



# The Steeple

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Our sermon series, *Finding Your Way Back to God*, ends on October 22nd with the theme: *Awakening to Life: "Now this is living!"* Besides highlighting that Jesus provides the opportunity to be a new creation, I will remind us that this new life is lived in community. We were created to live in relationship with God and each other.

Unless some people will have connected, reconnected or grown deeper in their connection with God, I will have failed in my goal for this sermon series. More than this, we should recognize that we are not meant to live the Christian life alone. John Wesley, the father of Methodism, said: *"There is no such thing as solitary Christians."* Dave & Jon Ferguson end their book, *Finding Your Way Back to God*, with these words: *"we encourage you to find your place in the community of other grateful sons and daughters of the Father. Connect with them, learn from them, and work alongside them to make a difference for good in marriages, homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. And together, let's keep helping others find their way back to God. That's where the real celebration is waiting."* My expectation is that we will welcome and find places of service for those newly connected to our church.

I once read an article about the Academy Awards that told how they employ people to serve as placeholders. When a star gets up to present or receive an award, the placeholder slips into their seat. When the camera pans the crowd, the producer doesn't want to see any empty seats.

Sometimes, we feel like placeholders in the church. We are filling the pews until the real stars show up to reclaim their place. We are certain that God should have chosen someone wiser and more talented than us to be the church. So we keep looking around for someone else to step up and be the church. This isn't how God feels about us. This is how we feel about ourselves. No, God tells us in **I Peter 2**: *"But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people. God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted."* *The Message*

We aren't placeholders, but rather we are the church. We are the Body of Christ in Rosewood Heights. God doesn't twiddle His thumbs until the best and brightest show up to accomplish His work. God uses us, even us to do the good works He created us to do!

A preacher tells the story of a discussion between the angel Gabriel and Jesus shortly after Jesus has left his disciples. Gabriel and Jesus are looking at the ragtag band of disciples and apostles praying in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost.

**"Master,"** asked Gabriel, **"what's your plan? Are these the ones you're sending out into all the world to spread your glorious gospel?"**

Jesus answered, **"That's right, Gabriel. Those are the ones."**

**"You're trusting them with the Good News? Just those disciples?"** Gabriel wondered.

**"Yes, I am,"** Jesus stated firmly.

**"But Lord,"** the angel protested, **"what if they fail? What's your plan then?"**

Jesus told Gabriel, **"I have no other plan. I'm counting on them."**

Jesus doesn't have a Plan B. We are it. We are the church. Jesus is counting upon us; no one else. Do not fear for our God is a great God who can use even us to accomplish His work.

I have encouraged everyone to bet on God for 30 days—the length of the sermon series. At the crux of the bet is this prayer: **"God, if you are real, make yourself real to me."** I believe that God will answer

this prayer for many. People will find themselves living the abundant life offered by Jesus. And, when this happens it is our role as the church to pray for them, encourage them, and teach them how to be followers of Jesus. In other words, we must be the church! Pastor Daryl





## OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- Congratulations to **Megan McCann & Christopher “Chris” Ricketts** who were united in marriage on Sept. 16 at St. Paul. They have been active worshipers at our Awakening services. We pray that their home may always be a place of blessing and peace with Christ at its center.
- **Ryan Parker**, an Alton policeman, was presented with a Certificate of Recognition by Mayor Brent Walker. Ryan was the first to render aid at the scene of a fiery car accident on corner of Landmarks Blvd. and Henry St. He used fire extinguishers on the fire until the fire department arrived. We are proud of Ryan’s valiant efforts. (See photo and caption on Page 3.)
- At the Wood River Township Ministerial Alliance meeting, we welcomed **Alan Abert** who is serving the Hartford, Elsah, and Alton Grace United Methodist Churches. Alan Abert has been a speaker several times for our Awakening services. We bid Godspeed to **Rob Kirbach** who is moving to the Highland, IL First Baptist Church and **Earl Gillett** who is moving to the Nazarene Church in Stockton, CA. We will miss their participation in our group.
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Rosella Hickerson**, mother/mother-in-law of Jim & Connie Hickerson; the family of **Norman Frazier**, father of Kim Stewart, daughter-in-law of Jim & Anna Mae Stewart; and the family of **Rev. Bill Coatney**, lifelong friend of Wayne Cloninger. May you all know God’s comfort and peace in the days ahead.
- Debra Fansler was traveling from Springfield and searching for a radio station when she heard the newscast of **Kyle Norris**, broadcasting from Taylorville. She said Kyle did a great job. A big shout out to Kyle! We miss you...
- **We are thankful** for the safety of those who rode out Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Those connected with our church have relatives in all the places hit by these storms and everyone survived. Our United Methodist Church and many from our Annual Conference will be involved in the rebuilding process for years to come.

