



# The Steeple

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## SEPTEMBER 2016

### IF YOU PREPARE IT, THEY WILL COME

Rev. Tom Bandy  
NetResults.org

We all know that the saying “If you build it, they will come” only holds true for baseball diamonds in the middle of cornfields and cemeteries. The mere fact that you have a great kitchen, comfortable hall, a smorgasbord of food choices, and live music in the background doesn’t mean visitors will flood to your church.

**You do, after all, have to invite them. You have to excite them with big visions, entice them with personal growth opportunities, and motivate them with effective missions. Then they’ll come.**

What is true, however, is the saying “If you prepare it, they will linger.” **The Aha! moment for many church people in my workshops is the realization that the most important times on Sunday morning are the three minutes before the worship service, and the thirty minutes following the worship service. Most visitors will decide whether to return to your church because of what happens in those few minutes ... and it will have nothing to do with the sermon, the choir, the lovely sanctuary, or the charismatic pastor.**

What matters is how they are spontaneously treated at the front door and in the refreshment center ... and whether the conversations they have with church members really matter. The goal of hospitality is to create opportunities and environments that make people linger. But they have to linger! Don’t let visitors get away with only a handshake, smile, and the aftertaste of bad coffee. If they linger, you can talk to them. If they linger, they can really experience the Holy Spirit in your company. If they linger, they can be guided into midweek opportunities to grow and serve. If they linger, their life can change. If they linger, they are more likely to come back.

***P.S.** The weekend of Sept. 17-18 is Back to Church Weekend. St. Paul, along with thousands of other churches, is encouraging our worshipers to invite someone to worship with them. The reality is that each year 2% of Christians invite someone to worship. We tell more people about our favorite new restaurant or the great movie we just saw. And yet, most people who do not attend a church say that they are open to an invitation. While they may not accept the invitation, neither will they view it negatively. It’s O.K. to love your church. In fact, if you didn’t love it people would wonder why you bothered going there. After all, it takes commitment to be a follower of Jesus Christ and an active participant in His Church.*

*This article by Rev. Tom Bandy depicts so well that you are the most important reason people come and keep coming back to church. Even in a Facebook society, the personal connections we make at church are important. Time after time, when I visit critically ill people in the hospital they testify how they draw strength from the prayers you lift up on their behalf. Jesus understood how important it is for us to have a community of people who encourage, support, pray and, yes, on occasion correct us. This Christian life is not to be lived alone. John Wesley, the father of Methodism, proclaimed that **there is no such thing as a solitary Christian.***

Who have you decided to invite to worship on the **weekend of Sept. 17-18.** Your invitation could change a life. Yours and the person you invite! Pastor Daryl





## OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOU'S!

- Congratulations to Tim & Ashley Plummer on the August 1st birth of a SON, **Finnegan Brock Murtagh Plummer**. He weighed in at 6lbs. 5oz. His delighted siblings are Zelda, Tesla, & Teagan Plummer, and his proud grandparents are Lori & David Kamp and Mike & Carrie Plummer! Congratulations!
- Our prayers and deepest sympathy goes to those who have lost loved ones recently. To the family of **Ramiro Maldonado**, father/father-in-law of Yvonne & Tad Hart; the family of **Jean Fritsch**, sister/sister-in-law of Richard & Vi Huebner; the family of **Bob Reiher**, friend of Eldon Wold, Jr.; the family of **Victoria MacDonald**, daughter-in-law of Verda MacDonald; the family of **Nadine Parks**, friend of Christina Johnson; the family of **Taylor Pile**, requested by Jim Herndon; the family of **Fred Forstchen**, from our Sweet Sounds; the family & friends of **Daniel Marcum (Marcum & Conrad families)**; the family of **Doris Clark**, aunt of Steve (Carrie) Ross; the family of **Margie Mathis**, former neighbor of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; the family of **Anita Velloff**, mother/mother-in-law of Julie & Gary Brown; the family of **Tim Bartholomew**, husband of Ginger Bartholomew; and the family of **Cheryl Roe Bunyon**, friend of Lois Mitchell. May God give to all His comfort, healing, and peace in this time of grieving.
- **THANK YOU:** As always, the funeral dinner was superb. Thanks to everyone who donated food, helped set up, and served at the dinner. Last but not least those who "cleaned up" deserve a big thank you! We so appreciate being part of such a wonderful church family. Sincerely, **Joyce (Tappy), Karen (Martin), and Mike (Tappy)**
- **THANK YOU:** Central School in Roxana sends this note: Thank you so much for your generous donation of school supplies. This will help so many get their school year off to a great start! Thanks for supporting what we do here at Central School! **Cary Anderson & Jim Miller**
- **THANK YOU:** Dear St. Paul UMC congregation members: Thank you very much for selecting me as one of the recipients of your wonderful scholarship. It will be much appreciated come this fall at BYU. Thanks again, **Cameron Foust**
- **THANK YOU:** To all at St. Paul: Thank you for all of your love poured out through cards, calls, etc. And to the ladies, the food was wonderful! Thank you for everything you brought to help out with the funeral dinner. **From Leona Hendricks & the Family**
- **THANK YOU:** We had a great group of volunteers from St. Paul who delivered meals in the Wood River/Roxana area during August. This marks the **31st year** that St. Paul has been involved in the **Meals On Wheels** program. Through this important community outreach effort, meals are provided for individuals who need a little extra help. We extend a **great big thank you** to our volunteers: *Sherry & Joe Huff, Larry Bryan, Harvey Birmingham, John & Iris Uzzell, Phill & Joan Ford, Norma Shaffer, Maggie Funke, Judy Glassmeyer, Carol Russell, Susie Pruetzel, Phyllis Hill, Tracy Franks, and the Bacus Family*. Thank you also to our willing and ready extra: *Lee Johnson*.
- **THANK YOU:** A big thank you to our "ace" parking lot sealing crew of five men from St. Paul. Along with Baker's Asphalt Sealing crew of two we were able to do the job in less than two hours. Also a big thanks to our "carpet removal" crew of 12 church members and members of our Boy Scout troop (along with their fathers) for helping to remove the carpeting in the main floor hallway and cloak rooms in preparation for new carpet. Once again a busy week of church facility work. Thanks to all workers! **St. Paul UMC Trustees**

