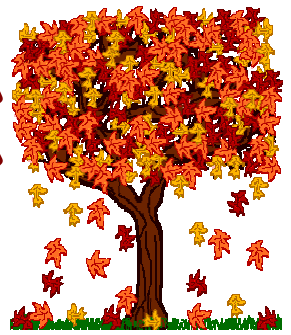




The Steeple

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of Rosewood Heights, Illinois

OCTOBER 2016



*On your feet now—applaud GOD! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.
Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD. He made us; we didn't make him.
We're his people, his well-tended sheep. Enter with the password: "Thank you!"
Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him.
For GOD is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.
Psalm 100 The Message*

We invite you to gather for one worship service on Sunday, October 23 at 10 a.m. as we celebrate what seemed at first to be an impossible mission, but quickly became Mission Possible! (Please note there will be NO Awakening Service on October 22 at 5 p.m.) With your generous financial commitments, we have completed or soon will complete most of the needed updates to our church building and parsonage. On October 23rd, we want to pause and give thanks to our generous God who has enabled us to accomplish these tasks.

Debra, Meg, and I are so thankful for the response of the people at St. Paul that we intend on October 23rd to give an additional offering toward Mission Possible beyond our completed 2016 pledge. We don't expect everyone to do this, but rather we choose to do this because we know every dollar paid on our construction loan now saves us in future interest. We choose to do this because God has blessed us this year and we want to give thanks for His blessings.

We are privileged at St. Paul to be a small part of God's great work. God always takes our little and produces much. He took a small boy's lunch and fed 5,000. So God takes our ministry and He changes lives. Through the worship services, small group studies, and other events, God brings people into His kingdom.

Indeed, even the weakest among us may be used by God to connect people with Him! In his book, *Church: Why Bother*, Philip Yancey ends with this great illustration from Earl Palmer, a pastor in California, showing why, despite our struggles, we in the church bother to be faithful in our ministry.

Palmer says: **"WHEN THE MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA ATTEMPTS BEETHOVEN'S NINTH SYMPHONY, THE RESULT IS APALLING. I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THE PERFORMANCE MADE OLD LUDWIG ROLL OVER IN HIS GRAVE DESPITE HIS DEAFNESS.**

YOU MIGHT ASK, "WHY BOTHER." WHY INFLICT ON THOSE POOR KIDS THE BURDEN OF TRYING TO RENDER WHAT THE IMMORTAL BEETHOVEN HAD IN MIND? NOT EVEN THE GREAT CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CAN ATTAIN THAT PERFECTION.

MY ANSWER IS THIS: THE MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE SOME PEOPLE IN THAT AUDIENCE THEIR ONLY ENCOUNTER WITH BEETHOVEN'S GREAT NINTH SYMPHONY. FAR FROM PERFECTION, IT IS NEVERTHELESS THE ONLY WAY THEY WILL HEAR BEETHOVEN'S MESSAGE."

We have no illusions of St. Paul being the perfect church. We are imperfect representatives of a perfect God. This is why during every worship service, we ask for forgiveness for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. And, we seek God's help to do better in the week ahead.

All we really have as Christians is an old, old story of Jesus and His love. Some may not hear the story unless we tell it! We may not tell the story as skillfully as Billy Graham or other noted preachers have done, but like them we point beyond ourselves to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit will come alongside us assisting us in telling the story. Our halting words and our broken metaphors are enough with the Spirit's help to convey the truth of faith.

If people open their hearts to the story and welcome in the Christ, they will experience the peace, joy, and love we know. For Jesus' story never ceases to amaze, never ceases to save, and never ceases to change lives forever.

Debra, Meg, and I support the Mission Possible Campaign so we might have a place where the story of Jesus is told weekly--not merely to the next generation--but to all generations. We all need Jesus. We all need to live in His grace. Pastor Daryl



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOU!

