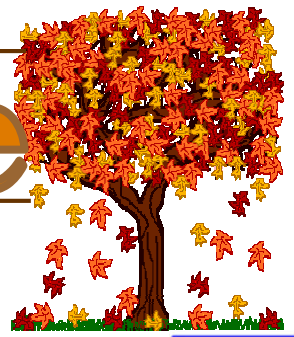




The Steeple

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REFLECTIONS...

Greetings People of Infinite Worth!

I am going to call this article, "What We Learned About Jesus in a Corn Maze." One of the great things about working with youth is the adventures that just seem to happen. Last fall my ministry buddy, Becky and my dear husband Joe, and I took a group of 9 middle school students on a day-long retreat. Our first stop was the Great Godfrey Corn Maze. I have never set foot into a corn maze before and was ill-prepared for this experience, but was interested in seeing just how God was going to speak to us through this field of corn.

A more experienced youth worker would have known that going through a corn maze is not about admiring the scenery. One bit of information about corn mazes, I learned after the fact, was that there are wooden posts, numbered 1-10 throughout the maze. The goal is to follow the trails and find each of the numbered poles in the least amount of time and with the least backtracking. The goal is to pass by each of the posts...one time. Did I mention it was a hot day and that in a corn field, there is no shade, and it is very dusty?

Let it be said that my dear husband and his group of five students (over-achievers all) managed the maze with very little trouble. However, my little group and I took turns having spirited discussions about whether to turn right or left. Our decision making process was flawed in the extreme and we caused ourselves no end of confusion and dismay. I began to suspect that the idea of the posts numbered 1-10 was a hideous lie, and a cruel joke. Really, there must only have been several posts marked with the number one and a couple with number three, because those are the only posts we saw. Unless we were actually walking in circles...

The fourth time we stumbled by the post numbered one, I realized we were in fact walking in circles; we were hopelessly lost. Fortunately, upon entering the maze, we were given a long pole with a bright orange banner on one end for us to raise if we could not find our way out. Have I mentioned that the corn maze is hot and dusty? My companions and I were hot, thirsty, and thoroughly frustrated; so it was with no regret and only slight humiliation we raised our flag. The corn maze has several observation towers situated around; they are manned with people who look out for the unfortunates who just cannot find their way out. We were such unfortunates.

Mere moments after raising the bright orange flag, a young man in a yellow t-shirt materialized; our hero! The first words he spoke to us were very Jesus-like, "Follow me," he said. God bless him! In a matter of minutes, we were out of the maze, enjoying cold drinks in the shade waiting for the over-achievers who decided to go through the maze twice. Great discussions were born of our experience in the maze as we traveled to our next location.

- **Question:** How do we know we are lost in life?
- **Answer:** When we experience the same trouble over and over again, it's like walking in circles; that's how we know we are lost.
- **Question:** How do we find the right path again?
- **Wrong Answer:** Well, we could sweat and struggle and fuss among ourselves, trying to figure-out how to manage this maze called life.
- **Correct Answer:** We could call on Jesus to guide us out of our mess and let him lead us to a better path.

God is good; he allowed us to experience a real-life lesson. I pray that our students (and all of us) will retain that lesson. God is always ready to set us on the right path; we just have to ask.

Blessings!
Pastor Debra



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- Congratulations to **Oliver Bacus** who is cast in the first show of the season at SIUE, “*Radium Girls*” by D.W. Gregory. The performances will be at Dunham Hall Theater on October 10-13, at 7:30 p.m. and October 14, at 2:00 p.m. In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story and written with warmth and humor, “*Radium Girls*” is a fast-moving, highly theatrical piece that offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science. Break a leg Oliver!
- Congratulations to **Caitlyn Cooper & Donovan Hale** on their Sept. 15th wedding! May God richly bless you as you begin this part of your life journey together.
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Richard “Rick” Eggebrecht**, brother of Ross Eggebrecht; the family of **Sandra Murray & Shannon Estabrook**, mother & sister of Matthew Murray, son-in-law of Doug Pascoe; the family of **Morris Iler**, friend of Lee Johnson; the family of **John Palmer**, father of Jamie Palmer, grandfather of Brendan Palmer & Sydnie Palmer; the family of **Clint Champlin**, friend of Christina & Matt Johnson; the family of **Ruth Volz**, sister of Joyce Hutchens; and the family of **Linda Yarborough**, friend of Maggie Funke. May you each know God’s comfort and peace now and in the days ahead.

