



The Steeple

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“Two people are better than one because together they have a good reward for their hard work. If one falls, the other can help his friend get up. But how tragic it is for the one who is all alone when he falls. There is no one to help him get up. Again, if two people lie down together, they can keep warm, but how can one person keep warm? Though one person may be overpowered by another, two people can resist one opponent. A triple-braided rope is not easily broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

In every church I've served, I call upon people who don't feel any need to be an active part of the Christian community. They prefer to go it alone. Usually, they are good people. Often, they are better people than those who show up in the pews every Sunday morning.

They read their Bible. They pray. They live by the Golden Rule: *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.* They listen to Christian music on their iPods or the radio. Maybe they watch a church service every week online or on TV.

If you are one of those who choose to fly solo in spiritual matters, these words aren't intended as a putdown of your spiritual journey. Maybe you are strong enough to stand alone.

I only know this: when I try to stand alone, I fall down. I need the encouragement of my peers in my Clergy Covenant Group. I need your prayers and your support at St. Paul if I am to serve as your pastor.

Methodism did not start as a church, but as a support system for new Christians. John Wesley, the father of this movement, knew how easy it is for newly minted Christians to slip back into their old lifestyles. So he asked Methodists to gather together each week in small groups and ask each other this question: **“HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL?”** Wesley's desire was that we form honest, authentic relationships with each other.

Wesley was so convinced of the importance of small groups that if you didn't show up for the weekly meeting, the leader would track you down and ask for an explanation. If you were once again in the grip of bad habits, then the leader would require you to confess your failure before the entire group at the next meeting. Miss three meetings in a row and you were kicked out of the group until you became serious about living as a Christian.

While these practices seem judgmental and harsh to us, they were not intended to be so. They emerge out of the conviction that it is impossible to live the Christian life alone. We need help from God. We need help from each other.

The TV is filled with ads for Life Alert where the woman cries out: *“I've fallen and I can't get up.”* Ecclesiastes says: *“But how tragic it is for the one who is all alone when he falls. There is no one to help him get up.”* The Methodist groups helped each up whenever they fell. The people didn't indulge in feelings of moral superiority because in the past they too had fallen and needed a helping hand to get up and go on.

Indeed, one of the primary purposes of the Methodist group was to point out to each other the traps and snares in each other's lives. Sometimes, we are blind to these. The group was a spiritual life alert designed to prevent falls.

Proverbs 27:17 says: *“You use steel to sharpen steel, and one friend sharpens another.”* A Christian friend points out the temptations before we fall. And a Christian friend loves us so much that they will risk the friendship to persuade us to turn away from a self-destructive lifestyle. We hold each other accountable because we are friends!

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- **Thank you** to all of the St. Paul folks who stood out in the cold on Friday, December 9, 2016 to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Your efforts raised **\$694.58** toward a goal, which was met and exceeded, to provide funds for their ministries throughout the New Year!
- We praise God that **Alan McCalla**, husband of Brenda (Warner) McCalla, was told he is cancer free and they have been able to move back to their home in Arkansas!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has lost a loved one recently. This includes the family of **Mary Crain**, mother/mother-in-law of Bill & Ronda Crain; the family of **Gary Maberry**, extended family & friend of the Pruetzels; the family of **Patsy Schiber**, aunt of Dave (Noël) Schiber; the family of **Arthur Hanfelder**, brother of Joe Hanfelder, our custodian; and the family of **Wanda Yankovich**, mother/mother-in-law of Frank & Tana Yankovich, sister of Herrell (Bettie) Lewis. May you all know God's comfort and peace in the days ahead.
- **Thank You!** The Mission Possible campaign wishes to thank everyone who organized, worked, and attended the fund raiser - Souper Bowl Party Soup/Chili Cook-Off last Sunday to benefit the renovation work at the church. The **\$320.50** donated to the cause certainly is helpful and much appreciated.
- **The Capital Campaign Fund Raising Committee says "Thank you!"** We thank everyone who participated in the SOUPER BOWL PARTY SOUP/CHILI COOK-OFF on January 29th. Thanks to anyone who made soup/chili, ate soup/chili, made desserts, set-up, cleaned up, or supported the day in any way! The winner of the COOK-OFF is: **Don Gwaltney!** Our goal was to raise \$250 and we made **\$320.50!** This all goes toward the Mission Possible Campaign fund. We give thanks to the Lord with a grateful heart!
- Thank you to **Eldon Wold, Jr., all the members of the cantata choir, and anyone else** who helped in sharing with us the true meaning of Christmas in song through our annual Christmas cantata. Every year you instill within us the wonder and awe of that first Christmas. Christmas is meaningless if it does not result in our worship of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