- Congratulations to **Bob Moon** who went on the Honor Flight on Sept. 19th! Thank you for your service!
- Congratulations to Larry & Megan Newingham on the September 1st birth of a son, **Arik Kol Newingham**. He weighed in at 7lbs. 1oz. His delighted siblings are Damian & Viktoria Newingham, and his proud great-grandmother is Dorothy Kasinger! Congratulations!
- We offer our **thanks & gratitude to Carole Taylor's Family**. Carole had a beautiful piano in her home and after her passing the family decided to donate the piano (along with a tuning) to St. Paul UMC. Now the Sweet Sounds have a special piano to practice at each week in the Fellowship Hall.
- We rejoice in the birth of **Ella Marie Clark** on Sept. 21st, daughter of Bryan & Katie Clark. Her big brothers are Landon & Caden, her proud grandparents are Gary & Shirley Clark, and her delighted great-grandparents are Ben & Beulah Moore. Congratulations to everyone!
- We celebrate with **Megan Johnson & Justin Greco** from Hartford who were united in holy marriage on Saturday, September 17th at St. Paul. Our prayer is that their love for each other and Christ will increase throughout the years.
- We share in the joy of the marriage of **Julie Heidenreich & Nicholas Hobbs** on Saturday, September 24th at St. Paul. A church filled with their family and friends witnessed Julie & Nicholas pledge their love to each other. It was a beautiful wedding. We pray that their home will always be a place of blessing and peace with Christ at the center. We are glad they are part of our church family.
- We give thanks for **Bishop Frank Beard** who was installed during a beautiful worship service on Sunday, Sept. 11 at First UMC in Springfield, IL. We look forward to his Spirit-filled leadership of our Annual Conference.
- We welcome **Doug & Joy Pascoe** as the newest members of St. Paul UMC. They joined our family on Sat., Sept. 17th. We have been blessed to have Doug as our Parish Visitor for many years and we are delighted that Doug & Joy have chosen to become members here at St. Paul!
- Our prayers and deepest sympathy goes to those who have lost loved ones recently. To the family of **Harold Chesser**, brother of Mary Herndon; the family of **Joyce Powell**, wife of Rev. Mode Powell, St. Paul pastor 1978-81; the family of **Chris Marshall**, friend of Ruth Bell & Lois Mitchell; the family of **Robert Logan**, teacher & tennis coach in the Alton School Dist.; the family of **Mary Fleming**, friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; the family of **Dorothy Cairns**, sister-in-law of Dee Cairns; the family of **Jeremy O'Gara** of Bethalto, requested by Christina Johnson; and the family & friends of **Virginia Scott**. May God give to all of these His comfort, healing, and peace in this time of grieving.
- **THANK YOU:** Debra and I want to thank you for your prayers, gifts of food, and other thoughtful gestures during her two eye surgeries last month. We are especially thankful for the skill of Dr. Wiedner at Barnes Jewish South Center for Advanced Medicine. Debra is seeing better than she has in her entire life. By the time you read this, Debra will be driving again. She prefers that to my driving. **Pastor Daryl**
- **THANK YOU:** A great big Thank You to all who helped in any way with our summer Tailgate At 8! You made all the difference in its success! **Tammy Atchley, 2016 Coordinator**
- **THANK YOU:** Dear St. Paul's! Please accept our sincere thanks for the cards, gifts, food, and words of comfort at the passing of our mom/mother-in-law/Grandma, Anita Velloff. It is comforting to know we have the support of our church family to help us through this difficult time. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. It is greatly appreciated. **The Browns—Gary, Julie, Marie, Ben, and Sam**
- **THANK YOU:** I want to personally thank St. Paul UMC for the generous donation of school supplies to Eastwood Elementary School. I can assure you that they were well needed and have been put to good use, I would also like to take this time to acknowledge and thank St. Paul for their continuous generosity and support. **Matt Stimac, Principal of Eastwood Elementary School**



Thank you so much for your gracious and warm hospitality at my District Clergy gathering held at your church recently. Thank you to your musician, your greeters, your video tech, and all the ladies of the church who served refreshments prior to our meeting in the sanctuary. Special thanks to Pastor Daryl for his support and leadership in making this event a tremendous success. I do appreciate your ministry and thank God for Rosewood Heights being such a healthy and dynamic church. **God Bless!** Roger Grimmert, Mississippi River DS

There is a "Thanksgiving Offering" envelope in with your envelopes. As you start planning to give a



"thanksgiving offering," you may choose to designate it for a missionary, a mission project, or a local church special fund like the Capital Campaign. You may also leave it "undesignated."

The **undesignated monies** will be divided this way: **the first \$200 goes to the Preachers' Aid Society & Benefit Fund (PASBF) and the remainder to our Helping Hands fund.** Since the Civil War era, the **PASBF** has made it their mission to support retired clergy and their families. Over the years, the way in which we assist retirees may have changed, but we have never wavered from the original purpose: Serving those who have served us. The **Helping Hands** is a benevolent fund that we use to assist folks who need help with utilities, rent, gas, and so on.

