



# The Steeple



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of Rosewood Heights, Illinois

**AUGUST 2017**

***“The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:18***

It is interesting that in many of the churches we baby boomers built, the cross was absent. Some argued that it was meaningless to those outside the church while others viewed it as a negative symbol.

Now, there is no rule that says a church has to have a cross. You could have the most elegant cross in the world adorning the front of your sanctuary and still not be living the teachings of Christ.

However, it is interesting to note that those churches that are being repurposed or built by millennials have crosses. Symbols that signify our faith are important to this generation. The cross is a reminder of so many truths: Jesus lives, Jesus is at the center of our faith, Jesus' way is a way of sacrifice. You may wish to add some thoughts of your own.

The millennials present in our churches want the world to know that the cross is the very power of God. There is no other way for a disciple of Jesus than the way of the cross.

Writing to a church that has lost its way and is mired in spiritual conflict and confusion, Paul mentions Jesus 10 times within the first 10 verses of the first letter to the church at Corinth. He is convinced that the first step out of their troubles is to restore Christ to His place at the center of the church. We are not followers of Apollos or Peter or Paul. We are followers of Jesus! All that we say and do should glorify Jesus!

***For Paul, the crucified Christ is always at the center of our faith.*** Paul makes it clear that if we want to follow Jesus, then we need to take up our crosses. The way of the cross alone leads to the life we truly desire. It is the way of the cross that leads home.

***THE WAY OF THE CROSS IS ONE OF DISCIPLESHIP.*** Bishop Will Willimon has written: *“Christian discipleship means finding out where Jesus is going and then following him.”* We are called to follow a person, not a new law. The goal for each of us is to become more like our Lord. You and I will never be perfect like Jesus, but the good news is that we can come closer this year than last. And we will certainly be closer than if we had never tried to model ourselves after our Lord.

***THE WAY OF THE CROSS IS ONE OF COMMITMENT.*** In a small college town, a bar frequented by students ran the following ad in the campus paper during the day before Parents' Weekend: *“Bring your parents for lunch on Saturday. We'll pretend that we don't know you.”* The ad was soon answered by the college chaplain, who posted a revised version on the campus bulletin board. It read: *“Bring your parents to chapel on Sunday. We'll pretend we know you well.”*

It's so easy to slip onto other paths than the pathway of Jesus. It is difficult to keep our feet committed to the way of the cross. So often before I step into difficult situations I pray saying, *“Lord, what have you gotten me into? I didn't sign onto doing this when you said, ‘Follow me.’”* And Jesus answers, *“Yes, it's all in the small print. Anyway, I'm with you so everything will be alright.”* Jesus leads us down paths we would rather not walk, ministering to people we would rather not meet. Still, we go, not because we want to, but because we have made this promise to Jesus. We only need to see far enough to see Jesus walking before us. We only need to trust in Jesus.

***THE WAY OF THE CROSS IS HARD.*** On Good Friday Christians in Jerusalem retrace the steps of Jesus along the Via Delorosa, the road leading to the cross. While that is a meaningful spiritual pilgrimage and one I hope to make one day, the truth is that every day we Christians walk the Via Delorosa, the way of the cross.

Dr. Rodney E. Wilmoth, pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Omaha, Nebraska asked a group of 9 & 10 yr. olds to write a letter about their experience in the worship service. Loreen, 9, wrote: *“Dear Reverend, I think more people would come to church if you would move it to Disneyland.”* Children are honest. We always want an easier, softer way. We always seek a way that doesn't require much sacrifice from us.