THANK YOU: Thank you to **Joyce Brueggeman and Karen Martin** for spearheading the **7th Senior Luncheon!** Thank you to **ALL of their helpers** who made this a delightful event and thank you to **Barbara Kay** for her portrayal of Fanny Crosby! (Check out the photos on the next page!)

THANK YOU: Thank you to the **Trustees** for having the back parking lot sealed and seeing to the installation of the fence next door. Things sure are shaping up outside!

THANK YOU: Thank you to **Dan Nickel** for filling the pulpit while Pastor Debra was away in Ireland!

We Say Goodbye To Our Friend...



Randall "R.B." Williams, 62, passed away Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Born April 2, 1956 in Wood River, he was the son of Jack & Janet L. (Childers) Williams. He married Jan Easley July 8, 2000. She survives.

He loved spending time with his family, kids and grandkids, and he watched many favorite TV shows along with them. He played for and was proud of the Roxana Football program, and he was a master at cooking chicken wings.

In addition to his wife, Jan, he is survived by his mother, Janet Williams of Alton; a daughter, Lindsey (Craig Smith, Jr.) Williams of Wood River; a son, Joshua (Jocelynn Gallupp) Williams of Godfrey; a stepson Jared (Nicki) Novosel of Glen Carbon; his grandchildren, Aylexus, Taylor, Arielle, Reagan, Sophia, Lilly, Maddox, and Roman; two great-grandchildren, Aubrielle and Nicholas; two sisters, Lisa Bell of Alton and Laurie (Stan) Griffin of Waterloo, IN; nieces and nephews, Heather Hendricks of Alton, Corey Bell of Godfrey, Sarah and Samuel Griffin of Waterloo; and great-nephews and a great-niece.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Stacie Williams; his father, Jack Williams; and his close and dear friend, Dean Bush.

Memorials may be made to Mid-America Transplant in St. Louis or Roxana Football.



7th SENIOR LUNCHEON



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

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



Our 10:30 a.m. service—*Awakening*—is a contemporary service. 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 are available on the entryway table. Communion is celebrated at the end of every service. The intent of both worship services is to connect, to reconnect, and to draw people into a closer connection with Jesus Christ.

“More Jesus Time” for Pre-school - 5th grade is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.



7: World Communion Sunday. Communion celebrated in both services. Pastor Debra’s sermon for today is titled: ***He Took Bread...*** - Scripture is 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.



14: Birthday Sunday. New Sermon Series—More To The Story: The Gift Of Presence. Today, Pastor Debra will be launching a New Sermon Series. We all have our Bible favorite verses, but; what if our most

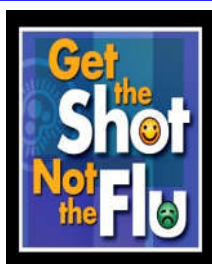


beloved verses are only part of God’s message to us? What if the verse after our favorite verse offers even more wisdom and hope? What nuggets of understanding are we missing when we forget that there is, “More to the Story.” On Sunday, October 14th we begin a six-week sermon series based on the book, *The Verse After the Verse*, by Pastor Debra’s friend, Doc Shear. “More to the Story” is a journey through our most beloved verses and then some, from God’s Word. On this day Pastor Debra’s sermon is titled: ***“The Gift of Presence.”*** - Scripture is Philippians 4:13-14.



21: Trunk Or Treat Today at 4-5:30 p.m. Sermon Series—More To The Story: For God So Loved... Pastor Debra’s sermon for today is titled: ***“For God So Loved...”*** - Scripture is John 3:16-17.

28: Sermon Series—More To The Story: Walk A Straight Path. Pastor Debra’s sermon for today is titled: ***“Walk a Straight Path.”*** - Scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6.