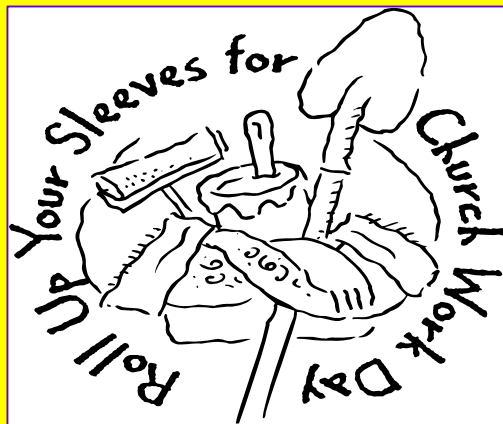
We thank you in advance for your generous response to God's great goodness.

FALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, October 22nd
8:00 a.m.-Noon

Jobs inside and outside matching all skill levels. Come and join the work and help keep all we have been blessed with in great shape! **Even if you only have one hour to give, it sure would help**

Sponsored by the Board of Trustees



COAT AND SHOE COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN

We are again partnering with Riverbend Head Start & Family Services to collect new & used coats and shoes for area children. Case managers from this organization go into poverty income homes to provide enrichment programs and parenting skills. We will collect: Coats and winter jackets, new or gently used, sizes 2T to 7-8 AND Shoes, new or gently used, sizes infant to children size 1. Each year we collect about 25 coats and many pairs of shoes which are distributed to some of the 200 families served by this organization. The Agency representative says there are never enough of needed items for all the children. Collection has begun and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 6. Place items in the area where we collect for food across from the coat racks or in the box in the hallway. On behalf of the children who will receive these items, the Outreach Ministry Team and Riverbend Head Start & Family Services thanks you.





Saturdays at St. Paul in OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER Speakers:

1st - Maddie Kelsey **10th** - Doug Pascoe

15th - Teresa Cranmer "Mustard Seed Project" **22nd** - NO SERVICE; please come Sunday at 10 a.m.

29th - Lauren Cranmer

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

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



2: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. Pastor Daryl continues the series on *I Love My Church*.

We built fences around our new heat pump units to deter the theft of the copper inside the units. Whether we intend to do so or not sometimes we build invisible fences that deter people from our community attending our church. Today we will discuss how we may tear down those fences and make everyone feel welcome. *World Communion Sunday special offering is taken.*



9: **21st Sunday after Pentecost. Birthday Sunday.** Pastor Daryl continues the series on *I Love My Church*. Sometimes we short circuit our Christian experience by believing that all we need to do is to receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We forget that then Jesus sends us out into the community to share the love we have experienced. Jesus sends us out to serve others in His name! Let us think of innovative ways in which we may serve our neighbors.



16: **22nd Sunday after Pentecost.** Pastor Daryl continues the series on *I Love My Church*. We talk about the importance of giving to those in need. Our children receive the message that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others. We provide blankets for the women and children who arrive often at Oasis Center in Alton with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. We make Valentines for the children at the Mt. Vernon Children's Home so they know God loves them. These are a few examples of our service.

23: **23rd Sunday after Pentecost. S.S. meets from 9:15-9:50 a.m. WE WORSHIP TOGETHER IN ONE (1) GLORIOUS SERVICE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP AT 10 A.M.** You are invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a time of Fellowship. Tours will be offered highlighting the improvements made to our church building. Pastor Daryl concludes the series on *I Love My Church*. The Steering Committee of the Mission Possible campaign is aware that we celebrate today because of your sacrificial giving to the cause of Christ. We remember that all we have is a trust from God. We share our building with the community. We offer a pleasant, safe place for all to gather. More than this, we share Christ with our community. For as much as we love this building, this world is not our home. Our home is in our Father's House which is far grander than any structure we might build!

30: **24th Sunday after Pentecost.** Pastor Daryl begins a 2-part sermon series, *"For We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight"* in preparation for Commitment Sunday on November 6. This is a time when we make our 2017 financial commitment for the support of the ministries and operation of St. Paul. Your commitments enable the Finance Committee to develop a realistic budget for 2017. Betsy Blacklock shares an inspirational message. Bob Blacklock challenges us to Grow One Step.

