



# The Steeple

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*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” Hebrews 12:1 NLT*



It won't be long before the eyes of the world will be focused on the city of Rio de Janeiro as the Summer Olympics take place in Brazil. Thus far, these Olympics are better known for the possible spread of the Zika virus and the disqualification of the entire Russian track and field team.

As Meg, Debra, and I watched the Men's Gymnastic Olympic Trials broadcast from Chaifetz Arena at Saint Louis University, I refocused my attention upon the young athletes who had trained so hard and sacrificed so much to get an opportunity to make our Olympic Team. These young men and women deserve our support as they pursue their Olympic dream.

The first known Olympic contest dates back to 776 BC in a stadium that seated some 40,000 spectators in Olympia, in western Greece. Originally only one race was run during the religious celebration, a sprint of less than 200 meters. In time, however, other events were added, such as wrestling and even chariot races. Winners were crowned with olive wreaths.

Well over a thousand years later (in 394 AD), the Roman Emperor Theodosius ordered an end to the Olympics. He said the celebrations, with their religious overtones, were *“too pagan.”* The games would not be held again for 1500 years.

In the late 19th century a team of German archeologists began excavating the site of the old stadium in Olympia that had been destroyed by an earthquake. This dig gave a French educator, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, an idea. Why couldn't the Olympic Games be revived as a way of promoting world peace? The idea captured the imagination of many countries and in 1896 the first modern games were held—where else—in Greece, in the city of Athens.

For the first time since 1908, Rio is hosting the 2016 summer games. Beginning July 24th, I'll preach a 6-part sermon series, *Go For The Goal*, based on Hebrews 12. The writer of this book was familiar with the races where thousands of spectators in the stands would cheer on the runners. While we are running the race of faith, the writer believes that those who have finished the race are now cheering us from heaven. The crowd's desire is that we finish well.

While those in the Olympics are racing to win the gold medal, we race simply to finish. As Paul says in **2 Timothy 4** near the end of his life: *“<sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. <sup>8</sup>And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.”* Within the faith, all those who finish the race are winners. And, we all get the same prize. Not a gold medal. No, we all receive the crown of righteousness because we share in Christ's victory over death.

I invite you to join me for this special series, *Go For The Goal*. Here are the themes:

**July 24:** Remember the Witnesses

**Aug. 7:** Run with Perseverance

**Aug. 21:** Respect Divine Discipline

**July 31:** Remove Any Hindrances

**Aug. 14:** Reach for the Goal

**Aug. 28:** Recover from Injuries

As the stories of individual struggles and victories happen, I'll try to weave those into the sermons. Meanwhile, have fun watching the various Olympic trials and the Olympics to follow. Don't forget that God's intention is for all of us to be spiritual champions with the help of Jesus Christ our Lord. Pastor Daryl



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOU!