**THANK YOU:** I want to thank everyone who sent me a card, note, or letter while I was on my Honor Flight trip in September. I cannot even begin to express what a blessing they are to me. **Don Bunt, Sr.**

**THANK YOU:** Thank you so much to the Sweet Sounds for your donation towards the Capital Fund Campaign—purchase of the new van! Your gift is greatly appreciated! **St. Paul UMC Trustees**

**THANK YOU:** I wanted to take a moment and thank the congregation for their generous contribution to our school. These school supplies are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. I understand that there are many needs in our community and I am grateful that your church chooses to help provide for the students of Eastwood Elementary. If I can ever be of assistance please let me know. **Matt Stimac, Principal**

**THANK YOU:** Dear Members of St. Paul UMC, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude on behalf of the students and staff of South Primary School for your generous donations. The beginning of the school year is always filled with excitement and anticipation. Your service and willingness to assist our students with school supplies has been greatly appreciated. The relationship between school and community is essential in developing a culture of learning for our young students. With gratitude; **Ryan Tusek, Principal**

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank all who helped by preparing and delivering Caring Casseroles to members of our congregation from May to August. This includes: *Dorothy Kasinger, Iris Uzzell, Ruth Voorhees, Kay Gwaltney, Judy Glassmeyer, Bob & Gina Brown, Maggie Funke, Dottie Aitken, Joyce Brueggeman, and Debbie Tite.* Thank you all for always being willing to meet the need. We need some more volunteers so come join us! Just contact Lois in the Church Office. **Susie Pruetzel**



Two Alton Police officers were honored by the city for their involvement in life-saving measures over the last year. Officers Zachary Dellamano and Ryan Parker were given **life-saver ribbons** through the department for their actions, but on Wednesday they were honored again by the City of Alton. Alton Police Chief Jason Simmons said as few as 10 officers in the department have that honorary distinction.



There is a **"Thanksgiving Offering"** envelope in with your envelopes. As you start planning to give a "thanksgiving offering," you may choose to designate it for a missionary, a mission project, or a local church special fund like the Capital Fund Campaign. You may also leave it "undesignated."

The **undesignated monies** will be divided this way: **the first \$300 goes to our Helping Hands fund and the remainder goes to UMCOR.** The **Helping Hands** is a benevolent fund that we use to assist local folks who need help with utilities, rent, gas, and so on. We send to **UMCOR** to help with disaster relief which is greatly needed this year. We thank you in advance.

## We Want You!

Options Now Thrive invites you to our **1st "Laugh for Life Comedy"** fundraiser at **Cornerstone Church on Moreland Road, Friday, OCTOBER 6th at 7 p.m.** We're putting the FUN back in fundraising. Grab your sweetie. Bring the whole family. Get your church group together. You won't want to miss it. Snacks, door prizes, and a whole lot of laughter. Order your tickets today!! **Individual tickets are \$15.** VIP Seating & Group Rates Available!! \*\*VIP Seating includes balcony seating, an expanded menu of snacks and beverages, and private waiters to cater to your needs. Contact Jamie Black at [jamie@options-now.com](mailto:jamie@options-now.com) or call **467-2857 x110** to get your tickets!



## Robert G. Lee

### Not Many Comics....

- Made the cover of The Wall Street Journal.
- Released eight 100% clean comedy videos.
- Can perform the entire Bible in under 30 minutes.
- Have written and directed a feature motion picture.





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

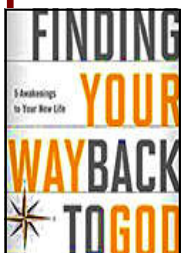
***"More Jesus Time" for Pre-school - 5th grade and Nursery is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.***

Our 8:15 a.m. service is a traditional service with hymns played upon our beautiful pipe organ by Rhonda Griffin. The Pastor leads worship clothed in a robe and stole. Communion is usually celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.



Our 10:30 a.m. service—*Awakening*—is based upon this verse from 2 Chronicles 16:9: *"God's eyes range from to and fro throughout the Earth looking to strengthen the person that would bend their heart toward Him."* The music is songs you hear played on JOY-FM while the preaching focuses upon life lessons from the Bible. Music is played by a worship band. Words to the songs are projected on the screen or available on the entryway table. The Worship Choir and Hand Bell Choir provide special music. Communion is celebrated at the end of every service.

The intent of both worship services is to connect, reconnect and draw people into a closer connection with Jesus Christ.



**1: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY.** We join all Christians around the table of the Lord upon this Sunday! Pastor Daryl continues a new sermon series, *Finding Your Way Back to God*. Today, Pastor Daryl talks about ***Awakening to Regret***. There are moments in all our lives that we wish we could do over. Sometimes, we become stuck in a cycle of self-condemnation and spiral into despair. Grace helps us become unstuck and enables us to live fulfilling lives. Learn how today! We take up a World Communion Offering.



**8: BIRTHDAY SUNDAY (Celebration of October birthdays)** Pastor Daryl continues a new sermon series, *Finding Your Way Back to God*. Today, Pastor Daryl talks about ***Awakening to Help***. Restoring our relationship with God isn't dependent upon us. God took the first step by sending Jesus to reveal His character and His love for us. More than this, God supplies the strength we need to respond to the grace He offers us! God is our big helper.



