



The Steeple

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Healthy Heart



Healthy You

Honduras Bound!

Joe & I are so excited to tell you all that we are going on a mission trip to Honduras! We'll be leaving in mid-June and be gone until the 30th. When I think of Latin American countries, I tend to think that the Roman Catholic Church is the only church represented, but that is not the case. In fact, the United Methodist Church is a strong presence in Honduras. There it is called, *Iglesia metodista Unida*.

We have **several projects** we will pursue during our time there. One of the projects our team will be working on, is **the completion of a second floor of the church building** in Tegucigalpa (Te-goo-see-gal-pa). Our members who are skilled at construction will work along-side local men to complete this building. Some of our members will be **doing fluoride treatments on the children's teeth**. Most children there have never owned a toothbrush, much less receive any dental care. We support cottage industries where women create colorful crafts. Some of our craftier people **will teach the women to knit or crochet** so that they can sell their creations and supplement the income for their growing families. One of the most fun projects will be the **Vacation Bible School for the children**. Luggage restrictions do not allow us to transport a fancy VBS to them, but; the children are delighted with a simple and fun VBS where they feel the love of Jesus.

We are going with a group of about 14 other men and women from various churches. The group is based out of Main Street UMC in Alton, but the members of the group come from all over the US. Some come from Chicago, others from Texas, and others Oregon. This group goes to Honduras every other year. When they went in 2017, my husband Joe went with them; it was his first time on a foreign mission trip. He was so deeply touched by the warmth and the faith of the Honduran people; he cannot wait to go back.

One of the drawbacks of travel in a foreign country is the language barrier. We will have translators traveling with us to help us communicate. But Joe & I want to be able to talk to the people we came to serve. To that end, he & I have been working diligently to build our fluency in Spanish via the Internet and workbooks. If you happen to hear us muttering in a foreign language, we are not speaking in tongues, we are practicing our Spanish skills!

The Honduras team is very busy all year long with fund raising efforts. We sell home-made apple butter and peanut brittle at Christmas craft fairs. During the summer months we sell food at local fairs and other events. This spring, on March 2nd, our team will be hosting "Just for Chicks," at Main Street UMC. Ladies, this is a really fun event that includes a fashion show, luncheon, and lady specific vendors. Be on the look-out for the flyer! The proceeds will go to support our mission trip.

In March, we will be collecting certain items for our trip to Honduras. But until then, Joe, the Honduras Team, and I covet your prayers for a fruitful and safe trip to Honduras. Pray that we might be the hands and feet of Jesus to the people we meet.

Blessings!

Pastor Deb & Joe

REFLECTIONS...





OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- **Thank you** to all of the St. Paul folks who stood out in the cold on Friday, December 7, 2018 to ring bells for the Salvation Army (**Phyllis Hill, Larry Bryan, Larry & Iola Ballard, Mike & Kathy Link, Maggie Funke, Vi Huebner, Randy & Mindy McLain, Randy & Joyce Brueggeman, Tom & Ruth Voorhees, Harvey Birmingham, Lauren Cranmer & the KIND Youth, John & Leona Hendricks, Sydney Martin, and Sean Pontow**). Your efforts raised \$722.37 toward their goal!
- Congratulations to Nicholas & Julie Hobbs on the birth of their son, **Leo Nicholas Hobbs**, on Sunday, January 20th at Alton Memorial Hospital at 4:53 p.m. Leo weighed 8 lbs. 6.5 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Both baby and mom are doing fine! Praise God for this growing family and many blessings on them all!



THANK YOU: Thank you to Pastor Debra, Pastor Doug, and the ladies who made such a wonderful meal for us. It has been a difficult year but we have such a supportive church family who has covered us in prayer to help us through. Thank you and God Bless you all!

