



The Steeple

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of Rosewood Heights, Illinois

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Here is another illustration Jesus used: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-2 NLT

On Sunday, January 31st, we have the opportunity to make a financial commitment to the 2016 General Budget. Our estimate of giving supports the ministries as well as the operating expenses for St. Paul. We depend upon your generous gifts of time, talent, and money in order to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

We are called to be a thankful people. After a time of sickness, we thank God for our healing. After a time of unemployment, we thank God for our new job. After a time of trial, we thank God for seeing us safely through. After a time of earnestly seeking for God, we give thanks whenever we are found in his wondrous love.

While it is a good thing to thank God for this big stuff that He does for us, we should not forget the small stuff! When I think about people who exude gratitude from every pore, it is those who thank God for the small stuff!

It is a cliché that two people can see a glass filled to the midway mark and one declare the glass to be half empty while the other pronounces it is half full. Our attitude does shape how we see the world and how we live within the world.

Those who count only the big blessings will always have a glass that is half empty. They will be waiting for more big stuff to fill the glass. Meanwhile, those who count all the small blessings of God don't focus upon what they lack but rather all they possess. Those who count all the small blessings start with their glass half full. So whenever the big stuff pours into their lives, the glass will overflow.

Paul believes that we have a generous God who gives us more than enough, so we have extra to give to others. In **2 Corinthians** he says:

"God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist put it, 'He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon, his right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.' The most generous God who gives see to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us praise to God."

Whether we see the glass half-empty or half-full is more than mere character trait; it reflects our view of the very character of God. Do we worship a stingy God or a generous God?

In his letters, Paul paints the picture of a generous God who has withheld nothing from us. This God did not even keep back his own Son, but freely offered the Son to die so we might live. The only response to a God like this is to give thanks.

This is why we gather on January 31st to turn in our estimates of giving. We come to give thanks for all that we have been given.

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Too often people dismiss their offerings as an insignificant trifle. There are no small gifts because with each gift we say: **“Thank you, Jesus, that we have enough food to eat. Thank you, Jesus, that we have a roof over our heads. Thank you, Jesus, that we have life in you. Thank you.”**

Fred Craddock, famous preacher, says that when we surrender our lives to Jesus we picture those situations where we are asked to make a whole-hearted, one time commitment to Jesus. Instead, Craddock said that we need to picture our life as a roll of quarters; investing a quarter in this person, spending a quarter on this mission.

We start small. Every day we decide how we are going to spend our quarters. Every day we decide how we are going to share God’s blessings in small yet significant ways.

Remember that Jesus says: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

We say thanks to God—not through grand gestures—but through small acts of discipleship day by day. We trust that God will take our small acts and multiply them beyond our imagining. From our small acts, God grows the kingdom.

God takes the commitments that each of us make on January 31st and multiplies them beyond our imagining. Our little joined with others becomes enough to fund the ministry of St. Paul. That is the awesomeness of the church!

I hope that you can join us for our celebratory potluck after the second service. We will supply the meat and drinks. You bring the side dishes to share. As we break bread together and share fellowship across the table, we will realize that our glass at St. Paul isn’t half empty or half full. No, it is overflowing with the grace of God. Pastor Daryl



JANUARY - 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 JANUARY info!



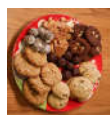
OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- **Thanks to the Nurture Ministry Team** for organizing the Christmas Dinner **and the children & youth** who presented the play, "Sleepover At The Stable." A special thanks to **Noël Schiber and Debra Fansler** for their work on the play. Everyone who attended had a great time!
- **Thank you to the Worship Choir:** Julie Brown, Karen Martin, Kristin Rowe, Tana Yankovich, Debbie Bacus, Elinor Blacklock, Tracy Franks, Kathy Link, Noël Schiber, Dottye Aitken, Mark Bacus, Spencer Bacus, Dorothy Kasinger, Oliver Bacus, and Randy McLain. Thank you to narrators **Dave & Noël Schiber** and to the sound guy, **Mark Mayer**. And a special thank you to director, **Eldon Wold, Jr.** Your presentation of the 2015 Christmas Cantata: *The Christmas Promise* filled our ears, hearts, and minds with the joy that is Christmas. **Thank you to all!** We greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication.
- **Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 777** who donated \$150 to the Helping Hands fund. Upon hearing all the good this fund does, a parent donated \$100 to the fund!



