



# The Steeple

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In the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy comes to a crossroads with Toto and wonders out loud: “*Now which way do we go?*” To her surprise, the scarecrow says, “*Pardon me, that way is a very nice way*” while pointing one direction. A moment later, the scarecrow says, “*It’s pleasant that way, too*” while pointing the other direction. Finally, pointing both directions the scarecrow says, “*Of course, people do go both ways.*” Dorothy asks, “*Are you doing that on purpose or can’t you make up your mind?*” The scarecrow claims his inability to decide isn’t his fault because he doesn’t have a brain.

There is an old cliché, “*Not to decide is to decide.*” The subtle point is that we have a brain and with it we make choices. Choices do matter. The road taken leads us to a different destination than the road not taken.

The next sermon series, *At the Crossroads*, beginning March 5 has a double meaning. First, it reminds us that this is a season when we retrace the footsteps of Jesus on His journey to the cross. Walking down this road is a conscious choice on Jesus’ part. It was love—not nails—that held Jesus upon the cross. Only this sacrifice offers the forgiveness we need and restores our relationship with God. Second, the sermon series reminds us that Jesus challenges all of us to choose which road we will walk. Will we follow in the footsteps of Jesus to the cross that awaits us or will we choose a different, easier way? The choice is ours!

As we stand at the crossroads and consider our options in life, let us remember these words of Jesus: “*Don’t be troubled. Believe in God, and believe in me. My Father’s house has many rooms. If that were not true, would I have told you that I’m going to prepare a place for you? If I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again. Then I will bring you into my presence so that you will be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.*” Thomas said to him, “*Lord, we don’t know where you’re going. So how can we know the way?*” Jesus answered him, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one goes to the Father except through me. If you have known me, you will also know my Father. From now on you know him through me and have seen him in me.*” (John 14:1-7 *God’s Word*) Not to decide is to decide. And what we decide makes all the difference! We need to follow the way of Jesus for only His way leads to the life we desire and to the Father. See you at the crossroads! Pastor Daryl



**P.S.** The *At the Crossroads* sermon series begins with our Ash Wednesday Service on March 1 at 7 p.m.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- **Rev. Dr. Roger Grimmett** and his wife, Brenda, joined us for a celebration of the two year anniversary of the Awakening Service on Sat., Feb. 11. Rev. Grimmett preached a memorable sermon on the sacrifice of Isaac that reminded us of the need to be sacrificial in our work for the Lord. Also, Rev. Grimmett underlined that the *Lord Always Provides* for us. We had a glorious time of fellowship as we ate our soup afterwards.
- February 12th was a busy Sunday as we baptized **Gracie Nicole Mortland**, one of our youth; received **George McGilvrey** as our newest member and celebrated **Venture Crew, Boy Scout, and Cub Scout Sunday!** What a great reminder that St. Paul is here to represent Christ within our community.
- **Rev. Marco Depestre, Jr.** from Haiti reminded us at Awakening on Feb. 25th that as we serve the least among us, we serve Christ. Besides serving on a circuit of nine churches, Rev. Marco is the Secretary of the Haiti Methodist District Conference. Rev. Marco reported on the work of Methodists in Haiti, especially in providing education to the poorest of the poor children. We collected over **\$367** for the **Alain Rocourt Fund** that supports the Methodist Schools in Haiti. If you would like to participate in this effort, information is available on the Welcome Table.
- Thanks to all who helped with two Mission Possible Campaign fundraisers this month. First, were the **St. Paul Singing Telegrams for Our Valentines**. Our shut-ins who received Valentines were especially touched by our remembrance of them. Those at the DMV were surprised by the appearance of the St. Paul singers! Second, many helped with the **WOW Chicken & Noodle Lunch** after the second service on Feb. 26. It was such a success that we had to stop serving early because we sold out of chicken & noodles! Your efforts have aided all the improvements we continue to make to the buildings at St. Paul.
- We had a lot of youth in the **Music Man** play at Roxana High School. **Mark Bacus** and **Steve Oertle** sang in the Old Dudes Quartet. **Debbie Bacus** was the Drama Assistant. **Sydney Martin** played Marian, the librarian. **Sydney Palmer** played Mrs. Squires and was one of the amusing Pick-a-little ladies. **Piper and Raegan Martin** sang and danced as children in the town. (**Emily Ogle** who played in our Christmas play was one of the town children as well.) These Scouts from Troop 777 participated: **Kaleb Smith, Collin Rorie, Ben Ayers and Joel Woodruff**. Venture Crew 2777 members were in the play: **Jacob Smith, Ben Ayers, and Emily Smith**. **Brendan Palmer** even returned to run the spotlight!
- Congratulations to **Federal Judge Dave Herndon** who was elected into the Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame. You made your mama proud!
- Congratulations to **Meg Fansler** who was inducted into the Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society at Saint Louis University. This honor society stresses Scholarship, Loyalty, and Service. It was founded in 1915 and includes inductees from 20 Jesuit Universities throughout the world. It was started at a time when Catholic immigrants were not welcomed into other honor societies, but now welcomes those of all faiths. The class at SLU represented undergraduate Juniors, Seniors as well as members of the Graduate Program.
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Collin Rives**, friend of the Fords; the family of **Bob Buchanan**; the family of **Harold Rich**; the family of **Dorothy Hobbs**, grandmother of Nicholas (Julie) Hobbs; and the family of **Janice Couch**, neighbor and friend of the Pruetzels. May you all know God's comfort and peace in the days ahead.
- **Thank You:** Dear Friends at St. Paul...I can't remember in my 98 years having as wonderful a month as January was and now February! Patsy Goss began it all with her generous visit and gifts and then the Sweet Sounds sang for just me—twice—for all to hear and enjoy. Cards just poured in to celebrate my birthday because of the newsletter, I'm sure, but I loved it all! *Love, Londa Weller*
- **Thank You** to the Sweet Sounds for their lovely surprise when they came to sing to me. Thank you also to Pastor Daryl for his visits while I was in rehab. My church family is a true blessing. *Emma Harper*
- **Thank You!** We thank everyone for all of the Caring Casseroles brought to us! You may have no idea how very important this has been for us. We also thank Pastor Daryl, Doug, and Eileen for their many visits. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers as we improve day by day. We are blessed with a wonderful church family. *Lisa Bell & Janet Williams*
- **Thank You** for the cards, notes, prayers, calls, and Pastor Daryl's visits following the passing of Bill's mother. You are all such a blessing to us. *Bill & Ronda Crain*