Lisa Bell and all of Janet Williams' family

THANK YOU: Many thanks to our clean-up crew for their work January 5th cleaning the Jr. Parsonage. We did quite a bit of work inside and out to shape up the house. Again thanks to: Karen Challandes, Mike Tappy, Scott and Don Gwaltney, Randy Brueggeman, Pastor Debra & Joe Hoertel, and Jim Herndon. *St. Paul Trustees*

THANK YOU: We want to express our gratitude to our St. Paul family for all the love and kindness that was shown to us during the illness and passing of our beloved wife and mother, Evelyn. A special thank you to Pastor Deb and Pastor Doug for the visits & prayers, and to those who put together the luncheon. St. Paul meant so much to Evelyn and you all mean so much to us! *The Bunt Family*

THANK YOU: Thank you to Alice Burrow's Family for donating her memorial gifts to the group which meant so much to her, the Sweet Sounds! *The Memorial Committee*

We Say Goodbye To Our Friend...



"When I was a child, my grandpa Jenkins taught me the bedtime prayer, 'now I lay me down to sleep ...' But these days, I say a different prayer before I go to sleep. I pray for each and every one of my precious loved ones – by name – asking God to never let go of their hands." - Evelyn Bunt

Evelyn Marie Jenkins Bunt, born on April 4, 1931 in Alton, IL, peacefully passed away at sunrise on **December 20, 2018** after an extended illness. Within hours of her passing, her family had received hundreds of notes of condolences and fond memories of Evelyn from across the country. Through these loving messages, the clear image of an earth angel appears: selfless, joyful, genuine, inspirational, pure of heart, overflowing with love, kind, welcoming, patient, gentle, eternal optimist, grateful, loyal, musical, whimsical,

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a gem with an angelic smile, the sweet heart of a servant, a tireless shepherd, the unwavering faith and strength of a leader, the best Sunday School teacher ever, spiritual mentor, a shining lantern that kept the pathway to heaven well lit, and such a confident True Believer that her prayers were as natural as a conversation with an old friend.

Evelyn's passion for the church reaches back to her earliest memories. She once said "As a very little girl, I can remember thinking that the choir I heard up in the back of the church were real angels singing and I wanted to believe that so badly that I never turned around to see who was really singing." A graduate of St. Mary's Catholic School and Marquette High School, her life's philosophy stemmed from the scriptures and served her – and those surrounding her – so well. Evelyn said, "The scripture that has blessed and guided me the most is Philippians 4: 4-7. It reminds us not to worry about anything, but trust in the Lord always. We should always be full of joy and rejoice in everything and be

thankful in all things."

Evelyn is survived by her first love who shared her first and last kisses, Donald F. Bunt, Sr., to whom she was blissfully married for 68 years, by her six children – Deborah Bacus (Mark), Donald Bunt, Jr. (Patricia), Jennifer Friedrich (Thomas), Kathleen Nash (Terry), Daniel Bunt (Kathy), and Timothy Bunt (Joni), along with 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Coy & Mary Hauck Jenkins; by her two brothers David and Edward Jenkins; by her precious grandson, Spencer Bacus; and by her beautiful infant great grandson, Reef Harold Jones-Laws.

One might think that raising six children (who became successful law enforcement officers, firefighters, educators, and caregivers) would have been more than a full time job, but for a dynamo like Evelyn who has always been a faithful servant and a good shepherd, she was inspired to work as the Activity Director at Yinger Nursing & Care Facility for over ten years, take on the responsibility of being a Girl Scout leader for years, give back to her community for decades as an Election Judge, put in countless hours as a hospital volunteer, and become one of the cornerstones of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rosewood Heights, IL by serving on a number of leadership committees, singing in the Chancel Choir and in "Sweet Sounds," directing the Angel Choir, and shepherding as the 3rd grade Sunday School teacher for 54 years, as well as working as St. Paul's custodian alongside her husband Don in their "retirement."

And as if to stretch the clock past a 24 hour day, she also found time to enjoy bowling on the church league, gardening, hosting monthly family dinners and scores of birthday and holiday parties, and leading charity drives such as Heifer International and neighborhood carnivals for the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.

