



# The Steeple

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of Rosewood Heights, Illinois



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*“There are different spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, and yet the same Lord is served. There are different types of work to do, but the same God produces every gift in every person.”*

**I Corinthians 12:4-6 (God’s Word)**

Now that he has won a second Super Bowl, Peyton Manning is a shoo-in for the NFL Hall of Fame. He has thrown more touchdown passes (539) than any other quarterback. Brett Favre is in second place with 508; Tom Brady with 428.

Because he was injured most of last season, Manning threw a total of 9 touchdown passes. He had the worst season record of any quarterback who has ever won a Super Bowl. Still, Peyton Manning has that ring!

Even a casual football fan understands that it was the Denver Broncos’ defense that was most responsible for winning Super Bowl 50. If the other pieces are functioning on the field at a high level, it is possible to win with a 40 yr. old quarterback whose best years are behind him. Another reminder that football is a team sport.

Paul’s message is that church is a team sport. The church at Corinth is the church that every pastor dreams of serving; a church filled with strong, gifted leaders poised to do tremendous ministry. The church has failed to realize its potential because these gifts have become a point of division.

Some claim that their gifts are more spiritual than those possessed by their brothers and sisters in Christ. Others feel superior because they have multiple talents while their neighbor has only one. Little ministry is being done because they are too busy fighting with each other.

Paul pleads with this church to get it together for the big game. To harness their potential to do great things for God. In vs. 10 of the first chapter, he says: *“Brothers and sisters, I encourage all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to agree with each other and not to split into opposing groups. I want you to be united in your understanding and opinions”*.

These precious gifts from God that should have united the church ended up dividing it. This church that has been blessed more than most finds itself unable to do anything significant for God. That is sad. If we are going to fully utilize our spiritual gifts within the church, we need to be *sold on and sold out to Jesus*. Christ is the head of the church. He is the quarterback. Our role is to bring our “A” game to each play that is called. We are to work together for the good of the whole team. Christian love calls us to seek—not what is best for us individually—but rather what is best for the Body of Christ.

*We need love to fully utilize our spiritual gifts within the church. For love leads us—not to elevate ourselves in the eyes of the world—but rather to humble ourselves before God; yielding all that we have to His glorious kingdom. Love leads us to seek—not what is best for us—but rather what is best for the Body of Christ. Love does not divide, but rather unites!*

What united the Denver Broncos was their love and admiration for their quarterback, Peyton Manning. The players knew that Peyton had fought back from neck injuries that would have ended most careers. Without complaint, he had labored behind weak offensive lines and on teams with ineffective defenses. The players wanted to win the Super Bowl—not only for themselves—but for their leader.

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- **Thank you to the Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts** who cleared the park of gumballs & leaves in preparation for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. They put in the equivalent of 90 hours of work clearing the park! We also thank them for leaving the church so clean after hosting 110 scouts during their Merit Badge Day.
- **Thank you** for those who gave candy or plastic eggs, stuffed eggs, and hid the eggs in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. (The snow flurries moved our hunt inside.) A special thank you to the Easter Bunny for showing up.
- **Thank you to Eileen Cheatham, our Parish Nurse**, for teaching us how to eat healthy and be healthy. A special thank you to those who prepared a healthy meal to share after the program.
- **Thank you to the Steering Committee for the Mission Possible Campaign and the Board of Trustees** who continue to put in many hours guiding our campaign and construction project. Please continue to pray for the safety of the workers as they complete most of Phase 1 of our project this month. A special thank you to **Bob Blacklock** for helping us work out our construction loan.
- **Thank you to Eldon Wold, Jr., Lois Mitchell, and our special music** for the extra work required as we hosted not only our own Holy Thursday Service, but the Community Good Friday Service as well.
- **Thank you to Eldon Wold, Jr. and the Worship Choir** for the delicious Easter Breakfast you provided for us! How delightful to spend Easter morning around the table together. And thank you to all who gave a donation at the breakfast which all went to our Mission Possible Campaign!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Wanda Ukena**, mother of Jennifer White, who is a good friend of Ruth Bell & Lois Mitchell; the family of **Rev. Randy Grimmett**, brother of Rev. Roger Grimmett, the Superintendent of the Mississippi River District of the IGRC; the family of **Mike Stoner**, ex-husband of Chris Stoner; the family of **Nancy Reagan**, former First Lady; the family of **Bonnie McPherson**, friend of Maggie Funke; the family of **Marie Mitchell**, wife of former St. Paul pastor, the late Carl Mitchell; the family of **Homer Huff**, uncle of Joe Huff; the family of **Joe Tardino**, friend of Dot Elliott family; the family of **Toni Fry-Hilgert**; the family of **Carol Rhodes Moss**; and the family of **Anna Hausman**. May you all know God's comfort as you go through this time of grief.
- Congratulations to **Christian & Lauren Cranmer** who welcomed a son, **Clark Bennett Cranmer**, on March 16th weighing 6lbs. 6oz.!
- **THANK YOU:** I really appreciate the support that I have from my church family, from Pastor Daryl, and from Doug Pascoe Parish Visitor. The many prayers, visits, cards, and food have been a big help. God Bless you all! *Carole Taylor*
- **THANK YOU:** Thank you to our church family for all of the prayers and cards during the loss of our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. What a real blessing you are to all of us! *Mark & Deb Mayer; Jenny, Ryan, Evan, Adelynn, & Ryleigh Spurgeon; and Jason, Lindsey, Edith, Grady, & Emerson Mayer.*