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 (80,000 people died last year of the flu). 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. 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 will give flu vaccines **at St. Paul's on Tuesday, October 9th from 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.** Should you want to have a **shingles** or the **pneumonia vaccine**, you can call her at the Wood River Medicine Shoppe at **618-259-0085** to let her know. 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!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

01-Oct	Daryl Fansler	10-Oct	Gracie Napp	21-Oct	Jacobb Uzzell
01-Oct	Joe Martin	11-Oct	Ashley Cameron	22-Oct	Mandy Armon
01-Oct	Susie Pruetzel	11-Oct	Bill Hale	23-Oct	Morgan Hatten
01-Oct	Jessie Springer	12-Oct	Grace Oertle	23-Oct	Mike Schlemer
01-Oct	Tom Vore	13-Oct	Leah Butler	24-Oct	Matthew Gowan
02-Oct	Michael Cathorall	13-Oct	Carly Campbell	24-Oct	Ian Martin
02-Oct	Adam Schroedter	13-Oct	Jennifer Liedtke	25-Oct	Gene Babcock
03-Oct	Cody Blacklock	14-Oct	Dana Clutts	25-Oct	Jamie Keith
03-Oct	Karen Hamm	14-Oct	Jaxson Hendricks	26-Oct	Lori Hickerson
03-Oct	Lucas Hartman	14-Oct	Erica LaTemp	26-Oct	Joe Huff
03-Oct	Jeannie Huddleston	14-Oct	Joy Pascoe	26-Oct	Eva Taylor
04-Oct	Lisa Bell	14-Oct	Gianna Vore	27-Oct	Stella Lusicic
04-Oct	Christian Cranmer	15-Oct	Duane Atchley	27-Oct	Anthony Ramirez
04-Oct	Mickey Dorsey	15-Oct	Paul Ward	28-Oct	Caleb Bentley
04-Oct	Una Faye Garland	17-Oct	Madelyn Adams	28-Oct	Reagan Hubbard
04-Oct	Dena Tite	17-Oct	Danielle Baggett	29-Oct	Oliver Bacus
05-Oct	Ronda Crain	17-Oct	Jim Baggett	29-Oct	Anna Mae Stewart
05-Oct	Sherry Huff	17-Oct	Angelina Bailey	30-Oct	Greg Crews
07-Oct	Joshua Squier	17-Oct	Ryan Bentley	30-Oct	Cecilia Suermann
07-Oct	Rosalie Toner	18-Oct	Jonathan McCammon	31-Oct	Don Bunt Jr.
08-Oct	Brady Cranmer	18-Oct	Patty Peters	31-Oct	Deanna Ford
09-Oct	Gary Clark	20-Oct	Amy Helmkamp	31-Oct	Stephanie Kainz
09-Oct	Elaina Gowan	20-Oct	Doug Upple		
09-Oct	Drew Huddleston				
09-Oct	Douglas Phelps				
10-Oct	Emily Bowman				
10-Oct	Pat Colclasure				

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



02-Oct	Brock & Heather Hendricks	15-Oct	John & Donna Bailey
04-Oct	Glenn & Debbie Bowman	16-Oct	Jamie & Jennifer McLain
04-Oct	DJ & Brandy Lusicic Jr.	17-Oct	Alex & Nicole Barnes
09-Oct	Stan & Laurie Griffin	17-Oct	Dan & Myrna Duryea
09-Oct	Ted & Cathy Toner	17-Oct	Al & Terry Poston
10-Oct	Dave Noël Schiber	24-Oct	Ronald & Monna Bishop
11-Oct	Todd & Joy Virgin	25-Oct	Geno & Amy Hartman
12-Oct	Heather Adams	27-Oct	Mark & Deb Mayer
12-Oct	Rodney & Heather Adams	30-Oct	Chris & Karen Challandes
12-Oct	Scott & Kelly Cruthis	31-Oct	Larry & Megan Newingham



Be Sure To Pick Up A copy of the Church Directory for 2018!

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



SEPTEMBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 9/30/2018	\$17266.00
Designated Giving:	through 9/30/2018	\$1294.10
	Capital Improvements	90.00
	Loose Change	101.10
	Flowers	75.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	60.00
	Upper Room	13.00
	Youth	50.00
	Wedding	300.00
	Trinity UMC	50.00
	Helping Hands	555.00
World Communion Offering		25.00
Capital Campaign		1970.00
Total:		\$20555.10

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

Average Attendance for SEPTEMBER 2018

Early Service	42
Late Service	54
Sunday School	33
Visitors	4



Capital Campaign money received as of 09-30-18: \$315,811.92

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!

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER 2018 STEEPLE, Fri., October 19th!