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- Alton Little Theater's Summer Showcase Production was Disney's "Beauty And The Beast" which played for eight performances, Friday July 7th - Sunday July 16th. Directors were Lee Cox and Kevin Frakes for the production which showcased a talented cast of 34 performers. One of them was our very own **Sydney Martin** cast as the "Silly Girl." Congratulations on a great production!
- Congratulations to Logan & Elaine Sims on the birth of their daughter, **Chancey Quinn Sims**, on July 11. She weighed 7.7 lbs. at birth. Also welcoming her are her sister, Stella; her grandparents, Rick & Debbie Sims; and her great-grandmother, Patsy Goss! God Bless this growing family!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Charley Hubbard**, father/father-in-law of Glenn & Paula Hubbard; family of **Milton "Milt" Unterbrink**, brother of Joyce Hutchens & Ruth Volz; family of **Antonio "Tony" Vatole**, cousin of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; family of **Norma Showers**, good friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; family of **Janice Hinson**, good friend of Lee Johnson; family of **Ulayn Hobbs**, father/father-in-law of Nicholas & Julie Hobbs; family of **Phill Ford**, husband of Joan Ford; family of **Karen Rose**, grandma of Nicholas (Julie) Hobbs; and family of **Carol Marks**. May you all know God's comfort and peace in the days ahead.
- In July we were delighted to see some familiar faces in two different articles in two different newspapers:  
 On July 14th the Juniors of Girls Scout Troop 769 were featured in The Advantage News. It highlighted their 5As Blanket Project for which they earned the Bronze Award (the highest achievable award at the junior level). Eight girls were involved in this project including **Rachel Schiber**. **St. Paul UMC** was also involved as we supported them with many pieces of cloth from which to make the blankets. **Dave Schiber** is their Troop Leader and Noël Schiber helps with the troop as well.  
 On July 23rd the men of the **Bunt family** were featured in The Telegraph on the front page. It was a wonderful article highlighting how choosing to serve the public is simply in the blood of these men. **Don Bunt Sr.** is celebrating 50 years of service in the Rosewood Heights Fire Protection District; **Capt. Don Bunt Jr.** is now retired for the Madison County Sheriff's Office; **Tim Bunt** is the current Rosewood Heights Fire Chief; and **Dan Bunt** is the Wood River Police Deputy Chief. The complete articles can be found on the big bulletin board in the main hallway if you did not get a chance to read them!

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for all of your prayers while I had my tests! The results were good and God is good! *Susie Pruetzel*

**THANK YOU:** Thank you (Women of Worship) so much for your help during our sad time. The lunch was delicious and we greatly appreciated it. *The Ford Family*

**THANK YOU:** Dear St. Paul Members, Thank you all so much for the cards, letters, food, prayers, and gifts during my recovery. It is wonderful to have such a caring supportive church family. I so appreciated it and God bless you all. *Julie Brown*

**THANK YOU:** Thank you all so much for granting me this gracious scholarship (Meghan Hickerson Scholarship). I am so grateful for this opportunity to follow my dreams! *Samantha Mann*

**THANK YOU:** Dear Members of St. Paul, Thank you all so very much for the sweet letters and phone charger! It is one of my favorite verses!! With Love, *Iiona Natsch*



**Pastor's Corner—Continued From Page 1**

It's hard to walk the way of the cross, but it is the true way. This is the only way that leads home. Home to God.

I am thankful for the millennials who are leading us back to the basics of faith. We need a cross at the front of our churches to remind us that the church isn't Disneyland. Our churches are filled with sinners whom the cross has transformed and Christ has called. Our churches are filled with those who are saved—not by their own goodness—but only by the free-wheeling grace of God. The blood of Christ shed upon the cross washes us clean and sets us upon the way that leads to life; not destruction. The cross at the front of our church proclaims that what draws us together into this community is the crucified Christ who has saved us all.

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS IS REWARDING.** After the death of Jesus, the way of Jesus seemed to hit a dead end. It was the end of the road. On the cross, evil seemed to triumph. The way of Jesus seemed to promise the disciples an early death instead of eternal life. The Resurrection is the sign of our victory in Jesus. The Resurrection reveals that the way of Jesus is no dead end, but the only way that leads to the abundant life we desire.