- Congratulations to our two Meghan Hickerson Christian Teen Leader Memorial Scholarship Award recipients for 2016! They are **Cameron Foust**, son of Craig & Kaylene Foust of Wood River; and **Kathryn O'Brien**, daughter of Gina Milazzo of Bethalto. May God richly bless each of you in your continuing life adventure.
- Congratulations to all who participated in any way in this year's Relay For Life, held on Sat., June 18th at the East Alton-Wood River Community High School. **Stephanie Palmer** was one of the three co-chairs for the event. **Christina Johnson** was the Luminaria Chair and won First Place Individual Fundraiser for raising \$7500!
- Our prayers and deepest sympathy goes to those who have lost loved ones recently. To the family & friends of **Dale Leady**, husband of Lois Leady, brother of Carol Russell, and former member of St. Paul UMC; the family of **Joseph Avramovich**, father of Michael Plummer; the family of **Katherine "Kathy" Zarek**, friend of the Pruetzels; the family of **Betty (Elizabeth) Fortschneider, Tarrant, Scoggins**; lifetime friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; the family of **Kaye Matthews**, mother/mother-in-law of Teresa & Mike Toner; the family of **Ray Parton**, father of Susan Parton Stanard (LCCC) and lifetime friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; and the family of **Antigone "Andy" Simpson**, friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell. May God give to all His comfort, healing, and peace in this time of grieving.
- **THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone for all of the cards, calls, visits, and prayers during my surgery and recovery. All is progressing well and I should be back to wonderful very soon! God bless you all, **Dorothy Kasinger**
- **THANK YOU:** Thank you so much to all those who helped with the Ice Cream Social Fundraiser in any way! Thanks to anyone who made ice cream, donated baked items, donated much needed ice cream supplies, tents, or time! Thanks to everyone who came out that Saturday to enjoy a sundae, a baked good, and/or taste the delicious homemade ice cream! We had a lot of fun eating and visiting and stopping in the midst of a busy Saturday for awhile. **The Capital Campaign Fundraising Committee**
- **THANK YOU:** A sincere thank you for the book and the reminder to keep my faith in mind throughout this next chapter of my life. Through times I felt I had lost my faith due to not agreeing, I always felt welcome with this church. I did not always attend with my grandparents, but for the times I did I always felt welcome. Your church always brought the feeling of family and coming together. You bring the beautiful presence of God and religion. It's not always that I have to come to feel welcome, I am always welcome. In college I will remember because of you that God is always with me and to never lose myself. Thank you for the beautiful gift and taking time out of your day to give something so special. Faith it makes things possible, not easy. "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Thank you! **Katie Herndon, GO MISSOURI STATE BEARS!**



**INFORMATION FOR THE CONGREGATION:** We now have a security system installed in the church by ADT. The company has told us that since the church is doing business with them, anyone in the congregation who would choose to use ADT would qualify for a discount. We wanted to let you know. For more information, check with Jim Herndon.



### DISCIPLINE OF TRUE FASTING

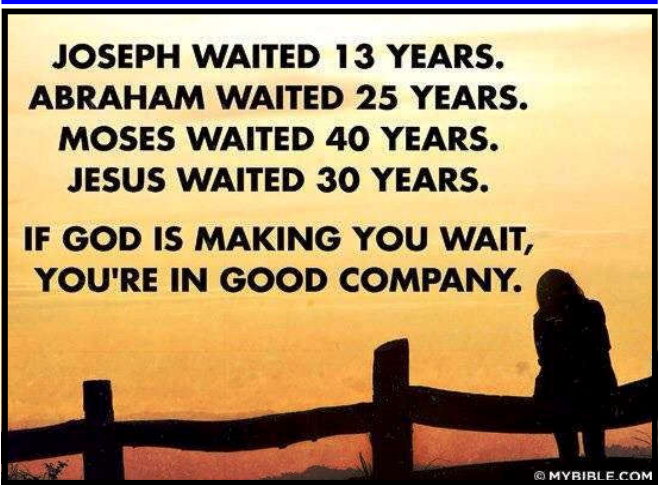
- FAST from judging others;  
FEAST on that Christ dwells in them.
- FAST from emphasis on differences;  
FEAST on what unites.
- FAST from apparent darkness;  
FEAST on the reality of God's light.
- FAST from thoughts of illness;  
FEAST on God's healing power.
- FAST from words that pollute;  
FEAST on phrases that purify.
- FAST from anger;  
FEAST on patience.
- FAST from pessimism;  
FEAST on optimism.
- FAST from worry;  
FEAST on God's providence.
- FAST from complaining;  
FEAST on appreciation.
- FAST from negatives;  
FEAST on affirmatives.
- FAST from unrelenting pressures;  
FEAST on unceasing prayer.
- FAST from bitterness;  
FEAST on forgiveness.
- FAST from self-concern;  
FEAST on compassion for others.
- FAST from personal anxiety;  
FEAST on eternal truth.
- FAST from discouragement;  
FEAST on hope.
- FAST from lethargy;  
FEAST on enthusiasm.
- FAST from suspicion;  
FEAST on truth.
- FAST from thoughts that weaken;  
FEAST on promises that inspire.
- FAST from idle gossip;  
FEAST on purposeful silence.
- FAST from problems that overwhelm;  
FEAST on prayer that sustains.