Nov. 6: **25th Sunday after Pentecost. Daylight Savings Time Ends. COMMITMENT SUNDAY.** Our theme *"For We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight"* reminds us that we lean daily upon Jesus for help to make it through life. We trust that God is able to do more through us than we may imagine! At the end of each worship service you will have the opportunity to turn in your 2017 Commitment Card.



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

Have you or any of your family ever had this happen before? You are at the doctor's office and a new medication is prescribed. The **doctor says**: "Take this medication 3 times a day. If you get nauseous, you can take it with food, but not after 8 p.m. Take the second medication twice a day without food but not before 8:00 a.m. or after 11 p.m. I think that's about it. Do you have any questions?"



Patient: "No, no questions right now. Thank you." The doctor leaves and the patient starts to leave. He/She thinks to themselves, "Ok, I take this medication 3 times a day but if I get nauseous I can, what did he just tell me? And did he say that I can take the two medications together? I am not sure I understood, but he is already in another room and I need to get going..."

How many times have **YOU** gone to the doctor, been prescribed medication and arrived home, only to find that you're not exactly sure about possible side effects, dosing challenges, or the risk of taking a new medication along with other medicines you've already been prescribed? And sometimes, you may be too embarrassed to clarify the instructions and may even decide not to take the medication at all. If you've experienced this, you are not alone. According to a recent study conducted by the National Council on Patient Information and Education (NCPIE), only 56 percent of patients report high to very high adherence to treatment regimens, and approximately 62 percent of patients are not aware of their medicines' risks. This cycle of medication non-adherence and lack of effective patient-healthcare provider (HCP) communication has long-term implications, contributing to as much as \$290 billion per year in avoidable medical spending or 13 percent of total healthcare expenditures.

In an effort to help eliminate the communication gap, the FDA has created a public education initiative, the "**Talk Before You Take**" campaign. This is a public education initiative to increase communication about medications between health care professionals and patients. It provides a list of questions and other resources that can make it easier for patients to talk with their healthcare providers about medications.

1. **What is the name of the medication, and what is it for?** There are many times that I will have someone tell me that their doctor gave them a new medication and they cannot tell me the name of the drug or why they are to take it. It is important for you to know why you are being prescribed a medication.
2. **How and when do I take it and for how long?** Not all medications are meant to be taken over a long period of time. Antibiotics are to be taken until done- and NOT saved for later in case you get sick again!
3. **What side effects should I expect and what should I do about them?** Sometimes this can be a difficult one, as drug companies list every possible side effect that can occur, which can make some people nervous about even beginning the medication.
4. **Should I take this medication on an empty stomach or with food?** Some medicines need to be taken "before food" or "on an empty stomach." This is because food and some drinks can affect the way medicines work.
5. **Should I avoid activities, foods, drinks, alcohol or other medications while taking this?** Perhaps the best-known example for food/medication interaction is grapefruit, which, along with pomegranate, can alter the way certain cholesterol medications work. Other examples include some leafy green veggies, such as spinach or kale. Their high vitamin K levels pose risks for patients being treated with blood thinners to prevent strokes. Eating high levels of these vegetables can counteract the medication's effectiveness.
6. **If it is a once a day dose, is it best to take this in the morning or at night?** Sometimes taking a medication at night or in the morning may be best, depending on the drug. Modifying the timing of drugs to achieve the greatest benefit with the lowest risk of unpleasant side effects is called drug chronotherapy. Simvastatin (Zocor) is an example of a statin that works better if taken in the evening. Studies show that when simvastatin is taken at night there's a greater reduction in LDL cholesterol than when it's taken in the morning.
7. **Will this medication work safely with my other medications, including over the counter medicines, vitamins and supplements that I take?** Drug interactions occurs when the effect of a particular drug is altered when it is taken with another drug, or with food. You can check for interactions yourself on:

drugs.com/drug_interactions.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- October 1 Daryl Fansler
- October 1 Joe Martin
- October 1 Susie Pruetzel
- October 1 Jessie Springer
- October 1 Tom Vore
- October 2 Michael Cathorall
- October 2 Adam Schroedter
- October 3 Cody Blacklock
- October 3 Karen Hamm
- October 3 Lucas Hartman
- October 3 Jeannie Huddleston
- October 4 Lisa Bell
- October 4 Mickey Dorsey
- October 4 Una Faye Garland
- October 4 Dena Tite
- October 5 Ronda Crain
- October 5 Emmaleigh Ford
- October 5 Sherry Huff
- October 7 Dee Hancock
- October 7 Joshua Squier
- October 7 Rosalie Toner
- October 8 Kelly Cruthis
- October 9 Gary Clark
- October 9 Elaina Gowan
- October 9 Drew Huddleston
- October 9 Douglas Phelps
- October 10 Emily Bowman
- October 10 Pat Colclasure
- October 10 Gracie Napp
- October 11 Ashley Cameron