February has come and gone, and now we are starting to see the glimmer of spring on the horizon. During the month of February Awakening was blessed with many wonderful speakers. God's hand is ever present in the workings and happenings at Awakening, and we continue to share our excitement with others as we keep opening the doors to bring others close to Christ.

Thank you to all of those who attended the two year celebration at Awakening! Rev. Dr. Roger Grimmett shared a wonderful message with us that evening, and afterwards we shared in the good company and fellowship over a bowl of soup and delicious treats. We are so blessed to have so many helping hands.

During the month of March we are looking forward to hearing from our Awakening team members, as we reflect on the past two years and how this ministry has helped in our lives. Some of us attended the Evangelism Equipping Event that was hosted at St. John's UMC in Edwardsville, and we are excited to share what we have learned and ways that we can continue to improve our outreach as a church. March 11th is Girl Scout Sabbath; please consider inviting a Girl Scout or troop to church this evening!

Don't forget to get your tables ready for trivia night! On Saturday, April 1st, a Harry Potter themed trivia night will take place instead of an Awakening service. Doors open at 6 p.m., trivia starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$120 per table, with a maximum of 8 people per table. If Harry Potter trivia isn't your thing, we are in need of volunteers to help work the trivia night and donations for raffle baskets. This is a fundraiser for the Capital Campaign.

There are a lot of fun happenings planned for this summer! Be on the lookout for announcements regarding the special services that will be offered during June, July, and August.

As always, please continue to pray for the ministry of Awakening, as well as St. Paul UMC!

Many Blessings,  
Lauren Cranmer  
Awakening Worship Coordinator

## 2017 NEWSLETTERS:

It is time to choose 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 with your check for **\$8.50**. Any questions...call 259-5210.



**The Flower Calendar for 2017 is posted on the long bulletin board in the Education Wing. Please, fill it up! Thank you!**

**FLOWER  
CALENDAR**



## LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY!

Beginning on Sunday, March 5th we invite you to join us for our 2017 Lenten Small Group Study at 5 p.m. in the Parlor. We will be studying from Rev. Tom Berlin's, "Restored." This is a six week study taking us through Lent. Everyone is welcomed and if you have to miss one, just return for the next one. Please pray and consider this preparation time for Easter. Pick up your book today!





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

**4th** - Lindsey Rader

**11th** - Girl Scout Sabbath - Lauren Cranmer: Invite a Girl Scout to join you this night; join us if you were or still are a Girl Scout; join us to celebrate Girl Scouts everywhere.

**18th** - Betsy Blacklock

**25th** - Kevin Rader

**→ PLEASE NOTE: There will not be an AWAKENING SERVICE on Saturday, April 1st due to the TRIVIA NIGHT!**

## Sundays at St. Paul in MARCH 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:** 1st Sunday in Lent. Communion Celebrated.

Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series, *At the Crossroads*. Today he discusses what to do when we are tempted as Jesus was. *Read Luke 4:1-13*



**12:** 2nd Sunday in Lent. Birthday Sunday. Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series, *At the Crossroads*. Today he discusses how to proceed whenever we are anxious about the future. *Read Matthew 6:25-34.*



**19:** 3rd Sunday in Lent. Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series, *At the Crossroads*. Today he discusses how to travel through the spiritually dry times on our journeys. We need God's help to make it through to the other side. *Read Isaiah 58:11.*

**26:** 4th Sunday in Lent. One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday. Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series, *At the Crossroads*. Today he discusses what to do when we've lost our way. How do we find our way back to the right path? *Read Luke 15:1-7.* We take up a special offering that supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Our gifts enable this group to respond immediately to natural disasters, care of refugees, and the feeding of the hungry.



**April 2:** 5th Sunday in Lent. Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series, *At the Crossroads*. Today he discusses when we feel like we don't know God. How do we find the strength to persevere in the midst of our doubt? *Read Philippians 3:1-11.*



### Nurse's Notes for MARCH 2017 from Parish Nurse, Eileen Cheatham RN, BC, B.S.N.

**March is National Kidney Disease Awareness Month!** Tucked away just below your ribcage near your spine are two bean-shaped organs known as the kidneys. And when they're quietly getting on with their job, it's easy to forget they're there and how important they are. But their absence, or even less-than-optimal performance can have dire consequences. **1 in 3 Americans is at risk for kidney disease** due to diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney failure. There are more than 26 million Americans who already have kidney disease, and most don't know it because there are often no symptoms until the disease has progressed.



**Kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the country.**  
**More than 26 million Americans have kidney disease, and most don't know it.**  
**There are over 95,000 people waiting for kidney transplants.**  
**More than 590,000 people have kidney failure in the US today.**

Sometimes what you can't see can kill you. Kidney disease is underdiagnosed and excessive protein in the urine (albuminuria) is one of the earliest signs of kidney damage. Usually invisible to the human eye, often this red flag for kidney disease is undetected because not enough people who are at risk are receiving urine testing.

The kidneys are two, fist-sized organs in your lower back. They maintain overall health through the following functions: Filtering waste out of 200 liters of blood each day, regulating of the body's salt, potassium and acid content, removing of drugs from the body, balancing the body's fluids, releasing hormones that regulate blood pressure, producing an active form of vitamin D that promotes strong, healthy bones, and controlling the production of red blood cells. Risk factors for kidney disease include high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, being over the age of 60, or having African American, Hispanic, or Asian descent. Diabetes damages the kidneys due to the high amount of sugar present in the body. The excess sugar damages the tiny filters in the kidneys. High blood pressure makes the kidneys have to work harder.

**Kidney disease can be discovered with two simple tests:** *a urine test for protein* (protein in the urine is a sign of kidney damage) and *a blood test for creatinine* which is used to measure the kidneys GFR, or glomerular filtration rate. The kidneys keep the creatinine level in the body at a "just right" level. The GFR is determined by the creatinine level, your age, race and gender. A normal GFR is 90. A GFR 60-89 may indicate kidney disease if there is protein in the urine. At this point you may be asked to lower your use of medications that can lead to kidney disease such as ibuprofen or reduce the dose of medications that are filtered by the kidneys. A GFR below 60 for 3 months or longer indicates kidney disease. A GFR of 15 or below is kidney failure.

**What can you do to keep your kidneys healthy? Control your BP, control your blood sugar, lose weight if you are overweight, don't smoke, eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly.**

Alton Memorial is once again having our **Daffodil Campaign** to benefit our cancer patients. Each year the hospital sells daffodils, with the money raised going to our Extra Mile fund for our cancer patients. This money helps our oncology patients at what is a very difficult and stressful time in their lives. Many patients have benefited from the fund. We will take **pre-orders through Friday, March 3rd** and then also **sell them in the lobby on March 13th & 14th.**

*"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."* Philippians 2:4

**May we all continue to serve God by serving His people,  
Eileen**



March 01 Betts, Lisa  
 March 01 Toner, Ava  
 March 02 Brown, Robert  
 March 02 Voorhees, Ricci  
 March 02 Baker, Kristin  
 March 03 Toner, Ted  
 March 04 Ballard, Iola  
 March 04 Napp, Allan  
 March 04 Springer, Brent  
 March 05 Toner, Chuck  
 March 05 Plummer, Alexis  
 March 05 Sandbach, Ava  
 March 07 Glassmeyer, Judy  
 March 07 Mayer, Mark  
 March 08 Hamm, Pat  
 March 09 Bell, Corey  
 March 09 Fansler, Meg  
 March 09 Clark, Landon  
 March 10 Hamilton, Donna  
 March 10 Emerick, Micki  
 March 11 Diveley, Kasey  
 March 11 Oertle, Jill  
 March 11 Laws, Ashley  
 March 12 Toner, Brooke  
 March 13 Huddleston, John  
 March 13 Schroedter, Stephanie