Ernst Kasemann, the New Testament Scholar, takes us back to the beginning of the church when the cross was a scandal. The cross was a roadblock to belief. If you were a Jew, one who died upon a tree was cursed. If you were a Greek, why would you follow a teacher whose teachings resulted in his death? It was not a popular decision to follow Jesus. This is why Paul remarks that: *"The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God."*

There is an old gospel hymn, *The Way of the Cross Leads Home*. It goes like this:

*I must needs go home by the way of the cross, there's no other way but this;  
I shall ne'er get sight of the Gates of Light, if the way of the cross I miss.*

*I must needs go on in the blood-sprinkled way, the path that the Savior trod,  
If I ever climb to the heights sublime, where the soul is home with God.*

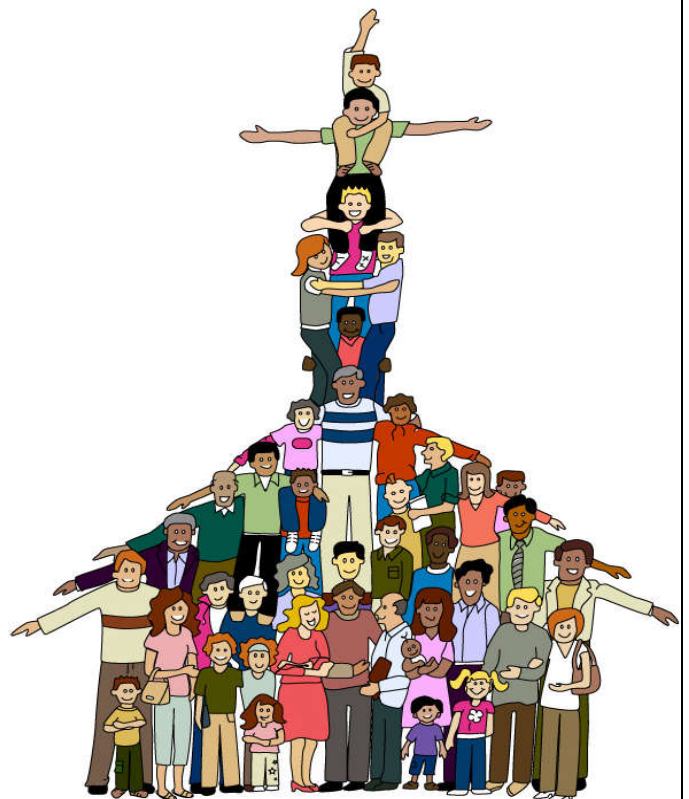
*Then I bid farewell to the way of the world,  
to walk in it never more;  
For my Lord says "Come," and I seek my  
home, where he waits at the open door.*

*The way of the cross leads home,  
the way of the cross leads home;  
It is sweet to know, as I onward go,  
the way of the cross leads home.*

As we gather for worship on Sundays, the cross at the front of our sanctuary beckons to us to follow this way. It isn't the popular way, the easiest way, but ultimately it is the most fulfilling way. It is the way that leads us home.

Pastor Daryl

**P.S.** I along with other leaders in the church have been reading *"I Will: Nine Traits Of The Outwardly Focused Christian"* by Thom Rainer and this was a message that I needed to hear once more. Rainer pushes us to move from saying *"I want,"* to saying *"I will."* I believe the key for me to make this transition is to focus once more on the *crucified Christ*. This isn't my church. It isn't our church. It is Christ's church.





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

**5th - NO AWAKENING THIS NIGHT**

**6th - THE GIBSON GIRLS IN**

**CONCERT! (6 p.m.)** Join us in the amphitheater (weather permitting) for The Gibson Girls. These four sisters minister in music and we hope you will bring many people with you to be blessed by them. (A love offering will be taken for them.)

**12th - Bobby Davis**-intern at St. Luke's UMC      **19th - Lauren Cranmer**

**26th - Instruments Of Faith Gospel Group**—a Southern Gospel men's quartet based in Belleville, IL. This group has been ministering for over 16 years!

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



The 8:15 a.m. worship service is held in the amphitheater in the park this month. 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.**

**6: Communion Celebrated.** Pastor Daryl continues the series on The Lord's Prayer, *When We Pray*. Today we consider the phrase "give us this day our daily bread."



