



The Steeple

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*"Why worship? I mean, really, **why worship?** This is the deeper question that is really asked by the rapidly growing population of spiritually yearning, institutionally alienated people in Western culture today. This group includes people with no religious preference and "nones;" but it also includes a multitude of formerly active church members who are stepping further and further from regular worship attendance. What is the point? Why bother? Does it really matter? If Sunday morning worship suddenly ceased in our neighborhoods, towns, and cities, would anybody really miss it other than a handful of professionals who live off the income it generates?"*

We believe that worship design will never be able to get on the right track unless it answers this fundamental question. It is really a pre-Christian question for postmodern times. All the classical theological and cultural answers to this question are no longer valid in the current environment of religious skepticism and irrelevant churches. Why Worship?

From the Introduction to Worship Ways: For the People Within Your Reach

By Thomas G. Bandy with Lucinda S. Holmes

I am part of a Clergy Covenant Group that meets weekly from Sept.-May. While about half of our time together is spent in prayer, the rest of the time we engage in Bible study or discuss a book. Our current book, Worship Ways, begins with the above quote and has sparked spirited discussion. Thomas Bandy is a longtime teacher and church consultant. Lucinda Homes is former executive pastor of worship at Church of the Resurrection near Kansas City and clergy coach.

Bandy and Holmes describe seven different worship options:

- Coaching Worship that gives practical advice for effective and fulfilling living.
- Educational Worship helps people make sense of the world. It explains, interprets, compares and critiques, and engages the mind.
- Transformational Worship brings people into direct and immediate experience of the Holy in such a powerful way that it dramatically changes or redirects an individual's life.
- Inspirational Worship is an uplifting experience that gives participants new confidence, courage, and optimism for the future.
- Caregiving Worship leads people to experience the embrace of God as a constant companion, protecting power, and generous benefactor.
- Healing Worship is an environment that helps people experience physical, emotional, mental, or relational wholeness. People come expecting miracles.
- Missional-Connectional Worship may be described using metaphors like "launching pad" and "action center," because the activities of worship are so closely tied to commissioning missionaries and supporting outreach efforts locally and globally.

In their chapters describing in greater detail each way of worship, Bandy and Holmes list those groups in our society reached by these seven options. Indeed, they contend that our worship ways divide us in our churches more than our musical preferences. Moreover, they claim that a church may only blend two different worship ways within a single service. Some ways blend together more easily than others. Finally, the more worship options a church is able to provide the more people it connects with God.

While I know that you don't necessarily read the newsletter for book summaries, I believe Worship Ways explains how our three distinct worship options at St. Paul reach three vastly different groups. Each service connects people with God in different ways.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Youth and Young Adults who have been busy doing good things:

--**Sam Brown** made his profession of faith and became the newest member of St. Paul on Sun., April 26. Sam has the gift of hospitality and warmly greets people to St. Paul. **Sam** has also been named as one of nine students who have qualified in the state's Young Authors Competition. Each student has received a certificate and trophy at the District Young Authors' Conference and will next go to ISU in Normal, IL on May 16th.

--**Sydney Palmer** played a young Fiona and one of the Three Little Pigs in *Shrek Jr. The Musical* for the Roxana Jr. High School play. Debbie Bacus directed the play while Mark Bacus designed the set and ran the lights.

--Silver Medallion Recipients 2015 from St. Paul: **Ian Napp and Ben Brown**—Alton Community High School. While he isn't part of our church family, we do want to congratulate **Jonathan Cheatham**, son of our Parish Nurse, Eileen and her husband, Doug, as a recipient! This honor is sponsored by *The Telegraph* (Alton).

--*The Advantage News* recently recognized these youth from St. Paul among the 2015 Top 7% Juniors and Seniors in the Riverbend Area: **Ben Brown & Ian Napp**—Alton Community High School; **Caleb Bentley & Lori Hickerson**—East Alton/Wood River High School; and **Katlyn Herndon & Oliver Bacus**—Roxana High School. Again, **Jonathan Cheatham** was among the recipients of this honor!

--**Erin Hall** was a dancing munchkin/zombie in the East Alton/Wood River High School Play, *Not In Kansas*.

