Toner, Chuck
- March 05 Plummer, Alexis
- March 07 Glassmeyer, Judy
- March 07 Mayer, Mark
- March 08 Hamm, Pat
- March 09 Herndon, Claudia
- March 09 Bell, Corey
- March 09 Scroggins, Brian
- March 09 Fansler, Meg
- March 09 Clark, Landon
- March 10 Bivens, Madelyn
- March 10 Hamilton, Donna
- March 10 Emerick, Micki
- March 11 Diveley, Kasey
- March 11 Oertle, Jill
- March 11 Laws, Ashley
- March 12 Toner, Brooke
- March 13 Huddleston, John
- March 13 Schroedter, Stephanie
- March 13 Terry, Codey
- March 13 Bonds, Hunter
- March 17 Upple, Carol

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

- March 17 Kainz, Jean
- March 17 Workman, Andy
- March 17 Foiles, Kelsey
- March 17 Henderson, Sophia
- March 17 Schiber, Rachel
- March 18 Birmingham, Harvey
- March 19 Ward, Gerry
- March 19 Huddleston, Rick
- March 19 Tillery, Joe
- March 19 Witthoft, Tim
- March 20 Michels, Mike
- March 20 Clark, Katie
- March 20 Gwaltney, Matt
- March 21 Hill, Phyllis
- March 21 Bishop, Krista
- March 22 Brueggeman, Randy
- March 22 Kamp, Lori
- March 22 Napp, Kyle
- March 22 Toner, Matt
- March 22 Gebhardt, Lucas
- March 23 Moon, Bob
- March 23 Sandbach, Justin
- March 24 Grizzle, Lucy
- March 24 Oertle, Logan
- March 24 White, Audrey
- March 25 Dawson, Anita
- March 25 LaTempt, Tonya
- March 26 McCammon, Toby
- March 26 Bell, Jayden
- March 28 Sparling, Rick III
- March 28 Watt, Tyler
- March 29 Hamlin, Mark
- March 29 Bentley, Tracy
- March 30 Eyster, Chris
- March 30 Wells, Amy
- March 31 Gwaltney, Don Sr.
- March 31 Blacklock, Betsy
- March 31 Herndon, Holden



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- March 02 Dorsey, Norris & Mary Lou
- March 03 Buatte, David & Cherie
- March 07 Garrison, Andrew & Jennifer
- March 09 Ortegren, Al & Bobbi
- March 09 Springer, Brent & Jessie

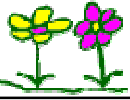


- March 11 Roberts, Brian & Jennifer
- March 14 Basden, Bill & Gloria
- March 19 Herndon, Jim & Jane
- March 20 White, Jeff & Laura Mae
- March 21 Pascoe, Doug & Joy
- March 21 Scroggins, Mike & Linda

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

**Changes/Additions:** Mrs. Katie Lair P.O. Box 244, Brighton, IL 62012;  
Mr. & Mrs. David Flynn 1002 W. Delmar Avenue, Godfrey, IL 62035;  
Mrs. Stacy Tuttle-Lyons 132 Westmoreland 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!



# DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2015 STEEPLE, Fri., March 20th!

## MARCH Ushers (10:30 a.m.):

Mar. 1: USHERS NEEDED!

Mar. 8: USHERS NEEDED!

Mar.. 15: Tom & Ruth Voorhees

Mar. 22: Jamie Keith, USHER NEEDED!

Mar. 29: USHERS NEEDED!

## GREETERS NEEDED FOR SOME SERVICES, TOO

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

## Average Attendance for FEBRUARY 2015

Early Service	40
Late Service	73
Sunday School	37
Visitors	8
4 Awakening Services	46



## FEBRUARY Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 2/28/2015	\$19087.50
Designated Giving:	through 2/28/2015	\$788.80
	Capital Improvements	350.00
	Loose Change	89.80
	Flowers	144.00
	Youth	70.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	90.00
	Upper Rooms	0.00
	2015 Steeple Postage	17.00
	2015 Offering Envelopes	38.00
Missions-Matt Henson		10.00
Total:		\$19896.30

## MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT



March's Loose Change Project is McKendree University. This university was established as a private Methodist College. It currently has over 2,000 students and 150 staff. The university needs financial support for scholarships, building funds, and the many other needs always present in maintaining an ongoing educational institution. May God bless and multiply your gifts!



# Happy St. Patrick's Day, March 17th



# Sunday, March 8th

## Set your clock ahead one hour!

## RENEW A STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME.

PSALM 51:10, NIV



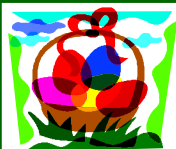
The light of Christ surrounds you.  
The love of Christ enfolds you.  
The power of Christ protects you.  
The presence of Christ watches over you.  
Wherever you are, Christ is.