If you wonder what the difference is between a Sunday School teacher and someone who "shepherds" Sunday School, ask any one of the hundreds of children who experienced receiving a post card in the mail reminding them that "we all missed you at Sunday School last week and I hope to see you next Sunday!" That's a good shepherd - one who knew how to gently coax her flock to stay together in the sweet pasture of the Lord and not wander too far off the path. That's a good shepherd who led by example and changed hundreds of lives for the better, even after they were grown with families of their own.

If there was ever a scripture that seems to have been specifically written for one special soul, it is God's wink to our remarkable earth angel Evelyn - Matthew 25:23 – "Well done, good and faithful servant – come now and share your Master's happiness."

Evelyn, we sure are going to miss you. You made coming to St. Paul UMC so much fun and a great time of learning and singing... Please remember her family in your prayers.

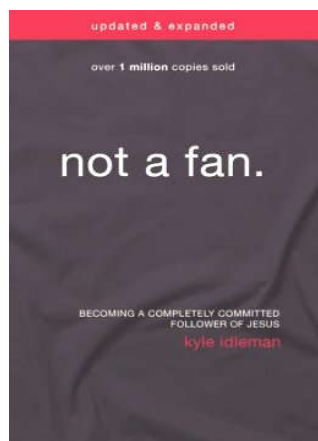


Sundays at St. Paul in FEBRUARY 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Services

Our 8:15 a.m. service is a traditional service with hymns played upon our beautiful pipe organ as . 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. **A Nursery and "More Jesus Time" for Pre-school - 5th grade is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.**



3rd: Communion served at both services.

Sermon Series, "Not A Fan." Follow Me -

Matthew 19:16-23. We meet a rich young man; he knows the rules inside and out!

Don't murder, or cheat on your spouse,

don't steal, don't lie and honor your parents. He's young, smart, morally upright and rich what more does Jesus want from him? Jesus warns us not to compartmentalize our faith life. A follower gives Jesus full access to every part of our lives: our money, our work, our relationships, every part.

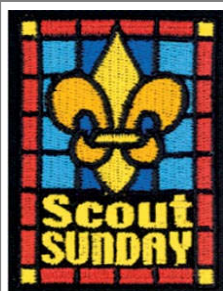


10th: Scout Sunday. Birthday Sunday. Sermon Series, "Not A Fan." Face Forward - Luke 9:57-62. Jesus cautions a young man about looking backward. Followers look to the future and focus on service.



17th: Sermon Series, "Not A Fan." Flimsy Faith - Matthew 23:1-12. Jesus warns about a faith that is based on outward appearances. Followers of Jesus don't rely on image; they know God only looks at the heart.

24th: Sermon Series, "Not A Fan." Few Fit - Matthew 7:13-14. Jesus reminds his listeners that it is easy to fall away from faith and many will fall away. His gate is narrow and only a few find it.



Scout
Sunday
is
February 10!



Calling all kids who like to sing!
ANGEL CHOIR practice continues
every Sunday during the 10:30
service after the SHARING WITH THE
CHILDREN time. Ages 3-18 are all welcome! Be sure
to bring your friends! -Noël Schiber, Director



HOW DOES *Love* AFFECT YOUR HEALTH?



Love. You've heard the songs, read the books, seen the movies and plays—it's a feeling so strong that it inspires the world. And, rightly so. Love makes your head spin, pulse race, heart flutter, and knees weak.

Not to sound cliché, but it's *More Than a Feeling*. Love actually affects your body and health in measurable ways. Science has begun to recognize, with a better understanding of the chemistry and biology of love, that

it does provide actual benefits to your health. So, what does love do for your health?

It makes you *feel* better.

Research shows that experiencing love releases feelings of euphoria, including brain chemicals like dopamine and oxytocin. In fact, researchers say that falling in love is much like the sensation of feeling addicted to drugs – *you just can't get enough*. So, how do these chemicals make you feel like you are on cloud nine?