- October 11 Bill Hale
- October 12 Grace Oertle
- October 13 Leah Butler
- October 13 Carly Campbell
- October 13 Jennifer Liedtke
- October 14 Dana Clutts
- October 14 Jaxson Hendricks
- October 14 Erica LaTemp
- October 14 Joy Pascoe
- October 14 Gianna Vore
- October 15 Duane Atchley
- October 15 Paul Ward
- October 17 Madelyn Adams
- October 17 Danielle Baggett
- October 17 Jim Baggett
- October 17 Angelina Bailey
- October 17 Ryan Bentley
- October 18 Jonathan McCammon
- October 18 Patty Peters
- October 20 Amy Helmkamp
- October 20 Doug Upple
- October 21 Jacobb Uzzell
- October 22 Mandy Armon
- October 23 Morgan Hatten
- October 23 Mike Schlemmer

- October 24 Matthew Gowan
- October 24 Ian Martin
- October 25 Gene Babcock
- October 25 Jamie Keith
- October 26 Lori Hickerson
- October 26 Joe Huff
- October 26 Eva Taylor
- October 27 Spencer Bacus
- October 27 Stella Lusicic
- October 27 Anthony Ramirez
- October 28 Caleb Bentley
- October 28 Reagan Hubbard
- October 29 Oliver Bacus
- October 29 Anna Mae Stewart
- October 30 Greg Crews
- October 30 Cecilia Suermann
- October 31 Don Bunt Jr.
- October 31 Deanna Ford
- October 31 Stephanie Kainz



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2-Oct Brock & Heather Hendricks
- 4-Oct Glenn & Debbie Bowman
- 4-Oct DJ & Brandy Lusicic Jr.
- 9-Oct Stan & Laurie Griffin
- 9-Oct Ted & Cathy Toner
- 10-Oct Dave & Noël Schiber
- 11-Oct Todd & Joy Virgin
- 12-Oct Rodney & Heather Adams
- 12-Oct Scott & Kelly Cruthis
- 15-Oct John & Donna Bailey



- 16-Oct Jamie & Jennifer McLain
- 17-Oct Alex & Nicole Barnes
- 17-Oct Dan & Myrna Duryea
- 17-Oct Al & Terry Poston
- 24-Oct Ronald & Monna Bishop
- 25-Oct Geno & Amy Hartman
- 27-Oct Mark & Deb Mayer
- 30-Oct Chris & Karen Challandes
- 31-Oct Larry & Megan Newingham

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!



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.

NOTE: The final Small Group Study will be on Sun., Oct. 30th instead of Oct. 23rd!

SEPTEMBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 9/30/2016	\$20569.00
Designated Giving:	through 9/30/2016	\$1314.67
	Capital Improvements	255.00
	Loose Change	116.50
	Flowers	79.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	75.00
	Memorials	225.00
	Upper Room Donations	16.00
	Reimbursements	128.17
	Helping Hands	70.00
	Wedding Fees	225.00
	UMCOR—Flooding	125.00
World Communion Offering		6.00
Capital Campaign		1610.00
Total:		\$23499.67

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER 2016 STEEPLE, Wed., OCT. 20th!

Capital Campaign money received
as of 9-30-16: **\$181,237.38**



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT October's Loose Change Project is the Red Bird

Mission in Beverly, KY. Long associated with the United Methodist Church, Red Bird Mission provides a school, dental care, health care, food pantry, thrift store and other services in one of the most impoverished areas of Appalachia. It has many success stories of helping children rise out of poverty. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

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

- Oct 2:** Randy & Joyce Brueggeman
- Oct 9:** Anita Dawson, Tom Voorhees
- Oct 16:** Tom & Ruth Voorhees
- Oct 23:** The Dave Schiber Family
- Oct 30:** ushers needed!

