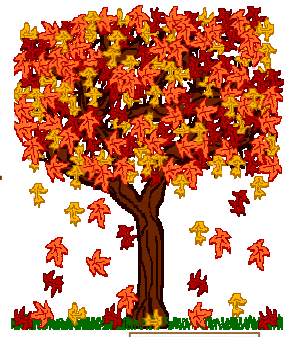




The Steeple

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of Rosewood Heights, Illinois

OCTOBER 2019



REFLECTIONS...

Greetings People of Infinite Worth!

Many of you know that we are undergoing a church growth process based on the book, **The Unstuck Church**. We are at a point in the life of St. Paul called, maintenance. Maintenance is characterized by inward focused thinking, and isolation from the community. We have a team of people who are praying about, discussing, and brain-storming ways to help St. Paul become “unstuck” from the maintenance phase we are presently in. **We covet your prayers** as we discern the new vision for St. Paul. While we are busy discerning, we are trying some different ways of doing things.

One of the best ways to grow a church is for the **members to invite friends and neighbors** to be our guest at a special event. Of course, we can invite guests any time, but it is great to have a special event to share with them. **Starting October 6th, we are beginning a new sermon series called, “The Unlikely Heroes of the Old Testament.”** During the four weeks in October, we will explore some major characters, who did not appear to be hero material. The first Sunday we will consider Moses. Moses had an anger problem, and he wasn’t confident at public speaking. When God called him to talk Pharaoh into freeing the Hebrew slaves, he declared he was not the man for the job. Despite Moses’ hesitations, and fears, he went on to free his Hebrew brothers and sisters and became a great leader. New sermon series are always engaging, but we are kicking off this new series with a skit performed at the Awakening service by our talented youth. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to be our guest. Perhaps, our guests will decide they want to hear the whole series and will return the following Sundays. As always, our goal is to connect people with the saving grace of Jesus; you can help that to happen when you invite people to church.

Another opportunity to connect to the community is coming up on **October 19th from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.** We are calling the event, **Paws in the Park**. Paws in the Park is a pet-oriented event. The community is invited to come and enjoy one another’s pets. The pets will have to be on leashes, so most of the guest pets will be dogs. I have held a similar event where someone brought a cat in a travel container. One time, someone brought a chicken on a leash. The only other time I have blessed a chicken was when it was on my kitchen table!

We will have music, a pet parade, a dog groomer, and special pet treats plus other attractions. The men’s ministry from Main Street UMC will bring their BBQ grill and cook pork steaks and brats. We will have a pet memory table where people can light a candle in honor of a pet they have lost. As a part of the event, we will hold a brief worship service in which we will bless the pets. This will be an opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors, and to have them meet your church family.

If you have a pet, please attend with your pet. If you don’t have a pet, please attend anyway. Please support your church in our effort to engage with our neighborhood. This will be a wonderful, and relaxed opportunity to meet with the community and to get to know them better. The more community engagement we have, the greater our opportunity to invite and spread the Word of Christ.

Blessings! Pastor Debra



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOU'S!

- We rejoice with the August 8th birth of **Gabriella Louise Ernst (9lbs. 6oz.)**, daughter of Felicia & Roger Ernst! The rejoicing family includes grandmother Orisa Babcock and great-granddad Gene Babcock. Congratulations and may God be ever present in Gabriella's life as she grows.
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Dennis Dubbelde**, (particularly son, Chad) friend of Ronda Crain; the family of **Jim Hall**, nephew of Sally Lay; the family of **Emily Sexton**, friend of Lois Mitchell and Ruth Bell; and the family of **Gus Kodros**, friend of Lois Mitchell and Ruth Bell. May God give to all His comfort, healing, and peace in this time of loss.
- Congratulations **Jim Herndon** for the honor and recognition of being inducted into the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame! (See photo of Jim and his wonderful family!)