When dopamine is released, it makes one feel energetic, euphoric, and triggers a very goal-oriented behavior—similar to the phrase, “I only have eyes for you”—nothing else matters but your new partner. Your focus is on them because they make you feel better and happier.

Oxytocin, also known as “the love hormone,” affects how we think, and how we act. When released, it creates a sense of attachment, causing a bond to form between two people. Not only does the hormone make us feel good, but it lowers blood pressure, stress hormones and improves your overall mood and wellbeing.

It can lower blood pressure.

Christopher Suhar, MD, a cardiologist and director of Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, says “One theory on why love is good for your health is that blood pressure responds to calmness and peace... If you're in love, you're calmer and more at peace, which could translate into lower blood pressure.”

It can ease chronic pain.

A 2010 Stanford University School of Medicine study showed that a healthy, passionate relationship may work as medication to relieve chronic pain, as intense feelings of love do in fact activate the same areas of the brain as painkillers.

It decreases chances of becoming depressed.

If a person is in a healthy, supportive relationship, they are more likely to have higher self-esteem, which lowers both men's and women's chances of becoming depressed. Also, if you have someone on your team, someone to care about, someone to increase your happiness, it's pretty hard to frown!

It prolongs life.

Many studies show that people who are married, in committed relationships, or even have a group of close friends are more likely to live longer than those people who are all alone. The beneficial effects of relationships help people lengthen their lives, even when they are confronted with life's most difficult stressors.

There's also good news for the unattached. Back in 2010, a review of 148 studies found that longevity benefits were linked to all close social relationships, not just romantic ones — meaning your friends and family are good for your health, too!

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

01-Feb Dylan Brueggeman
 01-Feb Phillip McCammon
 01-Feb Erin Suermann
 02-Feb Trenton Liedtke
 02-Feb Teagan Plummer
 03-Feb Amanda Bailey
 04-Feb Reese Brueggeman
 04-Feb David Elliott
 04-Feb Tori Newingham
 04-Feb Randy Roberts
 05-Feb Rodney Adams
 05-Feb Brooklyn Boeshans
 06-Feb Nick Dorsey
 07-Feb Mitch Scroggins
 08-Feb Jane Herndon
 08-Feb Sydnie Palmer
 08-Feb Tom Poore
 09-Feb James Birmingham
 09-Feb Dillon Henderson
 09-Feb Jaida Justice
 09-Feb Kimberly McGilvrey
 09-Feb Chris Stamper
 09-Feb Madeline Wood
 10-Feb Tony Garland
 10-Feb Laurie Myers
 10-Feb Jayme Scroggins
 10-Feb Sandy Scroggins
 12-Feb Tyler Cameron
 13-Feb Kari Moore

13-Feb Kathy Nash
 14-Feb Addyson Huddleston
 14-Feb Mark Scroggins
 14-Feb Amber Tappy
 14-Feb Amy Tappy
 14-Feb Joshua Williams
 14-Feb Meagan Winchester
 15-Feb Cassie Cameron
 15-Feb Nicholas Hobbs
 15-Feb William Laufersweiler
 15-Feb Zane Maxwell
 15-Feb Mike Toner
 16-Feb Brandy Mormino
 17-Feb Chloe Allshouse
 17-Feb Carleen Balzraine
 17-Feb Megan Ricketts
 17-Feb Tyler Sims
 17-Feb Jordyn Skjerseth
 18-Feb Chris Greer
 19-Feb Jackie Boeshans
 19-Feb Nicholas Dawson
 19-Feb Joshua Toner
 20-Feb Joni Bunt
 20-Feb Victoria Garrison
 20-Feb Brian Liedtke

20-Feb Emerson Mayer
 20-Feb Grady Mayer
 21-Feb Tesla Plummer
 21-Feb John Yunker
 22-Feb Nicole Poston
 23-Feb Don Roberts
 23-Feb Eldon Wold Jr.
 24-Feb Amber Harlan
 24-Feb Ian Wheat
 25-Feb Debbie Eggebrecht
 25-Feb Nikolas Ward
 26-Feb Noah Martin
 26-Feb Lynda Wheat
 27-Feb Kansas Scoggins
 28-Feb Katelyn Garrison

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

February 04 Hamm, Pat & Karen
 February 14 Bunt, Dan & Kathy

**Be Sure To Help Us Keep The Church Directory Up-To-Date!**

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!

