



# The Steeple

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“I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and earth had disappeared, and the sea was gone. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, dressed like a bride ready for her husband. <sup>3</sup> I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “God lives with humans! God will make his home with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There won’t be any more death. There won’t be any grief, crying, or pain, because the first things have disappeared.”  
<sup>5</sup> The one sitting on the throne said, “I am making everything new.”

~Revelation 21 (God’s Word)

At its May meeting, the Church Council asked the Awakening Team and the Worship Ministry Team to work together on a new design for the worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. The redesigned service would be rolled out in September and include music played by a worship band. (When this service debuts, the Awakening Service on Saturday nights would cease.) The 8:15 a.m. worship service would remain a traditional service (except during the summers whenever we worship outside).

Our desire is to create a worship service at 10:30 a.m. that would connect more generations and more people with Christ. I will share more specifics with you as our worship group does its work. At this point the only label that I will place upon our work is that I desire to create a worship service at 10:30 a.m. that is *indigenous*. The definition of *indigenous* is: *originating in and characteristic of a particular region or country; native*. We want a worship service that is natural for those who worship at St. Paul. The Church Council, for example, has decided that the Worship Choir and Bell Choir will continue to sing and play during the 10:30 a.m. service.

In his book, *How to Start a New Service*, Charles Arn says that two themes should be present in every worship service: *1/ You are loved by a personal God and personally by God’s family, and 2/ There is hope. Love helps us manage the present; hope helps us face the future.* I have shared these two themes with the worship group, so we may strive to design worship that assures us of God’s love for us and gives us eternal hope. In this crazy world we live in, we need these two things more than ever. We want to share with our neighbors the love and hope that we have found in Jesus Christ!

We know that our work needs to be surrounded by prayer. We ask all of you to pray each day for the worship group involved in this redesigning process. Please pray that we may offer a service at 10:30 a.m. that connects multiple generations to Jesus Christ. Please pray that we may start small groups that help people grow in discipleship. Please pray that we provide more opportunities for hands on service for those attending our worship services. Please pray that God may do a *new thing* through us that will enable all of us to be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Pastor Daryl



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOU!

- **Samantha Foss & Brennen Hermens** were joined in marriage on May 27th at our church. One of their first acts as husband and wife was to share Holy Communion. We pray that Christ will always be at the center of their marriage, keeping it strong.
  - **Congratulations** to these Silver Medallion winners among our High School graduates: **Aiden Napp**, Alton High School; **Jaxson Helmkamp**, Civic Memorial High School; and **Caroline Campbell**, East Alton/Wood River High School. Caroline Campbell was also named a St. Louis Post Dispatch Athlete of the Year for her academic achievement and pursuits on the basketball court and softball field.
  - **Dennis Price**, pastor at Troy UMC, is retiring at this Annual Conference. His son, Tim, served as one of our youth directors. We wish Dennis & Iris good health and good times in retirement. Dennis has bought a big pick-up truck and a herd of cattle in his return to the family farm.
  - Congratulations to our St. Paul UMC Bowling Team. This year's awards included: **Jim Funke** winning high average in the men's division, **Maggie Funke** winning high average in the women's division, **Mark Mayer** winning high series (756) in the men's division, and **Tana Yankovich** receiving a 3rd high most improved award. Overall the team came in at third place for the year. And if anyone is interested in joining the team for the next season speak to Mark Mayer.
  - Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Haley Michel**, submitted by Matt & Christina Johnson; the family of **Mary Strohbeck**, cousin of Margie Hall, Ruth Champlin, Dorothy Kasinger; the family of **Donna Marshall**, submitted by Christina Johnson; the family of **Kimberly Krug**; the family of **Harold Michel**, (his granddaughter Haley died at the end of April) submitted by Matt & Christina Johnson; and the family & Congregation of **Pastor Martin Schultz**, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church-Wood River. May you all know God's comfort and peace in the days ahead.
  - **Congratulations to our graduates of 2017!** They include: **Pharmacy Technician School:** HS3 Jacobb H. Uzzell, United States Coast Guard; **Graduate School:** Jaymie Voorhees; **College:** Melvin Johnson; **High School:** Carly Campbell, Luke Dawson, Jaxsen Helmkamp, Aiden Napp, Ilona Natsch, Madison Scroggins, Abbygail Skjerseth, Heather Thompason; **Junior High:** Madelyn Adams, Lizzie Dawson, Lauryn Decker, Autumn Franks, Logan Scroggins. God bless you all as you take your next step in your life journey. (If we missed anyone, please help us out and let the Church Office know! Thank you!)
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- **THANK YOU:** Sometimes blessings come our way when we least expect it...Thank you to all of you! Thanks everyone for the care, expressions of concern, and prayers for our son "Ron." It made a world of difference. He got through his ordeal just fine! He is now on the mend having a way to go to finish healing. Gratefully, **Ron & Flo Nelson**
  - **THANK YOU:** to all who helped us with the Bowling Banquet this year! The league really appreciates being able to use our space for this special event and we could not do it without all who donate their time and skills! **-Women of Worship-**



