



The Steeple

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"Oh, that my words could be recorded. Oh, that they could be inscribed on a monument, carved with an iron chisel and filled with lead, engraved forever in the rock. "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!" **Job 19:23-26**

Suffering is a common connector among us. Whether we are rich or poor, white or African American, young or old, we encounter suffering. We suffer publicly as a nation when a tragedy like 9/11 strikes us. We suffer privately when a loved one struggles with illness or dies. Thanks to the 24/7 news cycle, we are exposed to the suffering of those worldwide. Bad things happen to so many good people. And, we question: "Why?"

The book of Job considers the question of suffering. Some may find the book's answer to the question of suffering frustrating, while others will find it illuminating. All of us will be engaged by this Lenten series of sermons engaging because suffering does touch us all. Hopefully, this sermon series will help us all through the life's dark valleys into the assurance of God's love and redemptive care for us. Here is the series:

- Ash Wednesday Worship** on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.: *Flying Blind. Job 1:1-12.*
- First Sunday of Lent** on Feb. 14: *Sweet Surrender. Job 1:13-21.*
- Second Sunday of Lent** on Feb. 21: *Learning to Lament. Job 3:1-26.*
- Third Sunday of Lent** on Feb. 28: **FARM HANDS QUARTET - OUR SPECIAL GUESTS.**
- Fourth Sunday of Lent** on March 6: *It Is Enough. Job 14:1-14.*
- Fifth Sunday of Lent** on March 13: *Understanding How It All Works Together. Job 23:1-17.*
- Palm Sunday** on March 20. *God Speaks in the Storm. Job 38:1-11.*
- Holy Thursday Service** on March 24 at 7 p.m. *Songs In The Night. Job 35:9-16.*
- Good Friday Service** on March 25 at 7 p.m. We host the Wood River Township Ministerial Alliance Churches.
- EASTER SUNDAY ON MARCH 27: I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**
Job 19:23-26.

Christ is Alive! He has conquered death! His word is sufficient. His grace is enough. His love brings comfort and healing. And this Lent these gifts come to us through the book of Job. Pastor Daryl



Ash Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICE
FEBRUARY 10 @ 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our preparation for Easter.

Includes Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes (optional); Pastor Daryl preaches on *Flying Blind from Job 1:1-12*

REPORT ON "GROW ONE STEP IN 2016!" COMMITMENT WEEKEND

There is still plenty of time to return your **Estimate of Giving card**. If you misplaced your card, stop by the Church Office or the welcome table in the entryway for a replacement. Your estimate is important to the 2016 budget.

- A total of **63** individuals, couples, and families have completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* to-date (1/31/2016).
- The total committed on these *Estimate of Giving Cards* to our ministry for 2016 to-date is **\$144,433.00**.

2016 NEWSLETTERS:

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

Any questions...please call 259-5210.

FEBRUARY - Church of Rock (COR) Youth News

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



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

Contact Kevin Rader at (618) 303-0044 for all FEBRUARY Youth info!

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A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. — PROVERBS 14:30 NIV