**CHOIR CD:** If anyone would like a “St. Paul Choir Favorites” CD, please contact Tracy Franks or the church office. This music CD is a collection of music by the choir during the time that Marilyn Cisler was the director and the songs are from our services from 2006 – 2011. There is no cost, but you may give a donation to the Capital Campaign Fund, if you like.

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Until I watched a documentary of a sculptor on TLC, I had never thought how challenging this profession is. Unlike painting where the blank canvas will receive any image, the sculptor begins with a hunk of stone.

The artist talked about how he would spend days, weeks, even months studying a stone, living with it—patiently waiting for the statue within to reveal itself to him. What emerges from the stone is a union of the artist’s skill and vision and the potential within the stone.

Paul reveals that God is more like a sculptor than a painter. You see, God doesn’t begin with a blank canvas that will receive any vision. God begins with a stone—a particular people with particular talents located in a particular place.

God gently shapes us—not with hammer and chisel—but with His love. It is His love that releases the potential within all of us. It is His love that inspires us to use our gifts to encourage each other and build up the Body.

In one of his early hits, the country artist, John Anderson, sang: **“I’m just an old chunk of coal. But I’m gonna be a diamond some day.”**

I am convinced that we are “*chunks of coal*” waiting for Jesus to speak the words that will release the “*sparkling diamonds*” within us. What separates us from the crowd isn’t our intelligence or our ability. What separates us from the crowd is that when Jesus says: **“Follow me,”** we follow!

Maybe life has beaten you down and convinced you that you will never be anything but a chunk of coal. This is the great lie of Satan. Within each of us are special gifts waiting to be released. Within each of us are noble deeds waiting for the courage to do them. Within each of us is more than we ever dreamed, more than we ever imagined, more than we could conceive. For within each of us is a dazzling diamond to be revealed.

*Once we were chunks of coal, but we opened our lives to Jesus’ love and He sculpted us into dazzling diamonds we have become. Jesus has done the same for the diamonds seated next to you on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. The beautiful people of God.*

While some of us share the spiritual disease of the Corinthians—pride—I think more of us are convinced that we have nothing to offer the church and feel utterly useless. We make excuses. We are too young, too old, too busy, or lacking any useful talent.

Matt Henson from *Living the Adventure Ministries* is returning to St. Paul on **Sat., April 23-Sun., April 24** to remind us that if we are *sold on and sold out to Jesus, there is a place of service for us within the Body of Christ*. He is coming to remind us that we are sparkling diamonds who are called to shine for Jesus every day! Join us in any worship service to hear Matt’s dynamic challenge to shine, shine, shine for Jesus. In an afternoon workshop on the 24th, Matt will show us how we may use our gifts to build up the team. In this way, we honor Jesus, our great quarterback. While we don’t all get Super Bowl rings, we are promised crowns of righteousness! Pastor Daryl



## Saturdays at St. Paul in APRIL 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 APRIL Speakers:

2nd - Kevin Rader                      9th - NO AWAKENING...It is TRIVIA NIGHT!!