### SEPTEMBER-Youth News

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

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

Contact Kevin Rader at

(618) 303-0044 for all SEPTEMBER Youth info!





Make Music a Part of Your Life




Join the Choir!

PRACTICE BEGINS SEPT. 14 AT 7:30 P.M.



IT IS TIME TO BEGIN HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE!

PRACTICE WILL BEGIN ON WED., SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 6:30 P.M.




**Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center BLOOD DRIVE**

**St. Paul UM Church**  
**September 19th 4-7 p.m.**

*Look for the van, go inside, and donate to help others! Plan now to give!*

*Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board!*



## Eldon's Journey To The Summer Olympics!


When my friend & former student, Kelsey Card, qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympics in Eugene, Oregon I knew I wanted to travel to Brazil. I called the Cards and asked them if "I could tag along." When they said, "That would be great! Come with us," my first plan was to see if I could get on the same flights going and returning. Happily, this was possible! Kelsey's fiancé's family had plans to go, too. They have traveled abroad extensively, and had secured airline reservations, and housing.

With some really good assistance from the Cards, I easily found housing and a wonderful family very close to where they were staying and just a 10-minute walk to Olympic Stadium and the train station. I immediately established a warm rapport with my hosts, Claudia & Alex. Claudia works at a bank and Alex is a PE/physical therapist. I have invited them both to visit me, too! And \*Aloha\* is their fun-loving, 7-month-old Lab/Chow mix.

When I was not attending an Olympic event I was out running around with my hosts. TV coverage was 24/7, so my TV was pretty much on 24/7. We ate at wonderful restaurants, walked malls, beaches and parks. At a place called Sugar Loaf, we took a tram ride up and looked out over Rio de Janeiro. We ate at a great restaurant with glass windows everywhere.

Traveling to and then on UP to the statue Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer) was breath taking. How often are you able to look down on a city with a population of 12 million people?

Many times as I looked at the Brazilians I was reminded how much I love life and people watching "God's handiwork." It was a trip I will never forget and having already been to Japan, I am looking forward to Tokyo in 2020! And one more thing: Aug 14th was Father's Day there, so I met Claudia's Mom & Dad and spent an afternoon at their house, meeting more family and enjoying Brazilian foods and drinks.

**Disaster Relief for Louisiana Flooding** 

The flooding from heavy rainfall in Louisiana claimed at least seven lives and prompted the rescue of more than 20,000 people. At least a dozen United Methodist churches have flood damage. Many church members have major flood damage to their homes.

As UMCOR assists people affected by recent Louisiana floods, churches in IGRC may donate to **Advance #901670 - U.S. Disaster Response Fund**. If IGRC churches or members wish to donate directly to the Louisiana Annual Conference, donations may also be sent to the following address: **Louisiana Annual Conference, Attn: Flood Buckets 527 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802 [Please note "AUGUST 2016 FLOOD" on the memo line]**

Donations sent to the Louisiana Annual Conference will go directly to Louisiana relief efforts.