HISTORY BUFFS

We are attempting to bring together St. Paul Church historical documents, pictures, etc. so that everyone might benefit from looking at our storied past. Our plans include using a portion of the library bookshelves (Joyce Tappy's classroom) and a newly donated wooden file cabinet credenza to house the materials. If you have pictures or documents you are willing to donate to our cause please contact Jim Herndon (466-6736).



You're off to Great Places!
 Today is your day!
 Your mountain is waiting,
 So...get on your way!

-Dr. Seuss



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Our goal should be simple in the church: to equip each other to live a Christian life. The life that flows from the cross of Jesus into our lives. For we are convinced that this is the best life for us and for our friends!

Hawaii 5-0 is once again a hit TV series. In the original series, before the leader, Steve McGarrett, charged into harm's way, he'd say: "Watch my back, Dano." In real life, police officers depend upon their partner for help and protection. In the same way, we in the church need to *watch each others' backs*. We need to be able to rely upon each other for help and protection. It is dangerous to live life alone!

A Christian writer tells about watching a draft horse pull in Canada. He watched as one horse pulled 9,000 pounds and another 8,000. Then, they hitched these two horses together. The writer expected the two horses to pull around 17,000 pounds together.

Imagine the writer's astonishment as he watched the horses yoked together pull 30,000 pounds. A very practical demonstration of synergism that says: **THE SIMULTANEOUS ACTION OF SEPARATE AGENTS WORKING TOGETHER HAS A GREATER TOTAL EFFECT THAN THE SUM OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS.**"

Maybe I can be a Christian by myself, but I am convinced I'd be a pretty poor one. The likelihood is that whenever I fell, I wouldn't get up. I need the support, encouragement and help of the St. Paul community. I need the accountability provided by my Clergy Covenant Group. More can be accomplished by working together than going it alone. Jesus knew this truth. This is why he sent the disciples out in pairs to share the gospel.

My prayer is that St. Paul be a place where our theme song is that of the movie, *Toy Story*: You've got a friend in me! A place where we say to each other: I've got your back. A place where whenever someone falls, we show up to pick them up, dust them off, and set their feet back upon the right path. Let us work together to make this church that kind of place during 2017.

Pastor Daryl

The Flower Calendar for 2017 is posted on the long bulletin board in the Education Wing.

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



**FLOWER
CALENDAR**

**MORNING IS GOD'S WAY OF
SAYING ONE MORE TIME, GO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE, TOUCH A HEART,
ENCOURAGE A MIND, INSPIRE A
SOUL AND ENJOY THE DAY.**

UNKNOWN



Saturdays at St. Paul in FEBRUARY 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 FEBRUARY Speakers:

4th - Dan Nickel **11th - Rev. Dr. Roger Grimmett**—our District Superintendent joins us for our two year celebration! A Souper Celebration Meal follows the service! Provided will be soup, crackers, cheese, and beverages. Please come for the service and stay for the food and fellowship!

18th - Rev. Lisa Guilliams—pastor at Trinity UMC, Granite City. (started Twigs)

25th - Rev. Marco Depestre, Jr. — was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. His father, the late Rev. Marco Depestre, was one of the first Haitian pastors of the Methodist Church of Haiti in our era. Young Marco was always involved in his church in various activities, especially as a musician. Pastor Marco worked for four years (1978-1982) with the Ministry of Agriculture in Haiti where he occupied various positions.

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Sundays at St. Paul in FEBRUARY 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.

5: 5th Sunday after the Epiphany. Communion celebrated. The best team on paper isn't always the team that wins the Super Bowl. You still have to play the game. Paul is honest in his assessment of us as Christians. We aren't necessarily the best, but we are those whom God has chosen to do His work. God gives us the strength and wisdom that we lack to accomplish His plans.