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- We rejoice in the release of 5 American prisoners held in Iran: student **Matthew Trevithick**, Marine veteran **Amir Hekmati**, Christian pastor **Saeed Abedini**, Washington Post reporter **Jason Rezaian**, and another American, **Nosratollah Khosravi-Roodsari**. The God we pray to is a very mighty God.
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has lost a loved one recently. This includes the family of **JoAnn “Josie” Hamel**, dear family friend of Ruth Bell & Lois Mitchell; the family of **Jonny Wade**, 8 yr. old from Jerseyville with cancer; the family of **Virginia Kiel**, mother/mother-in-law of Deb & Mark Mayer; the family of **Rich Weber**, brother of Donna (George) Hamilton; the family of **Jimmie Jones**, grandfather of Travis (Misty) Shaw; the family of **William “Bud” Pascoe**, brother/brother-in-law of Doug & Joy Pascoe; the family of **Richard Kiel**, father/father-in-law of Deb & Mark Mayer; the family of **Louise Mayer**, mother/mother-in-law of Mark & Deb Mayer; and the family of **Robert Frei**, designer of our stained glass windows (see brief article on page 8). May you all know God’s comfort as you go through this time of grief.
- **A great big thank you to Chef Bob** for the meat we had for our Celebration Potluck Meal after our Commitment Sunday late service. He was so generous that we had enough meat and some rolls left to share with the Oasis Center in Alton. He is a blessing indeed!
- **THANK YOU:** Dear Women of Worship, The nurses from the Bethalto School District would like to thank you for the generous donation to our fund. We are able to provide Christmas gifts and other needed supplies for our students. We do so appreciate your contribution. **Deb Mayer, Karen Martin, and Sherri Verdun**
- **THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who has sent cards, brought food, called to check on us, offered up prayers, took time out to visit, etc. It has been difficult, but Deb is now in rehab. We wait and see what happens now. God Bless you all, **Mike & Kathy Link**
- **THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone for your cards, calls of concern, and prayers during the illness and death of my brother, Bud. It was very helpful and greatly appreciated. **Doug Pascoe**
P.S. Above all else I thank everyone for asking me to come back and be the Parish Visitor at St. Paul UMC once again. I pray that my efforts will always be a blessing.
- **THANK YOU:** Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls. They were much appreciated and I believe the prayers worked because I had a very easy recovery!! You are all a real blessing to me! **Maggie Funke**



More Jesus Time on Valentine’s Day!



On **Sunday, February 14th** (Valentine’s Day) during *More Jesus Time* the children will be making a craft that will be for our shut-ins. So bring your children and grandchildren to the 10:30 a.m. service that day so they can join in this project of love!



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



Join us on SATURDAYS at 5 p.m. for Awakening! Awakening is St. Paul's 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 FEBRUARY Speakers:

6th - Kelsey Ross 13h - Ryan Tite
20th - TBD 27th - FARM HANDS QUARTET IN CONCERT

Sundays at St. Paul in FEBRUARY 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.

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. Doug Pascoe, our Parish Visitor, is the special speaker. Pastor Daryl is attending the *Fusion Worship Conference* in Raleigh NC.



14: 1st Sunday in Lent. **Boy Scout Sunday.** **Birthday Sunday.** Pastor Daryl begins his sermon series on Job with *Sweet Surrender*. Please read *Job 1:13-21*.



21: 2nd Sunday in Lent. Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series on Job with *Learning to Lament*. Please read *Job 3:1-26*.

28: 3rd Sunday in Lent. The guys of the **FARM HANDS QUARTET** from NASHVILLE, TN are OUR SPECIAL GUESTS. We will take up a special offering for them.





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

Baby, it's cold outside!! I remember the first time I heard that song- it was Dean Martin and Doris Day. Sigh...they just don't seem to sing like that anymore- but it still gets just as cold in the winter! The winter storms and frigid weather can be a hazard to all of us. Weather related injuries can range from frost bite to falls on the ice. Since "Old Man Winter" decided to show up, let's review some safety tips that may save you a trip to the ER- or even an extended stay in the hospital.

Stay Home: This is especially important for seniors whose circulatory system is less efficient than younger adults: plus older adults do not produce heat as well as when they were younger. Older adults have less body fat and the blood vessels do not constrict to conserve energy as well. Due to this elderly adults are at a greater risk for cold-related health problems. Babies are also vulnerable-they have a large body surface area when compared with their weight and so their body heat is lost more rapidly when exposed to the cold. Also, their ability to regulate body temperature is not well developed, which makes them more vulnerable to decrease temperatures.

Outdoor Safety: Always check the weather report before leaving home and dress in layers, as you can always take a layer off if you get too warm. Keep babies bundled up and ready for cold exposure. Parents- be careful when packing the baby in the car carrier too! Watch out for ice, especially black ice. It's called black ice because it tends to look like the rest of the pavement because it is clear. It forms when the temperature is 32 degrees and below and rain is falling. Sleet and refreezing of water can also cause black ice.