March 13 Terry, Codey  
 March 13 Bonds, Hunter  
 March 17 Upple, Carol  
 March 17 Kainz, Jean  
 March 17 Foiles, Kelsey  
 March 17 Henderson, Sophia  
 March 17 Schiber, Rachel  
 March 18 Birmingham, Harvey  
 March 19 Ward, Gerry  
 March 19 Huddleston, Rick  
 March 19 Tillery, Joe  
 March 19 Witthoft, Tim  
 March 20 Clark, Katie  
 March 20 Gwaltney, Matt  
 March 21 Hill, Phyllis  
 March 21 Bishop, Krista  
 March 22 Brueggeman, Randy  
 March 22 Kamp, Lori  
 March 22 Napp, Kyle  
 March 22 Toner, Matt  
 March 22 Gebhardt, Lucas  
 March 23 Sandbach, Justin

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

March 24 Grizzle, Lucy  
 March 24 Oertle, Logan  
 March 24 White, Audrey  
 March 25 Dawson, Anita  
 March 25 LaTempt, Tonya  
 March 26 McCammon, Toby  
 March 26 Bell, Jayden  
 March 28 Sparling, Rick III  
 March 28 Watt, Tyler  
 March 29 Hamlin, Mark  
 March 29 Bentley, Tracy  
 March 30 Eyster, Chris  
 March 30 Wells, Amy  
 March 31 Gwaltney, Don Sr.  
 March 31 Blacklock, Betsy  
 March 31 Herndon, Holden



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



March 02 Dorsey, Norris & Mary Lou  
 March 03 Buatte, David & Cherie  
 March 07 Garrison, Andrew & Jennifer  
 March 07 Shewmake, Nathan & Samantha  
 March 09 Ortegren, Al & Bobbi  
 March 09 Springer, Brent & Jessie

March 11 Roberts, Brian & Jennifer  
 March 14 Basden, Bill & Gloria  
 March 19 Herndon, Jim & Jane  
 March 20 White, Jeff & Laura Mae  
 March 21 Pascoe, Doug & Joy  
 March 21 Scroggins, Mike & Linda

**It is time to UPDATE our Church Directory for 2017!**

**The church office is updating the Church Directory for 2017! Please be sure to contact the church office if you have had a change of address, phone number, or email address since the last printing! You can also make the changes in the rough copy that will be in the Narthex during the first 3 Sundays of March! The 2017 Church Directory will be available the last Sunday in March! Thank you!**





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**MONTHLY LOOSE  
CHANGE PROJECT****March's Loose Change  
Project**

**University.** This university was established as a private Methodist College. It currently has over 2,000 students and 150 staff. The university needs financial support for scholarships, building funds, and the many other needs always present in maintaining an ongoing educational institution. May God bless your gifts!

**Sunday,  
March 12th****Set your clock ahead  
one hour!****Happy St.  
Patrick's Day,  
March 17th****Capital Campaign money as of 2-28-17:  
\$216,934.97****MARCH Ushers (10:30 a.m.):****Mar. 5th:** Ian Martin Family & Trustin Dunse**Mar. 12th:** Katie Lair, Alex Lair**Mar. 19th:** FOLKS NEEDED!**Mar. 26th:** FOLKS NEEDED!**Call the Church Office (259-5210) if you will be  
a greeter or an usher!****Average Attendance for FEBRUARY 2017**

Early Service	36
Late Service	71
Sunday School	34
Visitors	5
4 Awakening Service	37

**RENEW A  
STEADFAST  
SPIRIT  
WITHIN ME.**

PSALM 51:10, NIV

**FEBRUARY Stewardship**

<b>Budget Offering:</b>	through 02/28/2017	<b>\$20506.00</b>
<b>Designated Giving:</b>	through 02/28/2017	<b>\$4029.50</b>
	Capital Improvements	325.00
	Loose Change	85.00
	Flowers	100.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	85.00
	Upper Room Donations	8.00
	Church Mutual Refund	885.00
	Offering Envelopes	51.00
	Memorials	2165.00
	2017 Steeple Postage	25.50
	Youth	50.00
<b>One Great Hour Sharing</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>		<b>15220.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$39505.50</b>

**DEADLINE FOR  
APRIL 2017  
STEEPLE, Mon.,  
MAR. 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](mailto:info@stpaulwired.org).