--**Chance Foss** hit his first home run of the season, a grand slam, for Roxana High School as they defeated Calhoun County. Chance plays shortstop.

--**Carly Campbell** hit a home run to help her softball team defeat Jerseyville. Carly is the catcher for the East Alton/Wood River High School Oilers.

--**Kyle Norris** was named General Manager of the Radio Station at the University of Missouri. He will be a Junior next year.

--**Dani Wilson** received the Elmer C. Broz Award for Achievement in Journalism from SIUE, sponsored by *The Telegraph* (Alton). She is also working as an intern this summer at Little Grassy Camp.

--**Kiley Herndon** received a 2015 Senior Standout Award from SIUE. These awards recognize graduating seniors who have excelled both in and out of the classroom. They are nominated by the faculty and staff and presented by the Provost & Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

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- We welcome **Ava Lynn Sandbach** who arrived on March 5th weighing 6lbs.3oz. Her parents are Justin & Jennifer Sandbach. Her siblings are Kaden and Aubrey. The proud grandparents are James & Linda Sandbach. Congratulations to this growing family!
 - Thanks to **Matt and Christina Johnson** from Computer Specialists for the gift and installation of a new router in the basement. Now our Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the church.
 - **Thank you to those who helped with the spring work day at St. Paul.** Among the projects completed were raking up the gumballs that had fallen since the Scouts raked the park, trimming bushes, washing windows, and replacing light bulbs in the sanctuary.
 - Our prayers and deepest sympathy goes to those who have lost loved ones recently. To the family of **Mark Rowe**, father of Kristen Rowe and the family & friends of **Linda Mackelden**, mother (mother-in-law) of Susan (Chris) Cameron. We also pray for the family of **Bonnie Meyers**, mother of Rev. Mark Meyers (pastor, Jerseyville UMC) and the family of **Missey Thornton**, wife of Jeff Thornton (current IGRC UM Men President, former Mississippi River District UM Men President). May God give all His comfort, healing, and peace in this time of grieving.



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The 8:15 a.m. Sunday Service is Educational Worship. Bandy and Holmes state: *“The formula of educational worship is continuity, predictability, and profundity.”* Many people find comfort and meaning in a fixed order of worship.

The 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service is a blend of Caregiving/Educational Worship. The greeting time is particularly important in caregiving worship. Bandy and Holmes observe that people leave their seats, cross the aisle, and especially greet visitors and new members. *“Conversations may be brief but they are significant. They communicate concerns about life and death, health and happiness, peace and well-being, and do not just recite formulas or comment about the weather.”* Doesn't this capture this service?

The 5 p.m. Awakening Service is a blend of Transformational/Inspirational Worship. The typical comment of a person leaving this worship is *they felt the presence of the Holy Spirit or the service lifted their spirits.* This service is centered on personal testimonies that aim at the heart.

Worship Ways contends that a lot of our discussion about worship centers around elements that don't really matter: music, technology, architecture, presence of food, style of preaching, or whatever. Bandy and Holmes state: *“The truth is that God can use anything, anyone, in any way in order to bless people and redeem the world.”* People often emerge from each of our three worship options expressing that God has used that service to bless them.

This I do know: we are wired to worship. Worship we will do—whether that is the one, true God or a pale imitation. That is why false idols are so abhorrent in our faith. As we continue our conversations about worship at St. Paul, it is important for us to consider this conclusion from Worship Ways:

*“In the pre- and post-Christendom world there are only three things sacred about worship: **the experience of Christ, the blessing of Christ, and life with Christ.** Church leaders need to ask and answer “sacred questions” before they take on the awesome responsibility of designing worship.*

What is the mission purpose of worship?

What are the compelling reasons that drive specific groups of people to worship?

How does worship emerge from the spiritual life of leaders and deepen the spiritual life of seekers?

What spiritual habits will be reinforced, and what positive changes to lifestyle will result?

How does worship drive people to serve in God's greater purpose to redeem the world?

How will the community (or world) be any different because we worship?

Worship is sacred because Jesus Christ is really present. Wherever Christ is, people are blessed in special ways, go on to live differently, and pass the joy on to others.”