**15:** Pastor Daryl continues a new sermon series, *Finding Your Way Back to God*. Today, Pastor Daryl talks about ***Awakening to Love***. We look for love in all the wrong places and all the wrong faces. We need to look for love in the face of Jesus; especially as he hangs upon the cross. There the height, depth, and width of God's love is revealed.

**22:** Pastor Daryl concludes the sermon series, *Finding Your Way Back to God*. Today, Pastor Daryl talks about ***Awakening to Life***. Jesus came to give us abundant life or as the Good News Bible says: Life that is life indeed! Whether we are initially aware of it or not, the life we seek is found in Jesus.



**29: STRESSED? EXHAUSTED? OVERWHELMED?** The next sermon series is for you: *Overwhelmed!* Today, Pastor Daryl discusses the need to have margin in our life so whenever those unexpected crises arise, we have the spiritual, physical, and mental stamina to meet them.

**November 5: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS. TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR!** **STRESSED? EXHAUSTED? OVERWHELMED?** This sermon series is for you: *Overwhelmed!* Today, Pastor Daryl talks about the need to say "No" to the urgent, but unimportant in order to say "Yes" to that which is truly important.





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

The arrival of a new school year and cooler temperatures also means the arrival of flu vaccines in doctors' offices, pharmacies, clinics, work places, and school campuses. Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk of serious flu complications.

**Signs and Symptoms of Flu:** People who have the flu often feel some or all of these signs and symptoms: Fever or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, and fatigue. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

**How Flu Spreads:** most often it is spread by droplets when people with the flu virus cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or possibly their nose.

**Period of Contagiousness:** You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for an even longer time.

**Onset of Symptoms:** The time from when a person is exposed to flu virus to when symptoms begin is about 1 to 4 days, with an average of about 2 days.

**Can a flu shot give you the flu?** The flu shot doesn't cause flu infection. The shot is not a live virus vaccine, it's an inactivated vaccine, and it can't replicate in the body.

**Side effects from the influenza shot** are soreness, redness, tenderness or swelling where the shot was given. Low-grade fever, headache and muscle aches also may occur.

**What about people who get a seasonal flu vaccine and still get sick with flu symptoms?** There are several reasons why someone might get a flu symptoms, even after they have been vaccinated against flu.

- 1. Some people** can become ill from other respiratory viruses besides flu such as rhinoviruses, which are associated with the common cold. They can cause symptoms similar to flu, and also spread and cause illness during the flu season. The flu vaccine only protects against influenza, not other illnesses.
- 2. It is possible** to be exposed to influenza viruses, which cause the flu, shortly before getting vaccinated or during the two-week period after vaccination that it takes the body to develop immune protection. This exposure may result in a person becoming ill with flu before protection from the vaccine takes effect.
- 3. A third reason** why some people may experience flu like symptoms despite getting vaccinated is that they may have been exposed to a flu virus that is very **different** from the viruses the vaccine is designed to protect against. The ability of a flu vaccine to protect a person depends largely on the similarity or "match" between the viruses selected to make the vaccine and those spreading and causing illness. CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommend that flu vaccinations begin by the end of October, if possible.

**Is the "stomach flu" really the flu?** No. Many people use the term "stomach flu" to describe illnesses with nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. These symptoms can be caused by many different viruses, bacteria or even parasites. While vomiting, diarrhea, and being nauseous or "sick to your stomach" can sometimes be related to the flu — more commonly in children than adults — these problems are rarely the main symptoms of influenza. The flu is a respiratory disease and not a stomach or intestinal disease.

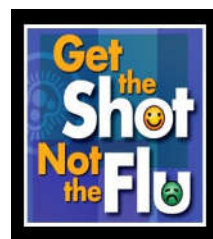
**What are the benefits of flu vaccination?** While how well the flu vaccine works can vary, there are a lot of reasons to get a flu vaccine each year. The flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick with flu.

**Flu vaccination** can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization, including among children and older adults. Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick. Getting vaccinated yourself also protects people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

Dr. Jill Woodward, pharm D will give the flu vaccines **at St. Paul's on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 a.m.** Should you want to have another vaccine, such as shingles or the pneumonia vaccine you can call her at the Wood River Medicine Shoppe at 618-259-0085. At that time she will be able to take your insurance information and tell you the price of the vaccine (if any) and then will have it available for you that day.