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

Average Attendance for SEPTEMBER 2016

Early Service	45
Late Service	58
Sunday School	36
Visitors	8
4 Awakening Services	30





We Say Goodbye To Our Friend...

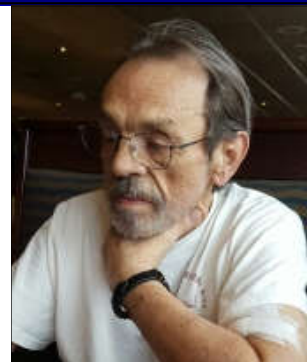
Timothy A. Bartholomew, 66, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at Christian Hospital Northeast. He was born on November 23, 1949, in Wood River, the son of the late Theodore and Virginia (McCleery) Bartholomew.

He married the former Ginger Whyers on October 5, 1990, in Edwardsville and she survives. Other survivors include one daughter: Olivia Bartholomew of Alton, four sisters and two brothers in law: Phyllis Brockman of Alton, Peggy & Gary Krueemelbein of Worden, Paula Vandiver of East Alton, Pamela & Tom Hawkins of Alton, four brothers and two sisters in law: Thomas Bartholomew of Bethalto, Terry & Mary Bartholomew of St. Louis, Todd & Martha Bartholomew of Brighton, Toby Bartholomew of Bethalto, and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family and friends.

Tim was formerly employed at Dynegy in Alton as a store clerk. He enjoyed watching baseball, planes, and cars. He enjoyed drawing. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Ted and Tracy.

We hosted the funeral luncheon for Tim Bartholomew on September 6th. Ginger, Tim's wife, is active with our craft group and often lends a helping hand for our Fall Festival and other events. Tim's illness was sudden and his death was unexpected. We were privileged to surround Ginger and Olivia, their daughter, with love and care during this difficult time. Tim came from a large family, so please keep everyone in your prayers. Pastor Daryl



A NEW PROGRAM AT ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

Boy Scout Troop 777 is proud to present **Venture Crew #2777**. We are currently taking applications for Crew Members of young adults, male & female, who are looking for adventure and to challenge themselves. If you are interested or have further questions please feel free to contact **Mark Smith (604-5359)** or come to one of the meetings held at St. Paul UMC on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month @7 p.m. in the scout room on the top floor.

About Venturing

FACT: Venturing is for young men and women ages 14 through 20 (and not yet age 21), or age 13 and have completed the 8th grade.

FACT: About one-third of Venturers are young women.

FACT: As a Venturer, you will join other young adults in planning activities and operating your Venturing crew.

FACT: Focus areas of the Venturing program include the outdoors, arts and hobbies, sports, religious life, STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), and Sea Scouts.

FACT: Venturing gives young adults challenging, exciting adventures like scuba diving, cycling tours, climbing, and rappelling, and hobbies

Leadership

Service

Character

VENTURING

Check it Out!

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www.scouting.org/venturing

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such as shooting sports, service projects and community service, living history, video gaming, and golfing—and much, much more.

FACT: Although outdoor activities are a major part of Venturing, the program also features life skills like leadership development, public speaking, interviewing, and mentoring.

FACT: Using the seven leadership methods of Venturing (leadership, group activities, adult association, recognition, Scouting ideals, high adventure and sports, and teaching others), this program for youth helps prepare them to become responsible, caring adults.

FACT: Venturing impacts nearly a quarter million youth every year.



FALL FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th

The **ST. PAUL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL** is 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 and 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. **If you have missed signing up at church & want to donate or work, please call Maggie Funke at 259-9490 or the church office, 259-5210 , ASAP.** 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 at our Fall Festival!

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8. ***When should I expect the medication to begin to work, and how will I know if it is working?*** Any medicine needs time to work. It might take time to find the correct medicine for you and the correct amount.
9. ***How should I store it?*** It’s important to follow any storage instructions, such as the need for refrigeration, that are on the label. Most medications can be stored at room temperature, away from moisture and light.
10. ***Is there any additional information that I should know?***

Establishing a strong relationship with your doctor or pharmacist can create an open environment where you feel comfortable asking questions and expressing concerns about a medication. Having a conversation with your doctor about how your medication impacts your chronic condition is crucial to managing your condition and taking back your health.

If you don’t like what one doctor or pharmacist is saying about taking a medication, get a second opinion from a different healthcare professional. Where you get your advice is also a decision you make. I am also available to review medications with you.