- Thirty One (31) children & youth (and Dave Schiber) made Gingerbread Houses. **Thank you Debra Fansler and the Children's Council** for sponsoring this fun annual event!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has lost a loved one recently. This includes the family of **Theresa Moore**, sister-in-law of Diane Murbarger; the family of **Frank Rustin**, father/father-in-law of Lee & Mel Johnson; and the family of **Nora Feuquay**, sister/sister-in-law of James & Shirley Bentley, former St. Paul members. May you all know God's comfort as you go through this time of grief.
- On Sunday, Dec. 20th we celebrated our **Cradle Roll for 2014-2015:** Corinne Crandall, Victoria Garrison, Emerson Mayer, Grady Mayer, Thayer Nairn, Ava Sandbach, Kylie Shaffer, and Roman Williams! Congratulations families!

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU: A big thank you to all who helped make the cookie walk a success, including around 20 bakers who provided approximately 100 dozen cookies, our Santa, helpers for the kid's cookie decorating station, our Christmas carol CD player, and several who helped set-up, sell, and clean-up afterward. All but 2 pounds were sold and thanks to your efforts, **\$398.50** was raised for the Capital Fund Campaign! *Capital*

Fund Campaign Steering Committee

THANK YOU: For the Staff Christmas Gifts that we received, we offer our thank yous:

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift. Thank you for allowing me to participate in worship with you each Sunday. *Eldon Wold, Jr.*

Thank you so very much for thinking of & blessing me with your thoughtful gift this Christmas. Working here is a real joy for me. *Joe Hanfelder*

I cannot thank you enough in a written way that truly expresses how much my ministry with you means to me. The blessing of your generous Christmas gift and all the many cards & gifts received have been delightful. Thank you for each one of them. *Lois Mitchell*

Debra, Meg, and I thank you for your thoughtful gift at the Christmas Dinner. Your cards, cookies, and other remembrances remind us how special each of you are to us. It is a privilege to lead you at St. Paul. We are looking forward to a blessed New Year together! *Pastor Daryl*

THANK YOU: Thank you to those kind folks who so graciously picked me up and took me to appointments and activities while I was unable to drive recently. I also really appreciated the prayers, cards, and calls from everyone. Blessings to all and Happy New Year. *Dottye Aitken*

THANK YOU: Pastor Daryl, Thank you for the Bible. *Tyler Cameron*

THANK YOU: Thank you from the RCUSD Student Councils! Your donation of all the wonderful toys is greatly appreciated! (*See a larger thank you and pictures on page 10*)



Saturdays at St. Paul in JANUARY 5:00 P.M. Service



Join us on SATURDAYS at 5 p.m. for Awakening! Awakening is St. Paul's worship service featuring the Awakening Praise Band in a family friendly setting. We hope you will join us (bring your family, friends, & neighbors) as we praise God & celebrate what the Holy Spirit has done!

Our JANUARY Speakers:

2nd - Cancelled for the New Year Weekend
 9th - Iris Uzzell / 1st Anniversary! 16h - Tim Drury
 23rd - Lindsey Rader 30th - Pastor Daryl Fansler

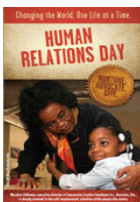
Sundays at St. Paul in JANUARY 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Services



"More Jesus Time" for Pre-school - 5th grade & a Nursery is provided for the 10:30 a.m. service.

3: Epiphany Sunday. Doug Pascoe, our Parish Visitor, leads us in worship today.

10: 1st Sunday after Epiphany. Birthdays. Baptism of the Lord. Renewal of our Baptism. Communion celebrated. We will use story of Jesus' baptism to reflect upon the meaning of our own baptism. During the worship services, we will offer an opportunity for you to renew your own baptism as you begin the New Year. May we celebrate that we are truly a new creation in Jesus Christ. Read Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.



17: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. Human Relations Day. Just when we think we have made great progress in our racial relationships, there are incidents that remind us of the prejudice that lurks beneath the surface of our society. As Christians, we affirm that we have one heavenly Father who unites us in love.

24: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany. Proverbs reminds us that *where there is no vision, the people perish*. Pastor Daryl reminds us of the successes we have enjoyed throughout the past year, particularly, with our Mission Possible Campaign. He outlines what is ahead for us as God's people planted in this place.