**Enjoy your October- and please remember to get vaccinated!**

Eileen Cheatham RN, BC ... Faith Community Nurse



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

01-Oct Daryl Fansler  
 01-Oct Susie Pruetzel  
 01-Oct Jessie Springer  
 01-Oct Tom Vore  
 02-Oct Michael Cathorall  
 02-Oct Adam Schroedter  
 03-Oct Cody Blacklock  
 03-Oct Karen Hamm  
 03-Oct Lucas Hartman  
 03-Oct Jeannie Huddleston  
 04-Oct Lisa Bell  
 04-Oct Mickey Dorsey  
 04-Oct Una Faye Garland  
 04-Oct Dena Tite  
 05-Oct Ronda Crain  
 05-Oct Emmaleigh Ford  
 05-Oct Sherry Huff  
 07-Oct Rosalie Toner  
 08-Oct Kelly Cruthis  
 09-Oct Gary Clark  
 09-Oct Elaina Gowan  
 09-Oct Drew Huddleston  
 09-Oct Douglas Phelps  
 10-Oct Emily Bowman  
 10-Oct Pat Colclasure  
 10-Oct Gracie Napp  
 11-Oct Ashley Cameron

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

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

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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



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

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

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**  
October's Loose Change  
Project is the Red Bird

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

Call the Church Office (259-5210) if you would like to be a Greeter for either Sunday service!

Average Attendance for SEPTEMBER 2017

Early Service	44
Late Service	71
Sunday School	34
Visitors	4



Capital Campaign money received as of 9-30-17:  
**\$264,884.74**

**DEADLINE FOR  
NOVEMBER 2017  
STEEPLE, Fri.,  
OCTOBER 20th!**

**SEPTEMBER Stewardship**

Budget Offering:	through 09/30/2017	<b>\$18538.00</b>
Designated Giving:	through 09/30/2017	<b>\$1658.00</b>
	Capital Improvements	70.00
	Loose Change	85.00
	Flowers	55.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	20.00
	Upper Room Donations	28.00
	Helping Hands	450.00
	Memorials	125.00
	Reimburse for Bounce House	25.00
	UMCOR-Hurricane Relief	800.00
PASB Fund		<b>30.00</b>
World Communion Offering		<b>5.00</b>
Capital Campaign		<b>1515.00</b>
Total:		<b>\$21746.00</b>



Calling all 6th-12th grade students! A new youth group is being formed to meet on the first and third Sundays of the month from 4-5:30 p.m. **KIND** is a youth group that will focus on teaching and being examples of kind individuals in our community. We will focus on creating a positive image and sharing the love of Christ with others. Quarterly, we will complete a community service project that benefits others outside of the church walls. We are so excited to form a group for our youth! **Our first youth group meeting will be on Sunday, October 1st.** Please plan to come for pizza and soda! A sign-up sheet will be available in advance.

Looking forward to spreading kindness,  
Lauren Cranmer, Youth Leader



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



**Dolores "Dee" Hancock**, (October 7, 1930 - September 15, 2017) was an extrovert who loved being around people. She was rarely in her room at Rosewood Care Center of Alton, but rather outside the nursing station at the center of activity. She loved to laugh and did so often. At St. Paul UMC, where she had been a member since February 24, 1963, Dee was a dedicated craft lady whose creations for the Fall Festival helped raise thousands of dollars each year for missions. She could be counted on to help with funeral dinners and other activities throughout the church.

Dee loved her family. Nothing made her happier than to have her family sitting with her in her pew at St. Paul and introducing them to everyone.

Dee has had health challenges for a long time with good days and bad days. The last time I visited Dee was a good day. She asked me about Meg...where she was at in college...and what she was majoring in. It was typical Dee—always more interested in what my daughter was doing than what I was doing. Dee was especially interested in the furious preparations for the Fall Festival. The Fall Festival was one of her favorite events in the church because it provided a place of fellowship with her many friends.

Dee had many friends at St. Paul and in our community. We miss her so very much and her absence has occasioned more than a few tears. It is okay for us to mourn for our loved one, although our tears are more for ourselves than for them.

Here is the comfort Paul offers to us in **I Thessalonians 4:** <sup>13</sup> *Brothers and sisters, we don't want you to be ignorant about those who have died. We don't want you to grieve like other people who have no hope.* <sup>14</sup> *We believe that Jesus died and came back to life. We also believe that, through Jesus, God will bring back those who have died. They will come back with Jesus.* <sup>15</sup> *We are telling you what the Lord taught.* (GOD'S WORD). As Christians, we are comforted by the assurance that we shall see our loved ones again. Our separation is but for a little while! Pastor Daryl



## COAT AND SHOE COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN



We are again partnering with Riverbend Head Start & Family Services to collect new & used coats and shoes for area children. Case managers from this organization go into poverty income homes to provide enrichment programs and parenting skills. We will collect: Coats and winter jackets, new or gently used, sizes 0-24 months, 2T-5T, 6, 7, & 8 AND Shoes, new or gently used, sizes infant to children size 1. Each year we collect about 25 coats and many pairs of shoes which are distributed to some of the 200 families served by this organization.

The Agency representative says there are never enough of needed items for all the children. Collection has begun and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 5. Place items in the box in the hallway. On behalf of the children who receive these items, the Outreach Ministry Team and Riverbend Head Start & Family Services thanks you.