16th - Pastor Daryl: Time of Reflection and Prayer in preparation for Matt Henson.

23rd - Matt Henson: Those who are able are invited to join us for a meal with Matt at a local restaurant.

30th - TBD

## Sundays at St. Paul in APRIL 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.*

### HEALING

**3: 2nd Sunday of Easter. Communion Celebrated.** Our journey through the book of Job has revealed the pains, hurts and suffering that we all bear. Some of these are visible while others are invisible. In the church, we are called to bear each other's burdens and



so fulfill the will of Christ. In addition to celebrating Holy Communion, we will offer an opportunity for those who desire it to receive *an anointing with oil along with prayers for healing.* The healing sought may be spiritual, emotional, social or physical. As we offer up prayers for healing, we recognize that God chooses the means of healing for each of us. This special service will be offered during both our 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. worship times.

**10: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Birthday Sunday.** We are responsible for telling the story of Jesus. As we look around our churches, we feel inadequate to this task. We need help. This is why Jesus tells us to pray for more farm hands! Let us pray for people to come and hear the message Matt Henson has prepared for us that some may be led to respond and join their hands with ours in God's great work. Read Matthew 9:35-38.



### Spiritual Gifts



**17: 4th Sunday of Easter.** Do we shine brightly for Jesus or do we hide our witness under a basket? This is a good question for reflection as we prepare for Matt Henson's ministry among us. How may we use our gifts to witness more effectively and expansively to Jesus? Read Matthew 5:13-16.

**24: 5th Sunday of Easter. Renewal Weekend with Rev. Matt Henson.** Matt talks about *Sold On and Sold Out to Jesus.* **Blue Sunday.** We will take time during our worship service to pray for the victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them. We pray because they shouldn't have to pray alone.







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



I decided to do the newsletter this month on the **Zika virus**, which has been in the news a lot lately. If you've been thinking about traveling to warmer climates or have been catching a few news stories, you know that the Zika infection is caused by the Zika virus, and that is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito. The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. For this reason, many people might not realize they have been infected. Once a person has been infected, he or she is likely to be protected from future infections.

Zika virus was first discovered in 1947 and is named after the Zika forest in Uganda. In 1952, the first human cases of Zika were detected and since then, outbreaks of Zika have been reported in tropical Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. Zika outbreaks have probably occurred in many locations.

Zika causes mild illness in some; however, recent outbreaks are being closely tracked by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as they believe Zika may be linked to serious birth defects in babies of mothers who were infected with this virus while pregnant.

While this virus is not new, it is new to the Americas. The first case was reported in Brazil just last spring. Since that time, it has spread through South and Central America, and the Caribbean. No locally transmitted Zika cases from mosquitoes have been reported in the continental U.S., but cases have been reported in travelers returning from areas where Zika is present. As Zika continues to spread in our region, the number of cases among travelers visiting or returning to the U.S. is likely to increase.

#### **Q: What is the Zika virus?**

A: Zika is a mosquito-borne virus that is similar to dengue fever, yellow fever, and West Nile virus. Most people who contract Zika don't experience any symptoms. For those who do, the effects of the illness are usually very mild — fever, muscle aches, and rash are the most common symptoms — and it's rare to see people develop issues that require them to go to the hospital.

#### **Q: How do you contract the Zika virus?**

A: Most people get the Zika virus from a mosquito bite. There have been a few cases of sexually transmitted infection, but such cases would have to occur during the incubation period, which is approximately three to 12 days. Expectant mothers infected with the Zika virus can pass it on to the fetus through the umbilical cord or at the time of delivery.

#### **Q: Why have pregnant women been particularly affected by the Zika virus?**

A: Being pregnant does not necessarily make you more vulnerable to contracting the virus, but if you are infected with Zika and pass it on to your baby, there is a concern of an increase in birth defects. We've known about Zika for decades, but it wasn't until the large Brazilian outbreak in 2015 that the link between the virus and fetal microcephaly, as well as many other abnormalities, was discovered, and we realized the significant impact of Zika.

#### **Q: If Zika has been around for decades, why is it only now becoming a concern?**

A: There are a few possibilities why the Zika virus is now becoming a concern:

- Zika may have mutated and become more virulent.
- Once it reached the Americas, it may have been able to be transmitted more frequently.
- It may have been underreported previously.