**Volunteers** will be requested at a later time. It will take some time for volunteer deployment to be fully coordinated. In the meantime, let's be in prayer for all who are suffering from loss in the aftermath of the flood. **Bunny Wolfe, IGRC Missions Coordinator**



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

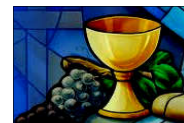
- 3rd** - Pastor Daryl
- 10th** - Sherry Keller: Music Director, 1st Assembly of God, EA
- 17th** - Lauren Cranmer
- 24th** - Sydnee Maberry: Mission Trip to Guatemala

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



The 4th is the last Sunday the 8:15 a.m. worship service will be 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 will be held in the sanctuary. The 10:30 a.m. service is held in the sanctuary. **“More Jesus Time” for Pre-school - 5th grade and Nursery is provided for the 10:30 a.m. service.**

**4: 16th Sunday after Pentecost. Labor Day Sunday. Communion Celebrated. Final Sunday Outside for the 8:15 a.m. Service.** As human beings, our lives are intertwined. We benefit from the labor of others. Paul contends that nothing that we do in the name of the Lord is ever done in vain. This is important to remember as we sometimes consider whether the work we do within the church is valuable.



**11: 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Birthday Sunday. Patriot Day.** Back to Church Weekend is Sept. 17-18 when we are encouraged to invite someone to worship with us. The service today focuses upon the power of a personal invitation. We want the best for our family and friends. Do we not agree that Jesus is the best? Both services include a time of remembrance of 9/11.



**18: 18th Sunday after Pentecost. Back to Church Sunday. Blessing of School Children during the 10:30 a.m. service.** The service focuses on 2 Corinthians 6:2: *“Now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”* Throughout Jesus’ ministry, there is an urgency to respond immediately to Jesus’ invitation to follow Him—not tomorrow. Why would anyone want to delay living the abundant life offered to us in Jesus Christ? *During the 10:30 a.m. service, every child and youth receives a gift to remind them that God is with them throughout this school year.*



**25: 19th Sunday after Pentecost. New Sermon Series!** Pastor Daryl begins a 5-part sermon series, *I Love My Church*, that will remind us WHY God designed the Church and how we find fulfillment and spiritual growth through loving God and His Church. The first week focuses upon why we love St. Paul and our excitement about the plans that God has for us! God is going to use us to transform our neighborhood and our world.



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

“The more salt in your diet, the more problems for your body. The science behind this could fill a library. The dangers of ignoring it could fill a morgue. Chilling as that sounds, we know that too much sodium can cause high blood pressure, and we know that high blood pressure is a primary cause of heart disease and stroke, the two leading causes of death in the world.” – Nancy Brown, CEO of the AHA

“Nearly 80 percent of the sodium we eat comes from processed, prepackaged, & restaurant foods” says AHA president Dr. Mark Creager. (AHA = American Heart Association)



Think on those two statements for a minute. We as a country of excess consume too much salt and it is killing many of us. Let’s do a review of salt/sodium and see if possibly there is a way for you to cut back on yours to form a good healthy eating habit that could possibly save you from extra weight gain, high blood pressure, or stroke.

**Sodium** is a mineral that’s essential for life. It’s regulated in the body by your kidneys, and it helps control your body’s fluid balance. It also helps send nerve impulses and affects muscle function. When there’s extra sodium in your bloodstream, it pulls water into your blood vessels, increasing the total amount (volume) of blood inside your blood vessels. With more blood flowing through your blood vessels, blood pressure increases. It’s like turning up the water supply to a garden hose — the pressure in the hose increases as more water is blasted through it. Over time, high blood pressure may overstretch or injure the blood vessel walls and speed the build-up of gunky plaque that can block blood flow. The added pressure also tires out the heart by forcing it to work harder to pump blood through the body. Even if you don’t have high blood pressure, eating less sodium can help blunt the rise in blood pressure that occurs with age, and reduce your risk of heart attack, heart failure, stroke, kidney disease, osteoporosis, stomach cancer, and even headaches. The extra water in your body can also lead to bloating and weight gain. (Wow! I think we can all agree we don’t need the extra salt!)

Table salt is a combination of two minerals – sodium and chloride. By weight, table salt is approximately 40% sodium and 60% chloride. About 90% of Americans’ sodium intake comes from sodium chloride. More than 75 percent of the sodium Americans eat comes from some processed, prepackaged, and restaurant foods – **not from the salt shaker. (Salt is hidden and sneaks up on you!)**

Here are the approximate amounts of sodium in a given amount of table salt:

- 1/4 teaspoon salt = 575 mg sodium
- 1/2 teaspoon salt = 1,150 mg sodium
- 3/4 teaspoon salt = 1,725 mg sodium
- 1 teaspoon salt = 2,300 mg sodium

Previously, the American Heart Association sodium recommendations set the limit at no more than 2,300 mg/day for the general population and 1,500 mg/day for hypertensive individuals, African Americans, and middle-aged and older adults. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released data in 2009 showing that nearly 70 percent of the U.S. population is made up of the groups for whom 1,500 mg a day sodium is recommended. Ninety percent of Americans adults are expected to develop high blood pressure in their lifetimes, and eating too much sodium is strongly linked to the development of high blood pressure. For these reasons and because the potential public health benefits of sodium reduction are significant and extend to all Americans, the American Heart Association in 2010 chose to recommend that **all Americans eat less than 1,500 mg/day sodium** as part of the definition of ideal cardiovascular health.