12: 6th Sunday after the Epiphany. Birthday Sunday. Boy Scout Sunday celebrated during the 10:30 a.m. Service. Pastor Daryl begins a 3-part sermon series: *Lead Like King David*. Each week focuses on lessons from the life of King David. Today focuses on how God when choosing leaders looks not upon our outward appearance, but rather upon the heart.



19: 7th Sunday after Epiphany. Pastor Daryl continues the 3-part sermon series: *Lead Like King David*. Each week focuses on lessons from the life of King David. Today focuses on how the joy of God should fill our heart whenever we serve Him. The Bible records that David even danced before the Lord as he worshiped! May the joy of being in a relationship with God fill our heart.

26: 8th Sunday after Epiphany. Pastor Daryl continues the 3-part sermon series: *Lead Like King David*. Each week focuses on lessons from the life of King David. Today focuses on how God does now dismiss David from leadership whenever David fails God. If we confess our failing as David did, we receive forgiveness and another chance to serve.

MARCH 5: 1st Sunday in Lent. Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people? How is God present in the midst of our suffering and pain? Is it O.K. to be angry at God? Those are some of the issues William Young tackles in his best-selling novel, *The Shack*. We will wrestle together with these difficult questions during the next 5-weeks in a sermon series based on *The Shack*. *The Shack* movie debuts on March 3 with Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer, and Tim McGraw among others.



**Nurse's Notes for FEBRUARY 2017 from Parish Nurse, Eileen Cheatham RN, BC, B.S.N.
THE HEART OF THE MATTER!**



February is the “heart” month, and so I have decided to share a few thoughts on the heart. Valentine’s Day is soon to be here, and as my youngest son tells me each year-“Mom- it’s a made up holiday to guilt people into buying cards, candy and other gifts”. My son, the cynic. I did remind him of how much I have loved his little scribbled out cards and handprints on paper drawings over the years, and he reminds me that yes they were gifts, but all of those things were handmade, not store bought. I guess he is right. The best things that you can do for or give others in this life are not store bought material things, but the gift of self. Of course we have the best example of selfless giving in Jesus. His sole motive for giving of Himself was love. **Ephesians 5:1-2** says, *Be imitators of God . . . and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us . . .* “We can give without loving but we can never love without giving because love by its very nature is sacrificial. Let’s all try to live up to the example of Jesus and give of ourselves this month- whether it be to help someone in need, a few kind words to encourage a friend, forgiving someone who has wronged us in some way, or prayers lifted up for our family. Just put on love. God promises that as we walk in selfless giving He will provide for all of our needs and bless us abundantly. Hebrews 5:10 says, “God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.”

Now for another reason for “heart” month. To take care of others we need to also take care of ourselves. Think about calling and signing up to come to the AMH heart fair which is Saturday, February 4th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Dr. Amit Noheria will be the guest speaker on *Everything You Need to Know about Atrial Fibrillation*. There will be 30 information tables, a free lunch from Firehouse Subs, and free cholesterol, blood pressure and lung function screenings. Call 1-800-392-0936 to sign up. 5.7 million adults in the U.S. have heart failure.

Each year Americans have 1.5 million heart attacks and strokes, the first and fourth leading cause of death. But you can decrease **your risk** by following the ABC s of heart health. **A.** Take **aspirin** as directed by your doctor. **B.** Control your **blood pressure**. Blood pressure is the measurement of how forceful your blood has to push against the walls of your arteries to circulate. The physicians have a much easier time of controlling your blood pressure if you have readings to give them each time you are seen at the office. Take advantage of having your blood pressure checked and recorded in the parish nurse office on Thursdays from 9-noon. Or if you need a visit, just contact the reception desk and they will contact me. I will call and we can arrange a visit. **C.** Manage your **cholesterol**. (There is good cholesterol and bad cholesterol.) Know your numbers and how you can change your lifestyle to raise your good or lower your bad. We will be doing cholesterol free at the heart fair! I also have cholesterol screenings in the hospital lobby area quite a few times a year and you can check out the dates in my office. We are working towards a health bulletin board too! **S.** Don’t smoke! Smoking raises your blood pressure, which raises the risk of heart attack or stroke.