Anne Ortlund, Fix Your Eyes on Jesus



### 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 some 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](mailto: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.



### Easter Baskets for Needy Children

Once again our congregation has the opportunity to make Easter Baskets for needy children. We have delivered approximately 390 baskets over the last 9 years to the Community Hope Center and Operation Blessing. We deliver baskets before Easter.

Baskets can be homemade or bought. Traditional Easter candy, a small toy, a stuffed animal, or some personal items, or school supplies can go into them. We do ask that you cover the basket with cellophane or some kind of see through protection,

so the items do not fall out. Place these in the food collection area.

You can also bring individual items which will be made into baskets by the craft ladies. Put the items in the bins labeled for such in the same area. The craft ladies will them assemble baskets from these. We need "empty" baskets and we need lots of good things to fill them with.

**Easter is on April 5th this year...**  
**Individual items need to be in the collection area by Sunday, March 22nd.**  
**Completed Baskets need to be in the collection area by Sunday, March 29th.**

**Delivery will take place on the week of March 30th.**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!**

### NURSE NOTES Continued from Page 5

"These diseases are poised to make a comeback," says Dr. Orscheln. "Whenever the vaccination rates drop, diseases like measles and whooping cough make a roaring comeback. We've seen it in Europe and other places around the world." Measles is so highly infectious that an outbreak can build momentum quickly, Dr. Orscheln says. "It's very easy to catch. **90% of unprotected people exposed to it will become ill.** It's airborne and unlike many diseases it's infectious before symptoms appear."

For many of you born before 1957 it looks as if you are in the clear as you probably had measles as a child. Although born after 1957, I had the measles vaccine and am protected, too. My concern is for the young children who are immune compromised, such as those battling childhood cancer- and for pregnant mothers. Many pediatricians report a growing number of parents who are declining to immunize their children based on misinformation or research from unproven sources. The evidence is clear that the outbreaks are spread from people not vaccinated. The CDC recommends that all children receive two doses of the MMR vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12-15 months and then a second at 4-6 years of age.

I hope that this clears up any questions that you may have about measles.

Stay warm. Begin your 40 day journey with Jesus. It will lead you to the cross- and eternal life with Christ!

### Following Him- Eileen

Eileen Cheatham RN, BC, B.S.N.

Sources: Illinois Department of Public Health Communicable Disease Control Section [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) [www.bjctoday/online.org](http://www.bjctoday/online.org)







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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](mailto:betsy.healingimages@yahoo.com)

**CRAVE** - 9:15 a.m. Sunday morning:  
Currently meeting with Iris Uzzell's class

**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 blue 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 Guilliams, pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Granite City. For more information, check out the website:

[www.twigsforkids.org](http://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 looking for your rummage as winter continues! Mark your calendars now!

## HELP WANTED

Are you bored from the winter weather – eager to have something to do? The Women of Worship have solved your problem! **MANAGERS** are needed to make decisions about sorting clothes, kitchen items, Christmas décor, etc. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 16-18. **ACCOUNTANTS** and **BAGGERS** are needed on Thursday night, March 19, from 6 – 8 p.m., Friday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, March 21, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. **MAINTENANCE CREW** will take over at noon on Saturday to pack up unsold items to deliver to Hope Center and Goodwill.

**Also needed:** pickup trucks to deliver items not picked up by Hope Center Truck. Minimum wage will “sort of” prevail – per church volunteer status, all time accrued will be donated.

**THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR VOLUNTEERING.**

## 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

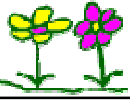
deserving college-bound graduating seniors who sets for him or herself the same standards of outstanding scholastic achievement and faith reflected in their everyday life.

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**.



# PALM WAVERS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY! NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

Children are needed for Palm Sunday, March 29, to wave palms during the Palm Processional at the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Service. Show up at 10:15 a.m. in the parlor to get a palm and instructions!

## CONSIDER JOINING A SMALL GROUP FOR A 4-WEEK SERIES!

### SMALL GROUP INFORMATION:

Small groups will begin meeting and studying for the next four weeks **SIMPLIFY - Unclutter Your Soul.**

Exhausted...Overwhelmed...Overscheduled...  
Sound familiar?

Based on Bill Hybel's book **SIMPLIFY** and the companion DVD series, the **SIMPLIFY** Participant's Guide will lead us on a journey to discovering a simpler life.

**Group 1** - Meets on Saturday Evenings, once a month, before or after AWAKENING and begins Feb. 28th. The Leader will be Noël Schiber

**Group 2** - Meets on Sunday Evenings at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall classroom and runs March 1st-22nd. The Leader will be Deb Fansler.

**Group 3** - For everyone else... When would you like to meet? Let us know and we will help you put a group together!

If you crave a simpler life anchored by the priorities that matter most, roll up your sleeves: simplified living requires uncluttering your soul!