**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

**~Jeremiah 29:11~**

This has become my favorite Bible verse over the years for many reasons. From a personal standpoint, it keeps me grounded and pushing forward as I continue with my college studies. It also gives me hope from where I stand as the Awakening Worship Coordinator. God gives us hope for the future, plans to prosper, and promises not to harm us. So why is it so hard for us to trust in His plan?

Sometimes changes occur that make us nervous because we have always done things the same way for so long. But, this type of thinking leaves us at a standstill and creates a barrier that can often hold us back from growing. It is important to trust in God's plan for our future. God has a plan for St. Paul United Methodist Church, and I am trusting in Him. God is always here for us, isn't it about time we are there for Him, too?

A note was left in my mailbox that said, **"Show up! . . . Make it a priority to show up! You may be surprised at the results! . . . but blessings and God are everywhere. God knows the plans He has for us."** (Credit goes to Sue Keasler at EAFUMC for this excerpt.) How true these words ring, to show up and be faithful for the Lord. We will always find reasons to not want to do something, we will always have excuses. But always make God a priority and show up for Him.

Speaking of showing up, we hope that you will show up for the first ever **Paws In The Park** on **Sunday, June 4th**. Registration **begins at 4:30 p.m.** A **Pet Parade** and **Blessing of the Pets** will take place at **5:30 p.m.** Rosewood Heights Fire Department will have a truck on the lot for the kids to check out, and the East Alton Police Department will have their D.A.R.E. Hummer on display. Loretta Williams, a local artist, will have artwork on display and offers pet portraits (oil paintings on canvas). Donations are being collected for the Riverbend Pet Food Pantry. Please help us give back to this wonderful ministry! If you or someone you know would like a table to display your information or goods, vendor space is available at no cost. Please contact Lauren to be placed on the list. (660-7967 or [lauren.cranmer@online.gbcol.edu](mailto:lauren.cranmer@online.gbcol.edu))

**Be blessed,  
Lauren Cranmer - Awakening Worship Coordinator**

**APPRAISER**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



All of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;  
we all shrivel up like a leaf,  
and like the wind our sins sweep us away. — ISAIAH 64:6 NIV





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

**3rd** - NO AWAKENING THIS NIGHT... Instead join us on **Sunday, June 4th** - for PAWS IN THE PARK. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and there is a PET PARADE and a PET BLESSING at 5:30 p.m. There will be a variety vendors, fun activities, and we will be collecting pet food. Vendor space is free so if you want to set up a table contact Lauren at 660-7967 or lauren.cranmer@online.gbcol.edu ASAP!

**10th** - Doug Pascoe

**17th** - VBS Program: Come see what the children learned.

**24th** - Lois Mitchell

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



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



**4: Day of Pentecost. Communion Sunday. Graduate Sunday. Catch-Up Sunday.** The 8:15 a.m. service moves outside to the amphitheater for the summer. In case of rain, we will worship in the sanctuary. The 10:30 a.m. service worships in the sanctuary. During the 10:30 a.m. service, we recognize our Jr. High, High School, College, and Graduate School graduates.



Pastor Daryl completes his sermon series on discipleship, talking today about the difference disciples make in the world.