Also, **know** the **Signs of heart attack/stroke**: **Heart Attack**: chest discomfort or pressure, pain in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach, shortness of breath, nausea, lightheadedness, breaking into a cold sweat. **Stroke**: sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg, sudden confusion or having trouble understanding, trouble seeing out of one or both eyes, trouble walking or loss of balance, sudden severe headache with no cause. If you are having a stroke and can get medication within 3 to 4.5 hours there is an improved chance of you recovering. So note the time when your first symptoms appear so you can tell the hospital staff.

People are social beings, each with life roles from past experiences. When we are part of a church community, the family of God- we are to share many types of experiences- from social to education to spiritual. This “community” is a deep richness to our quality of life and offers us a bit of foretaste of how we will all live together one day in eternity. I urge you to take advantage of all of the opportunities that you have to be a part of your church community- your family! And remember that God has given us our bodies to be a glorious temple. As God’s dwelling place, let us all work to keep ours as healthy as possible- body, mind and spirit!

**Following Him and His example-
Eileen**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

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

February 13 Moore, Kari
 February 14 Scroggins, Mark
 February 14 Tappy, Amber
 February 14 Tappy, Amy
 February 14 Williams, Joshua
 February 14 Winchester, Meagan
 February 14 Huddleston, Addyson
 February 15 Toner, Mike
 February 15 Hobbs, Nicholas
 February 15 Cameron, Cassie
 February 15 Maxwell, Zane
 February 15 Laufersweiler, William
 February 16 Mormino, Brandy
 February 17 Balzraine, Carleen
 February 17 Sims, Tyler
 February 17 Skjersth, Jordyn
 February 17 Allshouse, Chloe
 February 18 Greer, Chris
 February 19 Boeshans, Jackie
 February 19 Toner, Joshua
 February 19 Dawson, Nicholas
 February 20 Bunt, Joni
 February 20 Liedtke, Brian
 February 20 Garrison, Victoria
 February 20 Mayer, Emerson
 February 20 Mayer, Grady
 February 21 Yunker, John
 February 21 Plummer, Tesla

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



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



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!



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

February's Loose Change Project is designated for

one of our most valuable assets within our church- our youth! These funds are to be used to help with youth activities throughout the year. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - If bad weather requires the cancellation of worship services, we will:

- ✦ leave a message on the answering machine
- ✦ contact TV Channel 5
- ✦ post a notice on our website www.stpaulwired.org (if possible)
- ✦ contact those on the e-mail & phone prayer chain (if possible)

JANUARY Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 01/31/2017	\$22592.00
Designated Giving:	through 01/31/2017	\$1835.57
	Capital Improvements	290.00
	Loose Change	154.50
	Flowers	200.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	60.00
	Helping Hands	250.00
	Upper Room Donations	43.00
	Reimbursements/Transfers	71.07
	Offering Envelopes	184.00
	Endowment	575.00
	2017 Steeple Postage	8.00
	Salvation Army	0.00
	UMCOR	0.00
	Memorials	0.00
One Great Hour Sharing		10.00
Christmas Offering		1150.00
Capital Campaign		2095.00
Total:		\$27682.57

**Capital Campaign money as of 1-31-17:
\$200,527.64**

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

- Feb. 5th:** Randy & Joyce Brueggeman
- Feb. 12th:** Tom & Ruth Voorhees
- Feb. 19th:** Katie Lair, Alex Lair
- Feb. 26th:** FOLKS NEEDED!

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

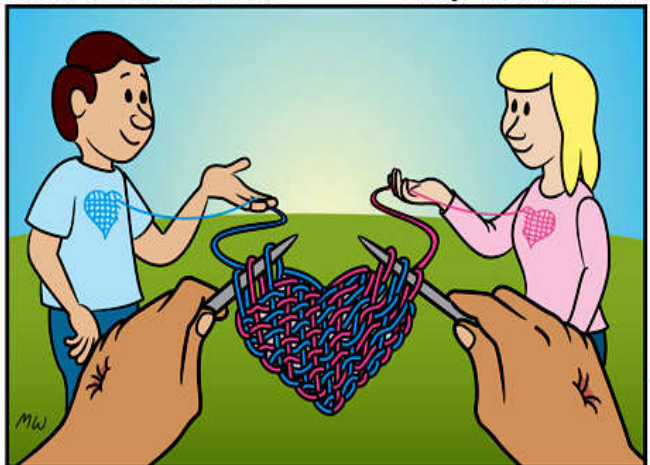
Average Attendance for JANUARY 2017

Early Service	27
Late Service	95
Sunday School	33
Visitors	10
3 Awakening Service	43