**DEADLINE** ... The order **MUST** be in the mail by Friday, March 10!



**PLEASE NOTE THE  
DATE CHANGE!!!**

The 2017 Women Of Worship Spring Rummage Sale will be held **Friday & Saturday, April 21 & 22** (with a Pre-Sale opportunity on **Thursday, April 20th**).

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 be on the lookout for the many things that you can donate to this annual mission fund raiser! Thank You!

## 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.





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



**Robert "Bob" Moon** 89, of Rosewood Heights passed away Tuesday February 14, 2017 at his home with his family at his side. He was born March 23, 1927 in Gillespie, IL to David Marshall & Pearl Ethel (Culp) Moon.

He married Sylvia F. Wolff April, 30, 1949 in Gillespie; she preceded him in death April 25, 2008.

He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rosewood Heights, for over 50 years. He sang in choir and was a member of the Sweets Sounds. Bob was an Engineering Specialist and worked for 32 years at Shell Oil Refinery, retiring in 1989. He was a past Member of the Moose and continued to enjoy meeting there with the Shell Oil Retirement Group. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy and served during WWII. In December he took the Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

Bob was a devoted Christian, who believed in hard work. Honesty and integrity were his hallmarks. He was also a loving father and grandfather.

Bob is survived by two daughters and sons in law, Linda D. (Dennis) Ford of Jerseyville and Laura A. (Dwight) Tungett of Bethalto; three grandchildren and their spouses, Christa (Kyle) Kelly, Stephen (Yasmina) Tungett, and Bethany (Brett) Wassink and two great grandchildren, Addison and Brenley Kelly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife; grandson, Brian Robert Ford; brother, Clifford Moon; and sister, Vera Smith.

Bob's grandchildren singing the "*Fruits of the Spirit*" song during the Celebration of his life led me to share these thoughts.

<sup>27</sup> *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.* <sup>28</sup> *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Genesis 1, KJV)*

At first glance, this verse would seem out of place today. We understand this command of God to refer only to procreation—filling the earth with our children. It is true that this verse is interpreted in that narrow sense, but I believe it is too limited an understanding for our limitless God.

We are more than mere animals—cranking out children. We have been fashioned by God's own hands and his very breath breathes in us. We are made in God's own image. Adam and Eve are called to pass on to their children an understanding of their connectedness to God. They are the sons and daughters of God. God has entrusted to them the care of His creation.

Being fruitful for us entails incorporating the fruits of the spirit into our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If Bob and Sylvia had not shared these values with their children so they could in turn share them with their children, they would have failed in living out God's command in Genesis. We are called to be fruitful in all our relationships: with God, with Creation, with each other and with our children. This separates us from the animals over whom we have dominion.

One of the reasons we have gathered together in celebration of Bob's life is because we all have experienced the fruitfulness of Bob's life. We have come to give thanks for those times Bob showed us these fruits of the spirit. Bob's example has inspired us to pass these fruits on to others.

It is not enough to keep the faith, we are to share it. In his own quiet way, Bob shared his faith with his family, his friends and neighbors and those at St. Paul. Bob was not only fruitful, he also multiplied the faith that had been shared with him. While each family member had to take up the faith as their own, the faithful witness of Bob was a powerful factor in their decision. Bob laid a strong foundation for them.

Although he could no longer drive to church, Bob made it clear to Laura and Linda that he intended to still attend worship. I know that Bob's medical condition made them hesitant to allow others to pick him up, so they took turns bringing him to worship on Saturdays or Sundays. I appreciate their faithfulness.

***Bob Moon Obituary—Continued on Page 11***



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

**Benjamin "Ben" Moore**, 95, of Rosewood Heights, IL, passed away on Sat., February 18, 2017 at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton, IL.

He was born on February 22, 1921, near Elwin, IL, the son of Jesse "Clyde" & Polly (Austin) Moore. He graduated from Macon High School and served our country in the U.S. Navy during World War II, stationed mainly at Pearl Harbor and the Philippines. Ben married Beulah Andricks on September 28, 1947, in Macon, IL, and they celebrated 69 years of marriage last fall.

Ben was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rosewood Heights. He worked for the U.S. Army Troop Support Command in St. Louis, retiring in 1980. He loved nature, fishing, being outside working in the yard, feeding birds, or sitting down with a good reference book. He was handy around the house and used to spend hours tinkering at his workbench. He had a great love of family and enjoyed telling stories about the family and of his early days.

Surviving are his wife, four children, Roger (Cathy) Moore of Cary, North Carolina, Shirley (Gary) Clark of Maryville, Rita (John) White of Rosewood Heights, and Duane (Sandy) Moore of Swansea, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, a brother, Joseph (Lola) of Bradenton, FL, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by his parents; brothers, Donald, Paul, and Charles; sisters, Velma and Lois; and a grandson, James "Andy" Moore.