Sun Glare: Sunlight reflects off the white snow, causing glare. This can lead to accidents while driving or a fall while walking. For those driving, make sure that you have a clean windshield, and that your wipers are in good repair. Keep your visor down at all times. Wear polarized sun glasses- not just a cheap pair! Polarized lenses are more efficient at reducing glare. These will protect your eyes whether you are walking or driving.

Car Safety: Driving on snow and ice can be hazardous. Have your car serviced for the winter months, making sure your wipers, antifreeze levels and tires are up to par and in good condition. If at all possible, wait for the roads to be cleared before going out. Have a cell phone with you at all times and keep an emergency kit in your car that includes: all necessary medications, shovel and ice scraper, first aid kit, bottled water, snacks, flashlight and spare batteries, sand or kitty litter for tire traction, and flares or a reflective triangle. You should also have a list of emergency contacts and a copy of your medication list in your glove compartment.

Home safety: Prepare for power outages: Make sure you have warm blankets, flashlights, candles, and nonperishable food. Make sure your furnace has been serviced, and be extremely careful with space heaters, (make sure they are several feet away from furniture and drapes). Plumbing can also need a watchful eye during frigid temperatures. Run the water at a trickle when temperatures become freezing to avoid busted or frozen pipes. Have your chimney and flu inspected every year.

Whether you live at home by yourself or in a retirement community, it is still your responsibility to be prepared in extreme conditions. In emergency conditions there may be times when you have to be on your own until help arrives. Being prepared will make you a lot more comfortable and may even end up saving you from serious injury.

And Something Else....

Please consider attending the **Alton Memorial Heart and Stroke Fair on Saturday, February 6th from 9-noon.** Dr. Trent McDaniel will be the guest speaker- "Everything You Need To Know About Hypertension". Everyone who attends the presentation will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 Walmart gift card. There will be free lunches provided by Firehouse Subs. There will be 30 informational tables around the Beeby and Smith Wing ground floor. There will be free screenings for blood pressure and cholesterol, lung function and breast exams. Appointments are required for the free screenings. **Please call 1-800-392-0936 to register for a screening.**

Okay- I think that is all for this month. Be safe this winter. Pray for each other. Serve God well.
Eileen





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

February 01 McCammon, Phillip
 February 01 Suermann, Erin
 February 01 Brueggeman, Dylan
 February 02 MacDonald, Verda
 February 02 Liedtke, Trenton
 February 02 Plummer, Teagan
 February 03 Bailey, Amanda
 February 04 Roberts, Randy
 February 04 Elliott, David
 February 04 Brueggeman, Reese
 February 04 Newingham, Tori
 February 05 Adams, Rodney
 February 05 Boeshans, Brooklyn
 February 06 Dorsey, Nick
 February 07 Scroggins, Mitch
 February 08 Herndon, Jane
 February 08 Poore, Tom
 February 08 Palmer, Sydney
 February 09 McGilvrey, Kimberly
 February 09 Stamper, Chris
 February 09 Henderson, Dillon
 February 09 Justic, Jaida
 February 09 Wood, Madeline
 February 09 Birmingham, James
 February 10 Scroggins, Sandy
 February 10 Scroggins, Jayme
 February 10 Myers, Laurie
 February 10 Garland, Tony
 February 12 Cameron, Tyler
 February 13 Nash, Kathy
 February 13 Moore, Kari
 February 14 Scroggins, Mark

February 14 Tappy, Amber
 February 14 Tappy, Amy
 February 14 Williams, Joshua
 February 14 Winchester, Meagan
 February 14 Huddleston, Addyson
 February 15 Toner, Mike
 February 15 Hobbs, Nicholas
 February 15 Cameron, Cassie
 February 15 Maxwell, Zane
 February 15 Laufersweiler, William
 February 16 Mormino, Brandy
 February 17 Balzraine, Carleen
 February 17 Sims, Tyler
 February 17 Skjersth, Jordyn
 February 17 Allshouse, Chloe
 February 18 Greer, Chris
 February 19 Boeshans, Jackie
 February 19 Toner, Joshua
 February 19 Dawson, Nicholas
 February 20 Bunt, Joni
 February 20 Liedtke, Brian
 February 20 Garrison, Victoria
 February 20 Mayer, Emerson
 February 20 Mayer, Grady
 February 21 Yunker, John
 February 21 Plummer, Tesla