31: 4th Sunday after Epiphany. GROW-ONE STEP COMMITMENT SUNDAY. During both worship services, you will have the opportunity to make a financial commitment to the ministry of St. Paul in 2016. If possible, we are encouraged to *grow one step* in our support of our general budget. *We invite you to stay after the 10:30 a.m. service for a celebration potluck.*



Jesus' Transfiguration

February 7: Transfiguration of the Lord.

On a mountaintop, Jesus reveals himself in all his glory to three of the disciples. That revelation is enough to sustain them through the grind of daily ministry. We need our moments of revelation as well so that we might have the energy to persevere in ministry. Read Luke 9:28-36. Doug Pascoe, Parish Visitor, is our special speaker. Pastor Daryl is attending a Worship Conference in Raleigh, NC.



Nurses Notes for JANUARY 2016 from Parish Nurse, Eileen Cheatham RN, BC, B.S.N.!

Here we are in **January 2016**- a New Year with new possibilities. I am excited. The start of a New Year gives us a picture of having a slate that is wiped clean; a new beginning with new opportunities. Of course, we should feel like that each morning that we wake up, as God's mercies are new to us with each new day!

Although there is nothing in the Bible about resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time to become closer in their walk with the Lord. This can be done through body, mind, and spirit.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. **Practice gratitude:** Have a grateful heart. Every day express thankfulness to the Lord and to others in your life. Show each person love and respect.
2. **Encounter the Lord each day:** Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it is ten minutes or an hour. Have a conversation. Give him your joys and your worries. Let Him transform them. Whose hands are better able to handle those things- yours or God's?
3. **Resolve to watch your tongue:** Only speak about others in truth and love- not gossip. Some of us already live with the scars of hurtful words of others.
4. **Be content with what you have, and don't worry about what others may have:** We cannot find fulfillment in possessions- they add nothing to our self-worth. And some of you have probably heard me comment- "I have never seen a U-Haul behind the hearse." You can't take anything with you anyway when you leave this earth.
5. **Get healthy:** Even if you just start by changing one thing. Drink more water; stop eating foods made with white flour that are processed. They have no nutritional value but wreak havoc on your blood sugar level, which can lead to diabetes. Studies show that people in the U.S. are accelerating their own decline due to poor eating. Be a good steward of your body. *There is a heart fair at Alton Memorial on Saturday, February 6th. Start on your path to better health by signing up and attending.
6. **Serve others:** Give more. Your money, your time, your talents. Realize that everything that you have has been entrusted to you and is a gift to be shared. What can you do for your church community? The church can use your talents! A retired minister once said, "When we help we see others as weak. When we fix them we see them as broken. When we serve we see others as holy." We are called to serve.
7. **Resist overwork:** There is daily pressure to produce, meet goals, and be successful. This can lead to overwork, fatigue, and worry- and does not give glory to God. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time, and letting go of unrealistic goals.
8. **Be present to others:** There is much joy and sorrow in other people's lives. What a blessing it is to be able to share both and not let those around us experience them alone. The gift of presence is much more valuable than you realize.
9. **Forgive:** Don't carry that burden. It takes a strong person to say "sorry" and an even stronger one to forgive. It is the strongest form of love- we have the greatest example in Jesus!
10. **Don't give up:** Take it slow, be kind to yourself and keep trying! It's a brand new year that we have been given. Don't waste a moment of it.



May God richly bless you in the New Year!

Eileen

"He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:5



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

January 01 Cloninger, Sue
 January 01 Elliott, Mark
 January 01 Gowan, Kalvin
 January 03 Link, Mike
 January 03 Bishop, Ronald
 January 03 Hamlin, Kathy
 January 03 Groshong, Ashley
 January 05 Kissack, Bob Sr.
 January 05 Decker, Heather
 January 05 Shewmake, Samantha
 January 05 Martin, Piper
 January 06 Tappy, Joyce
 January 07 Bowman, Glenn
 January 07 White, Laura Jo
 January 07 Fincher, Chris
 January 07 Poore, Shay
 January 07 Cox, Lana
 January 08 Balzraine, Becky
 January 08 Scroggins, Jim
 January 08 Huddleston, Avery
 January 09 Moore, Beulah
 January 09 Williams, Janet
 January 09 Dorsey, Mary Lou
 January 09 Weston-Fiss, Marsha
 January 10 Voorhees, Emily
 January 11 Shaffer, Norma
 January 11 Hubbard, Paula
 January 11 Lyons, Stacy
 January 11 Eyster, Riley