Ben and I both feed the birds in the neighborhood. Often, we compared notes on the variety of the birds frequenting our feeders. That was the inspiration behind this sermon.

<sup>29</sup> "Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's permission. <sup>30</sup> Every hair on your head has been counted. <sup>31</sup> Don't be afraid! You are worth more than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So I will acknowledge in front of my Father in heaven that person who acknowledges me in front of others. Matthew 10, God's Word

These words are spoken as Jesus prepares the disciples to go out and share his message with others. It is not an easy message because they are repeating these words of Jesus from Mark: *"The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"*

Just as they did with Jesus, some will accept this message and return to worshipping God while others will persist in their stubborn rebellion against God. When they are rejected, Jesus advises the disciples to shake the dust off their feet and move on to the next home.

Jesus' purpose in mentioning the sparrows is to encourage the disciples to persevere in this difficult ministry. The sparrows aren't sold as pets, but rather in the Temple as an animal sacrifice to God. Sparrows what the poor bought for their sacrifices because it was all they could afford.

Jesus' message is that we have a God who notices if even one sparrow falls to the ground. If God pays attention to the least in His creation, how much more He will take note of us: the very height of creation.

Our God has formed us with His own hands from the earth and breathed into us His own breath. Stamped upon our heart is the very image of God. God knows each one of us intimately and by name. Why God even knows the number of hairs upon our head.

The key to this whole passage is found in verse 28. I love the way The Message puts it: ***"DON'T BE BLUFFED INTO SILENCE BY THE THREATS OF BULLIES. THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO TO YOUR SOUL, YOUR CORE BEING. SAVE YOUR FEAR FOR GOD, WHO HOLDS YOUR ENTIRE LIFE—BODY AND SOUL—IN HIS HANDS."***

While we wept as Ben Moore passed from this world into the next, we knew that his soul never left God's loving hands. A long time ago, Ben had given his life to God. So as we weep today, we weep in the assurance that we will see Ben again. We shall be reunited with Ben and all those who have gone before us.

***Ben Moore Obituary—Continued on Page 11***



**Bob Moon Obituary—Continued from Page 9**

We believe that we are saved by grace through faith; not good works like attending church. However, showing up Sunday after Sunday reminds everyone which side you are on. I know that Bob & Sylvia showed up because they were thankful for the abundant blessings that God had poured into their lives. God deserved all the praise they could offer Him!

Paul reminds us in the passage from 2 Corinthians that these earthly bodies of ours were never meant to be permanent. They are like a tent that is quickly taken down once it is no longer needed. Nor is this earth our home. We are only passing through.

Bob was a member of our Sweet Sounds group. One of the songs they often sang goes like this:

This world is not my home, I'm just passing through  
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue  
The angels beckon me from Heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

They're all expecting me and that's one thing I know  
My Savior pardoned me and now I onward go  
I know He'll take me through though I am weak and poor  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

**Refrain:**

*O Lord, you know I have no friend like you  
If Heaven's not my home, then Lord what will I do?  
The angels beckon me from Heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.*

Just up in glory land we'll live eternally  
The Saints on every hand are shouting victory  
Their song of sweetest praise drifts back from Heaven's shore  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Bob has arrived home and while we weep, we weep as those with hope. The certain hope that we shall see Bob and all of our loved ones again. Meanwhile, we are called to live out the command of God in Genesis—to be fruitful and multiply—especially in terms of sharing the fruits of the spirit with all whom we meet. In this way, we live the lessons that Bob taught us.

Please keep Bob's children and their families in your prayers. Pastor Daryl

**Ben Moore Obituary—Continued from Page 10**

When Jesus lays out the plan of ministry for the disciples, he begins with this charge in Matthew 10: *"DON'T BEGIN BY TRAVELING TO SOME FAR-OFF PLACE TO CONVERT UNBELIEVERS. AND DON'T TRY TO BE DRAMATIC BY TACKLING SOME PUBLIC ENEMY. GO TO THE LOST, CONFUSED PEOPLE RIGHT HERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD."*

I lift up these words to reinforce the value of Ben Moore's gentle, kind evangelism. His telling of the good news involved more listening than preaching. His evangelism consisted of loving people where they were at rather than where you wished they were.

We who are gathered here today—family, friends, neighbors, fellow worshipers are proof that you don't have to be dramatic to be an effective witness to Jesus Christ. We are here because the seed of faith in our lives has been planted, fertilized and strengthened by Ben. Without his encouragement, none of us would be as far along as we are in this journey of faith. We praise God for this precious life that has been shared with us.