**13: Birthday Sunday.** Pastor Daryl continues the series on The Lord's Prayer, *When We Pray*. Today we consider the phrase "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."



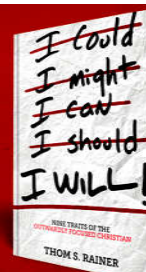
**20:** Pastor Daryl continues the series on The Lord's Prayer, *When We Pray*. Today we consider the phrase "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from Evil."

**27:** Pastor Daryl concludes the series on The Lord's Prayer, *When We Pray*. Today we consider what is called *The Doxology*: "For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen. **Final 8:15 service outdoors!**

**SEPTEMBER 3: Communion Celebrated.** Pastor Daryl begins a three part series on *I Will Christians* as we transition into a new worship style on September 10th in the 10:30 service. The series is based on Thom Rainer's book, "I Will: Nine Traits Of The Outwardly Focused Christian." The book reminds us that true worship is centered around Christ.



WHEN WE SACRIFICE, WE ARE ACTING MOST LIKE CHRIST.



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

**Sitting is the new smoking.** Or at least this is part of the research being done at Mayo Clinic in Arizona. According to Dr. James Levine, who commented in a recent interview, "Sitting is more dangerous than smoking, kills more people than HIV, and is more treacherous than parachuting. We are sitting ourselves to death." One of his studies involved people who sat in front of the TV less than two hours each day and compared with those who had more than four hours. Sitting in front of the TV isn't the only concern, **any extended sitting** — such as behind a desk at work or behind the wheel — can be harmful. What's more, spending a few hours a week at the gym or otherwise engaged in moderate or vigorous activity doesn't seem to significantly offset the risk. It has to do with getting up and moving during the day; the solution seems to be less sitting and more moving overall. You might start by simply standing rather than sitting whenever you have the chance, or think about ways to walk while you work, or while at home.

**Here are some facts concerning sitting...whether it's sitting at work, while driving or watching TV, playing video games, or staring down at our cell phones-**

- Excessive sitting has been linked to heart disease, diabetes, cancers, muscle degeneration, leg disorders, obesity, poor mental health and abnormal cholesterol levels, to name just some.

- Our metabolism slows down 90 percent after 30 minutes of sitting, causing our muscles to burn less fat and our blood to flow more slowly.

- In a study that compared adults who spent less than two hours a day sitting verses those who sat more than 2 hours a day-those who sat had a 50 percent increase in death and a 125 percent increase of a cardiovascular incident.

- The results of a large scale epidemiological study reported that children throughout the world sit for about 8.5 hours each day. Findings suggest children who sit too long suffer from the same negative health consequences as adults.

- Activity levels among children drop significantly after age 8, especially for girls.

- The muscle activity needed for standing and other movement seems to trigger important processes related to the breakdown of fats and sugars within the body. When you sit these processes stall. This could attribute to an increase risk of diabetes or obesity.

- The average American sits for between 7.7-15 hours a day!**

**So what can you do to increase your physical activity and improve your health? Move!**

- Stand while talking on the phone or eating lunch. Park farther out in the lot if eating out.

- Walk laps with your friends, either instead of gathering for coffee, or right after you finish.

- Take the stairs whenever possible. Take a walk after you eat. Getting short bursts of activity, even as little as working out for 10 minutes a day, is very beneficial for your health and can offset the detrimental effects of being sedentary.

- Breaking up your activity is the key to keeping your body healthy; try this every 30 minutes for every half hour of working at your desk, sit for 20 minutes, stand for 8 minutes and move around and stretch for 2 minutes. Sitting itself is not the real issue; it is extended sitting that needs to be recognized and addressed.

Check out the bulletin board for more ideas! Just stay as active as possible, so that you can be available to serve the Lord more effectively each day!

May God blessings be poured out over you!