January 12 Rain, Nathan
 January 12 Mayer, Lindsey
 January 13 Napp, Aiden
 January 13 Ramirez, Mylie
 January 14 Aitken, Dottye
 January 14 Liedtke, Gregg
 January 14 Gwaltney, Scott
 January 17 Carlisle, Amanda
 January 18 Hale, Amy
 January 18 Oertle, McLain
 January 19 Cheatham, Eileen
 January 19 Redden, D.J. Jr.
 January 21 Aitken, Scott
 January 21 Wheat, Russell Jr.
 January 21 Chester, Annabelle
 January 22 Blaine, Barbara
 January 22 Bunt, Clayton
 January 22 Garrison, William
 January 23 Gimmy, Ken
 January 23 Martin, Tamera
 January 24 Groshong, Ryan
 January 25 Poore, Jan
 January 25 Cameron, Lindsey
 January 26 Moore, Sandy

January 27 Hughes, Janet
 January 27 Sheppard, David
 January 27 Sheppard, James
 January 28 Moore, Duane
 January 29 Hansard, Gail
 January 29 Voorhees, Mychal
 January 30 Weller, Londa
 January 30 Voorhees, Tom
 January 30 Shaffer, Raymond
 January 30 Sims, Logan
 January 31 Sullivan, William
 January 31 Hartman, Geno
 January 31 Barnes, Jessica
 January 31 Walters, Miranda
 January 31 Schiber, Marlo



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 05 McPheters, Kelly & Rachel
 January 20 White, John & Rita
 January 27 Davis, Dan & Tammy



Changes and Additions to the current Church Directory

Allshouse Family 232 Mill, Bethalto, IL 62010; **Jessica & Garrett Braun** 830 Circle Drive, Bethalto, IL 62010; **Adam & Lindsay Coleman** 18 Glen Echo Drive, Edwardsville, IL 62025; **Nicholas Hobbs** 624 School Avenue, East Alton, IL 62024; **Ashley Laws** 312 Martin Cave Lane, Goreville, IL 62939; **Edith Liedtke** Eden Village, 400 S. Station Road, Room 210B, Glen Carbon, IL 62034; **Robert & Cindy York** 314 Gretel Court, Cottage Hills, IL 62018.

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 and/or email address. Thank you!



DECEMBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 12/31/2015	\$25089.00
Designated Giving:	through 11/30/2015	\$4570.91
	Capital Improvements	745.00
	Loose Change	101.00
	Flowers	147.25
	Hickerson Scholarship	125.00
	Brad Fester/Wycliffe	100.00
	Reimbursement	1304.66
	2016 Steeple Postage	17.00
	UMCOR	600.00
	Upper Room Donations	11.00
	Helping Hands	1420.00
Capital Campaign		10250.00
UM Student Offering		35.00
Christmas Offering		3168.00
Total:		\$43112.91

Total Capital Campaign money received as of 12-31-15: \$91,097.45

**DEADLINE FOR
FEBRUARY 2016
STEEPLE, Mon.,
JAN. 18th!**



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

January's Loose Change Project is the United Methodist Children's Home in Mt.

Vernon, IL. Funds will go for youth programs on campus, independent living programs, transitional living, or community based programs. The Chaplain's ministry may also be a recipient of the funds. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

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

Jan. 3rd: Deb Mayer, Randy & Mindy McLain

Jan. 10th: Anita Dawson, Norma Shaffer

Jan. 17th: NEED FOLKS!

Jan. 24th: NEED FOLKS!

Jan. 31st: Ian Martin Family, Nathan Gould

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

Average Attendance for DECEMBER 2015

Early Service	55
Late Service	82
Sunday School	39
Visitors	5
3 Awakening Services	24



**PLEASE
HELP US
HELP YOU!**

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

Whenever you or a member of your family enters the hospital, care/nursing center, or hospice, you need to call the Pastor or the Church Office.