**JANUARY Stewardship**

Budget Offering:	through 1/31/2019	\$13899.00
Designated Giving:	through 1/31/2019	\$2558.50
	Capital Improvements	90.00
	Loose Change	136.00
	Flowers	100.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	120.00
	2019 Steeple Postage	8.50
	Offering Envelopes	111.00
	Helping Hands	750.00
	Upper Room	18.00
	Memorials	1025.00
	Funeral Dinners	200.00
Capital Campaign		380.00
Total:		\$16837.50

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

Average Attendance for JANUARY 2019

Early Service	36
Late Service	56
Sunday School	29
Visitors	1



Capital Campaign money received as of 1-31-19: **\$323,551.92**

**DEADLINE FOR
MARCH 2019
STEEPLE, Tues.,
February 19th!**

**MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT**

February's Loose Change Project is designated for one of our most valuable assets within our church—the St. Paul Youth (KIND)! These funds are to be used to help with youth activities throughout the year. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

NAZARENE COMMUNITY THEATER FEBRUARY

**400 N. Central Ave.
Roxana, IL
FREE FAMILY
MOVIES
EACH MONTH!**

**First Friday,
7 p.m.
First Saturday,
2 p.m. & 6 p.m.**



MARCH





We Say Goodbye To Our Friend...



Bill F. Basden, 92, passed away at 10:28 a.m. Sunday, December 30, 2018 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born Dec. 29, 1926 in Murphysboro, IL, he was a son of Edgar & Wilma (Wilcox) Basden.

On Mar. 14, 1975, Bill & Gloria V. Sievers were married in Rosewood Heights, IL. She survives in Wood River.

Bill was a WWII U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Pacific Theater and retired from the City of Wood River after many years of service. He also served as V.P. on the Board of Directors for Shell Credit Union for 29 years.

In addition to his wife of 43 years, he is survived by 4 daughters: Karen (David) Wilkerson of Shipman, IL, Sherrie (Terry) Hall of Godfrey, IL, Alanna (Jerry McCarthy) Collier of Hazelcrest, IL and Diane Davis of Wood River; 4 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; 1 brother:

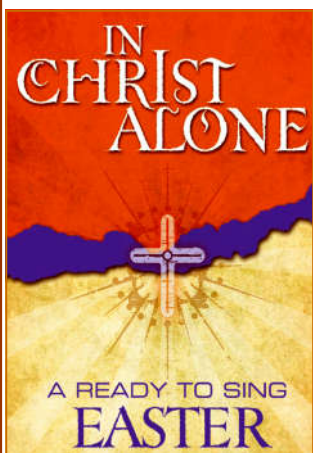
Herbie Basden of Hartford, IL; and 1 sister: Carroll Reed of Brighton, IL.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Brandon David Wilkerson; 5 brothers, Abe, David, Clarence, Robert and Ed Basden; and 4 sisters: Mary Katherine Russell, Helen Hall, Eula Clarice, and Barbara Shaw.

We will surely miss Bill's wonderful smile and contagious laughter. He was a joy to know and to call friend! Please remember the family in your prayers.



2019 EASTER CANTATA



We will be doing the Easter cantata, '**In Christ Alone.**' It is a mix of newer contemporary worship songs and well-known Easter hymns. Our hearts rejoice as hope rises like the Sunday sun over Jerusalem that first Easter morning. The music will bring it all to life once more!

Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., immediately following handbell practice. Practice will begin on February 27.