The CDC and other agencies continue to perform research and promote awareness, as there is a likelihood that more cases will be reported and further discoveries can be made.

**Q: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised pregnant women to postpone travel to more than 20 countries in South and Central America and the Caribbean. Why are these countries at greater risk for Zika outbreaks?**

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# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

April 01 Hartman, Amy  
 April 02 Williams, Randy  
 April 02 Foiles, Jarod  
 April 03 Voorhees, Mike  
 April 03 Voorhees, Mitch  
 April 03 Challandes, Karen  
 April 04 Bunt, Evelyn  
 April 04 Martin, Tom  
 April 04 Ford, Donald Jr.  
 April 04 Hartman, Payton  
 April 05 Pruetzel, Rohland  
 April 05 Moore, Kelly  
 April 05 Mayer, Jason  
 April 06 Sitze, Barb  
 April 06 Winchester, Jessica  
 April 07 Acton, Vicki  
 April 07 Bunt, Ashley  
 April 07 McBride, Jaxson  
 April 08 Nelson, Florence  
 April 08 Bottorff, Patrick  
 April 09 Skjerseth, Abbygail  
 April 10 Croxford, Virginia  
 April 10 Clark, Bryan  
 April 10 Dawson, Lizzie  
 April 11 Roberts, Jennifer  
 April 11 Tite, Alyssa  
 April 14 Inman, Terry  
 April 14 McLain, Mindy

April 14 Wesley, Rilyn  
 April 15 Lair, Alexander  
 April 16 Bishop, Nathan  
 April 16 Laufersweiler, Peter  
 April 16 Davis, Lauren  
 April 17 Sands-Franklin, Vivian  
 April 17 Toner, Cathy  
 April 17 Tillery, Scott  
 April 17 Harlan, Brittney  
 April 17 Harlan, Brooke  
 April 17 Decker, Lauryn  
 April 18 Bunt, Michael  
 April 18 Plummer, Brandon  
 April 18 Dawson, Luke  
 April 19 Natsch, Ilona  
 April 19 Scroggins, Madison  
 April 19 Scroggins, Patsy  
 April 20 Gwaltney, Kay  
 April 20 Hovan, Rosalind  
 April 21 Parker, Ryan  
 April 21 Mayer, Edith  
 April 24 Hendricks, Leona  
 April 24 Plummer, Mike

April 25 Williams, Madison  
 April 25 Laufersweiler, Logan  
 April 26 Garrison, Andrew  
 April 26 Eyster, Logan  
 April 27 Kissack, Bob Jr.  
 April 27 Wells, Brent  
 April 27 Sheppard, Keith  
 April 27 Henderson, Jaden  
 April 28 Bailey, John  
 April 28 Scroggins, Taylor  
 April 28 Barclay, Tabatha  
 April 29 Bottorff, Mike  
 April 29 White, Rita  
 April 29 Redden, Darin Sr.  
 April 29 Kathriner, Stacey  
 April 29 Giddings, Jacob  
 April 30 Cameron, Chase



# APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



April 05 Pruetzel, Rohland & Susie  
 April 08 Crain, Bill Jr. & Ronda  
 April 10 Schroedter, Adam & Stephanie  
 April 11 Tillery, Joe & Linda  
 April 11 Acton, Phil & Vicki  
 April 14 Toner, Joshua & Brooke  
 April 16 Toner, Chuck & Rosalie

April 20 Brueggeman, Kyle & Emily  
 April 20 Toner, Jake & Jessica  
 April 21 Decker, Eric & Heather  
 April 21 Laufersweiler, Peter & Sarah  
 April 24 Yankovich, Frank Jr. & Tana  
 April 24 Sandbach, Justin & Jennifer

## Be sure to pick up a **NEW** current church directory!

**George Tappy** Cedarhurst Memory Care, Apt. A6, 7108 Marine Rd., Edwardsville, IL 62025

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!