**11: 1st Sunday after Pentecost. Birthday Sunday.** Pastor Daryl begins a sermon series entitled *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God* to accompany our Vacation Bible School program. Today he talks about *living the superhero life*.



**18: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost. Father's Day.** Every father present receives a gift during both services. Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series entitled *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God* to accompany our Vacation Bible School program. Today he talks about *living life as a man of steel*.

**25: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost.** Pastor Daryl continues the sermon series entitled *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God* to accompany our Vacation Bible School program. Today he talks about *living life as a woman of wonder*.



# JULY IS COMING!



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

As spring turns to summer and you spend more time outdoors, don't forget how important it is to protect your skin from the sun's harsh rays. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime. Skin cancer takes on a very personal meaning for me as my dad died from squamous cell carcinoma. It started on the inner cheek in his mouth, but he did not have it checked as recommended by the dentist until it was too far advanced. He died a very painful death in 2009.



**Skin cancer** occurs when mutations form in the DNA of skin cells, causing them to grow out of control. Usually, the damage results from exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which comes from the sun and artificial rays (tanning beds, sunlamps). Skin cancer most often appears in areas that are exposed to the sun, such as the face, head, neck, hands, lips, ears and scalp. However, the disease can also develop in other areas. About 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

**Some statistics:** **1.** On average, a person's risk for melanoma doubles if he or she has had more than five sunburns. **2.** Regular daily use of an SPF 15 or higher sunscreen reduces the risk of developing squamous cell carcinoma by about 40 percent, and the risk of developing melanoma by 50 percent. **3.** More than 419,000 cases of skin cancer in the U.S. each year are linked to **indoor tanning**, including about 245,000 basal cell carcinomas, 168,000 squamous cell carcinomas, and 6,200 melanomas. **4.** People who first use a tanning bed before age 35 increase their risk for melanoma by 75 percent. **5.** The estimated 5-year melanoma survival rate for blacks is only 69 percent, versus 93 percent for whites.

People with certain risk factors are more likely than others to develop skin cancer. Risk factors vary for different types of skin cancer, but *some general risk factors* are:

- A lighter natural skin color... Family history of skin cancer... A personal history of skin cancer...
- Exposure to the sun through work and play... A history of sunburns, especially early in life...
- A history of indoor tanning... Skin that burns, freckles, reddens easily, or becomes painful in the sun...
- Fair skin... Blond or red hair... Large number of moles...

The incidence of melanoma in African Americans is much lower than in Caucasians due to the additional melanin, or pigment, in the skin. While this pigment offers some sun protection, dark brown or black skin is **not** a guarantee against melanoma. Once African Americans are diagnosed with melanoma, studies have shown that their long-term survival is **significantly lower** than that of Caucasians, 58.8 percent compared to 84.8 percent.

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends a sunscreen with an SPF 15 or higher as one important part of a complete sun protection regimen. Sunscreen alone is not enough. Here are other tips:

- ▶ **Seek the shade**, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- ▶ **Do not burn.** Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.
- ▶ **Cover up** with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- ▶ **Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen** with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.
- ▶ **Keep newborns out of the sun.** Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.
- ▶ **Examine your skin** head-to-toe every month.
- ▶ **See your physician** every year for a professional skin assessment each year.

When UV rays reach the skin's inner layer, the skin makes more melanin. Melanin is the pigment that colors the skin. It moves toward the outer layers of the skin and becomes visible as a tan.

**For the Littles....**Just a few serious sunburns can increase your child's risk of skin cancer later in life. Kids don't have to be at the pool, beach, or on vacation to get too much sun. Their skin needs protection from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays whenever they're outdoors.

**Seek shade.** UV rays are strongest and most harmful during midday, so it's best to plan indoor activities then. If this is not possible, seek shade under a tree, an umbrella, or a pop-up tent. Use these options to prevent sunburn, not to seek relief after it's happened.