I hope this exposition on worship has proved informational and helpful to you. My prayer is that God will continue to grow our church so we move from offering only three ways of worship to as many as we are able to support. There are people who need the experience of Christ, the blessing of Christ, and life with Christ. Too many people have decided that worship isn't worth the bother! Pastor Daryl



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

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



Annual Rosewood Heights Volunteer Fire Department Saturday, May 16

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**TICKETS ARE \$8 IN ADVANCE!
TICKETS ARE \$9 AT THE DOOR!**



Saturdays at St. Paul in MAY 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. 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!



Our MAY Speakers:

2nd - Mike Rayson	9th - Dani Wilson
16th - Tyson Dodd	23rd - Lisa Guilliams
30th - Maria Fester	

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.



3 **5th Sunday of Easter. Communion Celebrated.** Pastor Daryl concludes the sermon series, *Encounters of the Risen Lord*, with the story of Jesus' appearance to five disciples who are fishing. The morning ends with breakfast on the sea-shore and with the forgiveness of Peter for his betrayal of Jesus. Read John 20:11-18.



10 **6th Sunday of Easter. Birthday Sunday. Mother's Day.** We celebrate God's gift of family that surrounds us with love. Every mother present receives a gift today. During *More Jesus Time* at the 10:30 a.m. service, the children will make a gift for their mothers.



17 **7th Sunday of Easter.** Guest speaker, Doug Pascoe, our Parish Visitor.



24 **DAY OF PENTECOST. Memorial Day Sunday.** The sudden arrival of the Holy Spirit calls us into the Church, the Body of Christ. We celebrate the Birthday of the Church. Read Acts 2. During both services, we celebrate the lives of those who have gone on to heaven. We also dedicate those items or programs that have been funded by Memorial gifts throughout the year.



31 **Trinity Sunday. 1st Sunday after Pentecost. Graduate Sunday.** During the 10:30 a.m. service, we recognize our 8th grade, High School, College, Tech School, and Graduate School grads. Each graduate receives a gift to remind them of our support, love and prayers for them. This is also Trinity Sunday. While we confess that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, this concept is difficult for our minds to understand. We focus on how God acting in these three relationships is important for us. *During both services, Brad and Maria Fester (Fester), our Wycliffe Bible translators to the Central African Republic (CAR), will briefly update us on their work. We are so thankful for their commitment to making Jesus known throughout the world.*



**Nurses Notes for MAY 2015 from Parish Nurse, Eileen Cheatham RN, BC, B.S.N.!**

We have been very blessed with some beautiful spring weather! It is so nice to wake up to the sunshine and the warmer weather- it seems to help everyone smile and enjoy their day just a bit better. May brings many celebrations this year- my youngest turns 18 and graduates from Alton High School, my oldest son will be 37! We all probably know someone going to prom this month, too! I will be busy with final plans for a graduation party which will be bittersweet. We will celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day- and then on to summer! God's creation will be in full bloom- and we all enjoy being in the sun- whether at Cardinal game, a trip to the zoo, or to the community pool!

So, I have one question for you. I bet there are some who can't wait to get out by the pool to get that "killer" tan. Or maybe you go to a tanning salon to get that golden bronze look. Please think again- because you very well could be doing just that- getting a "killer" tan. Please read this before you go out to tan, garden, swim, mow, or just walk! Each year about one million people find out that they have skin cancer- that is about one in every seven Americans. According to The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, 85 percent of the cases were from damage that occurred before the person reached their 18th birthday. Wow!

Let's start with a brief overview of the skin. The skin is the body's largest organ and its job is to protect you from heat and light, injury and infection. It has two main layers: the epidermis, or outer layer and the dermis or inner layer. The epidermis is made up of flat, scale like **squamous** cells. Under these are **basal** cells. The deepest part of the epidermis has **melanocytes**, which produce melanin which gives the skin its natural color. The dermis contains the blood and lymph vessels, hair follicles, and glands. Sweat is produced there and helps with body temperature control, and sebum which helps keep the skin from drying out. The sweat and sebum reach the surface of the skin through pores.