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Your talent is  
God's gift to you  
What you do  
with it  
is your gift  
back to God

If you would  
like to share your  
talent during the  
summer services,  
please call, text,  
or e-mail Eldon.

[217-415-9541 or  
apha\_1@yahoo.com]







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



Join us on SATURDAYS at 5 p.m. for Awakening - St. Paul's contemporary worship service 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 JULY Speakers:

**2nd** - Marie Brown    **9th** - Deb Fansler    **16th** - Scott Levan  
**23rd** - VBS Program (followed by a fellowship meal afterwards)  
**30th** - Sherry Keller (music director - 1st Assembly of God, East Alton)

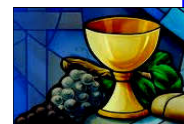
## Sundays at St. Paul in JULY 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Services



The 8:15 a.m. worship service is held in the amphitheater in the park. Wear casual clothes and bring your lawn chair. Tailgate-At-Eight Fellowship with coffee, juice, and snacks is at 8 a.m. In case of rain, the service is held in the sanctuary. The 10:30 a.m. service is always held in the sanctuary. **"More Jesus Time" for Pre-school - 5th grade and Nursery is provided for the 10:30 a.m. service.**



**3: 7th Sunday after Pentecost. Freedom Sunday. Communion celebrated.** Our freedom flows—not from our government—but from the Creator. This was the belief of our Founding Fathers and a truth we still hold. Join us as we celebrate our country's freedoms; especially the freedom to worship.



**10: 8th Sunday after Pentecost. Birthdays Sunday.** Pastor Daryl preaches a 2-part sermon series on *Holiness: Life In The Spirit*. We tend to think of holiness in the negative, condemning those who look down upon us with *holier than thou* attitudes. Holiness is essential to our lives as Christians because it addresses how we live our daily lives. Do our thoughts, words and deeds reflect the faith that we profess? If so, then we are engaged in holy living. *During the 8:15 a.m. service the second Hickerson Scholarship Award is given.*



**17: 9th Sunday after Pentecost.** Pastor Daryl preaches a 2-part sermon series on *Holiness: Life In The Spirit*. We tend to think of holiness in the negative, condemning those who look down upon us with *holier than thou* attitudes. Holiness is essential to our lives as Christians because it addresses how we live our daily lives. Do our thoughts, words and deeds reflect the faith that we profess? If so, then we are engaged in holy living.

**24: 10th Sunday after Pentecost.** Pastor Daryl begins a new sermon series, *Go For The Goal*, centered upon Hebrews 12:1-2. As the writer composes these words, he has a footrace in mind—perhaps the Olympics—where the spectators are waiting at the finish line to cheer for the runners. Those in heaven continue to be involved in our lives by cheering us on toward the finish line in this race of faith. Today we *remember the witnesses*.

**31: 11th Sunday after Pentecost.** Pastor Daryl continues the new sermon series, *Go For The Goal*, centered upon Hebrews 12:1-2. As the writer composes these words, he has a footrace in mind—perhaps the Olympics—where the spectators are waiting at the finish line to cheer for the runners. Those competing in the Olympics have to overcome many challenges. As Christians, our greatest challenge is the sin that will not let us go and drags us back into the muck. This is why the writer of Hebrews encourages us to *remove any hindrances*.

**AUGUST 7: 12th Sunday after Pentecost. Communion celebrated.** Pastor Daryl continues the new sermon series, *Go For The Goal*, centered upon Hebrews 12:1-2. As the writer composes these words, he has a footrace in mind—perhaps the Olympics—where the spectators are waiting at the finish line to cheer for the runners. The writer envisions the race of faith as a marathon where we have to pace ourselves so we survive the test. This is why the writer of Hebrews advises that *we need to run with perseverance*.





## Nurse's Notes for JULY 2016 from Parish Nurse, Eileen Cheatham RN, BC, B.S.N.

### STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER!

The temperatures are rising and the days are getting longer. It's summertime once again. Here are some tips to help make your summer the best and healthiest one yet.