**Eileen, Parish Nurse** 😊



# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

- 01-Aug Savannah Cincoski
- 02-Aug Josh Brown
- 03-Aug Nealy Budde
- 03-Aug Linda Tillery
- 05-Aug Ryan Scroggins
- 06-Aug Ava Davis
- 06-Aug Norris Dorsey
- 07-Aug Jessica Roberts
- 09-Aug Tracy Franks
- 09-Aug Nic Hale
- 10-Aug Lois Mitchell
- 11-Aug Alex Davis
- 11-Aug Erin Hall
- 11-Aug Mary Meyer
- 11-Aug Tyler Skinner
- 12-Aug David Hall
- 12-Aug Jaxson Helmkamp
- 13-Aug Elinor Blacklock
- 13-Aug Brandie Brown
- 13-Aug Jennifer Garrison
- 13-Aug Katie Herndon
- 14-Aug Alicia Martin
- 14-Aug Jim Stewart

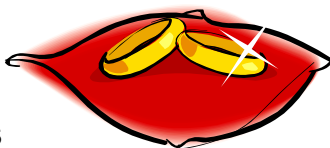
- 15-Aug Chandra Redden
- 16-Aug Ryne Emerick
- 16-Aug Stephanie Redden
- 17-Aug Andrea Kasten
- 17-Aug Tracy Scoggins
- 19-Aug Chance Foss
- 19-Aug Alan Uzzell
- 20-Aug Leta Harshbarger
- 20-Aug Jo Ann Hill
- 20-Aug Gracie Mortland
- 22-Aug Brooke Standefer
- 23-Aug Carol Carn
- 23-Aug Dave Herndon
- 25-Aug Lauren Cranmer
- 25-Aug Emily Hall
- 25-Aug Bethany Rain
- 26-Aug Teri Sabo, RN
- 26-Aug Terry Sitze
- 27-Aug Keith Armon
- 27-Aug Logan Scroggins
- 28-Aug Vi Potter

- 28-Aug Noël Schiber
- 29-Aug Kristin Cameron
- 29-Aug Doug Clouatre
- 29-Aug Danny Redden
- 29-Aug Joanna Scroggins
- 29-Aug Lori Seba
- 30-Aug Karah Phelps
- 31-Aug Mike Scroggins
- 31-Aug Juliana Sullivan



# AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 04-Aug Pat & Becky Sullivan
- 06-Aug Duane & Sandy Moore
- 10-Aug Rod & Virginia Croxford
- 12-Aug Bob & Joy Kissack Sr.
- 12-Aug Randy & Mindy McLain
- 13-Aug John & Leona Hendricks
- 14-Aug Stan & Marilyn Cisler
- 15-Aug Duane & Tammy Atchley
- 17-Aug Steve & Sarah Campbell



- 18-Aug Bill & Amy Hale
- 19-Aug John & Barbara Yunker
- 20-Aug Nathan & Lydia Chester
- 22-Aug Tim & Joni Bunt
- 22-Aug Keith & Ashley Sheppard
- 23-Aug Terry & Betty Sitze
- 24-Aug Scott & Jamie Gwaltney
- 26-Aug Jim & Maggie Funke
- 30-Aug David & Lisa Betts

## 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**



August's Loose Change Project is UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This ministry assists in disasters in our country and throughout the

world. Help is given for flood, tornado, hurricanes, and fire. In addition this agency supports ongoing programs in parts of the world that have nutrition and food supply problems. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

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

- Aug. 6th: Anita Dawson, Maggie Funke
- Aug. 13th: Katie and Alex Lair
- Aug. 20th: Mel Johnson, Tracy Franks
- Aug. 27th: Mel Johnson, Mindy McLain

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

**Average Attendance for JULY 2017**

Early Service	54
Late Service	39
Sunday School	34
Visitors	5
4 Awakening Service	33



**DEADLINE FOR  
SEPTEMBER 2017  
STEEPLE, Tues.,  
AUGUST 22nd!**

Capital Campaign money received as of 7-31-17:

**\$256,562.74**

**Annual Coat & Shoe Collection**

For several years we have collected new and used, serviceable coats and shoes for Riverbend Head Start & Family Services families in our area.