None of the area institutions will notify the church when you enter their facility due to privacy laws. We want to reach out to you at a time when you and your family may need it the most. Your call may be the only way for us to know of

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 & phone prayer chain (if possible)**



CLERGY AND LAITY TRAINING EVENT

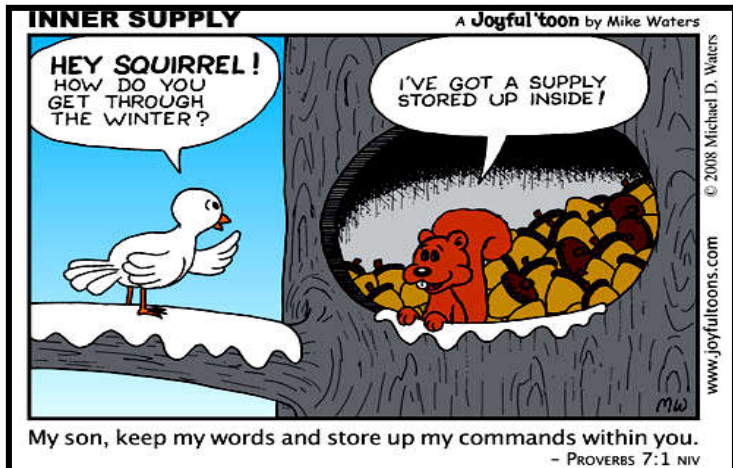
Saturday, January 23 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Alton Main Street United Methodist Church

These workshops are offered:

- Biblical Financial Stewardship • Leading Bible Study
- Worship • Student Ministries
- Staff-Parish Relations Committee
- Role of Lay Leader and Lay Member
- Conflict Transformation • Outreach

Lunch will be served. Please contact Church Office if you are interested in attending!



WOMEN OF WORSHIP 2015 REPORT

The St. Paul Women of Worship are happy to report a very successful year and were able to donate \$10,050 to the various charities and missions. This, of course, was made possible by many busy hands helping with ALL of our projects. Fundraising and service projects this year included the Retired Teacher's Luncheon, Rummage Sale, Easter Baskets for Hope Center and Operation Blessing, Happy Bears for children seen in AMH Emergency Room and knitted caps for new babies, Bowling Banquet, Saturday Craft Celebration, Fall Festival, Christmas Boutique, and tables at Christmas Cookie/Craft Day. The following funds were dispersed at the December meeting:

School Nurses: Roxana - \$1,400	UMCOR	\$ 600	* Bethalto and E. Alton have other sources
Bethalto - 400*	UM Children's Home	600	of income also for these expenditures that
East Alton- 600*	St. Paul Hlp. Hands	1,000	Roxana doesn't have, thus the varying
Salvation Army	Lessie Bates	750	amounts.
Oasis Women Ctr.	St. Paul Gen. Budget	2,000	
Hope Center	Ethiopia Girls Project	200	
Operation Blessing	Cub Scouts	200	
Boy Scouts	Capital Campaign St P	1,000	
		\$10,050	

In addition to monetary donations, Beulah Moore and Elinor Blacklock assembled and delivered 82 coverlets to the OASIS Women's Center.

NOTE: A planning meeting for 2016 will be held on January 12 – potluck at NOON followed by the meeting. Won't you join us at our next meeting? Crafts will resume after our planning meeting – we would really appreciate your ideas for items to make and directions "how to do them." Again, GOD BLESS EVERYONE who helped to make 2015 a successful year.

2016 NEWSLETTERS:

The cost to have the 2016 Newsletter (The Steeple) mailed directly to you at home will be \$8.50. Of course 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...call 259-5210.



One-Year Anniversary of the Awakening Service



It is hard to believe that **January 10, 2016** will be the **one-year anniversary** of the Awakening Service. We will have a special one-year anniversary service on January 9, 2016, and Iris Uzzell will be our speaker for that evening. We hope you can attend. Other upcoming events are as follows: (1) Tim Drury, Elinor Blacklock's grandson who is a youth pastor, speaking on January 16th, and (2) a

Christian Bluegrass group called the Farm Hands playing on February 27th. For other January speakers, see the Awakening speaker section of this Steeple (on page 4).

As we look forward to this new year of services, we want to thank Pastor Daryl for supporting us as we launched this service. We have had a year of great speakers and inspirational music. Thanks to the Awakening Planning Committee because they spent significant time in getting the service launched, and they continue to plan for future services. And others who may not be on the committee, but volunteered, our thanks go out to you. The goal of this service, along with other services at St. Paul, is to connect others to Christ. If you know of someone who needs a Saturday alternative for worship, please invite them to the Awakening service.





Church outreach for Christmas
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU GAVE
TO HELP THE CHILDREN THIS
CHRISTMAS!