Ahh, the convenience of processed food and takeout! But its killing us! Again, more than 75% of the sodium we eat comes from processed, prepackaged, and restaurant foods. This makes it hard to choose foods with less sodium and to limit sodium because it’s already added to food before we buy it. The rest of the sodium in our diets occurs naturally in food (about 12 percent) or is added by us when we’re cooking food or sitting down to eat. The latter only makes up about 10 percent of our total sodium intake, **so even if you never use the salt shaker, you’re probably getting too much sodium.**

According to the American Heart Association, here are the “Salty Six” or the top six sodium sources in our diets: **bread & rolls, cold cuts, pizza, soup, sandwiches, and poultry**

**Surprised?** Some of these don’t even taste salty! Keep in mind that different brands and restaurant versions of the same foods may have different sodium levels. Some foods come in versions with less sodium, too. Compare labels and choose the product with the lowest amount of sodium you can find in your store. Taste alone

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# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

September 1	Christi Baggett	September 13	Chelsea Georgeoff	September 24	Tanner Betts
September 1	Jay Bentley III	September 13	Kathy Link	September 24	Tim Bunt
September 2	Ron Nelson	September 14	Dan Bunt	September 24	Kellie Greer
September 2	Jenni Ortegren	September 14	Kiley Herndon	September 25	Hayley Schlemmer
September 3	Al Poston	September 16	Jerry Cameron	September 25	Phil Tite
September 4	Cherie Buatte	September 16	Dick Redden	September 26	Bob Blacklock
September 4	Rod Croxford	September 16	Jeff Skjerseth	September 26	Sarah Laufersweiler
September 4	George Hamilton Sr.	September 17	Jeff Greer	September 26	Ashley Poore
September 4	John Hendricks	September 17	Nic Weigler	September 26	Lily Roberts
September 5	Damian Newingham	September 18	Christian Greer	September 26	Debbie Tite
September 6	Josh Gowan	September 18	Linda Scroggins	September 26	Jan Williams
September 6	Jason Henderson	September 19	Bettie Lewis	September 27	David Betts
September 6	Ryan Tite	September 19	Paul Skjerseth	September 27	Douglas Cheatham
September 7	Kamryn Bell	September 19	Ashley Springer	September 27	Becky Chester
September 7	Jim Dawson	September 20	Blake Boeshans	September 27	Donna Ewing
September 8	Justin Bottorff	September 20	David Buatte	September 27	Joyce Hutchens
September 9	Angie Hansard	September 21	Marcella Gimmy	September 27	Sharon Inman
September 9	Liam Oertle	September 21	Dani Wilson	September 29	Jordan Brown
September 9	Matthew Poston	September 22	Neil Herndon	September 29	Kara Martin
September 10	Jake Birmingham	September 22	Carol Warner	September 29	Steven Tite
September 10	Zelda Plummer	September 23	Baylee Allshouse		
September 10	Christy Scroggins	September 23	Harvey Gowan		
September 11	Don Bunt Sr.	September 23	Nathan Shewmake		
September 11	Marc Ortegren				
September 12	David Badman				
September 13	Tamara Atchley				
September 13	Susan Cameron				

# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04-Sep	Daryl & Deb Fansler	20-Sep	Ross & Debbie Eggebrecht
06-Sep	Jason & Lindsey Mayer	26-Sep	Ryan & Savannah Cincoski
13-Sep	Phil & Debbie Tite	26-Sep	Don & Diane Ford Sr.
15-Sep	Kevin & Lindsey Rader	27-Sep	Ryan & Megan Parker
17-Sep	Chris & Susan Cameron	28-Sep	Ben & Beulah Moore
18-Sep	Jerry & Cathy Cameron	29-Sep	Gary & Shirley Clark
18-Sep	Ben & Jamie Dona		
19-Sep	Cory & Caroline Crandall		
20-Sep	Bryan & Katie Clark		



**Help us keep the church directory information current!**

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!