JOINED TOGETHER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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

**DEADLINE FOR
MARCH 2017
STEEPLE, Mon.,
FEB. 20th!**



Eagle Scout Project Memorial Brick Prayer Walk

Kaleb Smith of Boy Scout Troop #777 (chartered by St. Paul) is raising money to construct a brick, memorial, prayer walkway connecting the parking lot to the pavilion at St. Paul UMC. Your personalized, permanent memorial brick would become a part of this special walkway if you purchase one:

4"x8" brick costs \$50

8"x8" brick costs \$100

12"x12" granite block costs \$300

Gray granite benches cost \$2000

To receive an order form contact the St. Paul UMC office, 259-5210, or email to request one, info@stpaulwired.org.

2017 NEWSLETTERS:

It is time to think about the 2017 Newsletter (The Steeple). The cost to have the newsletter mailed directly to you at home will be **\$8.50**. Of course we will still email the Newsletter, place it on the website, and have copies at the church for you to pick up, to have extras to give to friends you invite to church, and for visitors to take. Send your request to the Church Office and your check for **\$8.50**. Any questions...call 259-5210.

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."



Deuteronomy 31 v8

What if we began to treat our Bibles the way we treat our cell phones?

What if we...

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turned back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of an emergency?

...spent an hour or more using it each day?





**Ash
Wednesday**

WORSHIP SERVICE
MARCH 1 @ 7 p.m.

**Service includes
imposition of ashes (optional),
Holy Communion, & Special Music**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our preparation for Easter. We call this time Lent. We invite you to join us throughout the Sundays of Lent.

RUMMAGE



The 2017 Women Of Worship Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Friday & Saturday, April 7th & 8th (with a Pre-Sale opportunity on Thursday, April 6th).

It is still weeks away but we thought that we would give you notice on the dates so you can start collecting items to bring to the church once the time gets here. When you do your Spring Cleaning in the next couple of months be on the lookout for the many things that you can donate to this annual mission fund raiser! Thank You!

twigs

The Awakening Service on Saturdays at 5 p.m. is collecting items for **TWIGS: Pack-a-Sack**. This program provides food for children of the Granite City School District who are at risk of having nothing to eat over a weekend. Each child in the program discreetly receives a sack of non-perishable food items each Friday. You can participate by placing these food items in the **TWIGS blue garbage can** at the table or front of the stage: Pudding and Jello Cups, Applesauce Cups, Fruit Cups, Individual Cereal Cups, Granola Bars, Ramen Noodles, Soup: Chicken Noodle or Vegetable Beef, Mac n Cheese, Cheese n Crackers, Fruit Chews, Hot Cocoa Mix Pouches, Beef Jerky Sticks (Small, individually wrapped). PLEASE, NOTHING WITH PEANUTS. **TWIGS** was started by Rev. Lisa Guilliams, pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Granite City. For more information, check out the website:

www.twigsforkids.org



St. Paul Singing Telegrams For Your Valentine!

Valentine's Day is coming soon! Need a unique way to remember someone special? How about a Singing Valentine Telegram?

St. Paul UMC is offering a Singing Telegram Service! This is a fundraiser for our MISSION POSSIBLE Campaign!

WHEN: Saturday, February 11 – 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 14 – by appointment

PRICE: \$25 for a song with a balloon and a card
(candy and/or flowers can be added for a small fee or we will deliver your own personal gifts)

TO PURCHASE, CALL:

Iris Uzzell (259-8106 OR 580-4845)

Ryan or Debbie Tite (377-8504) Church Office (259-5210)

OR Fill out a form at church!

Payment is due prior to the telegram date...

HERE ARE THE SONG CHOICES:

1. "The Sunshine" = "You Are My Sunshine" (kids & youth)
2. "The Zany" = "Unchained Melody" (with the 'chain gang')
3. "You Are A Blessing" = (for someone who inspires you with their example of faith)
4. "The Sweetheart" = "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" (available: a male or a female singer)
5. "The Disney" = (still in production...)