People get cancer when for whatever reason cells within the body begin to divide without any order or control. The extra cells can produce a tumor that can be benign (not cancer) or malignant (cancer) that can harm other tissues nearby and spread to other parts of the body. The two most common forms of skin cancer are basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. (Remember the cells that make up the skin?) These cancers are slow growing and rarely spread, and are rarely life-threatening, but early treatment is important because they can destroy surrounding tissue. My father died from squamous cell carcinoma because he did not seek treatment early and it did finally spread. A far more deadly form of skin cancer is malignant melanoma. The diagnosis of melanoma has doubled in the past 20 years. It can spread to the lymph nodes and then to other parts of the body.

Melanoma begins in the melanocytes. When your skin is exposed to the sun, the melanocytes produce more pigment, and that is why your skin darkens, or "tans." Melanoma can appear without warning, but 70% of cases begin in or near a mole or other dark spot on the skin.

Are you at risk? Anyone can develop skin cancer, but some have more risk factors: light or fair complexions, a tendency to burn easily, long periods of daily sun exposure, a history of bad sunburns, previous history of skin cancer or a family history of skin cancer, more than 50 ordinary moles or a history of abnormal moles, if you are undergoing any type of immunosuppressive therapy or take medications that interact with light to cause chemical reactions that increase sensitivity to light.

So what can you do to prevent skin cancer?

1. Limit your sun exposure between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when rays are strongest.
2. Cover up with hats that shade your face, neck, and ears- and with shirts and slacks.
3. Use sunscreens every day on skin not covered by clothing or a hat.
4. Sunscreen should be at least a SPF (Sun Protective Factor) of 15. Apply it liberally 30 minutes before sun exposure and reapply every 90- minutes. Zinc oxide can be applied to sensitive areas like the nose, ears, cheeks and shoulders.
5. Avoid tanning beds and lamps. There is no such thing as a safe tan. Tanned skin means it has been damaged.
6. Early detection: Look for the following symptoms in a mole, birthmark, scar or freckle:
 - A change in color or the appearance of two or more colors (colors can be black, brown, red, grey, or white).
 - A change in shape or an irregularly shaped mole.
 - A change in the surface, including scales, nodules or lumps.
 - A change in size or a mole bigger than the size of a pencil eraser.
 - A change in the borders or irregular, faded borders.
 - A persistent lump or swelling.
 - A new mole.
 - A sore that does not heal or begins to bleed.



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

- 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 12 Cincoski, Liam

- May 13 Yankovich, Tana
- May 13 Cameron, Troy
- May 13 Rich, Aaron
- May 13 Whaley, Shelby
- May 13 Martin, Ethan
- 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 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 15 Blacklock, Bob & Betsy



- May 17 Liedtke, Brian & Trista
- 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!

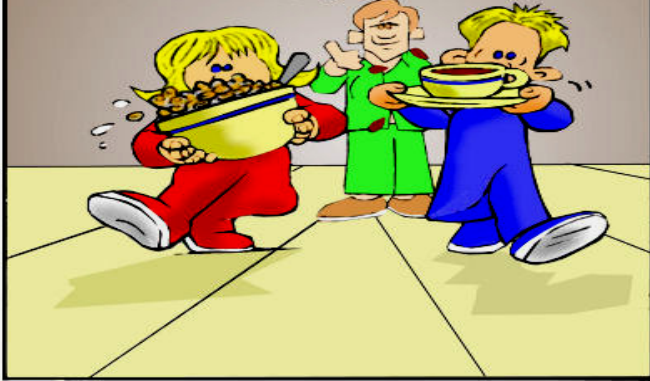
CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

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 4/30/2015	\$20858.00
Designated Giving:	through 4/30/2015	\$1212.50
	Capital Improvements	480.00
	Loose Change	116.50
	Flowers	36.00
	Youth	40.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	35.00
	Brad Fester/Wycliffe	50.00
	Memorials	20.00
	Trustees Emergency Reserve	50.00
	Helping Hands	25.00
	Africa Univ. Scholarships	100.00
	2015 Offering Envelopes	10.00
	Elevator Fund	100.00
	VBS	100.00
	Community Hope Center	50.00
Transfer from Reserve		441.63
Easter Offering		1166.00
Total:		\$23678.13

DEADLINE FOR JUNE 2015 STEEPLE, Fri., May 22nd!