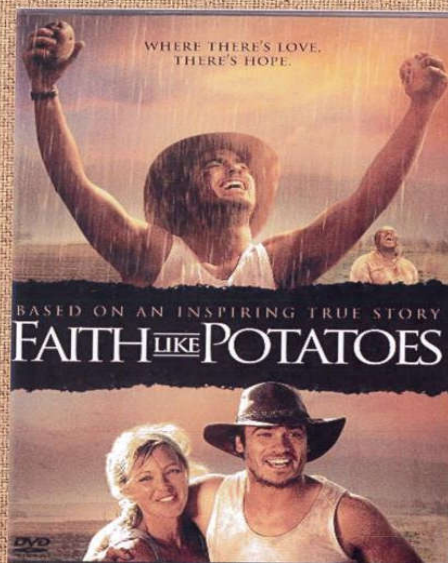
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**SUNDAY,
OCT. 14
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AWAKENING

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018
4:00 PM UNTIL 5:30 PM

St. Paul United Methodist Church
10 North Center Street
East Alton, IL 62024

Join us for this free community event! Costumes are always encouraged! We would love for you to join us!

"Trunk-or-Treat"

Sunday, October 21

4-5:30 p.m.

This event is **free** to everyone. We will need many volunteers to pass out candy from their trunks & food at the picnic shelter. We do ask that volunteers bring candy but we are also collecting reserve candy, in case folks run out.

Decorated trunks & costumes are encouraged! We ask volunteers to arrive by **3:30 p.m.** to get parked & ready!

PLEASE, IF YOU CANNOT HOST A TRUNK HELP BY DONATING CANDY, HOT DOGS & BUNS, BOTTLED WATER, and MARSHMALLOWS, GRAHAM CRACKERS, & CHOCOLATE BARS FOR S'MORES!



Flu Vaccines

Tuesday,
OCTOBER 9th
9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.

On **Tuesday, Oct., 9th**, Jill Woodward (RPH) from The Medicine Shoppe in Wood River will be providing Flu Vaccines here at St. Paul UMC in the side office. *(Shingle & Pneumonia vaccines available, too, if you let her know ahead of time that you want one so she brings it with her. 259-0085)* **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 13 and older.



There is a "Thanksgiving Offering" envelope in with your regular 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: **60%** goes to our **Helping Hands fund** and **40%** goes to **The Preachers Aid Society & Benefit Fund.**

We thank you in advance.



"Jesus Loves Me This I Know"

KIND will continue meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4-5:30 p.m. for youth group. They will also be enjoying fellowship time with one another for "Youthie Dinners" on the 1st and 3rd Thurs-

day of the month at 6:00 p.m. starting on Thursday, October 18th.

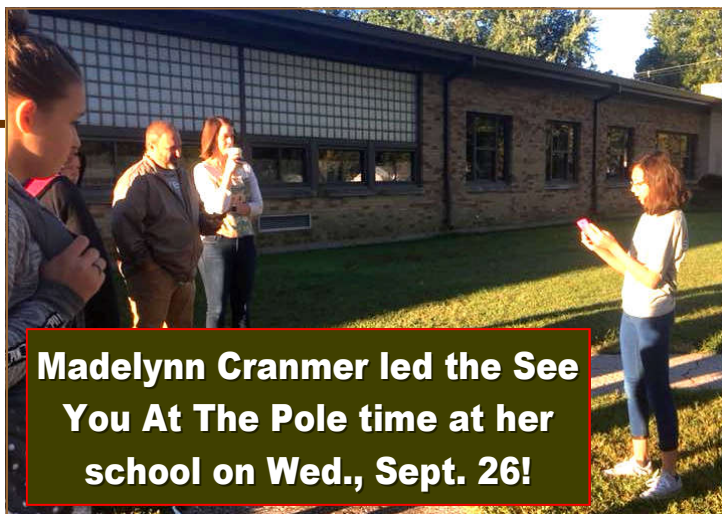
During the fall we will begin a study using Bob Goff's book, "Love Does."

Now is the time to get your youth involved! They are doing great things and will continue to be a light for Christ in this world that desperately needs Jesus!

Contact the youth leader, Lauren Cranmer, for any questions at

(618)660-7967

In Christ's Love and Kindness -
Lauren Cranmer



Madelynn Cranmer led the See You At The Pole time at her school on Wed., Sept. 26!

DAVID HERNDON HONORED!