# The United Methodist Village

## Where Living Is Easy.

St. Paul United Methodist Church sponsors the *Friday Morning Breakfast* at United Methodist Village in Godfrey on Friday, March 27 at 9 a.m. Your gifts make it possible to provide this time of fellowship for the residents of the village!



### SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.  
- JOHN 10:27 NIV

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# Confirmation

## A Confirmation Class for those in the 7th & 8th grades

Weekly sessions began 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](mailto:dfansler@stpaulwired.org) today!



THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

## GIDEONS 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. The Gideons speakers will blanket area churches on this Sunday telling about the work of The Gideons. **Bill Starnes, Pres. of the St. Clair South Camp, will speak here.** He has been an active member since 2004. Bill practices law in Edwardsville where he is a partner at Reed Armstrong Mudge & Morrissey. 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.



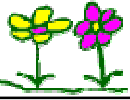
**A Change From The Policy Committee:** Any individual or group within the church wishing to use the dishwasher for an event must first contact Dottye Aitken or Ruth Voorhees for complete instructions beginning with turning on the machine, water heater temperature, etc. and how to clean the machine before turning it off.

**RATIONALE:** The use of the dishwasher requires a proper sequence for it to work properly and therefore avoid costly service calls. *We hope many will learn how it all works so that there is always someone at the ready whenever the dishwasher is needed! Thanks!*

### **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](http://www.stpaulwired.org)**
-  **contact those on the e-mail prayer chain (if possible)**





# LISTEN UP



KIDSCONFERENCE.ORG

THE LIGHT KIDS CONFERENCE

For kids in 1st—5th Grades!

**Music & Worship by Harvest Worship Band**

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 9 A.M.—2 P.M.  
1ST-4TH GRADERS

Early Registration: \$20 Regular Registration: \$25

Games \* Food \* Fun

Troy United Methodist Church

We will provide transportation from St. Paul UMC - Register with Debra Fansler!

# Happy Spring!



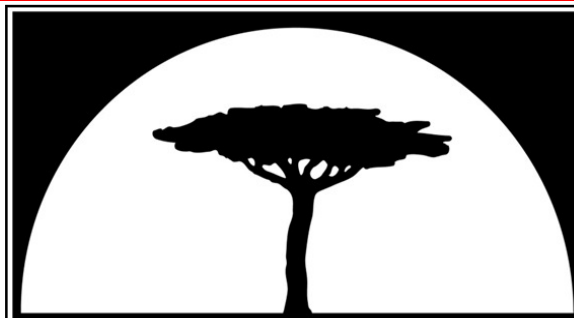
Pauline Shongo believes that one day **Africa University** will be the key to peace on the continent of Africa. The university, located in Zimbabwe and established by The United Methodist Church in 1992, draws students from all over Africa. The current enrollment of 2,000 represents students from 29 countries.

From the beginning, Africa University has been a place where dreams come true. "I think because of the diversity and the opportunity to get to know each other as friends we will someday bring peace to all of Africa because we have learned to love each other," said Shongo. A student from the Democratic Republic of Congo, she is majoring in economics and French.

In what seems a short 20 years, Africa University has grown from a school with classes in refurbished farm buildings to a world-changing university with more than 4,000 graduates throughout Africa and the world.

From its inception, we have enjoyed a unique and important role in Africa University. We built the bridge that enabled the construction of the university. We built the chapel where worship services are held. Bishops and members from our Conference have sat on the Board of Trustees.

**Now we are challenging ourselves to raise 1 million dollars to endow scholarships at Africa University. Our church will be asked to join others in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference in making a pledge toward the scholarship fund. A kick-off rally for our district effort will be held on Thursday, March 19 at Nameoki United Methodist Church in Granite City at 7 p.m.**



**AFRICA**  
**UNIVERSITY**<sup>®</sup>  
*A United Methodist-Related Institution*

One Great Hour of Sharing is the way we fund the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR aids victims of natural disasters, refugees (primarily fleeing war zones), and provides hunger relief. Every year we take up a special offering during Lent to support its work. This year **March 15 is One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday**. You may use your special offering envelope or a pew envelope or your regular envelope designating your gift for One Great Hour of Sharing at any time during March.

Since we use the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to cover the administrative costs of UMCOR, this means that whenever we take up an offering for an overwhelming disaster like an earthquake or tsunami, **100% of your offering goes to direct aid**. Our administrative costs are low, about 10 cents of every dollar given to this offering. Your generous gifts mean that we are able to respond immediately to needs that arise. For example, UMCOR provided supplies for our hospitals in Liberia and Sierra Leone to combat the EBOLA outbreak.



**Thank you for your support of the One Great Hour of Sharing!**