### MARCH Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 3/31/2016	\$18478.00
Designated Giving:	through 3/31/2016	\$1758.88
	Capital Improvements	260.00
	Loose Change	98.88
	Flowers	369.50
	Hickerson Scholarship	85.00
	Offering Envelopes	10.00
	2016 Steeple Postage	25.50
	Upper Room Donations	5.00
	Reimbursement	20.00
	Brad Fester/Wycliffe	100.00
	Charles McKnelly	700.00
	Helping Hands	25.00
	McKendree University	50.00
	UMCOR	10.00
Easter Offering		810.00
Capital Campaign		4030.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		202.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$25278.88</b>

Total Capital Campaign money received as of 3-31-16: \$148,954.08

**DEADLINE FOR  
MAY 2016  
STEEPLE, Fri.,  
APRIL 15th!**

APRIL 22  
**EARTH DAY**  
How will you give back?



The things that we love tell us what we are. ~Thomas Aquinas

### MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT



April's Loose Change Project is the **Community Hope Center** in Cottage Hills. Not only do they run a food pantry which our church uses as a referral source, but they offer free clothing and other programs to help people in need. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

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

**Apr. 3rd:** Tracy Franks, Anita Dawson, Diane Murbarger

**Apr. 10th:** Deb Mayer

**Apr. 17th:** Jamie Keith

**Apr. 24th:** Tom & Ruth Voorhees

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

### Average Attendance for MARCH 2016

Early Service	47
Late Service	89
Sunday School	51
Visitors	13
4 Awakening Services	54



**Happy Administrative Professionals Day - April 27th!**



Matt Henson has led us before. We have invited Matt back for another weekend of renewal on **Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 24th.**

**Matt will preach during the AWAKENING Service on Saturday at 5 p.m. and the 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday. We invite everyone to stay for lunch on Sunday and an afternoon session focused on moving from commitment to service within the Body of Christ . This year, Matt is coming to remind us that we are sparkling diamonds who are called to shine for Jesus every day! We will take up a special offering to support Living the Adventure Ministries.**

An energetic, dynamic, vision-casting adventurer for Jesus is one of the best ways to describe Rev. Matt Henson. Matt brings a fresh perspective and energy to the church and her ministry. He specializes in Youth /Young Adult Ministry, Evangelistic Preaching, and Mission Experiences, using his experience and passion to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to all people. While a student at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, Matt served as the Campus Life Director (Youth for Christ) at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington, Kentucky. Matt has served as Associate and Youth Pastor, Senior Pastor, and now as the Executive Director & Lead Evangelist for Living the Adventure. In Matt's ministry background he has started new worship experiences, seen youth ministries grow in number & faith, and people have come to follow Jesus as Lord & Savior under his preaching.

Matt & his wife, Nancy, live in Albion, IL with their four sons and one daughter (Elijah, Micah, Judah, Isaiah, and Sarafina). Who knows what will spring forth from Matt's event this year? We only know that God is using Matt to bring renewal to St. Paul.

### *Parish Nurse - Continued from Page 5*

A: The countries on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) list have all experienced Zika outbreaks so far. This is likely due to the warmer climates present in these countries, which are ideal for Zika-transmitting mosquitos. These mosquitos, primarily of the Aedes species, are sometimes found in the southern United States as well, making it imperative to promote awareness of Zika virus in the U.S.

#### **Q: What treatments are currently available for Zika?**

A: While antiviral treatment is being investigated, nothing is currently available. Right now, only symptomatic relief is possible for illness-related fever or rash. The most important thing for women is preventive measures. Overall, the best form of prevention is to limit your exposure by not traveling to affected countries. But if you are pregnant or considering pregnancy and must travel to affected areas, you can do the following:

- Wear protective gear, like long-sleeve shirts and pants. Avoid skin exposure as much as possible to prevent mosquito bites.
- Use Environmental Protection Agency-approved insect repellents as directed, which are safe for pregnant women.
- If you are pregnant and have a male partner who travels to an area of active Zika virus infection, you should abstain from sexual activity or consistently and correctly use condoms during sex for the duration of the pregnancy.
- Talk to your OB/GYN if you have traveled to an affected area. Your physician will perform a blood test for evidence of Zika virus infection. You will also have at least one ultrasound to evaluate your fetus for infection.