**Grill and Chill:** Whether you prefer burgers off the grill or a picnic in the park, one thing you don't want on the menu this summer is foodborne illness. **Take these steps to help keep germs away:**

- Wash your hands before and after handling food.
- When taking foods off the grill, **do not put** cooked food items back on the same plate that previously held raw food.
- When grilling foods, preheat the coals on your grill for 20 to 30 minutes, or until the coals are lightly coated with ash.

**Most grill fires happen in July, so keep some of these safety tips in mind:**

- Keep the grill well away from home and the deck railings.
- Always open the grill lid before turning it on.
- To keep excess gas from leaking out of a gas grill, turn the propane tank off first, and then the burners.
- Use a meat thermometer to ensure that food reaches a safe internal temperature.
- Never let raw meat, cooked food, or cut fresh fruits and vegetables sit at room temperature more than two hours before putting them in the cooler or refrigerator (one hour when the temperature is above 90°F).
- Make sure to pack plenty of extra ice or freezer packs in your cooler to ensure a constant cold temperature.

**Beat the Heat:** Heat-related illnesses claim the lives of hundreds of people each year, so it is important to **take these precautions when working or playing outside during the hot summer months:**

- Drink plenty of water or other non-alcoholic beverages.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing that is light in color.
- Reduce strenuous activities or do them during the cooler parts of the day. \*\*This means your lawn should be mowed early in the morning or later after the hottest part of the day.

**Outdoor workers:** Drink from two to four cups of water every hour while working. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink.

**Fun in the Sun:** Your summer plans may include hitting the beach, or just spending more time outdoors. Make sure you plan to avoid sunburn, by avoiding harmful UV rays. Premature aging is a long-term side effect of UV exposure, meaning it may not show on your skin until many years after you have had a sunburn or suntan. Sometimes this is referred to as "photo aging,"- premature aging that takes the form of leathery, wrinkled skin and dark spots. Avoiding UV exposure is essential to maintaining healthy skin. I know that most of us have seen a person who has tough, leathery looking skin- either from working outdoors or from tanning outdoors.

**Here are some tips to protect you from UV rays:**

- Seek shade, especially at midday hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), when UV rays are strongest & do more damage.
- Cover up with clothing to protect exposed skin. Long-sleeved shirt & long pants with a tight weave are best.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade the face, head, ears, and neck.
- Grab shades that wrap around and block as close to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays as possible.
- Don't skimp on the sunscreen. We need about 1 ounce (about the size of a shot glass) of SPF 30 or higher sunscreen to protect us from the sun's damaging rays. Even when it's cloudy the sun's UV (ultraviolet) rays can damage your skin. Apply sunscreen 30 minutes prior to sun exposure (don't wait until you're already at the beach or pool to start applying – the damage has already started on your unprotected skin!), and reapply every 2 hours, or after swimming, sweating, or toweling off. If you spend an entire day at the beach, the Skin Cancer Foundation says each person should expect to use about ½ to ¼ of an 8-ounce bottle of sunscreen.

*Nurses Notes—Continued on Page 8*



# JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

- July 01 Poston, Terry
- July 01 Chester, Layne
- July 02 Funke, Maggie
- July 02 Bacus, Mark
- July 02 Campbell, Steve
- July 02 Rich, Taylor
- July 04 Sullivan, Pat
- July 04 Fincher, Terri
- July 04 Mormino, Brynleigh
- July 04 Mormino, Peyton
- July 05 Hart, Zoe
- July 05 Bourne, Colton
- July 06 Acton, Phil
- July 06 Hickerson, Jim
- July 06 Campbell, Luke
- July 07 Ford, Alex
- July 08 Russell, Carol
- July 08 Ford, Nate
- July 08 Sims, Stella
- July 09 Stamper, Carol
- July 09 Mayer, Deb
- July 10 Standefer, Drew
- July 10 Toner, Ella
- July 10 Toner, Emma
- July 11 Bartony, Clayton
- July 12 Lewis, Herrell
- July 12 Hamlin, Matthew
- July 14 Hendricks, Carter
- July 15 Harper, Emma