The God who notices the sparrow has not overlooked Ben Moore. God caught Ben before he hit the ground and gathered him into his loving arms and gently carried him home. This is what we believe. This is what we celebrate today.

Please keep Beulah & Ben's whole family in your prayers. Pastor Daryl





## St. Paul United Methodist Church

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, April 1, 2017**

**Doors Open at 6:00pm**

**Trivia Starts at 7:00pm**

**Cost:** \$120 per table-Maximum 8 players per table. Reservations are required by calling Ryan Tite in advance at 618-960-9134 or by emailing at [ryantite67@gmail.com](mailto:ryantite67@gmail.com). Reservations are first come, first serve, and we have 30 tables available!

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

Summoning all Muggles and Wizards! Come out and support the St. Paul UMC Capital Campaign currently in progress with a Harry Potter themed Trivia Night! Questions will come from both the books and movies. We welcome all Harry Potter costumes! There is a cash prize for First Place, a Silent Auction, and Dessert Auction!!! Popcorn, Soda, and Coffee provided. No alcohol is allowed.

For more information or to reserve a table, call Ryan Tite at 618-960-9134 or email at [ryantite67@gmail.com](mailto:ryantite67@gmail.com).



## COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

**April 14 @ 7 p.m.**

**First United Methodist Church -  
Wood River**

This year's service will be a  
**TENEBRAE Service**

**Special offering taken...plan now to attend!**

Sponsored by Wood River Township Ministerial  
Alliance and the Hartford Churches

## MORE TRIVIA NIGHT INFORMATION

The Capital Campaign Fundraising Committee at St. Paul UMC will be hosting the second annual trivia night on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Please see the flyer next to this information for other details. All proceeds will go towards the Capital Campaign. You may have heard some rumors that the trivia night will be Harry Potter themed. These rumors are true! The following are a few reasons this theme was chosen:

- **We've asked for a lot of money from the congregation this year.** When we started this campaign, we wanted community involvement and we feel this is one way we can achieve this goal. But wait, this doesn't mean you are not invited! We would love for you to come!
- **Hosting an event of this scale requires many volunteers.** If Harry Potter isn't your thing, we would love for you to help during the event or with set-up/clean-up. We also need silent auction items donated. You all made the silent auction a huge success last year and let's do it again together!
- **As a church, we want to reach the next generation for Christ.** Harry Potter and this next generation go hand in hand! This is an opportunity to open our doors to them and make a connection with them.

### How you can help:

- **Volunteer to help during the event!** We need runners, kitchen helpers, and help with set-up/clean-up.
- **Invite the Harry Potter fans you know** and share the event on Facebook (trivia event can be found on the Awakening and the St. Paul UMC Facebook pages).
- **Donate items for silent auction** and the highly-acclaimed dessert auction (look for more info in the church bulletin).
- **Pray for all those involved** with the event and those who come through our doors that night.

The ultimate goal of the Capital Campaign was to preserve the physical integrity of our beautiful facilities for the entire community to enjoy. We pray this event will help achieve this objective. So, get those tables together and enjoy this magical evening!

Please contact Ryan Tite by phone at 618-960-9134 or email at [ryantite67@gmail.com](mailto:ryantite67@gmail.com) for additional questions or to reserve a table!

### Immediate need for the Trivia Night April 1st:

We need two or three liter size bottles of soda for the event. If you can donate some, please place them in the kitchen. (Also, if you can sponsor a round or donate a silent auction item/basket, it would be greatly appreciated!)



## 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

**Mission Possible News....**

We wanted to take just a brief bit of space in this month's newsletter to let you know that our Mission Possible projects are moving along very well. To-date **we have finished 79%** of our original priority work and we are still only at an indebtedness level of \$159,000 of which \$71,000 is owed to the St. Paul Endowment Fund. We appreciate very much the **special fund raising activities**, in addition to the Capital Fund Campaign, that have taken place to help us meet our renovation needs. The **Souper Bowl Party Soup/Chili Cook-Off, Singing Telegrams For Your Valentine, the WOW Chicken & Noodles Dinner**, and the upcoming **Trivia Night** in these first few months of 2017 have been a God-send in terms of allowing us to look not only at the projects we have left but to also look at meeting additional needs that have "popped up" since our Mission Possible kickoff. As we continue to look at our three levels of priorities, very soon we will be providing you with some information relative to participation in a phone tree opportunity that does not have an annual fee, nor does it require purchasing expensive equipment to run the program, nor will it allow the selling of your contact information to another vendor. This technological opportunity will allow the church to communicate with congregants, above and beyond the newsletter and bulletins, even more effectively and timely, especially as regards inclement weather issues, at a very affordable price. More information to come on this advancement will be posted in next month's newsletter, if not before.