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville honored eight remarkable graduates at the 2018 SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony on Friday, Sept. 28. The impressive alumni have made exceptional contributions in their chosen fields, in their communities and at SIUE through their leadership, character and hard work. One of the eight is one of our own:

College of Arts & Sciences:

David R. Herndon, BA Government '74

Herndon, district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, was confirmed by the Senate on Oct. 21, 1998. His federal tenure followed seven years as an associate judge in the Third Judicial Circuit of Madison County. Prior to that, Herndon worked as a trial attorney, specializing in plaintiff's personal injury cases, with an emphasis on Federal Employers' Liability Act litigation, for 14 years. An undergraduate degree from SIUE preceded his law degree from SIUC in 1977. Herndon served as chief judge from October 2007 through September 2014 and currently serves as chair of the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Security. He was a 2017 inductee in the Trial Lawyers' Hall of Fame. **CONGRATULATIONS DAVID!**





October Is...



Pastor Appreciation

MONTH!

SCOUT IT OUT



CUB SCOUT PACK #3030

NANETTE MARKOVITCH

618-830-3899 / buffaloc4407@att.net

Meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #777

JIM PEARSON

618-407-9533 / PEARSON1313@YAHOO.COM

Meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

VENTURE CREW #2777

MARK SMITH

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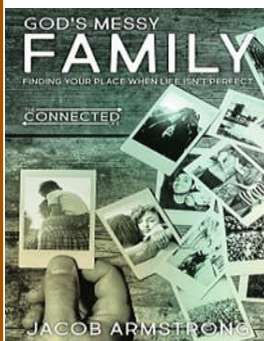
Meet Last Thursday of Each Month at 7 p.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Church

10 N. Center St - East Alton, IL 62024

Fall Bible Study

Continuing on Sundays at 5 p.m.
-All are welcome!



Drama. Drama. Drama.

Your family may be the stuff of a hit reality TV show, but into every family a little...or a lot... of drama must sometimes fall. That's the way we humans have been from the very beginning. Take a look at the lives of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau in Jacob Armstrong's newest book, *God's Messy Family*. As you meet these "messy" families in the stories in Genesis, you'll recognize a pattern to their lives: they are called, they mess up, and God continues to redeem them. Sound familiar? Find out how your "messy" family fits into God's family and how you are part of God's plan for the world. *God's Messy Family* is a video driven Bible study that takes a close look at the families in the Book of Genesis. **Please join me! Sign up today and get your book on the table by the office!**

October

7th - Loss and Promise in the Family of God

14th -The Promise Maker and the Promise Keeper

21st -TRUNK OR TREAT—NO MEETING

28th -The Beauty of Imperfection





IT'S HERE! The ST. PAUL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th 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 Halloween treats for your kids and grandkids. Don’t forget to stop at the 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 FALL FESTIVAL a success we need lots of help. Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. **If you missed signing up at church & want to donate or work, please call Joyce Tappy at 259-8774 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 6th Christmas Party/Meeting.** See you IN CHURCH at our Fall Festival!



OUR 2018 CHURCH CONFERENCE

(Known as the Charge Conference)

On Thursday, October 11th at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary will be our annual Charge Conference—called a Church Conference this year by the request of the acting District Superintendent. We hope that besides the Church Council members, many of the St. Paul UMC members will attend. We know that several will be involved with the conclusion of the Fall Festival in the Fellowship Hall, but if that is not you...please try to join us!

According to the Book of Discipline, this is what we will be doing..... “The primary responsibilities of the charge conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church. “ See you there!!



UPCOMING IGRC EVENTS & MEETINGS



Disaster Response Mini-Academy

IGRC Disaster Response Mini-Academy will be held **Oct. 12-13** at **Mt. Vernon West Salem Trinity UMC**. This mini-academy will include Early Response Training certification and re-certification training, Spiritual & Emotional Care team training, and Connecting Neighbors.

Information for the Mini-Academy can be found by visiting: <https://www.igrc.org/disasterresponse>.

For more information contact Bunny Wolfe (bwolfe@igrc.org) or Christy Blickensderfer (cblickensderfer@igrc.org) at the IGRC Conference Center or Sara Brown (hashbrown2147@msn.com).

Bishop to host meetings on 2019 General Conference

Bishop Frank J. Beard has announced he will host meetings throughout the Illinois Great Rivers Conference discussing the three plans which have been offered as plans for **A Way Forward** with regard to the issues of human sexuality and unity.