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- June 01 Scroggins, Eric
- June 01 Helmkamp, Jansen
- June 02 Campbell, Sarah
- June 02 Wood, Eric
- June 03 Goss, Patsy
- June 03 Dawson, Sarah
- June 04 Roberts, Karen
- June 04 Birmingham, Jon
- June 04 Lair, Katie
- June 04 Scroggins, Jonathan
- June 05 Sandbach, Jennifer
- June 06 Champlin, Ruth
- June 06 Duryea, Myrna
- June 06 Franklin, Don
- June 06 Bailey, Donna
- June 06 Cruthis, Scott
- June 07 Brueggeman, Joyce
- June 08 Huebner, Vi
- June 09 Burt, J.J. Jr.
- June 09 Bourne, Jimmy
- June 09 Gwaltney, Jacob
- June 09 Standefer, Tori
- June 10 Sandbach, Aubrey
- June 10 Virgin, Olivia
- June 11 Jensen, Lindsey

- June 11 Hart, Gary
- June 12 Murbarger, Diane
- June 12 Champa, Cheryl
- June 12 Fansler, Deb
- June 12 Bowman, Debbie
- June 12 Sullivan, Bill
- June 14 Schiber, Dave
- June 14 Herndon, Harper
- June 15 Sheppard, Ashley
- June 15 Betts, Autumn
- June 16 Liedtke, Trista
- June 17 Bourne, Brianne
- June 17 Spurgeon, Jenny
- June 18 Barnes, Nicole
- June 18 Hermens, Samantha
- June 18 Suermann, August
- June 18 Vore, Xavier
- June 18 Vore, Zoe
- June 19 Caldwell, Dustin
- June 19 Yates, Sydnie

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

- June 20 Martin, Karen
- June 20 Tillery, Amie
- June 20 Redden, Annie
- June 20 White, Abigail
- June 21 Bell, Lawson
- June 22 Virgin, Ethan
- June 23 Graves, Wanda
- June 23 White, John
- June 25 Voorhees, Steve
- June 25 Standefer, Summer
- June 25 Clark, Caden
- June 27 McLain, Jamie
- June 27 Sandbach, Kaden
- June 28 Link, Deb
- June 29 Cisler, Marilyn
- June 30 Szegegy, Sharon
- June 30 Williams, Jeri
- June 30 Lair, William



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



- June 01 Redden, Darin Sr. & Chandra
- June 07 Myers, John & Laurie
- June 07 Burt, J.J. Jr. & Jackie Beth
- June 08 Huff, Joe & Sherry
- June 08 Eyster, Brian & Chris
- June 09 Inman, Terry & Sharon
- June 10 Huebner, Richard & Vi
- June 10 Boeshans, Cory & Jackie
- June 11 Huddleston, Rick & Jeannie
- June 11 Brueggeman, Randy & Joyce
- June 14 Natsch, Steve & Julie
- June 15 Cheatham, Douglas & Eileen

- June 16 Gwaltney, Don Sr. & Kay
- June 17 Bentley, Jay III & Tracy
- June 20 Herndon, Neil & Jade
- June 22 Champa, Larry & Cheryl
- June 24 Ballard, Larry & Iola
- June 24 Lewis, Herrell & Bettie
- June 24 Hinkle, Bob Sr. & Evelyn
- June 26 Demond, Richard & Dell
- June 26 Toner, Mike & Teresa
- June 28 Toner, Matt & Kristen
- June 30 Hughes, Steve & Janet

Be Sure To Pick Up A copy of the Church Directory for 2017!

Please be sure to contact the church office if you have a change of address, phone number, or email address! Thank you!



**MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT**



June's Loose Change Project is the **Happy Bear Project** for our church. Members of the church make bears that are given to Alton Memorial Hospital. These are then distributed to children in pediatrics and/or coming through the emergency room in time of crisis. The bears provide security and comfort for the children. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

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**DEADLINE FOR  
JULY 2017  
STEEPLE, Tues.,  
JUNE 20th!**

**Capital Campaign money as of 5-31-17:**

**\$246,653.95**

**JUNE Ushers (10:30 a.m.):**

**June 4th:** Anita Dawson, Tracy Franks

**June 11th:** Katie and Alex Lair

**June 18th:** Dave Schiber Family

**June 25th: FOLKS NEEDED!**

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

Average Attendance for MAY 2017

Early Service	34
Late Service	46
Sunday School	28
Visitors	9
4 Awakening Service	35



**MAY Stewardship**

Budget Offering:	through 05/31/2017	\$22177.50
Designated Giving:	through 05/31/2017	\$1132.50
	Capital Improvements	90.00
	Loose Change	97.50
	Flowers	100.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	0.00
	Upper Room Donations	40.00
	Funeral Dinners	50.00
	Memorials	265.00
	Van Gas Donation	40.00
	VBS	25.00
	Wedding Fee	225.00
	Charles McKnelly	200.00
Capital Campaign		1130.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$24440.00</b>

**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



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

at 8:15 a.m.