## We Say Goodbye To Our Friend...



**Charles Patrick "Pat" Sullivan**, age 76, formerly of Mattoon IL, passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Breeze Park in St. Charles, MO, at 10:41 A.M.

Services honoring his life will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, September 22, 2017 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 with Reverend Paul Hopkins officiating. Interment will follow the services at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 P.M., Thursday, September 21, 2017 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home.

Mr. Sullivan was born July 4, 1941 in Terra Haute, IN, the son of Charles and Mary (Holmes) Sullivan. He married Rebecca "Becky" (Bouck) Sullivan on August 4, 1962.

Pat is survived by his loving wife Becky (Bouck) Sullivan of St. Charles, MO; one daughter, Amy Komnick and husband Kevin of Chesterfield, MO; two sons, Gary Sullivan and wife Pamela of Erie,

PA; William Sullivan of Wood River, IL; four brothers, Frank Sullivan and wife Carol of Colorado; Tim Sullivan and wife Rebecca of Ellijay, GA; Mike Sullivan and wife Linda of Mattoon, IL; Dan Sullivan and wife Priscilla of Mattoon, IL; three sisters, Mary Alice Ames of Mattoon, IL; Jody Sniff and husband Don of Pueblo West, CO; Anna Cook and husband Gary of Mattoon, IL; grandchildren, Nolan and Natalie Komnick of Chesterfield, MO and Mary and Patrick Sullivan of Erie, PA. He is preceded in death by his parents, and brother, John Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan was a retired principal of Roxana High School from July 1994 till June of 2005, and former Principal of Carlyle High School and Beecher City High School, all of Illinois. He also taught at Mansfield High School from 1966 to 1968, Arcola High School from 1968 to 1977. He was involved in the farm implement business, tractor and truck sales, and former co-owner of Dougherty-Sullivan John Deere Dealership in Effingham, IL. He was also member of the Lions Club of East Alton, IL, and former President of the Board of Directors of IHSA (Illinois High School Association). He enjoyed watching sports, particularly rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals. His hobbies included, boating, fishing, snowmobile riding, golfing, and badgering Cub fans. Mr. Sullivan will be dearly missed.

Pat used his Administrative skills not only in his work as the principal of Roxana High School, but also in service of his Lord. Among the positions he served during my time at St. Paul were Chair of the Administrative Council, Vice-Chair of the Elevator Committee, and member of the Finance Committee. Pat was always willing to share in a concise, clear presentation why participation in the church is important for your spiritual life.

Whenever we met to prepare agendas and discuss church business, our conversations usually strayed to a discussion of high school and college basketball. Although Pat no longer coached, he remained an ardent hoops fan. I know Pat spent a lot of time working with the IHSA to ensure the fairness and safety of high school athletics.

I admired the way that Pat took care of Becky during her illness until he himself was felled by disease. I pray that we all might be comforted in our grief by the words of Jesus to Martha. Lazarus, her brother, has died and Jesus reminds her that Lazarus will rise from the dead. Martha says she knows he will rise when the dead are raised at the end of time. Jesus says to her: <sup>25</sup> "I am the one who brings people back to life, and I am life itself. Those who believe in me will live even if they die." <sup>26</sup> *Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe that?* We believe that Pat has been raised with all the faithful of God from the dead. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. This is our comfort: because Jesus lives, we live also. Please pray for Becky and all of Pat's family. Pastor Daryl



## Flu Vaccines OCTOBER 17th 9-11 a.m.

On **Tuesday, Oct., 17th**, Parish Nurse

Eileen and Jill Woodward (RPH) from The Medicine Shoppe in Wood River will be providing Flu Vaccines here at St. Paul UMC. *(Shingle & Pneumonia vaccines available, too, if you let her know ahead of time that you want one so she brings it with her.)*

The self-pay cost is \$30. If you have **Medicare or Health Insurance**, bring your cards so the paperwork can be filled out. Vaccines are available for adults and youth

## Offering for the Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund 2017

Rev. Ed Weston is the Director of Development for PASBF. The organization exists to provide support and resources to our retired pastors and their spouses. One of the primary goals is to provide Medicare Supplemental Insurance to 700 of our IGRC pastors and spouses.

We want to help again this year. To provide the congregation an opportunity to give to the PASBF, on **Sundays October 15 & 22** an offering plate will be placed in the entryway to receive your gifts.

## "Trunk-or-Treat"

**Sunday, October 22 ♦ 4-5:30 p.m.**



This event will be **free** and open to both the **congregation & the community**. We will need lots of volunteers to pass out candy from their trunks. We do ask that volunteers bring candy but we will have some reserve candy as well, in case you run out. **Decorated trunks and costumes are encouraged!** We ask that volunteers arrive by **3:30 p.m.** to get parked and ready for Trick or Treaters!