- July 15 Voorhees, Jaymie
- July 17 Redden, Donna
- July 18 Bailey, Alysia
- July 18 Griffin, Sarah
- July 19 Cameron, Cathy
- July 21 Martin, Connie
- July 21 Uzzell, Robin
- July 22 Hinkle, Evelyn
- July 22 Demond, Dell
- July 22 Crandall, Cory
- July 22 Challandes, Chris
- July 22 Emerick, Daniel
- July 22 Spurgeon, Evan
- July 23 Ford, Diane
- July 23 Hale, Donovan
- July 23 Bunt, Kynlee
- July 24 Bunt, Kathy
- July 24 Cameron, Chris
- July 24 Henderson, Gretchen
- July 24 Wood, Tony
- July 24 McLain, Anna
- July 24 Sims, Giuliana
- July 26 Crews, Kathy
- July 27 Burrows, Alice

- July 27 Kissack, Joy
- July 27 Clark, Edith
- July 28 Toner, Kristen
- July 28 Brown, Marie
- July 28 Phelps, Adam
- July 28 Betts, Caleb
- July 28 Lusivic, Addison
- July 28 Birmingham, Ashlyn
- July 28 Parker, Maddox
- July 29 McLain, Randy
- July 30 Plummer, Tim
- July 31 Scott, Virginia
- July 31 Brueggeman, Kyle
- July 31 Williams, Lindsey



# JULY ANNIVERSARIES



- July 01 Johnson, Matt & Christina
- July 05 Franklin, Don & Vivian
- July 06 Hubbard, Glenn & Paula
- July 07 Voorhees, Tom & Ruth
- July 08 Williams, Randy & Jan
- July 08 Ward, Paul & Gerry
- July 09 Crews, Greg & Kathy
- July 09 Mormino, Paul & Brandy

- July 11 Scroggins, Ryan & Joanna
- July 13 Gowan, Josh & Amy
- July 15 Spurgeon, Ryan & Jenny
- July 22 Brown, Robert & Gina
- July 23 Helmkamp, Rick & Amy
- July 24 Herndon, Matt & Allison
- July 31 Link, Mike & Kathy

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

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!



### JUNE Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 6/30/2016	\$21734.00
Designated Giving:	through 6/30/2016	\$1688.60
	Capital Improvements	340.00
	Loose Change	149.60
	Flowers	25.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	95.00
	Memorials	25.00
	Vacation Bible School	0.00
	Upper Room Donations	4.00
	Reimbursements	1000.00
	Happy Bears	50.00
Capital Campaign		1460.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$24882.60</b>

**DEADLINE FOR  
AUGUST 2016  
STEEPLE, Mon.,  
JULY 18th!**

Capital Campaign money received  
as of 6-30-16: \$170,731.38

### Annual Coat & Shoe Collection

For several years we have collected new and used, serviceable coats and shoes for Riverbend Head Start & Family Services families in our area.



**We begin this in the fall.** The general guidelines they have given us are for new or gently used items:

- Coats and Jackets - sizes 2T to 7-8
- Shoes - infant sizes to children size 1

***This is just information to remind you that if you go to yard sales, have grandchildren with outgrown shoes and coats, go to Goodwill, or however you come across such items, you may want to buy them for the fall collection during the summer.***



When the worker from Head Start picks the items up in early November they are distributed within the week to low income families in our area. Thank you!

### MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT



**July's Loose Change Project** is the **Lessie Bates Neighborhood House** in East St. Louis.

The Methodist Church established this center to minister to the Croatsians early in the last century. Since then the Neighborhood House has ministered to the new waves of immigrants and poor in East St. Louis. It is one of the few remaining institutions in East St. Louis offering social and health services. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

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

**July 3:** Tracy Franks, Diane Murbarger

**July 10, 17, 24, and 31:**

**No one signed up! Volunteers needed**

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

### Average Attendance for JUNE 2016

Early Service	68
Late Service	45
Sunday School	36
Visitors	9
4 Awakening Services	30







### *Nurse's Notes - Continued from Page 5*

**Swim Safe:** Swimming is a fun way to stay cool and active- I know that my family enjoys our own backyard pool. But before diving in, make sure you **review these tips for staying healthy and keeping you and your family safe:**

-Avoid swallowing pool water or even getting it in your mouth. There are chemicals used in the pool that could cause GI problems if swallowed.

-Shower before swimming and wash your hands.

-Take children on bathroom breaks and check diapers often. (We have all seen the diapers left behind at public pools- yuck!)

-Keep an eye on children at all times. Kids can drown in seconds and in silence.

-Never swim alone or in unsupervised locations. Teach children to always swim with a buddy.

-Don't use air-filled swimming aids (such as "water wings") with children in place of life jackets or life preservers.

-Children should take a first aid class as soon as they are able to understand- even children can learn CPR!

**Gardening:** Tetanus lives in the soil and can enter the body through a break in the skin. Because gardening involves the using of sharp tools, digging in the dirt, and handling plants you can be exposed to tetanus. Every adult should have a tetanus vaccine every ten years. Make sure yours is up to date.

**Fireworks:** In 2013, eight people died and about 11,400 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, 40 percent were from legal, less powerful devices. **If you choose to use them please follow some of these tips:**

-Never allow young children to handle fireworks

-Older children should use them only under close adult supervision

-Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear

-Never light them indoors

-Only use them away from people, houses, and flammable material

-Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting

-Never ignite devices in a container

-Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks

-Soak unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding

-Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire

-Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back and let the experts handle the show



**Stay safe and enjoy the summer season the God has given to us!**

**Blessings- Eileen**

Sources- CDC, National Fire Prevention Association







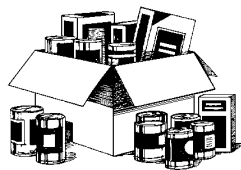
### Food and School Supply Collection---

Each year in the summer the Outreach Ministry Team sponsors the collection of school supplies and a food drive. Due to a suggestion from one of the school nurses who help disburse the school supplies, we began collecting the supplies and food earlier. **It starts July 10th, with members of the Outreach Ministry Team distributing bags and information at the end of both services, and continues through August 7th.** This is so school supplies can be distributed to the children before school starts.

The school supplies go to schools in the districts of Bethalto, Roxana, and Wood River/East Alton. These are then distributed to children who need supplies which families cannot provide. Paper, crayons, scissors, erasers, folders, and binders are always needed. Stores which sell the supplies have school lists for reference. Place the supplies in the coat area/hallway where we traditionally gather items for various collections.



We will distribute food collected to the two area food pantries: Operation Blessing in Wood River and Community Hope Center in Cottage Hills. These are the two food pantries to which our church refers people for food. There is always a heavy demand for food from the pantries. Their help often makes it possible to feed a family until the next income arrives or food stamps are available. The pantries continue to face increasing numbers of requests due to the rise in prices and difficulties in our economy. Any amount we give is always appreciated.



**The school supplies and food will be distributed the week of August 7th.**



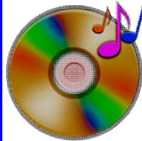
### WORSHIP UNDER THE TREES ON SUNDAYS IN THE CHURCH AMPHITHEATER

at 8:15 a.m.

JUNE 5th-SEPTEMBER 4th

"TAILGATE AT 8" (T8) @8 a.m.

In case of rain, service is held in the sanctuary. The 10:30 a.m. service is held in the sanctuary.



**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.



**Flower Calendar for 2016 is posted on the big bulletin board in the Education Wing. There is still ONE opening! Please, finish it up! Thank you!**





## Vacation Bible School

**July 18-22 9:30 a.m.-Noon**

For Vacation Bible School we have much of our leadership in place, but workers are still needed!