An important focus of the Trustees, as we look at the remaining work and any additional needs that have come along, will be to determine how much, if any, additional loaned money we will need vs. our ability as a church to meet the monthly payment on the loans. In short, we take very seriously our "charge" to serve as good stewards of the St. Paul funds via your contributions. God bless you and your dedication to St. Paul, your generosity, and may God continue to bless our efforts to maintain the Lord's house here at St. Paul!

**St. Paul UMC Board of Trustees****CAMPING...CAMPING...CAMPING**

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

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING IS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26.** Your generous gift supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) which offers immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and offers emergency medical and food supplies to those in need. Because these gifts support the administrative costs of our disaster relief, 100% of whatever you donate for a specific disaster goes to direct aid. One of our long-term commitments is to the Kilis refugee camp in Turkey for those who have fled the Syrian War. Our special ministry is to provide play spaces and programs for the children in that setting so they may just be children. Because you support this offering, we are able to be a Christian presence in time of great upheaval in people's lives throughout the world.



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**UNDERSTANDING & GIVING TO MISSION POSSIBLE**

The following information is provided to clarify information 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 in **January 2016**, you were able to 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 –2018 envelopes. **If you have any questions, please call the Church Office for clarification.**

**► IMPORTANT ◀**

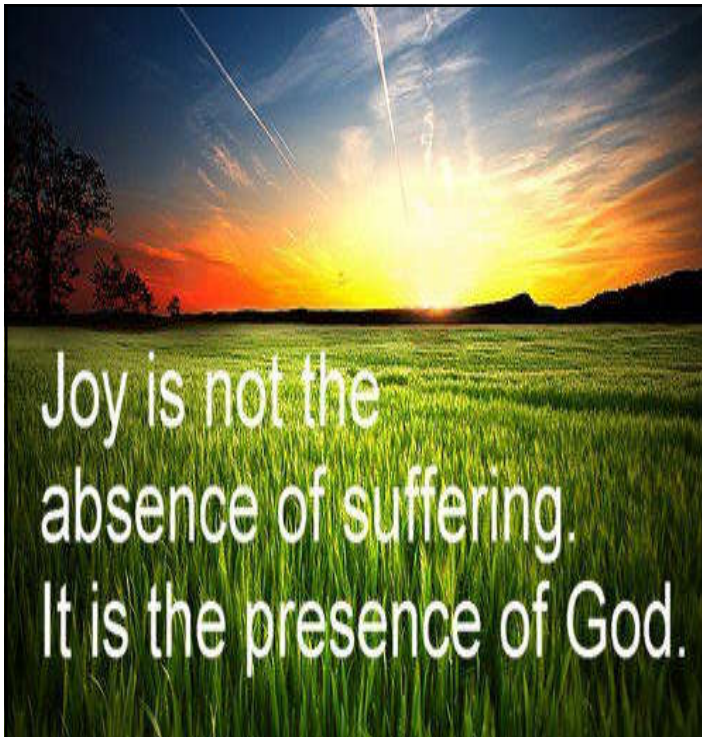
**Please, look for the MISSION POSSIBLE in red on the outside of any envelopes from St. Paul UMC for timely information regarding our Capital Fund Campaign!**





*May*  
**God Bless You**  
ON YOUR JOURNEY

**Eldon Wold, Jr.** has resigned as our music director, effective March 31. He is relocating to Arizona and begins a new job on April 1. We are thankful for the beautiful music that has added so much to our worship services. We wish Eldon Godspeed on this next stage of his journey. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is already meeting to discover the next Music Director that God will send our way. We thank **Ann French** who has agreed to fill in for us through Easter. We are so very thankful for her willingness to share her talent with us.



## Midwest Mission Distribution Center 2016 In Review

**Thank you for making life-changing work possible!**

### **TOTAL DONATIONS DISBURSED:**

446,727 pounds

### **TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

299,497 pounds

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

2,402

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS:**

34,377

### **US DISBURSEMENTS:**

198 Shipments

### **INTERNATIONAL:**

17 Shipments

### **MMDC Kits and Projects**

Student School Bags - 17,158

Teacher School Bags - 271

School Desks - 576

Personal Dignity Kits - 30,278

Bikes - 493

Sewing Machines - 285

### **UMCOR Kits**

Health Kits - 6,936

Layette Kits - 1,593

Cleaning Buckets - 8,948

Bedding Kits - 52

School Kits - 2,121

Sewing Kits - 403

Birthing Kits - 1,278

**We look forward to continuing to partner with you in 2017 as we work to bring hope to even more people and places.**