THE WOMEN OF WORSHIP ARE GOING TO OFFER UP THEIR...

FAMOUS CHICKEN AND NOODLES!

Sunday, Feb. 26

(right after the second service ends)
In the Fellowship Hall

PLATE LUNCH INCLUDES:

- Chicken & Noodles-
- Salad & Green Beans-
- Dessert & Beverage-

COST:

Adults = \$9.00

Children = \$5.00

(10 and under)



***You don't have to wait until the Fall Festival to enjoy this delicious meal!
Sign-up today! Bring your family & friends & neighbors!***

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He resigned from the Ministry of Agriculture to become the Director of The Christian Institute for Rural Life, a project founded by his father and the Methodist Church of Haiti. He managed the Institute for more than 10 years before moving to Jamaica to study at the United Theological College of the West Indies.

Since his graduation from U.T.C.W.I. in 1998, Pastor Marco had the privilege to serve 7 years in the Portmore Circuit of the Jamaica Methodist District Conference. He moved back to Haiti in 2005, to serve the Methodist Church of Haiti as manager of the Church's Development Program Office (COD) and Pastor in the Carrefour Circuit. He continues to serve also as Secretary of the Haiti Methodist District Conference, a position that he has occupied since 2009.



Hickerson Scholarship 2017



The tragic skiing accident of January 15, 1995, that claimed the life of Meghan Hickerson of Hartford, IL, will never be forgotten.

God has a way of healing hurt and turning tragedy into triumph. Meghan's death immediately gave life to several people, known collectively as "organ donor recipients." Her legacy of faith and service lives on through the "Meghan Hickerson Christian Teen Leader Memorial Scholarship" that is made available through St. Paul UMC.

Meghan was a student leader who set a standard of excellence within the public school system. She also set an example of faith and dedication by spreading God's love through her church and her academic life, to all she encountered. Our goal each year is to reward one or two

deserving college-bound graduating seniors who sets for him or herself the same standards of outstanding scholastic achievement and faith reflected in their everyday life.

Graduating seniors from the three area high schools (East Alton-Wood River, Roxana, and Civic Memorial) or any who are a member of St. Paul UMC may apply for the \$500.00 scholarship.

We encourage members to notify any student that may qualify and have them complete the application process. Application materials will be available through the counselors at the above mentioned schools or directly from the church office.

DEADLINE for completed application materials is: Monday, April 3, 2017

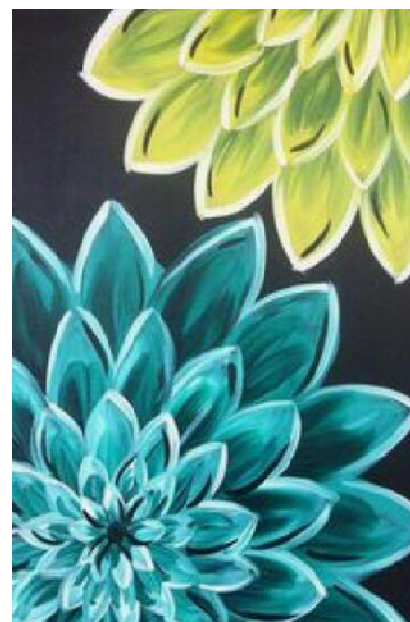
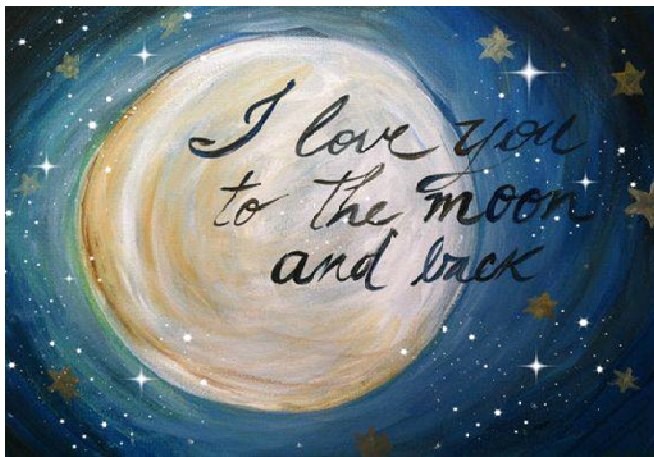
If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 259-5210.