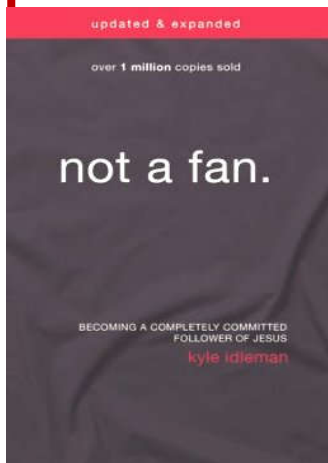
There will be a **sign-up sheet** for you to sign if you will please join us! You may also receive a phone call or email if you have been in the choir in the past. We hope to have a great group of singers!

The **director** will be our wonderful 8:15 a.m. Organist, **Cherilyn Trusty!** Questions? Check with the church office. Thank you!



Small Group Study

"Not a Fan"



Continuing in February is the Small Group Study: ***Not a Fan***, by Kyle Idleman.

This will be a study that explores our calling to follow Christ. Are you a follower or a fan? A video-driven, six-week study, it will continue throughout the month every Sunday @ 5 p.m.

Sign up and pick up your books on the table outside the office!



The Flower Calendar for 2019 is posted on the long bulletin board in the Education

Wing. There are openings in several months beginning with March. This is a great ministry to honor or remember someone or a special day. Please, help fill it in! Thank you!



In a world where you can be anything... Be Kind!

The KIND youth group has planned out a few dates for the upcoming year. More will be added as we go. To begin with we are meeting every Sunday now. Other dates are as follow:

3/17- Pancake Breakfast in between first and second service. Breakfast will be available for a donation that goes toward the girls' camp tuitions.

4/6 – We will all attend the Beautiful U Conference in Troy, IL with Harvest Ministry.

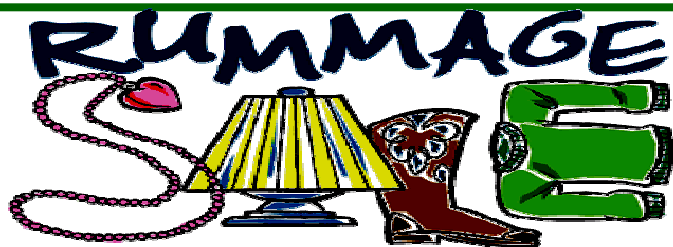
4/27 - Adopt-a-Youth Day. Youth can be adopted for one hour for \$25 or for 3 hours for \$50. Youth are willing to clean house, do yard cleanup, or any chores that are acceptable for them to do to help someone else out in exchange for money towards their youth activities and camp fees.

5/11 - Mom's Day Out from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Give mom the gift of a few hours to herself for Mother's Day. \$15 for 1 child and \$25 for up to a family of 3. Worship, games, stories, and a special Mother's Day Craft will be made.

6/16-6/21 - AIR Camp (leave Sunday after worship, return Friday evening).

Thank you to everyone for keeping KIND in your prayers and supporting our efforts to learn and grow and become the best Children of God we can be!

**In God's Love and Kindness,
Lauren Cranmer - Youth Director**







The 2019 Women Of Worship
Spring Rummage Sale
will be held on
**Friday & Saturday,
April 5th & 6th**
(with a Pre-Sale opportunity on
Thursday, April 4th).

It is still weeks away but we thought that we would give you notice on the dates so you can start collecting items to bring to the church once the time gets here. When you do your Spring Cleaning in the next couple of months be on the lookout for the many things that you can donate to this annual mission fund raiser! Thank You!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION -

If bad weather requires the cancellation of worship services, we will:

ACTIVATE OUR NEW PHONE TREE CALLING SYSTEM!

-  leave a message on the office answering machine
-  contact TV Channel 5
-  post a notice on our website www.stpaulwired.org (if possible)
-  contact those on the e-mail & phone prayer chain (if possible)



**THE
WOMEN OF
WORSHIP
ARE GOING
TO OFFER
UP THEIR...**

FAMOUS CHICKEN AND NOODLES!