MAY Ushers (10:30 a.m.):

NO USHERS ARE CURRENTLY SIGNED UP!

→ Please Call the Head Usher if you will help!

MAY Head Usher:

TOM VOORHEES

GREETERS NEEDED FOR SOME SERVICES, TOO

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

Average Attendance for APRIL 2015

Early Service	61
Late Service	80
Sunday School	41
Visitors	4
4 Awakening Services	39



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

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!



**United Methodist
Family Day
At Busch Stadium
Sunday, July 19, 2015**



St. Louis Cardinals vs. New York Mets

Game Time 1:15 p.m.

TICKETS: Left Field Pavilion – all seats \$20 (regular \$58)

- **Prairie Farms Ice Cream Sunday, starting 2 hrs. before game.**
- **Arrive by 11:00 a.m. and enjoy the pre-game festivities.**
- **All Proceeds from the game will benefit Illinois Great River Conference.**

How does your church participate? Each local church will need to advertise in advance of the Game. **Ticket requests and payment are due by July 1st.**

Ticket requests and payment will be handled on a First Come basis due to the limited tickets available. Tickets will be sent to the ticket coordinator or the church's address!



**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, graduate school, etc. 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 31st

during the 10:30 a.m. service!

Call 259-5210 or send to

info@stpaulwired.org.

Thank you for your assistance!



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

beginning

JUNE 7th-SEPTEMBER 6th

**Pastor Daryl will be preaching a
summer sermon series on
The Stories of Jesus**

"TAILGATE AT 8" (T8) 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)



open hearts
open minds
open doors



ST PAUL
united methodist church

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/171020936311281/>

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:
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.



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Perform a monthly skin exam, or have a monthly skin exam performed by a physician or dermatologist. Dr. Ahmed performs free skin screenings the second Wednesday of each month at the Cancer Care Center. The one for May is Wednesday, May 13th. You can call 1-800-392-0936 to schedule an appointment.

Remember: it is estimated that one American dies every hour from skin cancer; that each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than the combined incidence of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung and colon; and one in every 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. Enjoy the summer ahead, but do what you can to protect your skin and that of your family!

Resources: National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, Sun Safety For Kids

God's blessings to you!
Eileen

"How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what He has done!" Psalm 19:1



**MISSION PROJECT
FOR ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Congregations are encouraged to collect items for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center's book bags and to bring those items to the **2015 Annual Conference June 10-13 at the Peoria Civic Center. Items being collected are:**

- Spiral notebooks (8x10 1/2 inches) -- 70 to 80 pages, 1 subject
- Stick style pens (blue or black) -- with no advertising
- Boxes of 24 crayons
- Pair of blunt school scissors (rounded tip)

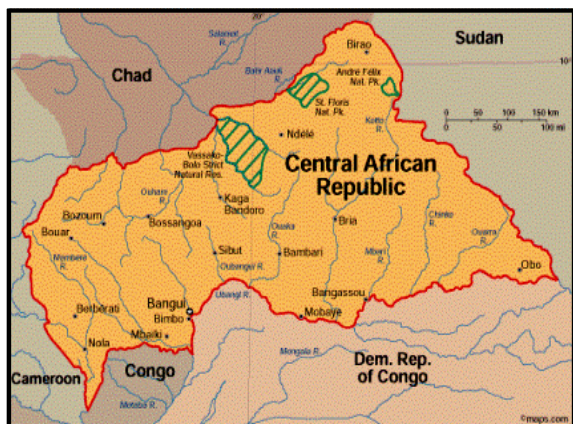
You may **start to bring your items any time** and no later than Sunday, **JUNE 7th.**



**CAMPING...CAMPING...
CAMPING**

There are a variety of camping opportunities for all ages (beginning with 1st grade) at any of our six campsites. There are horse camps, treehouse camps, night owl camps, Bible camps, archery camp, sailing camp, just girls camp, and more.

Dani Wilson will be a counselor all summer at Little Grassy. She would love to have you join her at camp. Information on all our camps is available in the Church Office. We have funds available to assist you to go to camp through the Herman Camping Fund!