We will have **Classes** for children ages 3 (and potty-trained) thru 6th grade. The **Stations are:**

Recreation, Crafts, Movie, Story, Snacks, Praise Songs, Science Lab, Puppets & Play.

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

If you are in 7th grade or older and are interested in helping with VBS in **any of these areas** or in **any way**, please talk to Jamie Gwaltney or give her a call ASAP at **692-0898**.

***IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER, BE SURE TO PICK UP A POLICY PACKET WITH A BACKGROUND CHECK FORM AND FILL IT OUT (IF YOU DID NOT DO THIS LAST YEAR)!***

***DROP IT OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE! A REQUIREMENT!***

- **CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD!**
- **SUPPLIES ARE STILL NEEDED!**

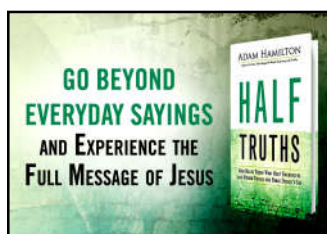
**We pray that it will be another fun and inspiring year!**

**Register your child or to volunteer for VBS online at:  
<http://cokesburyvbs.com/rhstpaul>**

*The face of prayer has changed. The need for prayer has not.*



## SUMMER SMALL GROUP ON SUNDAYS AT 5 P.M.



Our small group study will be meeting this summer **every other Sunday, at 5:00 p.m.** in the church parlor. We next meet on July 10,

then July 24, August 8, & August 22. We are using the **Adam Hamilton study called "Half Truths"** which compares common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. **Please join us!**

## CAMPING...CAMPING...CAMPING



Pick up *Quest*—a publication offering a complete listing of our church camps—it's 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*.





## 2016 Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference

**Officiating bishop:** Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton

**Guest speakers:** Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary and the Rev. H. Russell Ewell, board member, United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities.

**Number of people ordained, commissioned or received into probationary membership, and average age:** 3 ordained elders, 1 transitioning deacon to full elder, 1 associate member, 8 provisional elders, 1 provisional deacon

**Number of people retired:** 33, with a combined 959.75 years of service



The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference gathered around the theme, *The Fields are Ripe for the Harvest* June 8-11. This year's conference celebrated the 46 years of ministry of Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton, who will be retiring Aug. 31 after 20 years as bishop in the North Central Jurisdiction.

IGRC Communications produced five video vignettes entitled, *Bishop Keaton: In His Own Words*, as he shared about his life and ministry.

As part of the theme, conferees were also invited to a new field to harvest, as exhibits and speakers examined the issue of disability awareness and ways in which the church can be made more welcoming.

Morning speakers were Amos Yong of Fuller Theological Seminary, author of *Theology and Down Syndrome: Reimagining disability in Late Modernity* and *The Bible, Disability and the Church: A New Vision of the People of God*; and the Rev. H. Russell Ewell, board member of United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities. A third speaker, Gretchen Sidell, a member of Pekin First United Methodist Church, addressed the conference with a voice box, having been stricken with meningococcal meningitis as a teen. Sidell "speaks" as she moves and blinks her eyes to read the comments she had composed.

As part of the celebration of Keaton's ministry, the conference is completing a \$1 million Making Dreams Possible Scholarship campaign for Africa University, which has been named the Bishop Jonathan and Mrs. Beverly Keaton Endowment funded by the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. With full endowment, eight scholarships will be given to AU students annually into perpetuity. Africa University is a United Methodist-related university in Zimbabwe, Africa.

Entering conference, gifts and pledges totaled \$700,000 and with the assistance of two offerings, which included a \$100,000 gift and additional pledges to be paid by the end of the year, the campaign is just \$71,000 shy of its goal.

The conference overwhelmingly approved a \$2.5 million campaign to endow the spiritual life programs of the conference's five child-serving ministries – The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and the United Methodist Children's Home.

The five agencies have had to rely upon benevolent giving as the Illinois General Assembly has failed to pass a budget since July 2014, causing many agencies to lay off personnel as they await payment from the state.