The following six sites have been confirmed:

- **Sunday, Nov. 11 -- Edwardsville St. Johns UMC, 4 to 6 p.m.**
- **Monday, Nov. 12 -- Jacksonville Grace UMC, 4 to 6 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Nov. 15 -- Marion First UMC, 7 to 9 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Nov. 17 -- Chatsworth UMC, 10 a.m. to noon**
- **Sunday, Nov. 18 -- Peoria First UMC, 4 to 6 p.m.**
- **Monday, Nov. 19 -- Arthur UMC, 6 to 8 p.m.**

If you are planning to attend one of the General Conference briefing sessions, Bishop Beard is asking that you register in advance as a courtesy to our venue host. We want to have adequate seating for those wanting to attend. <https://igrc-reg.brtapp.com/gc2019briefings>

Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

The **2019 Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation** will be **April 28-May 3** at King's House Retreat & Renewal Center in Belleville.

The theme for the 2019 Academy is *"Peace"-ing Together a Broken World*. Faculty speakers are Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and Dr. Amy Oden.

For more information, visit www.igrc.org/fiveday.

Registration begins Nov. 1 at: www.igrc.org/fiveday2019.

The Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation is a program of Upper Room® Ministries, for clergy and laity which provides a daily rhythm of prayer, worship, Eucharist, learning, and reflection, in the context of Christian community.



NURSERY ATTENDANT **JOB OPENING:**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is looking to fill **ONE Nursery Attendant position** as soon as possible. If you are interested and would like to know more or if you want to pick up an application and job description, please contact the Church Office by phone (259-5210) or by email (info@stpaulwired.org).

This is a paid position.

Thank you!

**Staff-Parish Relations
Committee**

Alton Area Christian Ladies



Their Bible Study is on **GENESIS** and it continues on **Tuesdays at 10 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The study will go for a total of 12 weeks!

All ladies of the church...please join us!!



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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 **October 2015 Mission Possible Commitment Weekend** was the kickoff to our fund raising campaign. One can still participate. This is how to give 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.**



Hometown To Hollywood

by Mike Montgomery



Civic Memorial High School 2006 grad **Matt Gowan** has been in the movie and TV show industry for nearly a decade. Most recently, Gowan worked on the upcoming “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” a Quentin Tarantino film. The film stars Brad Pitt and Leonardo Di-Caprio. A fall release is scheduled. Gowan has become a much-in-

demand production assistant (PA) and occasional director. He attributes his success to the “hometown values” he learned from **his parents, Elaine & Harvey Gowan of Bethalto**. “Family is number one for me,” he said.

As a PA, Gowan performs many and varied duties. He sometimes corrals and directs actors on set, keeps those same people out of shots, and basically, does whatever the director wants. The job can be as short as one day or last months.

Gowan got a modest start in the film industry in this area. He was a person in the background on the set of “Meet Bill,” shot in St. Louis in 2007. Gowan spent a few semesters at Lewis & Clark Community College, where he met Brian Schrage, director of video services and an instructor “who inspired me.” Gowan learned he didn’t want to be an actor or a director, but a producer — the person who actually makes the film happen by pulling all the many parts together.

While still in this area, he also met another person who influenced him. Alton-born and educated Brian Jun has made a name for himself as an independent movie producer and director. Jun was filming “Steel City” in the area in 2006 and asked Gowan, a visitor to the set, to find a prison jumpsuit for a scene. That was Gowan’s “first real experience” as a PA. Gowan and Jun maintained a friendship after that, and Jun became a mentor to Gowan. Gowan managed to get PA jobs on music videos and, on Jun’s advice, began working on his first (and so far only) film, “The Lachrymist.”

Gowan gets back to Bethalto several times a year to see his parents, who are “everything” to him. “I’m proud of the fact that I’m from here,” he said on a recent visit.

We say - **Congratulations Matt!**

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 have begun this collection. The general guidelines they have given us are for *new* or *gently used* items:

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



This information is to remind you that if you go to yard sales, have children or grandchildren who have outgrown shoes and coats, go to Goodwill, or however you come across such items, you may want to buy them for this **fall collection**. If you have children’s coats or shoes that would be a hand-me-down but no one to hand them down to, consider bringing them to put in the box!

The collection has begun
and finishes on
November 4th.

There is a big box in the main hallway to place these items in.

Thank you so much for blessing the children!