### AUGUST Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 8/31/2016	\$16892.50
Designated Giving:	through 8/31/2016	\$4862.05
	Capital Improvements	362.60
	Loose Change	105.45
	Flowers	85.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	35.00
	Memorials	3517.00
	Upper Room Donations	37.00
	Reimbursements	.00
	Helping Hands	520.00
	Funeral Dinners	200.00
Capital Campaign		1310.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$23064.55</b>

**DEADLINE FOR  
OCTOBER 2016  
STEEPLE, Tues.,  
SEPT. 20th!**

Capital Campaign money received  
as of 8-31-16: \$178,533.38



**I MY CHURCH  
SMALL GROUP STUDY  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 5 P.M.  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25**

- **LOVE OUR CHURCH** - John 13:34-45. Don't just read Christ's command...focus the words of Jesus into a personal connection with people we see every Sunday.
- **LOVE IN COMMUNITY** - Hebrews 10:22-25. We need each other. As Christians traveling the same path and experiencing similar challenges, why wouldn't we want to learn from those who have walked the path before us?
- **LOVE BY SERVING** - Titus 3:14. As Christians, we must learn how to do good deeds. It shows others the depth of our love for Christ and each other.
- **LOVE BY GIVING** - Acts 4:32-35. The early church knew that love meant sacrifice. They used their possessions to make sure that everyone's needs were met in their congregation.
- **LOVE IN SHARING** - Acts 2:44-47. As the Church grows together in unity and loves each other through good deeds and giving, the world will have a living example of Jesus' love for them.



#### MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

September's Loose Change Project is Trinity United Methodist Church in East St. Louis/

Washington Park. The ministry of the church has expanded to provide worship services, VBS, and a food pantry to the growing Hispanic Community. The need is greater than the resources of the local church which is why we help. There is a dedicated membership and a strong youth program at both sites. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

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

- Sep 4: Anita Dawson, Diane Murbarger
- Sep 11: ushers needed!
- Sep 18: ushers needed!
- Sep 25: ushers needed!

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

#### Average Attendance for AUGUST 2016

Early Service	56
Late Service	43
Sunday School	37
Visitors	3
4 Awakening Services	33





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may not tell you which foods are high in sodium. For example, you may not think a bagel tastes salty, but a typical 4-inch (10-centimeter) oat-bran bagel has about 600 mg of sodium, and even a slice of whole-wheat bread contains about 100 mg of sodium. So how can you tell which foods are high in sodium? Read food labels. The Nutrition Facts label found on most packaged and processed foods lists the amount of sodium in each serving. It also lists whether the ingredients include salt or sodium-containing compounds, such as:

- Monosodium glutamate (MSG)
- Baking powder
- Sodium alginate
- Baking soda (also called sodium bicarbonate)
- Disodium phosphate
- Sodium citrate
- Sodium nitrite

**Try to avoid products with more than 200 mg of sodium per serving.**

This is a lot of information, and I will continue in the next newsletter. I cannot just give you all of this information and not share ways to decrease your salt intake, can I? Next month we will continue our discussion of salt and how to get your intake in line.

Until then, enjoy what will soon be the beginning of the fall season. Get outside and enjoy the outdoors if at all possible. I think most of us have a bit of nature-deficit disorder and feel much, much better when we get out from behind our electronics and out into God's creation to be reminded of your place in it! Sources: American Heart Association, Mayo Clinic

Following Him- Eileen

“You alone are the LORD You made the heavens, even the highest heavens and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.” -Nehemiah 9:6-



**THERE ARE IMMEDIATE WEET OPENINGS IN SWEET SOUNDS**

**Qualifications:** Must be male or female; young, middle age, old, older. Must be able to walk and step into the van. NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED! If you like to sing that is a BIG PLUS. You don't have to be trained in opera or even country music. Can't read music? That is OKAY; we only use the words. Must be able to shake hands & spread some sunshine! You need no computer savvy, bookkeeping skills, or accounting degree. **Must be available each Friday (at 12:45 p.m.) of the month and some Mondays (at 1:30 p.m.). APPLY IN PERSON AND BE PREPARED TO STAY. Excellent benefits to your mind, body, and soul. God and Sweet Sounds need you in this outreach ministry today!**

**Music IS a powerful memory!**

**Our members come from several churches and communities. For more information call Dorothy Kasinger at 259-7255 or email to her at [dorothydlk@charter.net](mailto:dorothydlk@charter.net). Give us a try this fall!**

**BLESS Our Schools**

**We invite all our Students, Teachers, and Staff to receive a blessing for the new school year on Sunday, Sept. 18 during the 10:30 a.m. service.**



**Flu Vaccines September 13th 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.**

**On Tuesday, September 13th, Parish Nurse Eileen and Jill Woodward (RPH) from The Medicine Shoppe in Wood River will be providing Flu Vaccines here at St. Paul UMC. The self-pay cost is \$30. If you have Medicare or Health Insurance, bring your cards so the paperwork can be filled out. Vaccines are available for adults and youth 13 and older.**





# FALL FESTIVAL

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th

IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT...the **ST. PAUL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL** on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th** from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Fall Festival will be one week earlier this year!! We will have our great Chicken & Noodles or the Vegetable Soup, etc., etc. The craft ladies have been busy creating a variety of crafts and gifts – remember to shop your “home church” first! Pick up those gifts for the “special people” you want to remember especially at Christmas and check out the unique Halloween treats for your kids and grandkids. Don’t forget to stop at the baked goods/candy, jams/jellies tables. **AND** this year we have been blessed with a large donation of **Handmade Primitive** items. These are unique and varied. Please help spread the word to folks who are interested in this craft medium. We will have a special section for these items so you can locate them easily!

**Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**If you can’t “eat in” we’ll be glad to fix a “Take-Home-A-Box.”**

**We will NOT have the separate Saturday presale of crafts this year.**

Of course, in order to make FALL FESTIVAL a success we will need lots of help. Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. There will be sign up inserts in the bulletins during September. Please indicate your donations and possible work times and turn them in on any of the Sundays between now and the FALL FESTIVAL. **If you miss signing up at church & want to donate or work, please call Maggie Funke at 259-9490 or the church office, 259-5210 .** Proceeds from this project and all others held during the year will be disbursed to our mission groups at our December Christmas Party/Meeting. See you IN CHURCH at our Fall Festival!



See You at the Pole™ was inspired by students in a youth group in Burleson, TX, early in 1990. The teenagers felt led to go & pray at night at several area schools during a weekend youth retreat. Their experience was shared with thousands of other youth from across Texas in the form of a challenge in June 1990 at a large conference. More than 56,000 students on 1,200 campuses in Texas and three other states were documented at the first See You at the Pole™ in September that year. Since 1991, See You at the Pole™ has grown to God-sized proportions. The movement began to spread to other nations through missionaries from the U.S. Now each year, more than 3 million students from all over the world participate in See You at the Pole™. Students in more than 20 countries are responding to God and taking seriously the challenge to pray.

**For 2016 the date is Wed., September 28th! Pray for our youth and their schools!**



## We Say Goodbye To Our Friend...

**Harold J. Boyd, Jr.**, 64, passed away at 6:14 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at Highland Healthcare in Highland, IL. He was born on May 28, 1952, in Nashville, TN, the son of the late Harold J. & Helen Joyce (Choate) Boyd, Sr.

He married the former Patsy Swift on February 5, 1979, in McLeansboro, IL, and she survives. Other survivors include one daughter and son in law: Angel and Donald Reed of Alton, four grandchildren: Jace Thomas Disher, Dylan Robert Reed, Alexis Nicole Hogg, Brooklyn Sophia Reed, three sisters and two brothers in law: Linda and William Thomas Nichols of Franklin, KY, Lois and Ricky Armour of Hardinsburg, KY, Rita Whidby of Franklin, KY, three brothers: Eddie Boyd Sr. and his wife: Miriam of Franklin, KY, Jack Boyd of Nashville, and Darrell Boyd of Clearwater, FL.

A laborer, he enjoyed ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister: Becky Nichols.

Many of you didn't know Harold Boyd, but Doug Pascoe, our Parish Visitor, Eileen Cheatham, our Parish Nurse, and I visited him many times these past two years in the hospitals and Nursing Homes. Harold suffered from diabetes, multiple strokes, and other health issues. We held a celebration of his life at our church on Sun., Aug. 7 at 1:30 p.m. This Scripture passage and others used during the service were ones that Harold had underlined in his Bible. Since his daughter, Angel, told the story of Harold's life, my words focused on the good news of the gospel that Harold believed.

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

<sup>17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

<sup>18</sup> He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. *John 3:16-18 KJV*

All the books in the New Testament are written to answer this question: WHO IS JESUS? Is he a teacher, a great philosopher, a religious leader or is he something more?

They may select different stories that Jesus told or different teachings. Their perspective of Jesus is a little different, depending upon their background or the community they are writing to. Still, each in their own way come to the same conclusion: This man Jesus is the Son of God.

Again and again, the listeners of Jesus marvel that Jesus speaks as one with authority. He speaks with the approval of God so we may believe what he is saying and trust what he is saying.

Jesus reveals to us the height, the width, and the depth of God's love for every one of us—his beloved children. He brings God near to us. Indeed, he is God-in-the-flesh.

For centuries, God had tried to get our attention—through his servants Noah, Abraham and Moses, through his prophets like Amos, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. We persisted in our rebellion against God.

The Bible reveals that we have a God who is persistent in His great love for us. God will do anything to restore our relationship with Him. So God sends His own Son.

At first the crowds welcome Jesus, but later with the urging of the religious leaders they turn against Jesus and demand his crucifixion. The Romans hang him on a cross to die as a traitor against the state.

A Roman soldier who stood throughout the day at the foot of the three crosses on a hill called Golgotha, keeping order as Jesus and the two thieves died was so moved by Jesus' last words that when Jesus died, he testified: Truly, this man was the Son of God.

What does this have to do with Harold Boyd? A lot.

Those New Testament writers tell us WHO JESUS IS AND THEN THEY ASK US A QUESTION: DO YOU KNOW JESUS? IF JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, DO YOU KNOW HIM AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR?