JUNE 4th-AUGUST 27th

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

# HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

## CRAFT ON FATHER'S DAY!

On Father's Day, Sunday June 18, during our "More Jesus Time" held at the same time as the 10:30 a.m. service, the children will be making a special Father's Day craft item. We invite your children and grandchildren to join us in the fun!



If there is enough interest, Pastor Daryl is willing to lead a small group session on *The Shack*. The small group would meet for five weeks. Either email the pastor at [dfansler@stpaulwired.org](mailto:dfansler@stpaulwired.org) or call the Church Office at 259-5210. Indicate the good weekdays and times for your participation.



**THANK YOU!** The Women of Worship would again like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this year's Rummage Sale a success. **DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS –THANK YOU –** God Bless Everyone who participated in **any way**. We couldn't have done it without your help!  
**-Women of Worship-**

The results of the sale are:  
Crafts sold = \$80  
All other sales = \$1780.00!





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**Cover up.** When possible, long-sleeved shirts and long pants and skirts can provide protection from UV rays. Clothes made from tightly woven fabric offer the best protection. A wet T-shirt offers much less UV protection than a dry one, and darker colors may offer more protection than lighter colors. Some clothing certified under international standards comes with information on its ultraviolet protection factor.

**Get a hat.** Hats that shade the face, scalp, ears, and neck are easy to use and give great protection. Baseball caps are popular among kids, but they don't protect their ears and neck. If your child chooses a cap, be sure to protect exposed areas with sunscreen.

**Wear sunglasses.** They protect your child's eyes from UV rays, which can lead to cataracts later in life.

**Apply sunscreen.** Use sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and UVA and UVB (broad spectrum) protection every time your child goes outside. For the best protection, apply sunscreen generously 30 minutes before going outdoors. Don't forget to protect ears, noses, lips, and the tops of feet. Take sunscreen with you to reapply during the day, especially after your child swims or exercises. This applies to waterproof and water-resistant products as well.

*Follow the directions on the package for using a sunscreen product on babies less than 6 months old. All products do not have the same ingredients; if your or your child's skin reacts badly to one product, try another one or call a doctor. Your baby's best defense against sunburn is avoiding the sun or staying in the shade.*

Keep in mind, sunscreen is not meant to allow kids to spend more time in the sun than they would otherwise. Try combining sunscreen with other options to prevent UV damage.

Oops! Kids often get sunburned when they are outdoors unprotected for longer than expected. Remember to plan ahead, and keep sun protection handy—in your car, bag, or child's backpack... **Too Much Sun Hurts!** Turning pink? Unprotected skin can be damaged by the sun's UV rays in as little as 15 minutes. Yet it can take up to 12 hours for skin to show the full effect of sun exposure. So, if your child's skin looks "a little pink" today, it may be burned tomorrow morning. To prevent further burning, get your child out of the sun.

**Tanning and Teens?** There's no other way to say it—tanned skin is damaged skin. Any change in the color of your skin after time outside—whether sunburn or suntan—indicates damage from UV rays.

**The Weather:** Cool and cloudy? Children still need protection. UV rays, not the temperature, do the damage. Clouds do not block UV rays, they filter them—and sometimes only slightly.

If you find something suspicious you can also take advantage of the free skin screenings at Alton Memorial Hospital. The screenings are offered the second Wednesday of each month at our Cancer Center. You can call 1-800-392-0936. The skin screening is just what it says- a "screening". If something looks suspicious enough for a biopsy or special medication then an appointment will need to be made with Dr. Ahmed or a dermatologist of your choice. If you have any questions, please ask.