Brad and Maria Festen (Fester) invite you to join them during the Sunday School Time, **9:15-10:15 a.m., on Sunday, May 31 in the Fellowship Hall** for a Power-Point presentation of their work in the Central African Republic (CAR). They have been directing the translation of the Bible into the local dialectic so the villagers have an opportunity to know Jesus and accept Him as Lord and Savior. We have supported this project from the beginning and look forward to hearing about their recent progress in the midst of the civil war.



UGANDAN THUNDER

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FROM AFRICA

- SAT. MAY 2 - OPEN DOOR FELLOWSHIP**
929 MILNOR ST., ALTON - 6:30-8 P.M.
- SUN. MAY 3 - LEWIS & CLARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
HATHAWAY HALL, GODFREY - 7-8:30 P.M.
- MON. MAY 4 - RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH**
1211 W. HOMER ADAMS PKWY, GODFREY - 7-8:30 P.M.
- TUES. MAY 5 - LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ATONEMENT**
1285 FLORISSANT RD, FLORISSANT, MO - 7-8:30 P.M.
- WED. MAY 6 - ST. MATTHEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
1200 MORELAND DR, BELLEVILLE - 7-8:30 P.M.
- FRI. MAY 8 - JERSEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
1200 S. LIBERTY ST, JERSEYVILLE - 7-8:30 P.M.



Vacation Bible School SAVE THE DATES

June 15 - 19 (program Sat., June 20) 9:30 a.m. - Noon

For Vacation Bible School we have some of our leadership in place, but workers are still needed! We will have **Classes** for children ages 3 (and potty trained) to 6th grade. The **Stations** include: P.E., Crafts, Movies, Decoration, Snack Time, Music, Science, Activities.

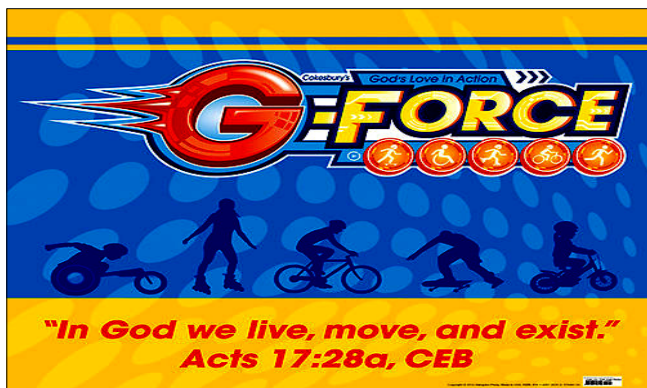
Class Leaders, Class Assistants, Station Leaders, Station Assistants, and extra Helpers - openings in each area are available.

If you are in 7th grade or older and 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**.

IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER, BE SURE TO PICK UP A POLICY PACKET WITH A BACKGROUND CHECK FORM AND FILL IT OUT TODAY! DROP IT OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE!

Watch the bulletin board for the supplies needed this year!

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



The following message has been received from UMCOR about Nepal:

We continue to be in prayer with the people in Nepal and all who are affected by the earthquake. Global Ministries has been in touch with all of our missionaries in the area and confirmed they are safe. UMCOR is preparing a response, working through local and international partners. Donations to support the response to the earthquake in Nepal and other international disasters can be made through UMCOR Advance # 982450. Checks can be made out to your local UMC and write UMCOR Advance #982450 in the memo and put in the offering plate.



PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Daryl will be on vacation May 15-22. If you need pastoral care during this time, please call the Church



Office, 259-5210, or Connie Hickerson, 799-9146.

Our Parish Visitor will be available to make hospital calls and Ed Weston will be on call for other needs.



Our Summer Intern

We welcome **Shannah Wagner from Edwardsville** as our Summer Intern for eight weeks beginning June 1. Shannah is a member of Immanuel United Methodist Church in Edwardsville and graduated from Edwardsville High School in 2012. She is a student at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, majoring in biology. Last summer, she served as an intern at Metropolis United Methodist Church.

For the first few weeks, Shannah will work with our Vacation Bible School program. Then, she will shadow Eileen Cheatham, our Parish Nurse on Tuesdays, work with the Awakening Worship Service, and develop a Tween program for our 4th-6th graders.