Help send Sydney Martin to New York!

splART Party Fundraiser!!!

Sydney Martin and her performing arts group are headed to New York in June, and we are trying to help her get there! Come join in on the fun and create your own work of art, under the instruction of Rebecca Keller. Everyone is invited. You can bring snacks and drink. We will hold the event **March 4 @ 1 p.m. at St Paul United Methodist Church** in the fellowship hall. There is a **\$40 fee**; half of that goes to Sydney, the rest for supplies and instructor! Hope to see you all there!! We need a **minimum of 30 people** for this event to happen, so please R.S.V.P. to Tamera Martin: 618-980-0980 or tameram1010@charter.net

You have two painting options to choose from:





Two-Year Anniversary of the Awakening Service

Greetings! We are blessed to offer the 5 p.m. service on Saturday evenings each week at St. Paul. Awakening has officially been speaking to the hearts of those who are seeking God for two years! Sadly, the “iffy” weather forced us to cancel our two year celebration on January 14th. The good news is that this has been **rescheduled**. Awakening will host their two year “Souper” Saturday



Celebration on February 11th at 5 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Roger Grimmett as our speaker. Rev. Dr. Grimmett is the District Superintendent for the Mississippi River District (not to be confused with the Souper Bowl Party and soup/chili cook-off that was on Sunday, January 29th). Service that evening will conclude with a celebration meal of soup, cheese, crackers, & beverages provided by the Awakening Planning Committee. We invite you to join us for this celebration plus the food and fellowship!

Looking ahead, there will be a **Harry Potter themed Trivia Night on Saturday, April 1st** in place of the Awakening service. This is a fundraiser for our Capital Campaign: Mission Possible! Get your teams together as soon as possible and think about what you might donate to the auction.

We ask that you continue to pray for the ministries at St. Paul throughout 2017. We are looking forward to much excitement in the coming months!

-Lauren Cranmer
Awakening Worship Coordinator



A Few Notes From The “Mission Possible Fundraising Committee”:

Please mark your calendars for some fun activities coming up in 2017!



*Singing
valentines*

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NEWSLETTER!!**



In April we will be gathering up items for another fun **Trivia Night!** The theme is **Harry Potter!** Don't be a fool and miss out on some great fun on **April 1st!** No joking! Gather your teams for this great event!

➔ Start working on your donations now!!

Thank you in advance for all of your support!



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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 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 your check memo line and 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 **January 2016**, you have placed 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 –2018 envelopes.

If you have any questions, please call the Church Office for clarification.

▶ IMPORTANT ◀

Please, look for the MISSION POSSIBLE in red on the outside of any envelopes from St. Paul UMC for timely information regarding our Capital Fund Campaign!



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MISSION POSSIBLE PROGRESS CONTINUES...

Having completed the majority of Priority 1 items the Trustees have moved on to Priority 2 items. While Pastor Daryl & Deb were out of town the Trustees took over the parsonage to do necessary renovation work previously planned and then some. The Trustees have removed the old ceiling and fan in the TV room (breezeway) replacing it with new drop ceiling grids and tiles as well as a new fan. The floor previously covered with a carpet has been removed and replaced with the new vinyl-laminate style floor with all the trim work removed, sanded, stained, sealed, and returned to its place. While looking at the TV room work it was determined that we needed to replace the original wooden doors (to the garage and to the small patio area) with new insulated/steel doors and locks.

The majority of the project was the sanding and refinishing of the original wood floors in the living room, dining room, entry/main hallway, and master bedroom. This required removing all the floor trim (baseboard and quarter round), sanding, staining, sealing, and replacing it. Batog Flooring sanded the floors down (removing all the old marks, scratches, etc. from more than 50 years of family life), then sealed and buffed out the floor. The end result is a very nice clean look to the parsonage especially when combined with the kitchen remodel of a few years ago and the new paint job in the bathroom from this fall. Just prior to the flooring work, Trustees repainted the dining room, living room, and hallways. In addition, we ordered new window treatments for the living room and the TV room. Finally, a new back door (steel/insulated) has been ordered. A lot of work was accomplished in a very short time and we appreciate the efforts of all who participated. **St. Paul Trustees**