February 22 Moore, Ben
 February 22 Poston, Nicole
 February 23 Roberts, Don
 February 23 Wold, Eldon Jr.
 February 24 Herndon, Mary
 February 24 Harlan, Amber
 February 24 Wheat, Ian
 February 25 Eggebrecht, Debbie
 February 25 Ward, Nikolas
 February 26 Wheat, Lynda
 February 26 Martin, Noah
 February 27 Crews, Shirley
 February 27 Scoggins, Kansas
 February 28 Clark, Shirley
 February 28 Garrison, Katelyn



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



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!



JANUARY Stewardship

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| Budget Offering: | through 1/31/2016 | \$20275.00 |
| Designated Giving: | through 1/31/2016 | \$1579.85 |
| | Capital Improvements | 585.00 |
| | Loose Change | 110.85 |
| | Flowers | 367.00 |
| | Hickerson Scholarship | 30.00 |
| | Kitchen Use | 50.00 |
| | Offering Envelopes | 238.00 |
| | 2016 Steeple Postage | 34.00 |
| | UM Children's Home | 50.00 |
| | Upper Room Donations | 15.00 |
| | Helping Hands | 100.00 |
| Capital Campaign | | 10445.00 |
| Human Relations Offering | | 25.00 |
| Transfer From Reserve | | 711.95 |
| Total: | | \$33036.80 |

Total Capital Campaign money received as of 1-31-16: \$115,662.45

DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2016 STEEPLE, Fri., FEB. 19th!



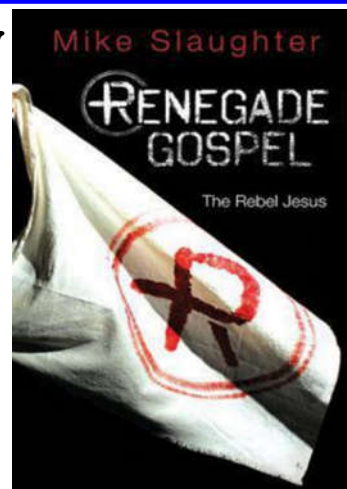
MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

February's Loose Change Project is designated for one of our most valuable assets within our church- **our youth!** These funds are to be used to help with youth activities throughout the year. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

New Small Study Group Begins!

"Jesus didn't come to start a religion ... the rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution!"

Join us for 6 Sundays beginning Jan. 31st at 5 p.m. in the Parlor to see what it is all about!



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

- Feb. 7th: **NEED FOLKS!**
- Feb. 14th: Tom and Ruth Voorhees
- Feb. 21st: Maggie Funke, Tom Voorhees
- Feb. 28th: **NEED FOLKS!**

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

Average Attendance for JANUARY 2016

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| Early Service | 34 |
| Late Service | 59 |
| Sunday School | 32 |
| Visitors | 4 |
| 4 Awakening Services | 35 |



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)**



Hickerson Scholarship 2016



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:

Friday, April 1, 2016

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



The 2016 Women Of Worship Spring Rummage Sale will be held on **Friday and Saturday, April 29th & 30th** (with a Pre-Sale opportunity on **Thursday, April 28th**). It is still many weeks away but we thought that we would give you notice on the dates so you can start collecting items to bring to the church once the time gets here. When you do your Spring Cleaning in the next couple of months be on the lookout for the many things that you can donate to this annual mission fund raiser! Thank You!



JOINED TOGETHER A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

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



Awakening Service - Easter Concert!