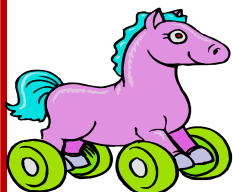


THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



The Student Councils of Roxana High School and Roxana Junior High School thank you for your support of our 18th annual Christmas For Kids Party! The party was held on Dec. 5th and as a result of your generous donation we were able to assist 143 students. The purpose of the party is more than just providing Christmas gifts to those in need. It is also to foster community service and provide an opportunity for our students to interact with the younger members of our district.

Each child who attended the party was paired with a Student Council member for crafts and other activities. Pictures with Santa were taken and lunch was provided. Each child received a large and a small toy as well as a new outfit of clothing. The High School Jazz Band provided musical entertainment as well.



We thank you again for your support and wish (if you were unable to attend) that you could have witnessed the excitement and smiles on all of the young faces at the party! We truly could not make it possible without you!

HUMAN RELATIONS
DAY: JANUARY 17

Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

When "Donna," an active participant at Solomon Community Temple United Methodist Church in Milwaukee, WI, became pregnant as a teen, she found herself enfolded in Blanket of Love, a Christ-centered ministry working to improve birth outcomes of African-American babies by teaching prenatal care, infant care, and parenting skills to young pregnant African-American women and their families.

Director Julia Means, R.N., says, "The first thing I teach them is—as a mother—you must teach them to pray. Children need to be brought up in church."

We ask you to consider a generous gift to this special offering of our church.



Pastor Daryl will be on vacation December 28-January 4.

If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please call the Church Office, 259-5210.

Thank You to all of our Salvation Army Bell Ringers who rang on Friday, Dec. 11th between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and thank you to everyone who stopped by and put a donation



in our kettle! It is great to be a part of this huge ministry to so many in need.



CAP 'N MITTEN TREE



Your efforts to cover the **Cap 'N Mitten Tree** brought these results: 38 pairs of gloves, 27 sock caps, 6 scarves, 41 pairs of socks, and 9 pieces of underwear for a total of **121 gifts** on the tree!

Your generosity will bring warmth to many people this winter. God bless you for your gifts!



Have you been away too long? Start 2016 off in the right way; reconnect with God!



Happy
NEW YEAR

Rejoice evermore.
Pray without ceasing.
In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 THESS 5:16-18



Poinsettias 2015

DUANE & TAMMY ATCHLEY in memory of Wanda Atchley
DUANE & TAMMY ATCHLEY in memory of Cliff Shull
BIBLE STUDY CLASS in honor of Joyce Tappy, our teacher
DEANNA KELLER, DANILLIE & TIM FRANCIS, ERIN MAGARY,
CHRISTOPHER FEYERABEND, RILEY FRANCIS, ANDREA FRANCIS, & KINSLEY FRANCIS in
 honor of our Grandmother/Great-Grandmother, Alice Burrows
ALICE BURROWS in memory of my sister, Elise Swain
JIM & ANITA DAWSON in honor of Steve, Sarah, Luke, Liz, Nick, and Dani
JIM & ANITA DAWSON in memory of Robyn, Kelly, Mom, Dad, and Max
DOT ELLIOTT & FAMILY in memory of Keith Elliott
DARYL, DEBRA, & MEG FANSLER in honor of Debra Fansler
DARYL, DEBRA, & MEG FANSLER in honor of Wayne & Marge Detmers
TRACY FRANKS in memory of my parents, Lute & Doloros Taulbee
TRACY FRANKS in honor of my grandkids: Autumn, Noah, and Caroline
JIM & MAGGIE FUNKE in memory of Bill Shoppell
JIM & MAGGIE FUNKE in honor of Sally Lay
JUDY GLASSMEYER in loving memory of my husband, Leo
MARJORIE HALL in memory of my son, Dennis Hall
JIM & JANE HERNDON in memory of all our deceased loved ones
JIM & JANE HERNDON in honor of our Children and Grandchildren
MARY HERNDON in honor of my Children
MARY HERNDON in honor of my Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren
JOE & SHERRY HUFF in memory of Kenny & Wilma Brueggeman
JOE & SHERRY HUFF in memory of William & Elma Huff
DOROTHY KASINGER in memory of my parents, Victor & Beulah Strohbeck
DOROTHY KASINGER in honor of my Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren
JAYME SCROGGINS in honor of my Children and Grandchildren
MIKE & LORI TAPPY in memory of Jean Tappy
CAROLE TAYLOR in memory of my husband, Dr. Norman Taylor, and our Parents
CAROLE TAYLOR in honor of my Family and my Church Family
KAREN TRIMM in memory of Mildred Ballard and Kyle Trimm
TOM & RUTH VOORHEES in honor of our Children and Grandchildren
CAROL WARNER in memory of husband, Dean
CAROL WARNER in memory of daughter, Terri Lynn





ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRESERVING THE PHYSICAL INTEGRITY OF ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AS A FOUNDATION OF FAITH AND MISSIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY**Mission Possible**

"THROUGH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE" MATTHEW 19:26

UNDERSTANDING & GIVING TO MISSION POSSIBLE

The following information is provided to clarify some misconceptions about our Mission Possible campaign and to further clarify how one might give to the cause. **Mission Possible** is a campaign to provide funding above and beyond our normal operational costs to address some much needed maintenance and renovation work at St. Paul. The primary target of the campaign is the replacement of our aging heating and air conditioning system (HVAC) as well as other much needed items for our church building and senior parsonage. We do this in large part as we consider the future of the ministry of St. Paul UMC and the over 50 diverse ministries that radiate from our church home, and as we consider the role our church building will play in future ministry.

The **October 24th & 25th Mission Possible Commitment Weekend** was the kickoff to our fund raising campaign. So if you were absent or did not give to the campaign during that time, but feel led to participate with your financial gifts, there is still plenty of time to participate. **In order that we can know where we stand with pledges, we ask that you fill out a commitment card (which is available in the church narthex or by calling the church office) if you plan to give to the Mission Possible Campaign.**

Providing your gift(s):

- If you are interested in a one-time gift, send the donation to the church or place it in the Sunday offering, **but please be sure to note Mission Possible (or CFC for Capital Fund Campaign) on the check memo line/offering envelope.**
- You can also give online through our website.
- You can give using your credit card when you provide that information to the church office.
- You can give by cash or check.
- You can also provide financial contributions via securities, real estate, personal properties, or an estate gift by contacting the church office or Bob Blacklock.

If you use the **2015 envelopes** to donate to the *Mission Possible Capital Campaign*, please designate your gift to either **Mission Possible** or **CFC (for Capital Fund Campaign)**. Beginning in **January 2016**, you would place the designated amount for "Mission Possible" gifts on the Capital Campaign line. Donations toward the expenses of our Church Operations (i.e. the General Budget) would go on the **Undesignated** line as always. What is now Capital Improvements, funds meant for unexpected major expenses, will be labeled **Building & Grounds Improvements** on the 2016 envelopes.

If you have any questions, please call the Church Office for clarification.

► **IMPORTANT** ◀

Please, look for the MISSION POSSIBLE in red on the outside of any envelopes from St. Paul UMC for timely information regarding our Capital Fund Campaign!



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AS A FOUNDATION OF FAITH AND MISSIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mission Possible

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Our "Mission Possible" campaign is off and running and doing well. By mid-December we already had approximately **\$309,000** generously committed toward the project. The Trustees are pushing forward to address the heating/air conditioning replacement. At the same time the Trustees continue to review the project and reduce costs as much as possible while not negatively impacting the quality or efficiency of the work. We continue to appreciate your kind comments and generous financial participation in addressing the physical needs of our church. May God continue to bless us as we move forward with our work.

Board of Trustees**FLOWER
CALENDAR**

Flower Calendar for
2016 is posted on the
long bulletin board in the
Education Wing.

Fill it up!
Thank you!

**I PRAY
BECAUSE THE NEED
FLOWS OUT OF ME
ALL THE TIME,
WAKING AND SLEEPING.
IT DOESN'T CHANGE GOD,
IT CHANGES ME.**
C.S. LEWIS

**Offering
Envelopes**

The 2016 Offering Envelopes will be handled like last years. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you read this information...

If you are someone who has regularly given on a **weekly** basis you have picked up your 2016 Offering Envelopes in the church entryway in December, as we have done before. If you are someone who normally gives on a **monthly** basis you will receive your 2016 Offering Envelopes through the mail to your home. They will be sent bulk mail to you sometime in December. They will arrive at your home so watch for them. You will not receive a box but an envelope with your offering envelopes inside. **PLEASE, do not use them until January 2016.** If you would like to trade weekly envelopes for monthly or vice versa, call the office as soon as possible. Thank you!!