Sunday, Feb. 17

(right after the second service ends)

In the Fellowship Hall

PLATE LUNCH INCLUDES:

- Chicken & Noodles-**
- Salad & Green Beans-**
- Dessert & Beverage-**

COST:

Adults = \$9.00

Children = \$5.00

(10 and under)



**You don't have to wait until the Fall Festival to enjoy this delicious meal!
Sign-up today! Bring your family & friends & neighbors!**

**MORNING IS GOD'S WAY OF
SAYING ONE MORE TIME, GO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE, TOUCH A HEART,
ENCOURAGE A MIND, INSPIRE A
SOUL AND ENJOY THE DAY.**

UNKNOWN



PECANS

Are still available in the office throughout the week! The cost is:

\$11.00 for the 1lb. bag of plain

The pecans are being sold as a Fundraiser for the Women of Worship missions.

TRAINING

All-District Training Event!

The Mississippi River District Training Event is scheduled **Sunday, February 17 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Matthew UMC in Belleville.**

There will be four breakout sessions that include: Trustee Training, Finance Training, Church Growth, and The Importance of Prayer. We have great people from our conference and district communities coming in to educate, remind and inspire us on these important topics. Please share this with individuals in your church who will need to come to this training with you (i.e. committee members and church leadership).

If you are interested in attending, contact the Church Office either by phone or email. If enough people sign up, we will take the church bus for your convenience.

Hickerson Scholarship 2019



The tragic skiing accident of January 15, 1995, that claimed the life of Meghan Hickerson of Hartford, IL, will never be forgotten.

God has a way of healing hurt and turning tragedy into triumph. Meghan's death immediately gave life to several people, known collectively as "organ donor recipients." Her legacy of faith and service lives on through the "Meghan Hickerson Christian Teen Leader Memorial Scholarship" that is made available through St. Paul UMC.

Meghan was a student leader who set a standard of excellence within the public school system. She also set an example of faith and dedication by spreading God's love through her church and her academic life, to all she encountered. Our goal each year is to reward one or two

deserving college-bound graduating seniors who sets for him or herself the same standards of outstanding scholastic achievement and faith reflected in their everyday life.

Graduating seniors from the three area high schools (East Alton-Wood River, Roxana, and Civic Memorial) or any who are a member of St. Paul UMC may apply for the \$500.00 scholarship.

We encourage members to notify any student that may qualify and have them complete the application process. Application materials will be available through the counselors at the above mentioned schools or directly from the church office.

DEADLINE for completed application materials is: Monday, April 1, 2019

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 259-5210.



UPCOMING IGRC EVENTS & MEETINGS

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 has begun 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.



IGRC scholarship application process is open as of Dec. 1

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry is offering a scholarship opportunity for undergraduate students during 2019-2020 school year. Applications will be accepted starting Dec. 1.

Applicants must be members of a United Methodist Church in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference for a minimum of one year. Scholarships awarded will be sent to the community college, college, or university that the student will be attending during the 2019-2020 school year to help pay for their undergraduate tuition. The scholarships awarded will be a minimum of \$500.

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on March 1, 2019. If you have any questions, contact **Christy Blickensderfer** or **Amy Shreve**.

Please note: There is no way to save this application in process. Once you have submitted your application you will not be able to review or edit it. It is recommended to review the entire application process before beginning.

Intern applicants sought

Applications are being accepted for the **2019-20 Intern Program**.

Prospective interns, mentors, and host churches/ministries will find application materials and a handbook to answer most of your questions at www.igrc.org/interns. Priority deadline is **Jan. 15**. Final deadline is **March 1**.

Reaching New People Workshop

We are excited to announce that the date for a **Reaching New People Workshop through Congregational Development** has been confirmed and will be held on **Saturday, March 23** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at **Fairfield First UMC**. Lunch and snacks are provided and the cost is **\$10** per person. If you are interested let the church office know!