We begin this in the fall. The general guidelines they have given us are for *new* or *gently used* items:

- ▶ Coats and Jackets - sizes 2T to 7-8
- ▶ Shoes - infant sizes to children size 1

***This is information to remind you that if you go to yard sales, have grandchildren with outgrown shoes and coats, go to Goodwill, or however you come across such items, you may want to buy them for the fall collection during the summer.***



When the worker from Head Start picks the items up in early November they are distributed within the week to low income families in our area. Thank you so much!

**JULY Stewardship**

Budget Offering:	through 07/31/2017	\$20770.00
Designated Giving:	through 07/31/2017	\$2381.10
	Capital Improvements	70.00
	Loose Change	106.10
	Flowers	175.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	40.00
	Upper Room Donations	15.00
	Helping Hands	830.00
	Memorials	45.00
	Reimbursement	1000.00
	Family Kick-Off	50.00
	Charles McKnelly	50.00
Transfer From Reserve		253.92
Capital Campaign		2760.00
Catch-Up Sunday Offering		20.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$26185.02</b>



Worship Under the Trees



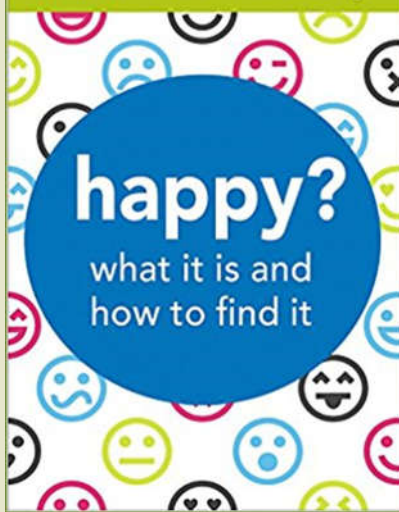
~WORSHIP UNDER THE TREES ON SUNDAYS IN THE CHURCH AMPHITHEATER~

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.

Matt Miofsky



Our Summer Small Group Study continues on the 13th & 20th of August, at 5 p.m. We are using the book, happy? what it is and how to find it by Matt Miofsky, lead pastor of The Gathering in St. Louis. Copies of the book are available. Please join us for this summertime study!

Do something TODAY that your future self will thank you for



“Although the world has changed, the laws of God remain constant. They have not changed; they will not change. The Ten Commandments are just that— commandments. They are not suggestions.”

~Thomas Monson~





# DEDICATION

Kaleb Smith will be having a ribbon cutting service at St. Paul United Methodist Church, for the Prayer Walk that he installed, on **Sunday, August 6th at 1 p.m.**

Benjamin Ayers will be doing a ribbon cutting for the brick Fire Pit that he installed by the pavilion, also at this time.

They would like any and all Boy Scouts, Crew Members, & Cub Scouts that are available to attend in uniform to participate in a flag service prior to the ribbon cutting. Please be there by 12:45 p.m. to get lined up and ready.

They hope that many from St. Paul UMC will be able to attend this special event to celebrate the hard work done so as to complete their respective

Eagle Scout Projects!



Your talent is God's gift to you  
What you do with it is your gift back to God

► If you would like to share your talent during the summer services, please call or e-mail Rhonda Griffin!

**409-3143** or **rhonda\_griffin@yahoo.com**

### St. Paul UMC Phone Notification Service

As announced some months back we have contracted with a company to provide phone notification services to church members / attendees when it is necessary to cancel services or to provide reminders of key events or activities in the church. The goal is to improve our communication system and to encourage all members / attendees of opportunities to participate in the ministry of St. Paul UMC. To accomplish this task we are asking everyone to provide us with a phone number(s) to be used to notify you when necessary. In addition, if you would please denote any church committees or church groups you participate in it will help us to make some very specific calls from time to time.

We have an agreement with the service provider that your name and phone number will not be sold or otherwise provided to other vendors for advertisement of a variety of services (i.e. robo calls). As noted in previous information this is a very inexpensive program that is based upon "connected" phone calls (live answer or answering machine) at a cost not to exceed 5¢ per connected call. **Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate on a Sunday or return to the church office by the end of August.** Your participation is greatly appreciated and will make this service more effective!