God didn't leave Jesus in the tomb, but on the third day raised Jesus from the dead: the first of many who would be raised. For whosoever believeth in Jesus will not perish, but have everlasting life. That is the promise God makes to all of us.

Harold highlighted those words, John 3:16-18, in his Bible. When I asked him if he believed that Jesus is the Son of God who had cleansed him of his sins and saved him, he said "Yes."

During this last year, Harold leaned upon Jesus more and more. Often I would get to the office before the church secretary, the phone would ring, and when I answered it was Harold asking for me to pray with him over the phone.

*Although I miss Harold upon this earth, I have the assurance that he is in heaven gathered around the throne of God, singing God's praises forever. He is beyond all pain and suffering. Those things are past for him.*

*And, I have this assurance as well. I'll see Harold again. Harold will be there to welcome me when I walk through heaven's gates.*

Please keep Harold's family in your prayers; especially his wife, Patsy, and daughter, Angel. Pastor Daryl



## We Say Goodbye To Our Dear Friend...

**George R. Tappy**, 86, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Friday, July 29, 2016, at Eunice C. Smith Home in Alton. Born November 28, 1929, in Parke County, Indiana, he was the son of George W. & Bernice (Baker) Tappy. After the death of his father in 1942, his family moved to Wood River.

George married Norma Jean Childers September 17, 1950, in Bethalto. She died March 17, 1990. He married Joyce (Gowin) Hart Oct. 12, 1991. She survives.

A U.S. [Army veteran](#) of the [Korean Conflict](#), he served in the 503rd Military Police at Ft. Bragg, NC. He worked as a carpenter and superintendent for G.H. Sternberg Construction in Granite City and retired in 1994 from Helmkamp Construction Co. He was a member of the Granite City Carpenter's Union. George was an active member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rosewood Heights since 1957, serving as trustee and Sunday school superintendent. He enjoyed camping, traveling, golf, and bird hunting. Most of all, he enjoyed his family, grandchildren, and his church family.

In addition to his wife Joyce, he is survived by a daughter, Karen (Tom) Martin of Bethalto; a son, Michael G. (Lori) Tappy of Wood River; two stepsons, Tad (Yvonne) Hart of Maryville and Jason (Marissa) Hart of Shiloh, IL; granddaughters, Amy Tappy, Amber Tappy, Nealy (Josh) Budde, Brianne (Jimmy) Bourne, Kara Martin, and Megan (Ryan) Parker; great-grandchildren, Maddox, Jaxson, Hunter, Wyatt and Colton; step grandchildren Samantha Lile, Eli, Zoe, Gary and Elaine Hart; two sisters, Colleen McClelland of Wood River and Madeline Bradstreet of East Alton; sisters-in-law, Janet Williams and Marilyn (Harry) Smith; brothers-in-law, Marion Garigus, Raymond Gowin, Rev. Don Gowin, Wilbur (Meda) Gowin, Robert (Ann) Gowin, and Ronald (Pam) Gowin; and many nieces and nephews.

Here is what I appreciated most about George. Sometime during our time as a Pastor, we make an unpopular decision. And, I made one. For two weeks afterwards, George popped his head in the door daily and just asked: **“Are you doing alright, Pastor.”** And, I would reply: **“I’m O.K., George.”** That was as touchy feely as George was going to get, but his checking in meant a lot to me. George loved St. Paul and I want all of us to build carefully and well upon the foundation that he has left behind. That was the basis of my message during the Celebration of his life.

<sup>24</sup> *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

<sup>25</sup> *The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

<sup>28</sup> *When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. **Matthew 7***

I would imagine that throughout his many years as Sunday School Superintendent, George Tappy heard children sing the song about the wise man who built his house upon the rock. George Tappy built his own life and that of his family upon the rock—Jesus Christ—so when the rains came down and the floods came up his house would stand firm.

This is one of those times when the rains are pouring down and the flash floods are flowing, but we will not waver in our faith. George taught us better than this.

George believed that this was the way of the wise builder—to lay a good foundation so decades later cracks would not appear in the walls or floors of your house. It is the same when we build our relationship with God. We need a good foundation that will stand the test of time. George found that foundation for himself and his house in the Lord Jesus Christ.

All the scriptures used this morning were ones that George had underlined in his Bible. Listen to Proverbs 3:5 again: **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”** In our grief, George would have us turn—not away from God—but towards Him.

Where else may we find consolation and hope except in God who holds nothing back in our relationship with Him, but rather offers up His own beloved Son so that in Him we may have an abundant life on this earth and eternal life in heaven. We need to stand today upon the solid rock—the One who is Resurrection and Life!