- **THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone for your love and kindness in the loss of my grandson. Thank you for the cards, the hugs, and thank you to those who attended the service and to the ladies who cooked a wonderful meal. God is here. Thank you Lois for the beautiful programs.
Dorothy Kasinger and Jacob Cathorall's family
- **THANK YOU:** "You have no idea how amazing you are... You go out of your way to care about others, sharing your strength, wisdom, and love in ways that lift spirits and touch hearts. You're amazing in all that you are and in everything that you do." To the members of St Paul; both Doug and I would like to thank you all for your prayers and hugs we received after our house flooded a few weeks ago. It was such a blessing to have our church family surround us with love. It meant the world to us. Your gift will help us afford to repair the damage from the flood. There are not enough words to express our gratitude. God Bless You All! **Doug & Joy Pascoe**
- **THANK YOU:** I want to thank everyone for the cards & prayers while I was in the hospital and now back home. It makes getting well so much better! God Bless You! **Ruth Champlin**
- **THANK YOU:** The Senior Luncheon was wonderful!! Thank you so much! **Pat Colclasure**



We Say Goodbye To Our Dear Friend...



Norma Lorene Stice, 89, of Alton, IL, formerly of Winchester, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, at Rosewood Care Center in Alton.

She was born in Scott County, IL, to Rudolph "Rudy" & Bertha Wilson Boes on July 26, 1930. She married Robert "Bob" Stice on July 15, 1950 in Winchester. He passed away March 29, 1993.

Norma is survived by her sister, D. Elizabeth "Liz" Lashmet of Springfield, IL; granddaughter, Jessica Stice of Scott City, MO; sisters-in-law Jerry Boes of Hannibal, MO; Mary Jane (Jim) Mikalisch of New Berlin, Freda (Ed) Eyster of Wood River; brother-in-law Jack Stice of Alton; numerous nieces and nephews; close friends; and guardian angels, Vernon & Cheryle LeClaire of Alton.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Cindy; six brothers and their spouses, John (Katherine), James (Rosemary), Gerald (Eileen), Eugene (Linda), Harold and Charles (in infancy) Boes; and three sisters and their spouses, Lula (John) Cloninger, Minnie (Ross) Anders and Velma (in infancy); and a brother-in-law, Reg Lashmet.

Norma worked at Blocks Drive-Up on Milton Road for many years. She enjoyed her cat, Buddy. She was a huge Cardinals baseball fan and enjoyed family get togethers, and visiting with friends and neighbors.

Norma was part of our St. Paul UMC family for awhile and we will miss her sweet and gentle spirit until we meet her again in heaven. Please lift her family and many close friends up in your prayers.

Hand Bell Choir Director



Familiarity with sacred music a must.

Performance monthly during worship at both services - 8:15am & 10:30am. Rehearsals are at least an hour on Wednesdays from Sept. to May. Please call the church office for more information, 259-5210.

Application and job description are on our website. stpaulwired.org

Bowlers are needed

for the St. Paul Bowling team. We bowl on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Bowl Haven in the Mixed Church League. Teams consist of 4 bowlers who rotate weeks so we can accommodate people working shift work, etc. It is a lot of fun and good exercise. Please, contact **Mark Mayer @377-6463** if you are interested!



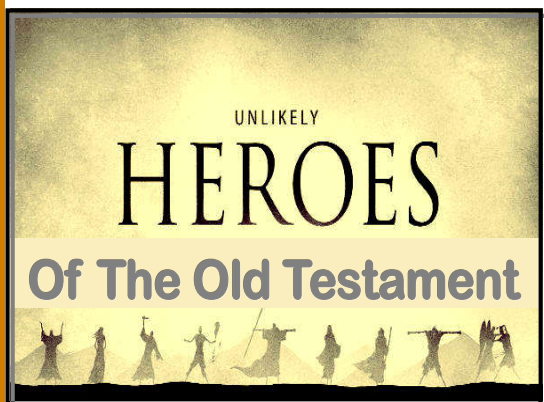


Sundays at St. Paul in OCTOBER 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Services

Our 8:15 a.m. service is a traditional service with hymns played upon our beautiful pipe organ. 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 lead by a worship & praise team. Words to the songs are projected on the screen or are available on the entry-way table. Communion is celebrated at the end of every service. The intent of both worship services is to draw people into a closer connection with Jesus Christ and with each other. *A Nursery and "More Jesus Time" for Pre-school - 5th grade is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.*



6th: World Communion Sunday.