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number(s) at which you want to be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Church groups / teams /committees of which you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I wish to be notified of cancellation of the **8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service.**

\_\_\_ I wish to be notified of cancellation of the **10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service.**

\_\_\_ I wish to receive occasional, **general notification** of church wide events such as the time of special services like Christmas Eve or date & time of the Fall Festival, etc.

**Thank you: St. Paul Trustees**



**“Always be full of joy in the Lord.  
I say it again - rejoice!”  
Philippians 4:4, NLT**

Each and every day we are given is a reason to rejoice in the Lord! He is wonderful and magnificent, always revealing Himself in ways that are needed, or sometimes we do not understand. But how wonderful is it that our God cares so deeply for us.

The Awakening Team and Worship Ministry Team continue to meet and collaborate on ideas for the upcoming kick-off of the new service beginning on **Sept. 24th at 10:30 a.m.** We plan to have a **Family Festival** immediately following the service. A bounce house and another inflatable have been ordered for that day; we are seeking a face painter, donations for hot dogs, chips, and bottled water. We will also need several volunteers to help set up during the 10:30 service.

Upcoming events for August include **“The Gibson Girls”** outdoor concert on **Sunday, August 6th at 6 p.m.** If it is too hot or too wet, we will move the concert indoors. We will be serving a simple snack of chips and drinks.

On **Saturday, August 26th**, the **“Instruments of Faith,”** a Southern gospel quartet from Belleville, will be performing at Awakening.

There is so much to be full of joy about, for the Lord is here at St. Paul. Let’s shine that excitement for all to see. Let the Spirit fill you with joy as we look forward and into the future of the ministry of our church.

May you be filled with joy,  
Lauren Cranmer - Awakening Worship Coordinator





# School Supply Collection---

Each year the Outreach Ministry Team sponsors the collection of school supplies. This year the collection **began July 23, with the distribution of this information, and continues through August 13th.** This is so the school supplies can be distributed to the children before school starts.

The school supplies go to schools in the districts of Bethalto, Roxana, and Wood River/East Alton. These are then distributed to children who need supplies which families cannot provide. **Paper, crayons, scissors, erasers, folders, and binders are always needed.**

Stores which sell the supplies have school lists for reference. Place the supplies in the coat area/hallway where we traditionally gather items for various collections. So fill up a sack or a bag (or two) and bring them to church!