"This proposal will ensure that the children's spiritual needs are met and not subject to whether the state gets out of its budget mess or not," said Cunningham CEO Marlin Livingston, in urging conference members to approve the campaign which will run from Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2019. The measure passed 699-40.

The conference laity collected \$4,943 for the John Kofi Asmah School in Liberia. The school, located in West Point section of Monrovia, was built by IGRC laity and annual offerings have been taken to furnish the building since its opening in 2011.

Other special offerings included \$5,938 for the 2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage for this year's newly-ordained pastors and \$7,164 for the Tom Brown Scholarship at Wiley College, one of the church's historically black colleges.

Membership stands at 127,052 in 2015, down 2,535 from 2014. Worship attendance stands at 57,620, down 1,580. Church school attendance stands at 18,121, down 431. Professions or reaffirmations of faith for 2015 is 1,948, up 33.

The 2017 annual conference session will be held June 7-10, 2017, at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, Ill.  
--Paul Black, director of Communication Ministries, Illinois Great Rivers Conference





The Women Of Worship will sponsor a **FISH FRY FUNDRAISER** in

July for the benefit of the **Capital Campaign.**

The details are being finalized.

The chosen date is

**SATURDAY, JULY 30th!**

Watch for the final information about time and cost! Plan now to join us for the fish fry at the end of the month!



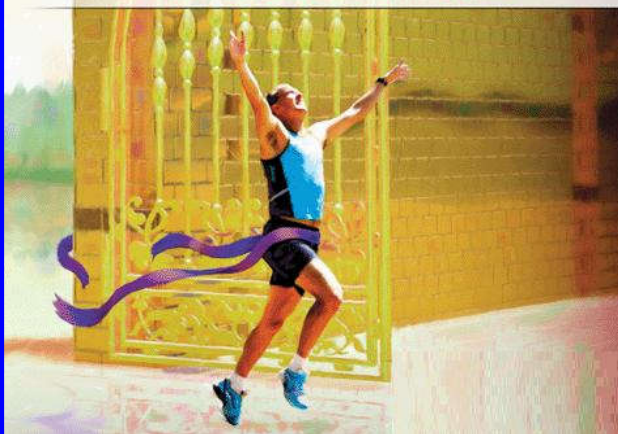
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Hospice...  
Hospital...  
Nursing/Care Center...

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 the situation. Thank you for your help!

# Go for the **GOAL**

*Become a Spiritual Champion*



Beginning July 24th, Pastor Daryl will preach a 6-part sermon series, *Go For The Goal*, based on Hebrews 12.

## WEEDS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.  
- MARK 4:19 NIV

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## 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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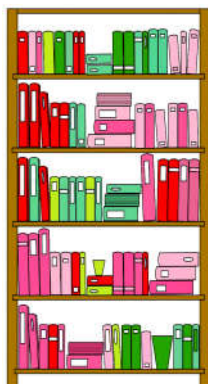
## Mission Possible is Becoming a Reality....

We have come to the completion of the largest portion of our "Mission Possible" work with the A/C **pouring throughout the church.** We no longer have the window units and instead have a more steady flow of cool air with lower humidity throughout the building. We will be undergoing some training in the near future to help us understand how we can maximize our new system. We appreciate the hard work of Sigman Indoor Cooling Solutions and our other contractors. The new ceilings and lighting add a great deal to the "new" look of our church. We have already begun to push forward with our **Priority 2 items** as well as finish up on the **Priority 1 items.** We are currently looking at new carpeting in our hallway and paint throughout the church. Thank you so much for all of your prayers and contributions as well as your patience and understanding these past few months. We hope and pray that you will continue to work with us as we complete our several remaining projects at St. Paul.

**St. Paul UMC Board of Trustees**

### BOOKCASE NEEDED!

We have outgrown the storage space for our small group materials and are in need of a very large bookcase or steel shelving with adjustable shelves. If you have these items that you no longer want and wish to donate them to the church, please call the Church Office at 259-5210 or email us at [info@stpaulwired.org](mailto:info@stpaulwired.org). Thank you very much!



### JULY - 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 JULY Youth info!**