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Prayer, reading the Bible together challenge

Have we ever considered resolving to pray daily for our church and all of our leaders? Have we ever considered being more proactive in praying for our neighbors and all who may be going through the storms of life? **As the IGRC Prayer Coordinator, I would like to challenge everyone to look at this yearly tradition from another perspective.**

Let's make a "Spiritual resolution" by joining me in pausing for a minute and reciting the Lord's Prayer daily and reading the Bible together this coming year.

-- Choose the Bible translations that speak to you and make your experience engaging and exciting

-- Invite others to join you on this journey

Tips on Praying and reading the Bible daily:

1. Start praying by reciting the Lord's Prayer today.
2. Set aside a schedule and stick to it.
3. Start reading a few passages from the Bible as you enrich your prayer life.
4. Apply God's Word to your life.
5. Live victoriously!

It is my prayer and hope that everyone will take up this challenge of "Spiritual Resolution" and let us make 2019 a year of breakthrough, healing, and restoration.

Aletha Weatherall, IGRC Prayer Team Coordinator

Prayer team initiates Conference Prayer line

If you are involved in any prayer ministry for the Lord, the IGRC prayer team THANKS you for being faithful. I am hopeful that all is going well as we continue to be in prayer for our conference, our churches, and ourselves.

The **IGRC Prayer Team** has started a **Conference Prayer line** that meets every **Sunday at 7:00 p.m.** This conference Prayer line consists of five minutes devotion, prayer requests, testimonies, and prayers. Please join us. The call number and access code are as follows:

Conference number: (218) 895-0912

Access code: 339523

Grace and Peace
Aletha Weatherall
IGRC Prayer Team Coordinator



Body & Spirit Health Fair

**Saturday, March 16th
from 9 a.m. - Noon**

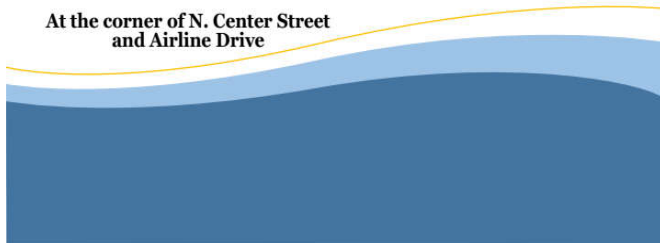
Free to the public, donations accepted
Proceeds to go to our children and youth ministries
Children's activity table—free activities for kids

Blood Pressure
Checks
Chair Yoga
Prayer Beads
Diabetes Care
First-Aid
Healing Touch
Chair Massage
And More

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At the corner of N. Center Street
and Airline Drive





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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

MISSION POSSIBLE WAS POSSIBLE....

To date we have done just under \$500,000 of work and have borrowed only \$158,000 (\$88,000 from 1st Mid-America and \$71,000 from our Endowment Fund - having paid back \$1,000 to that fund already). Furthermore, the Trustees, in keeping with the long-term philosophy of our church of being debt-free, now will turn their attention to accomplishing that goal. While the physical work is done the work of paying down the debt continues.

Obviously, we hope to retire part if not all of this debt using a combination of the Capital Fund Campaign treasury (which in early December had a balance of \$37,225.59) and, as per the vote of the church members, use the proceeds from the sale of the Jr. Parsonage, which should go on the market sometime in early 2019. However, it is important to say that if you **still have a balance on your three year commitment or if you have paid off that commitment and simply wish to continue** providing funds to pay down the debt, we would sincerely appreciate your on-going generosity so that we can reach the goal of being debt-free.

Again, God bless you for your prayerful efforts and your financial generosity in our "Mission Possible" to continue the spiritual viability of our beautiful St. Paul church building and the ministries housed within the "brick and mortar" part of God's ministry on the corner of Airline Dr. & Center St.

Yours in Christ,
St. Paul UMC Trustees



You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So...get on your way!

-Dr. Seuss