Take time in the month of October to enjoy the changing of the season into autumn. As **Martin Luther** once said, “God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars.”

Sources: CDC, American Heart Association, Talkbeforeyoutake.org

Blessings to all, Eileen



Sat., October 15th
9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
St. John's UMC
 7372 Marine Road
 Edwardsville, IL
Cost = \$35

St. John's United Methodist Church is welcoming women to learn what it means to "Color Outside the Lines." A day filled with worship, breakout sessions, and learning will focus on empowering women to explore who they are and how they relate to others. At this conference, women will learn to explore their creativity and God-given potential by discovering their personality style. Keynote speaker Kathryn Robbins, owner of Personality Principles, LLC, will offer a personality brand session. The event cost includes lunch, a "swag bag," conference materials, and a copy of Kathryn Robbins' *Color My Personality*. To register/get more information go to: <https://www.coloringoutsidethelines.eventbrite.com> or call Katie Anderson at 618-656-1853.



BRACE YOURSELVES.
 PUMPKIN FLAVORED EVERYTHING IS COMING.



Bishop's Day in the Mississippi River District



When:
 Sunday, November 13th

Where:
 Belleville
 St. Matthew UMC
 1200 Moreland Drive
 Belleville

Time:
 Afternoon Laity session with Bishop Beard is from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
 Afternoon Clergy session with Bishop Beard is from 3:00-4:00 p.m.



Thursday, October 27th
Bethalto United Methodist Church
7:00 p.m.

This year's Church Conference is on **Thursday, Oct. 27th at Bethalto UMC at 7 p.m.** All are welcome & encouraged to attend, but only those who are church members may vote.

The goal of Church Conference is for it to be a time of fellowship, inspiration, and Christian conferencing. During the Church Conference among the things that are accomplished are: Recommendations of Candidates for Ordained Ministry, Certified Lay Ministers, and Lay Servants/Lay Speakers; Approval of the 2017 Church Budget, Pastor's Salary; and the receipt of the many reports from the local church. Certificates will be presented and upcoming events will be shared. If you have never gone, give it a try!



We Say Goodbye To Our Friend...

Mark Barnes, 60, passed away at 9:35 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born on May 2, 1956, in Alton, the son of the late Richard and Vivian Evelyn (Vaughn) Barnes. He married the former Deanna Sands on June 15, 1985, in Alton, and she survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Jessica Lynn Barnes of Cottage Hills; one son and daughter-in-law, Alex & Nicole Barnes of Rosewood Heights; one sister and brother-in-law, Melinda & Gary Phipps of East Alton; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis & Janet Barnes of Cottage Hills, Ronald & Debbie Barnes of Bethalto; a brother-in-law, Brad Sands & Lori Smith of East Alton, and many other extended family and friends.

Mark was formerly employed at Millers Mutual in Alton for 30 years as a market analyst prior to his retirement in 2009.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one niece, Jennifer Tipsword.

¹³⁻¹⁴ And regarding the question, friends, that has come up about what happens to those already dead and buried, we don't want you in the dark any longer. First off, you must not carry on over them like people who have nothing to look forward to, as if the grave were the last word. Since Jesus died and broke loose from the grave, God will most certainly bring back to life those who died in Jesus.

*¹⁵⁻¹⁸ And then this: We can tell you with complete confidence—we have the Master's word on it—that when the Master comes again to get us, those of us who are still alive will not get a jump on the dead and leave them behind. In actual fact, they'll be ahead of us. The Master himself will give the command. Archangel thunder! God's trumpet blast! He'll come down from heaven and the dead in Christ will rise—they'll go first. Then the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Master. Oh, we'll be walking on air! And then there will be one huge family reunion with the Master. So reassure one another with these words. **I Thessalonians 4 (The Message)***

When I met with Deanna, Alex & Nicole, and Jessica, one of the things they shared with me was how many people made this statement to them: **I would not be the person I am if it were not for Mark Barnes.**

Since Mark's passing, person after person has come up to me to share the positive impact Mark made upon their lives. Some of the people were childhood friends; others met Mark as an adult. Last night, I'm sure that some of you heard stories about Mark helping out someone in need that you had never heard before. Because it wasn't something Mark bragged about. He just did it.