**PLEASE, IF YOU CANNOT HOST A TRUNK HELP BY DONATING CANDY!**

## SCOUT IT OUT



### CUB SCOUT PACK #3030

TODD LINKE

618-402-5755 / TLINKE0122@GMAIL.COM

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

### BOY SCOUT TROOP #777

JIM PEARSON

618-407-9533 / PEARSON1313@YAHOO.COM

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

### VENTURE CREW #2777

MARK SMITH

618-604-5359 / MARK.SMITH.LUTCF@GMAIL.COM

Second Thursday of Each Month at 7 p.m.

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

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE

On **Sat., Dec. 9th** will be our Annual Church Family Christmas Dinner & Play beginning at 6 p.m. The children will be practicing for the Christmas Play during "More Jesus Time" (10:30 a.m. every Sunday) during the months of October & November. Do you have children or grandchildren who want to be involved in the Christmas Play? Bring them to "More Jesus Time!"





The kick-off celebration was a beautiful success. Thank you to everyone who shared in a part of the day. We could not have done it without all of the helping hands from our church members. Please continue to pray, encourage, and invite others to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 8:15 (Traditional Worship) or 10:30 (Awakening On Sunday)! **Blessings, Lauren Cranmer, Awakening Worship Coordinator**



**TO:** Seniors (70 & over in 2017) of St. Paul UMC

**WHAT:** A Luncheon and a Celebration of You!

**WHERE:** St. Paul UMC, Fellowship Hall

**WHEN:** October 4th, Wednesday

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. (NOON)

## 6th SENIOR LUNCHEON

Won't you plan to join us for the **6th annual senior luncheon** served in your honor! Included will be time for fellowship & fun. Bring your spouse, a family member, or a friend; an appetite; and a smile to have a great time! We would love to know that you will be coming and who you might bring. Please call Lois at the **church office 259-5210** by *Monday, Oct. 2nd* to make a reservation. Arrangements for **door-to-door service or valet parking** are just a phone call away because we want you to be here! Let us, with God's help, bless you with food, fellowship, & friendship on Oct. 4th! We look forward to seeing you!







# FALL FESTIVAL

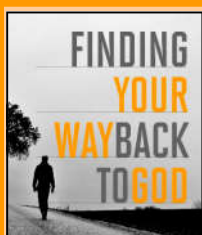
## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th

IT IS ALMOST HERE!!...the **ST. PAUL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**  
on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th** from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

We will have our great Chicken & Noodles or the Vegetable Soup, etc., etc. The craft ladies have been busy creating a variety of crafts and gifts – remember to shop your “home church” first! Pick up those gifts for the “special people” you want to remember especially at Christmas and check out the unique Halloween treats for your kids and grandkids. Don’t forget to stop at the Country Kitchen (baked goods/candy, jams/jellies tables).

**Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**  
**If you can’t “eat in” we’ll be glad to fix a “Take-Home-A-Meal.”**

Of course, in order to make the event a success we will need lots of help. Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. **If you miss signing up at church & want to donate or work, please call Maggie Funke at 259-9490 or the church office, 259-5210.** Proceeds from this project and all others held during the year will be disbursed to our mission groups at our December Christmas Party/Meeting. See you at our Fall Festival!



### SMALL STUDY GROUPS

**Two small groups** expanding on the topics explored in the sermon series, *Finding Your Way Back To God*, will begin meeting on Sun., October 1 and Sat., October 2. The Sun. group, led by Debra Fansler, meets on **Sundays at 5 p.m.** The Sat. group, led by Ryan Tite, meets **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** Both groups meet in the Parlor.

**If you are interested in a daytime meeting of a small group** based on the *Finding Your Way Back To God* series, please contact the church office and we will start a group for you and your friends!

Pick up your participant book from the **Red Welcome Table** and read the first session in preparation for the first meeting!

## October Is...



Pastor Appreciation

## MONTH!



## We Say Goodbye To Our Friend...

**Richard L. Carr**, 70, went to be with the Lord at 7:06 a.m. Thursday, September 21, 2017, at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton. Richard was born December 8, 1946 in Pittsfield. He was a son of the late William R. & Florine E. (Whittker) Carr.

On September 26, 1967 he and the former Connie Jones were married. She went to be with the Lord on April 29, 1997. Richard then married the former Susan C. Feyerabend on November 7, 1998. She survives.

Richard worked as a forklift operator at Olin Corporation in East Alton for 20 years, retiring in 2009.

Also surviving are two step daughters, Deana & Nick Keller of Florence, MT, Danielle & Tim Francis of Ellisville, MO; a step-son, Christopher Carr of Mattoon; four step-grandchildren, Riley Francis, Kinsey Francis, Dagay Keller and Paul Keller; he was like a father to Brian and Tara Kieninger of Springfield, Christopher and Susie Strong of Forsyth, MO, and like a grandfather to Mia and Seth Kieninger, Corgan and Carlie Strong; one sister Shirley Wells and her husband Leonard of KY; mother-in-law, Alice Burrows of Wood River; sisters-in-law, Celeste Vincelett of McDonough, GA, Betty Sims and her husband Tom of Bunker Hill, Patricia Magary of AZ; brothers-in-Law, Richard Jones and his wife Juan of Baytown, TX, Leonard Jones and his wife Linda, of Friendsville, TN, Richard Feyerabend and his wife Patricia of Marshville, MO; many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents and first wife Connie, Richard was preceded in death by a brother, Elmer Carr.