Now, this doesn't mean that our tears and our sadness are a denial of our faith. Jesus, our example, wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. Jesus didn't just weep. No he ordered the men to roll the stone away. Martha, the dead man's sister and the practical one objects, telling Jesus there will be a terrible stench. He's been dead for four days. Jesus says to her, **“Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you would see God's glory?”**

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They roll the stone away and Jesus looks up toward God the Father and says: **“Father, I thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup>I’ve known that you always hear me. However, I’ve said this so that the crowd standing around me will believe that you sent me.”** Then, Jesus shouts as loud as he can: **“Lazarus, come out!”**

Lazarus emerges from the tomb, still wrapped in his burial shroud. Jesus commands them: **“Free Lazarus, and let him go.”**

Last Friday, Jesus said to his angels: **“Free George, and let him go.”** Let him leave behind the descent into dementia. Let him leave behind the suffering. Let him leave behind this world twisted and distorted by our sin. And, George got up and went.

It wasn’t easy to go. George loved life. He loved his family, his friends, the Gideons, his church and by that I don’t mean this building but the people who worship here. But George has trusted in Jesus all his life, so why would he ignore Jesus’ shout to come out of his broken body into a resurrection body?

George came out and into the eternal life promised in John 3:16. George believed these words because it was what inspired him to hand out all those Gideon New Testaments to all those children throughout the years.

George could go because he has been a builder all his life and he knew a good foundation when he saw it. He has left behind a good foundation for all of us to build upon.

So let us be wise and build as carefully as George did. Let us use the same quality materials that he did. Because if we do this, then we will be able to withstand any storms that life throws at us.

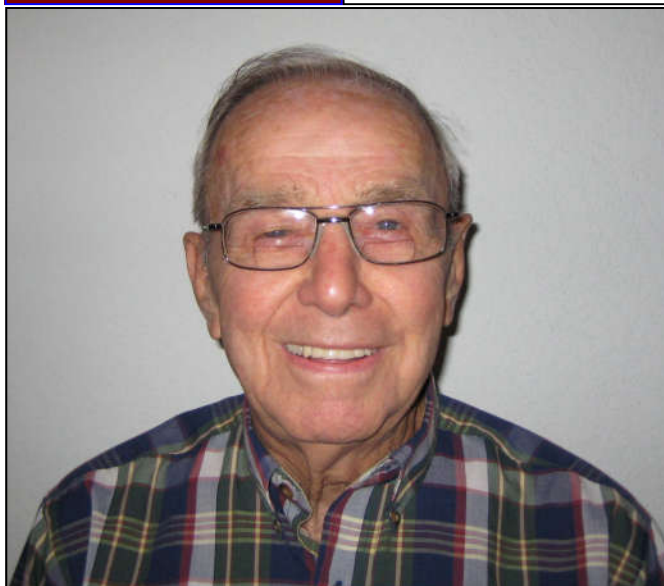
None of this means that we won’t continue to shed tears in the days ahead. Nor that this emptiness in our heart will disappear. Death tears apart the fabric of our lives. Paul calls it the last enemy.

Still, we mourn—Paul reminds us—as people of hope. We will see our loved ones again when we answer the shout of Jesus to come out of our tombs. To come out, let the burial shrouds fall from our bodies, and enter into Jesus’ glorious kingdom.

***We believe this to be true:*** <sup>54</sup> *When this body that decays is changed into a body that cannot decay, and this mortal body is changed into a body that will live forever, then the teaching of Scripture will come true:*

*“Death is turned into victory! <sup>55</sup>Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?”*

Today the wise among us who have built our houses upon the rock believe that while we gather to mourn our loss we also celebrate George Tappy’s victory. And God—if there are some loose cobblestones that need reset or a board that needs nailed back into place—give the job to George. He has spent hours fixing your house on earth. He won’t mind continuing that work in heaven. Amen.





## 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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## CELEBRATING AN IMPOSSIBLE MISSION TURNED POSSIBLE!!

Approximately one year after we formally began our “Mission Possible” campaign we have reached the time to celebrate our success and the grace of our

Lord in helping us meet what some felt might be our impossible mission.

**On Sunday, October 23rd**, we will celebrate our Mission Possible campaign with **one service at 10:00 a.m.** At that point we should have successfully completed the vast majority of our priority items and will celebrate the grace of God and the faith of our St. Paul family in helping us meet this goal. After the service we will have light refreshments and an Open House for the church to learn about all that has been accomplished. Also during this morning celebration we will have a **“Ministry Fair” to highlight the various ministries at St. Paul.**

Our plan is that **from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** that day we will host an **Open House for the community** to see the results of our renovation work and also to learn about the ministries at St. Paul UMC.



The celebration details are being developed by our “Major Events” subcommittee from our Capital Fund Campaign Steering Committee. Look for more information in September as well as additional reminders to set aside this important time. Please, note this date on your calendar today!

**St. Paul UMC Trustees & Capital Fund Campaign Steering Committee**