I realize these stories don't fill the empty place in your hearts. The stories don't erase the pain that you feel. I do hope that last night impressed upon you the long reach of Mark's life and reinforced that you are not alone in your grief. We share your pain. Indeed, Paul says that is one of the things we do as Christians: we share each other's burdens. All of us are here today to surround you with the loving arms of Christ.

For the great promise of God is that Jesus is God with us. God with us in times of joy, God with us in times of struggle, and God with us in times of sorrow. God proclaims that even if our mother or father should abandon us--as unthinkable as that may be--He promises never to abandon us. We can count upon God to be with us forever.

TODAY YOU ARE NOT ALONE. YOU HAVE YOUR FAMILY. YOU HAVE ALL OF US, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY YOU HAVE GOD WITH YOU!

I want to affirm that it is O.K. to grab for the Kleenex and weep because our loss is great. It would be far sadder if there were no one sitting behind you mourning with you. A sea of empty seats would indicate that Mark's life had little impact outside your immediate family. Last night and today is testimony that this was not so.

Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, so that gives us permission to shed tears today. We need to remember that Jesus comforted Martha, Lazarus' sister, with these words: *"I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world."*

If we believe as Martha does that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, then we are convinced Jesus is the Victor over Death. It is this belief that has allowed smiles and laughter to slip in among the tears as we celebrate Mark's life in all its fullness. We should not let the illness of these past few years overshadow the joy Mark brought into our lives and the good times we shared together.

MARK'S TIME ON THIS EARTH WAS TOO SHORT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, BUT BOY, O BOY, WAS THIS A LIFE WELL LIVED! AND IT WAS FILLED WITH PEOPLE WHO WERE WELL LOVED!

We live this celebration with **HOPE**. The grave is not the last word for Mark or any of us! As followers of Jesus, we share in Jesus' Resurrection. Just as God raised Jesus from the dead, so shall he raise every one of us. So when we cry, Paul says we do not cry as those who have nothing to look forward to. Our partings are but for a little while. We will see our loved ones again.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE

On Sat., Dec. 3rd will be our Annual Church Family Christmas Dinner & Play beginning at 6 p.m. The children will be practicing for the Christmas Play during "More Jesus Time" (10:30 a.m. every Sunday) throughout the months of October & November. Do you have children or grandchildren who want to be involved in the Christmas Play? Bring them to "More Jesus Time!"

"Trunk-or-Treat"

Sun., October 23

4-5:30 p.m.



This event will be free and open to both the congregation & the community.

We will need lots of volunteers to pass out candy from their trunks.

We do ask that volunteers bring candy but we will have some reserve candy as well, in case we run out.

Decorated trunks and costumes are encouraged! We ask that volunteers arrive by **3:30 p.m.** to get parked and ready for Trick or Treaters!

VBS 2017 - HELP!

Okay, it seems a little early to talk about VBS 2017, but we need everyone to watch for **FALL CLEARANCE SALES** as our theme for VBS 2017 is "SUPER HEROES." Since finding costumes and other theme-related items in June may be a bit more challenging, please check out the sales after Halloween and feel free to donate any cheap Super Hero type costume items, capes, masks, small prize type super hero toys, stickers, etc. No item is too small and anything you can do now is greatly appreciated! Thank you so very much!

JAMIE GWALTNEY

October Is...



Pastor Appreciation

MONTH!

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God has a huge family reunion planned for us.

That is the point that Jesus makes in the Gospel of John. There may have been no room in the inn for the baby Jesus, but Jesus assures us that there is room for us in the Father's house. There is a room reserved for each of us. Our name is on the door and it cannot be taken by another. All we need do is confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

We don't need a GPS to get to our room. Jesus himself will come and take us there. For He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. If we fix our eyes upon Jesus, He will lead us safely home.

Please keep Mark's family in your prayers, but especially his wife, Deanna; son and daughter-in-law, Alex & Nicole; and daughter, Jessica. Pastor Daryl





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 an impossible mission.

On **Sunday, October 23rd**, we will celebrate our Mission Possible campaign with **one service at 10:00 a.m. (PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School will meet from 9:15-9:50 a.m. on this Sunday)**. At this point we should have successfully completed the vast majority of our priority items and we 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 in the Fellowship Hall and an **Open House** with informational tours for the church to learn about all that has been accomplished.



The celebration details are being finalized by our “Major Events” sub-committee from our Capital Fund Campaign Steering Committee. Watch for more information throughout October 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**