An Army veteran, Richard served during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1969. Richard was a life time member of DAV, the Christian Motorcycle Association, the Hollister Lighthouse Church in Hollister, MO, and the Wood River Kiwanis Club. He rode with several motorcycle groups in the greater Alton area.

**2 Corinthians 4:** <sup>6</sup> The God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!" is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts, to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Yet we who have this spiritual treasure are like common clay pots, in order to show that the supreme power belongs to God, not to us. <sup>8</sup> We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair; <sup>9</sup> there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend; and though badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> At all times we carry in our mortal bodies the death of Jesus, so that his life also may be seen in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> Throughout our lives we are always in danger of death for Jesus' sake, in order that his life may be seen in this mortal body of ours. <sup>12</sup> This means that death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Although the Bible underlines the fragility of life, we are in shock at the suddenness of Richard Carr's death. While we want to celebrate Richard's life today, the primary emotion we feel is raw, numbing pain.

What we find so difficult is that Richard is the very person upon whom we would have leaned to see us through. For Sue, Richard was her rock. For others, Richard was a cherished friend and we feel cheated because our relationship with him upon this earth has ended.

If we try to make it through this time of grief depending upon our own understanding and strength, we're sunk. There is no satisfying answer to our cries of "Why Richard? Why now?" On our own, we will never rise above the flood of our tears.

We need to preach Jesus Christ as Lord. Jesus—the One who took upon himself our death—so we might live His life. We preach what we know to be true: **We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus to life, will also raise us up with Jesus and take us, together with you, into his presence.** While there are many things, we don't know. We know that Richard has been raised to join those saints gathered around the throne of God; singing God's praises forever and ever.

We are common clay pots. The Styrofoam of the first century. Turned out quickly upon the potter's wheel, these pots often had cracks or flaws that caused them to break. Or they were dropped by clumsy servants. Common clay pots were never destined for a long life. And, neither are we.

Still, within each of us burns the divine light of Jesus Christ. A light so powerful that we see it clearly within these fragile bodies of ours. And, unlike our bodies that light is eternal. In fact, as our bodies are diminished by disease and simply aging the light of Jesus burns ever brighter within us. Nothing on this earth, above this earth, or below this earth may extinguish that divine light.

So when these common clay pots—these physical bodies of ours—shatter into a thousand pieces upon our death, we aren't left with a mess. Stripped of our outer shell, the light of Jesus is seen in all its purity and holiness. I offer all of us this assurance and comfort today: *this divine light—not the common clay pot that houses the light upon this earth—is the essence of us. The light is who Richard is. And, this light is eternal.*

Richard Carr's light still shines. It shines in the ways his love has shaped and molded our lives. It shines as we share with our children the lessons he taught us. Richard Carr's light still shines because Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in Jesus even though they die, yet shall they live.

We ask you to please pray for Sue and for Richard's entire family. His sudden death has been a great shock to everyone.  
Pastor Daryl



## ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRESERVING THE PHYSICAL INTEGRITY OF ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AS A FOUNDATION OF FAITH AND MISSIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY

# Mission Possible

"THROUGH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE" MATTHEW 19:26

**UNDERSTANDING & GIVING TO MISSION POSSIBLE**

**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. The **October 2015 Mission Possible Commitment Weekend** was the kickoff to our fund raising campaign. One can still 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.**

## FALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, October 28th

8:00 a.m.-Noon

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

Sponsored by the Board of Trustees







## 2nd Year “Mission Possible” Report...

Believe it or not we are almost at the end of year two of our church renovation project, “Mission Possible.” Through your generosity and prayerful diligence, we have been able to complete almost all our original goals including the following;

The church has a new heating and air conditioning system, new lighting and ceilings throughout the church, new main floor carpeting, fresh painted walls, a security system including instant access to law enforcement, if ever needed. Bell tower windows were replaced with more efficient and attractive windows. Recently, we purchased a more up-to-date and functional church vehicle. We corrected damaged window sills in several areas of the church. We performed a major renovation of floors, lighting, window coverings, a cracked basement wall, air conditioning replacement, entry doors, tv room ceiling and flooring in the senior parsonage as well as a new roof. We replaced the church garage guttering and repaired a damaged wall in the sr. parsonage garage. We are putting the finishing touches on a new “all-call” system for telecommunication to church members. Trustees also picked up on several odds and ends throughout the process while at the same time tackling previously unknown areas of deficiency including a new bell tower roof, new a/c in parsonage (previously mentioned) and (upcoming) new windows in the fellowship hall, kitchen, basement rest rooms, and choir practice room.