Jason McAtee will be providing an **Easter Concert** at the Awakening service on **Saturday, March 12th at 5:00 p.m.** He will be bringing the Gibson Girls (four sisters) from Jerseyville to be a part of the concert. If you attended Jason's Christmas concert in December, you remember how great that concert was. **We are looking forward to Jason and the Gibson Girls being here at St. Paul UMC on March 12th.** Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this event!

NASHVILLE, TN – The community is invited to attend a concert by the award-winning bluegrass gospel band **The Farm Hands Quartet** on **Saturday, Feb. 27 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 28 at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.** at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 10 N. Center Street, East Alton, IL.

The Farm Hands is an award-winning band based out of Nashville, Tennessee, consisting of industry veterans Tim Graves, Daryl Mosley, Keith Tew, and Bennie Boling. Among the four

members are a Grammy Award winner, a member of the Preservation Hall of Greats, two Song of the Year award winners, 10-time Dobro Player of the Year winner, and 2 long-time veterans of the Grand Ole Opry stage; in addition, as a band they have been honored with awards for Gospel Band of the Year, Entertaining Band of the Year, and Album of the Year. These are top-notch singers, songwriters, and instrumentalists! They put on a very entertaining, funny, and inspiring program appropriate for all ages.

“These guys are awesome! I don’t know when I’ve laughed so much or had so much fun. It has been the best concert we have ever had,” raved Bill Lewis, pastor at a church where the band recently performed.

There will be no admission charge, but a love offering will be taken at each service; CD’s and DVD’s will be available for purchase. For additional information, contact the Church Office at 618-259-5210.





twigs

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

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

PLEASE, NOTHING WITH PEANUTS. **TWIGS** was started by Rev. Lisa Guilliams, pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Granite City. For more information, check out the website:

www.twigsforkids.org.



Robert Frei, stained glass artist and businessman

Robert Frei was an artist, an innovator, a mentor, a devout Roman Catholic, and a businessman, the third generation to lead Kirkwood-based Emil Frei Associates, makers of fine art glass since 1898.

“His designs were simple, very playful, and very beautiful,” said his grandson, Aaron Frei. “He knew the full beauty of simplicity, the depth of simplicity.” His work can be found in almost 500 churches of all denominations around the country. He designed our windows.

Mr. Frei was the grandson of company founder Emil Frei and the son of its second leader, Emil Frei Jr., & Alice Frei. As a teenage bicyclist, Mr. Frei qualified for the Olympics, which were canceled as a result of World War II; he also worked one summer as a photographer for designer Charles Eames.

As an artist, he was greatly influenced by the Bauhaus movement,” his grandson said, “But it gradually grew into something much greater than that.” The Bauhaus movement put “great emphasis on simplicity & materials.”

Among Mr. Frei’s artworks were the glass crests and seals for the doors of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis for the visit of Pope John Paul II in 1999. “They were supposed to break them, but they were so beautiful, they couldn’t bring themselves to do that,” his grandson said. The seals are now in the cathedral’s museum.

Robert Frei died at his home in Kirkwood on Wednesday (Jan. 20, 2016) from complications of heart disease. He was 90.



Pastor Daryl will be attending *Fusion*, a worship conference focusing on 21st Century United Methodist Worship in Raleigh NC from Feb. 3-9. Doug Pascoe is available to make hospital calls and Rev. Ed Weston is available for any pastoral emergencies. If you need to reach Pastor Daryl during this time or you need pastoral care, please call the Church Office.



Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, North Carolina | February 4-6, 2016

Madison County K-12 students were asked to create their own design that could go on a rain barrel. Submissions to the **Rain Barrel Design Contest** were expected to illustrate the benefits of capturing and/or reusing rainwater (a.k.a. “rainscaping” or rainwater harvesting), such as erosion control, improved water quality, reduced flooding, etc.

Piper Martin, daughter of Ian & Tamera Martin, not only won in her age category, but she was the overall winner in all three age



categories. In honor of her winning, Roxana Junior High will receive a rain barrel and a landscaped rain garden. Piper received a Kindle Paperwhite and a gift card. **Congratulations Piper on a job well done!**



A Night For United Methodist Men & Friends

“Developing Your Spiritual Journey Through Men’s Ministry”

ALL Men of the church & community are invited!