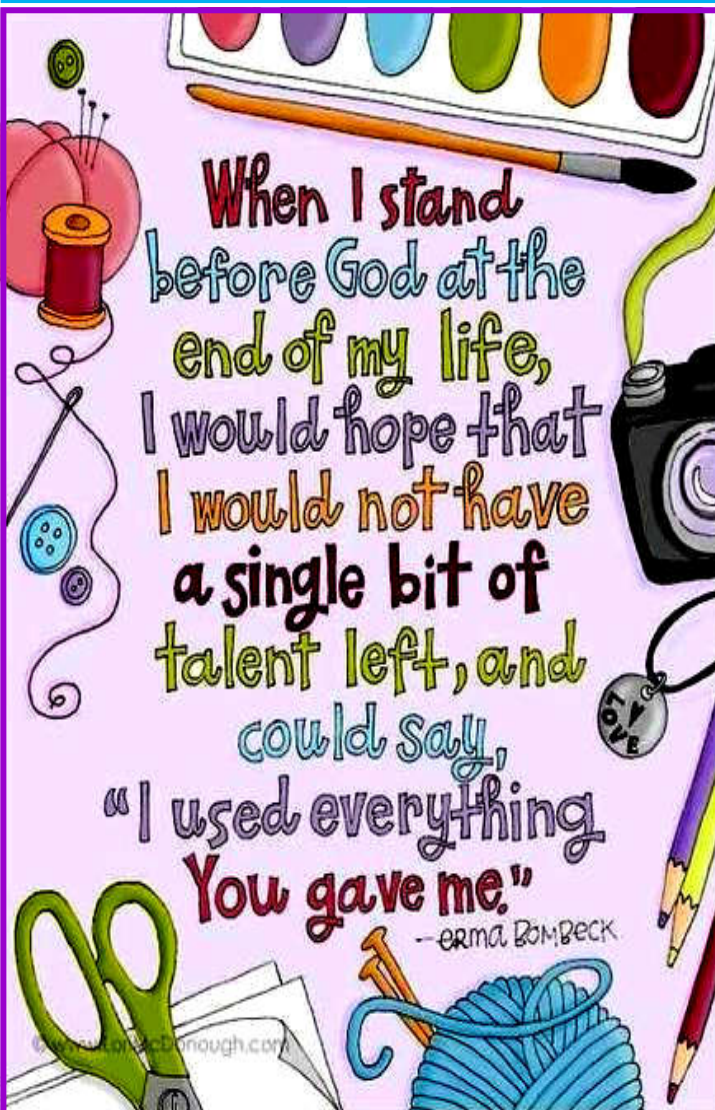
**Thank you in advance!!**

The school supplies will be distributed the week of August 13th!



# 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*.





## The Gibson Girls

**SUNDAY, August 6th @6:00 p.m.**

**In the AMPHITHEATER...weather permitting;  
too hot or too wet weather brings it to the  
Fellowship Hall!**

*Please join us for this FREE summer concert  
(a LOVE OFFERING will be received)! Join the four sisters of the musical group, The Gibson  
Girls, as they share their talent and love for the Lord. Alisha, Tiffany, Kabryn, and Kathryn  
have been blessed with a heart for God and an incredible musical gift to share with others.  
Come join in the excitement as they share their musical talents with us!*

### *Instruments of Faith Quartet*



*The Gospel Message in song*

### **The Message:**

“Instruments Of Faith” is all about the message. The message is simple: Jesus loves you, He died for you, and he wants to have a personal relationship with you. When you come to the concert you will experience God's love and hope for your life. This life isn't easy but having Jesus helps you get through those difficult times.

### **The Men:**

The men of IOF come with thankful hearts for what Jesus has done in their lives. You will hear the message not only in the music but also in the testimony from

their hearts. God is so good and has brought the men through many difficulties in the past. God continues to work in their lives and they want to share that with you. These men love God.

### **The Mission:**

IOF is dedicated to presenting the Gospel message through song in order to win souls into the Kingdom of God. They use the humble talents that God has given them to serve their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **The Music:**

They sing Southern Gospel style music. You will hear both old and newer styles of Southern Gospel. But don't be surprised to hear a little flavor thrown in and something a little out of the Southern Gospel Box now and again. God has created so many wonderful styles of music and they are music lovers!

**Come to AWAKENING on Saturday, August 26th  
@5:00 p.m. to hear them in concert!**



## 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 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 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. There is still 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 Jim Herndon.

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.**

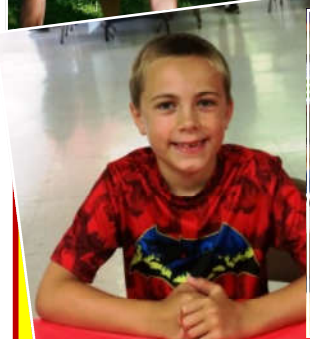
**UPDATE!**

**The Capital Campaign work continues. Currently we are working with a contractor to begin the replacement of the windows in the kitchen, Fellowship Hall, and the choir practice room. They are in very bad shape. Also, we are actively looking for a church vehicle!**

*~The Trustees~*

**Old Church Directories**

**HELP....** We need your help in completing our collection of church directories for our history project. If you have any of the following dates: **1967-68, 1969-70, (after this they were single date directories), 1974, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997; 1999, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, & 2010** - and if you would be willing to donate the directory (pictorial or member directory) to our project please leave your donated copy in the Trustee mailbox at church. If you wish for us to make a copy of your donation and return the original to you please put a note to that effect on your directory (with your name) and we'll return it. Thanks, **Jim Herndon, Trustees**



**THANK YOU AGAIN! SEE YOU IN 2018!**