Shannah's salary is paid for by the Annual Conference through a special program, but we pay the employer's share of Social Security. We are also responsible for providing her Noon meal and reimbursement for miles driven on church business. Pastor Daryl is serving as Shannah's mentor and a portion of her time at St. Paul will be spent discerning how God is working in her life.

Although she will be with us for only a short time, Shannah will be a great blessing for our church. She is looking forward to working with all ages of people at St. Paul.



June 10-13
Peoria Civic Center



Results of the Feasibility Study Report:

After the presentation and a Q&A period with Rev. Ted Frost and Jim Herndon, those congregants attending one of the services and meeting afterward voted 52-10 to move forward with the formation of a Capital Fund Campaign Committee.

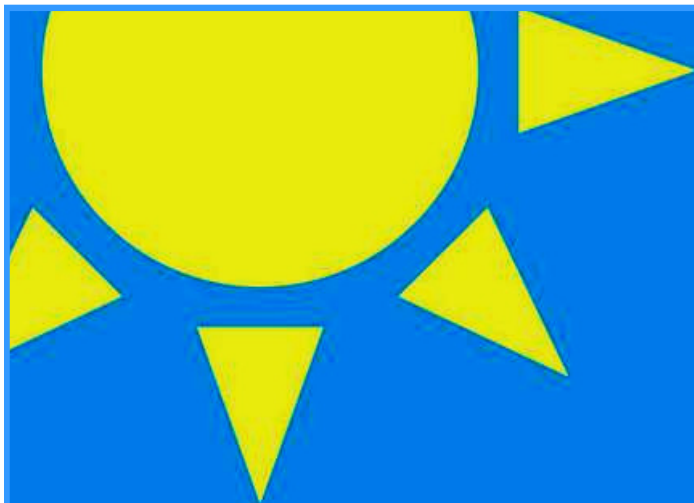
In addition, 6 people have volunteered to serve on the committee and we encourage others to participate on the committee as well. If you are interested please notify Lois in the church office or Rev. Fansler or Jim Herndon. We hope to meet in early May to begin this lengthy process.

We appreciated all who attended the presentations and Q&A sessions. Several very good questions were asked and answered. There is much work to do and we ask that you pray for those leading this effort, but more importantly we hope you will be in prayer about what you can do to be a part of this church wide effort. This work does not rest in the hands of a few but rather it rests squarely on all of our shoulders.

Thank you for your diligence.

Trustees





Community Hope Center's
3rd Annual

5K WALK & RUN **FAMILY & FUN DAY**

Saturday, May 9, 2015

8:00—12 noon

Registrations start at 7:30 a.m.

Bethalto Village Hall

5K participants can choose to run a timed race or walk with friends and family. This year, in honor of Mother's Day, all moms who cross the finish line will receive a special gift.

All 5K participants who register before May 1st are guaranteed a race t-shirt and can take advantage of early registration prices, \$20/adult and \$15/student. Late registration is \$25/adult and \$20/student and a t-shirt cannot be guaranteed.

For those who want MORE FUN (because who doesn't want more fun?), we will be selling tickets for bounce houses, games, prizes, face painting, and photos. You will also be able to shop for something special for Mom. For registrations please go to www.hopecenters.com and click on the 5K link.



We thank those who gave to the Easter Offering. You generously gave **\$1166.00** to-date in undesignated gifts which was split 50/50 between the Trustees Emergency Reserve Fund and the Africa University Scholarships.

The Trustees Emergency Reserve Fund enables us to replace equipment which unexpectedly breaks down or cover a costly repair that exceeds budgeted amounts. With access to this

fund, we don't have to ask for donations for these emergencies.

Our Annual Conference has made a commitment to raise 1 million dollars over the next two years to endow Illinois Great Rivers Conference scholarships at the Africa University - Zimbabwe. Your gifts enabled us to meet our fair share of this goal.

In addition, you gave designated Easter gifts supporting these projects: the Africa University Scholarships (with a specified amount), the Trustees Emergency Reserve Fund (with a specified amount), Helping Hands, Brad Fester/Wycliffe, and the Hickerson Scholarship.