Thursday, February 11th

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Main Street UMC

1400 Main St., Alton, IL

Our Speaker: Jeff Thornton

There is no cost! Please contact the Church Office (259-5210) if you want to attend! Deadline to sign-up is on Monday, Feb. 8th.

CALLING MEN OF ALL AGES (13-55+) WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THESE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND? PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (259-5210) OR PASTOR DARYL, TODAY!

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2016



**MARCH 19
SPRINGFIELD, IL**

EQUIPPING MEN OF ALL AGES

- WORSHIP
- SEMINARS
- EXHIBITORS
- RESOURCES

7:30AM DOORS OPEN
8:30AM CONFERENCE BEGINS
4:55PM CONFERENCE ENDS

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

EMERGING MEN (AGES 13-19) PIONEERING MEN (AGES 20-29)
FULL THROTTLE MEN (AGES 30-55) SEASONED MEN (AGES 55+)

Keynote Speaker
VINCE D'ACCHIOLI



Keynote Speaker
MICHAEL CRAWFORD

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More From The Parish Nurse:

Foxes Grove requested that we publish this information to you about their retirement community in our newsletter. This was written by their Executive Director.

Built in 1987, Foxes Grove first opened as an individual retirement community. Then in 2007, Foxes Grove became a Supportive Living Community allowing for both private pay and Medicaid residents. As a Supportive Living Community, Foxes Grove offers assistance to its residents with activities of daily living (housekeeping, medication management, meals, and local transportation). Residents are able to come and go just as they would in their own homes; however they have the support here if they need it. We are not a nursing home, but do have LPN on staff during the day and C.N.A staff here 24/7.

There are 3 floor plans available: studio, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom. Foxes Grove’s Friendly staff is happy to assist its residents in making Foxes Grove their new home. Residents bring their own furnishings and belongings to make their apartment their own. We have maintenance staff on site to help with repair needs as well as a beauty salon, and local transportation. In addition, we have many activities available to all residents, including exercise, speakers, musical entertainment, themed parties, crafts, reading groups, and cooking groups, etc.

Residents must be 65 years or older, and complete a screening with the Dept. of Aging to ensure that Foxes Grove can meet their needs. Interested individuals may contact us at 618.259.0851, or www.foxesgrove.com.



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 any 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 2015 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 now 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.

Beginning in **January 2016**, you will place the designated amount for "Mission Possible" gifts on the **Capital Campaign** line on your offering envelopes. Donations toward the expenses of our Church Operations (i.e. the General Budget) would go on the Undesignated line as always. What was Capital Improvements, funds meant for unexpected major expenses, is now 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!



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

We greatly appreciate the spirit that has filled our church with a focus on our "Mission Possible." Sometimes when we think about raising the funds necessary to do the work ahead of us we think in "large" terms, meaning we think about large amounts of money. The beauty and strength of the Mission Possible campaign is that to do the work we need everyone participating and it doesn't necessarily mean in large measures.

Recently several groups have participated in fund raising activities with proceeds going toward the Mission Possible campaign, groups like the Jr. High Sunday School class, the Women of Worship, and our Cookie Walk group, to mention a few, all dedicated to doing their part to help Mission Possible be a successful experience.

Some people have questioned why we need fund raisers when we have just gone through the campaign for Mission Possible. The answer is two-fold; first, quite simply for every dollar we raise toward Mission Possible that is a dollar less that we will have to borrow in order to do our work. Secondly, fund raisers also provide a way for some in the church who cannot afford a one-time financial gift or financial commitment over a period of time to participate and be a part of God's vision for St. Paul.

Having said that, God bless everyone who has caught the spirit...we are emboldened by your efforts and with God's help we will succeed!

Respectfully the St. Paul Board of Trustees



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

**Please, fill it up!
Thank you!**

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