We all may not be of child bearing age, or even female- but all of us have family members who are. It is always good to be educated so that you can share information with others. **Sources: CDC, Johns Hopkins**

Hopefully by the time you read this spring will be in full bloom! I know that I am ready! Alton Memorial Hospital will host a Safety Fair on May 7th and will fit children for free bike helmets. Flyers will be posted on bulletin boards. Please call 1-800-392-0936 to register your kids for the Safety Fest.

God's blessings to you this month!

Eileen





# RUMMAGE SALE

## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, April 29th, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and

Saturday, April 30th, 8:30 a.m. until noon;

\$2 admission charged for the Pre-sale only on **Thursday night, April 28th, 6-8 p.m.** **Please** - bring NO rummage before **MONDAY, April 11th** place items where designated to keep the Fellowship Hall useable for Awakening . . . can be brought through **MONDAY, April 25th.**

Start looking for your rummage as spring inspires you!

Mark your calendars now!

## HELP WANTED

Are you bored from the winter weather – eager to have something to do? The Women of Worship have solved your problem! **MANAGERS** are needed to make decisions about sorting clothes, kitchen items, seasonal décor, etc. on

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 25-27. **ACCOUNTANTS** and **BAGGERS** are needed on Thursday night, April 28, from 6 – 8 p.m., Friday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, April 29, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**MAINTENANCE CREW** will take over at noon on Saturday to pack up unsold items to deliver to Hope Center and Goodwill.

**Also needed:** pickup trucks to help gather items from folks who have no way to get their things to the church and to deliver items not picked up by Hope Center Truck. Minimum wage will “sort of” prevail – per church volunteer status, all time accrued will be donated.

**THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR VOLUNTEERING.**



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

**FLOWER CALENDAR**

There are still many openings! Please, fill it up! Thank you!

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

There is still 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 **78** individuals, couples, and families have completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* to-date (3/31/2016).
• The total committed on these *Estimate of Giving Cards* to our ministry for 2016 to-date is **\$171,133.00**.

NAVIGATING CHANGE CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

REGISTER TODAY! We are excited to announce the 2016 Navigating Change Church Leadership Conference that will be held on May 5 & 6, 2016 at Christ Church in Fairview Heights, IL.

"When a church grows from 200 to over 2,000 there is something to learn from their pastor, leaders and laypeople.

Those lessons are shared in an amazing two day conference

called Navigating Change. This conference is both inspirational as well as informational and has great value for pastors, staff and lay leaders. The keynote speakers always bring great clarity about how the Gospel must be shared in these changing times. Multiple breakout sessions provide a host of information to help churches of all sizes. This is a conference that you and your team will keep coming back to year after year."

- Mark Brooks, The Charis Group, Navigating Change Sponsor for 5 years



Lord, thank You for our children, For them we kneel and pray. Help us teach them of Your kindness, Of Your mercy and Your way. Help us show them of Your love, Your strength and safety, too. Help us show them who You are. Help us treat them like You do.

Let's pray, educate ourselves, and volunteer for the children of our nation until black and blue are just colors in their crayon box.

~Janet Magee

APRIL 24, 2016 BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER

The day when churches take time in their service to pray for the victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them.

We pray because they shouldn't have to pray alone.

Won't your church to join CASA in this life saving effort?



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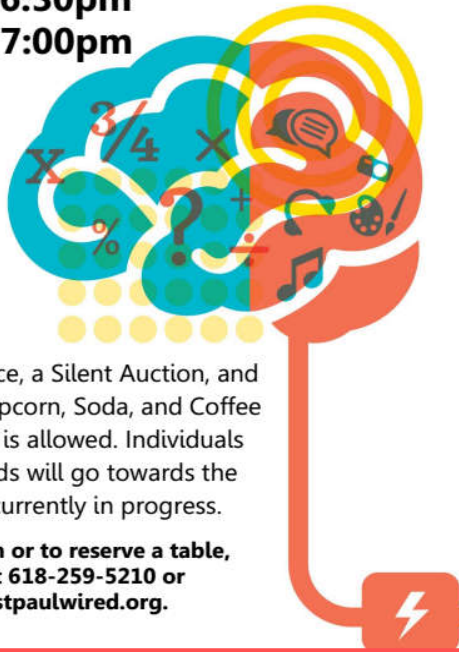
# St. Paul United Methodist Church TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, April 9, 2016**

**Doors Open at 6:30pm  
Trivia Starts at 7:00pm**

**Cost:** \$12/person –  
Maximum 8 players per  
table

**Where:** St. Paul United  
Methodist Church-  
10 N. Center St.  
East Alton, IL 62024



Cash prize for First Place, a Silent Auction, and a Dessert Auction!!! Popcorn, Soda, and Coffee provided. No alcohol is allowed. Individuals welcome! All proceeds will go towards the Capital Campaign currently in progress.