Only **two significant projects remain** to be reviewed by Trustees for possible implementation including a new automated front sign and renovation of the front handicapped parking area. Potential cost for the two projects is about \$50,000. Trustees are currently trying to determine whether we can afford to follow through with these projects or whether to relegate them to a list of future needs.

As we near the end of the actual physical work on the Mission Possible campaign we are happy to say Trustees have worked diligently to be good stewards of your generous donations by limiting, to date, our actual indebtedness to \$159,000 of which \$71,000 is an internal loan from our St. Paul Endowment Fund. The remainder will be owed to First Mid America Credit Union.

**Thank you again** for your prayers and your generosity as we have all endeavored to continue our mission to make St. Paul UMC a viable and effective place of ministry in our community and beyond.

**St. Paul UMC Trustees**



## New Church Vehicle...

As of this report the “Mission Possible” project has replaced our used 20-year van with a newer used vehicle (2014) which provides a more aesthetic and functional vehicle for use by the various church groups. The van was purchased from Southern Bus & Mobility Company out of Breese, Illinois. The new vehicle is a 15-passenger van (which allows for a regular

driver's license to drive rather than a CDL) with storage in the rear of the vehicle, a raised roof (turtle top) for head clearance inside and a main aisle making the vehicle easier to transverse. Trustees have decided that the offer on trade-in was so minimal that we will look for another religious group or organization in need of a vehicle and donate our old van to that group. Kind of paying it forward if you will!

It is important for everyone to remember that this is the church's van and therefore open to use by groups and organizations within the church. As such, the obvious expectation is that if a group uses the van that the responsible parties will take care of cleaning up the van, removing trash, etc. after each trip. Furthermore, to make sure that if there is a problem of any kind with the vehicle it is to be reported, in a timely manner, to the church office.

We hope that in the future everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy this vehicle and as a result we can grow our ministry into yet unknown areas.

**St. Paul UMC Trustees**



## OCTOBER • 2017 • STEEPLE



### CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017

In our church we have Confirmation—a time when we talk about our faith and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. At the end of this journey, each person chooses whether they are ready to become a member of St. Paul United Methodist

Church. The group stands before the congregation making the commitment to support the church with their prayers, their presences, their gifts, their service, and their witness. Those who have not yet been baptized will be baptized as part of this service. (Unless you choose to be baptized by immersion which will be scheduled for another time and place.)

This year's Confirmation classes are for 7th and 8th grade youth. We will meet on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. beginning on October 1st through November 26th in the room across from the Boy Scout Room on the top floor of the church. Confirmation Sunday—when you join the church—will then be on November 26th or December 3rd during the 10:30 a.m. service, depending upon when everyone may be present. I realize that some of you may not be able to be there every Sunday, so I will help you catch up on what you missed.

In addition to our Sunday morning time, I hope to work out a time for doing a mission project together and enjoying a fun activity together. If you or your parents have any questions, please call me at 259-5210 or email to [dfansler@stpaulwired.org](mailto:dfansler@stpaulwired.org). I look forward to this time of Confirmation because it is also a time when we have an opportunity to become better acquainted. Pastor Daryl

## HELPING WITH HURRICANE RELIEF

### PRAY:

Pray for those who have lost their homes and are displaced, for those who still need to be evacuated from unsafe areas, for those caring for people in shelters, for first responders and second responders.

### DONATE FINANCIALLY:

You can give through St. Paul to help with relief of those affected by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma. ***Make out your check to St. Paul United Methodist Church and designate the amount on your offering envelope to "Hurricane Relief."***

### DONATE UMCOR CLEANING BUCKET SUPPLIES:

Place any donated cleaning bucket supplies on the table in the cloakroom.

#### What are the needed cleaning supplies?

##### ► **ONLY these specific items:**

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| Liquid Laundry Detergent (1-50 oz. bottle or 2-25oz. bottles)     | Long Handle Scrub Brush                                  |
| Liquid Household Cleaner (12 to 16 oz. bottle - no spray bottles) | Sponges (NO cellulose sponges due to mold issues)        |
| Scouring Pads (NO stainless steel or pads with soap)              | Clothes Pins   |
| Cleaning Wipes (Handi-wipes - No terry cleaning towels)           | Clothes Line (Cotton or Plastic 70 to 100 ft. in length) |
| Dish Soap (16 to 28 oz. bottles)                                  | Heavy Duty Trash Bags (33 to 45 gallon size)             |
| Air Freshener (aerosol or pump)                                   | Dust Masks   |
| Insect Repellent Spray (6 to 14 oz.)                              | Dishwashing Gloves (sturdy for multiple uses)            |
|   | Work Gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather)    |

### VOLUNTEER:

**Please do not self-deploy to volunteer.**

There is now a request for **ONLY** ERT Trained Volunteers in the Rio Texas Conference. For more information go to [www.igrc.org/disaster-response](http://www.igrc.org/disaster-response).

**PRAY AGAIN...**