We thank you Lord, for the earthly father who loved us, for the grandfather who cared for us, but most of all for You- our heavenly Father, the eternal Father, who created us, loved us and is always with us. How blessed we are!

Eileen





## 2017 Annual Conference June 8-10 Peoria Civic Center

Annual Conference meets June 7-10 at the Civic Center in Peoria. Your representatives are Pastor Daryl, Ryan Tite, and JoAnn Hill. This year's theme is *Let's Get Fired Up! For Kids*. Besides engaging in inspiration worship and learning sessions, the Annual Conference sets the area budget, passes resolutions, and does other necessary business. You will receive a report from our delegates after the conference. We thank you for your generous gifts for the Conference Mission project. Together we accomplish great things for Christ.

**Please remember to keep Pastor Daryl, JoAnn Hill, and Ryan Tite in your prayers as they participate in this year's Annual Conference as our representatives.**

While Pastor Daryl is required to attend Annual Conference, he is able to return to meet emergency needs. You may reach him by calling the Church Office or by calling 618-980-0232.



## VBS 2017

June 12 - 16  
9:30 a.m. - Noon

For Vacation Bible School we have much of our leadership in place, but workers are still needed! We will have **Classes** for children ages 3 (and potty-trained) to 6th grade. The **Stations** are: Recreation, Crafts, Movie, Story, Snacks, Praise Songs, Science Lab, Puppets & Play. **Class Leaders, Class Assistants, Station Assistants, and extra Helpers - openings in each area are available.**

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

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

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

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



# ROGER GRIMMETT, DS FAREWELL EVENT

## JUNE 4 3-5 PM Caseyville UMC

There will be a **short presentation at 4 p.m.**

The committee is asking each church/individual to bring a gift certificate to be placed in a larger box and given to them as a gift from the district. Gift cards from restaurants/home decor would be best.

I am asking that all the pastors bring a sermon outline and/or book of sermons for Roger--all for fun! You can make the titles crazy....

**And ALL the lay people of the church are invited as well!! Please come!**

Ed Weston, Chairperson, DS Committee

## 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*.



## Sunday, June 4th is Catch-Up Sunday!

We invite you to join the others at St. Paul in giving a special gift to help us catch up on our apportionments. We have special envelopes for this special offering or you may designate an amount labeled 'Catch-Up' on your regular offering envelope, you may stop by the Church Office with a gift or you may give online via credit card through our website.

Our income this year has fallen short of what we need to meet our necessary expenditures. Currently, we are **\$15,000** behind in payment of our apportionments.

We understand that some of our families are struggling financially. We have prayed with those who are unemployed, those who are supporting children who are underemployed, those who are helping aging parents, and those living on fixed incomes. We know your situations and we care. Our intent isn't to make you feel guilty if you are unable to give financially on *Catch-Up Sunday*, but only to be honest and transparent about our situation. You should expect nothing less from us.

God does expect all of us to worship Him. Jesus makes it clear that His goal is that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that *"He is Lord."* Whether or not you are able to make a special *Catch-Up* gift, we expect the gift of your presence in worship.

We leave you with this thought from Billy Graham: **"GOD HAS GIVEN US TWO HANDS-- ONE TO RECEIVE WITH AND OTHER TO GIVE WITH. WE ARE NOT WELLS MADE FOR HOARDING; WE ARE CHANNELS MADE FOR SHARING."** Your *Catch-Up Sunday Offering* will enable us to be a wide channel for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with our world and our community.

The Finance Committee



## 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 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 **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.**

**MISSION PROJECT FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Attendees to 2017 Annual Conference are urged to have their congregations collect items for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. A truck will be located at the Peoria Civic Center to accept those donations during the Annual Conference.

***The Midwest Mission Distribution Center is seeking the following:***

- Kitchen dishwashing gloves**
- Insect repellent spray, 6 to 14 oz. (ex. Off, Cutter)**
- Scouring pads**
- Pens - with no advertising**
- Protractors - 6" with metric measurements**

Those wishing to help with the cost of shipping and/or the purchase of supplies in bulk can make checks payable to **MMDC** and mail them to: **MMDC, PO Box 56, Chatham, IL 62629**

**You may start to bring your items any time and through Sunday, JUNE 4th.**