**For more information or to reserve a table,**  
call the church at 618-259-5210 or  
email at [info@stpaulwired.org](mailto:info@stpaulwired.org).

## CAMPING...CAMPING...CAMPING

Pick up *Quest*—a publication offering a complete listing of our church camps—is available on top of the mailboxes across from the Church Office and on the wall in the church entryway. Camps for all ages are available at Little Grassy near Carbondale, East Bay near Bloomington, Beulah in Eldorado, and Epworth near Greenville. College students and adults might consider serving as counselors in our camps. Everything you need to know about being a camper or counselor is found in *Quest*.



## Join us for the next Sunday Study Group:



Rev. Ron Wenzel, pastor of Rosewood Heights Community Church, will be leading a 3-part study based on his book; *Angels, Demons and The Unseen World*; Sundays April 3, 10, & 17 at 5p.m. This is our next small study group. Books are \$10.

Are angels active in our world today? Where did they come from? What are their abilities?

What does the Bible say about them? "Angels, Demons, and the Unseen World" tackles these and many other questions. We know the Bible tells the story of God's interaction with men and women, but it also tells the story of the angels, both good and evil. Based on ten years of research into what the Bible has to say this book contains many surprises.

Wenzel is a native of Alton and a graduate of SIUE with a degree in communications. He graduated summa cum laude from Midcontinent Bible College in Mayfield, KY. Wenzel worked in insurance before working in the ministry field in the 1990s. For nearly 20 years Wenzel has served the field of ministry in several different ways and for many denominations.

## ROXANA JR.HIGH PRESENTS



**April 22 at 7:00 p.m.,**

**April 23 at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.,**

**April 24 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Tickets available at the door**

**\$6/adults \$4/students, children**

Musical features our youth – Lana Cox, Piper Martin, Sydnie Palmer, and Marlo Schiber.

Debbie Bacus is the Director and Mark Bacus is doing set and lights.





**The Awakening Service on Saturdays has added another mission project. We are collecting women's and men's socks for the Client Service Department of Riverbend Family Ministries (RFM) in Wood River.**

The RFM client service department (CSD) works one-on-one with our clients and their families needing aid with rental and utility assistance, job coaching, interview skills, resume writing, financial fitness, social service navigation, and rehabilitation connections. Their goal is to provide training in basic life skills, groups that help individuals deal with the stresses of life, and assistance in the pursuit of a new career path. While receiving invaluable life skills and tools to better their futures, individuals also benefit from the encouragement of our staff to go forward in their lives. Our clients experiencing homelessness are given facilities to shower, do laundry and a hot cup of coffee and conversation while here. Often the needs are simple...like a new, warm pair of socks. All services are free of charge. A collection barrel is located to the left of the stage. Help the homeless keep their feet warm and dry this year!

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# Beautiful U Girls Conference

A one day event for teen girls

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April 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Beautiful lives don't come from the measure of your clothes, your success, and your looks - it comes from a deep character, a vibrant spring, a heart in love with God. Living life, the way God intended, is freeing and bright.

Young girls need to hear this message today and Beautiful U is a conference designed to experience it. Girls in 6-12 grades and their female ministry leaders and/or moms are invited to register today! **Contact Pastor Daryl or the Church Office!**

A day at Beautiful U will include inspiring music, authentic worship, real life speakers, seminars for students and adults, and stations for a fun experience. Great refreshments, a delightful lunch, and an opportunity to get away will make this day memorable and BEAUTIFUL!

Don't miss the Beautiful U Conference in Troy, IL on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Troy UMC.

- ◆ Inspiring Music and Worship!
- ◆ Seminars for girls and adults.
- ◆ Experience Stations - such as Art You Can Wear, Card Making, Paper Crafts...and more
- ◆ Great refreshments





## 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!**



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