Communion Both Services. New Sermon

Series: Unlikely Heroes Of The Old

Testament—Moses. Moses Skit by the Youth at 10:30

service. Message: But Moses Protested! Scripture: Exodus 3:7-15 Theme: Moses was afraid and uncertain; did he have the skills to free his people? He didn't think so. Despite his hesitance, he was a man of faith. God gave him the words, and persistence to free the slaves and to lead his people.



13th: Birthday Sunday. Sermon Series: Unlikely Heroes Of The Old Testa-

ment—Esther. Message: For Such A Time As This! Scripture: Esther

4:1-4; 3:13; 4:13-17 Theme: Esther was living the dream; she was the queen, married to a powerful King. She had it all until her lifestyle was threatened by a savage decree. How does she decide whether to abandon or save her people? What can we learn from her decision-making process?



20th: Angel Choir Sings in the 10:30 service. Sermon Series: Unlikely

Heroes Of The Old Testament—Rahab. Message: The Scarlet

Rope! Scripture: Joshua 3:1-13 Theme: Rahab recognizes the

power of God when she sees it. Her conviction that the God of the Israelites is all powerful, leads her to defy her king. She hides Joshua's spies and lets them get away.



27nd: Trunk or Treat after the 10:30 service. Sermon Series: Unlikely

Heroes Of The Old Testament—David. Message: Poster Boy For

Second Chances! Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:1-10 Theme: David

made a lot of bad decisions, but he was still a man after God's own heart. God offers abundant grace to those who love him. (The children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to the 10:30 a.m. service and afterwards participate in our Trunk or Treat. Those adults who wish to hand out treats from their trunks should park in the back parking lot.)





FALL FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th

The ST. PAUL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

On this **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th** from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

We will have our famous 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, farmer’s market 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 will need lots of help. Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. If you haven’t signed up yet there is still time! **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 5th Christmas Party/ Meeting.** See you IN CHURCH at our Fall Festival!

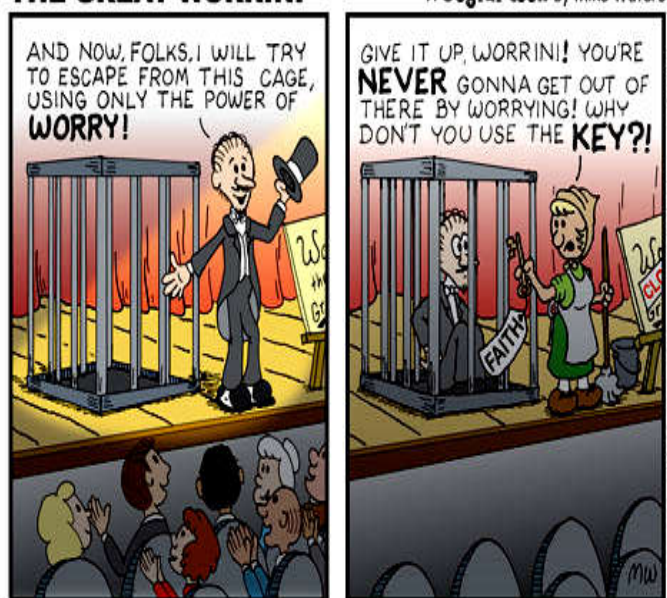


This event is happening on Sat., October 19th from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. Please read the **Pastor’s reflections** (front page) for more information!

**Pastor Debra &
Awakening Planning Team**

THE GREAT WORRINI

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

— MATTHEW 6:27 NIV



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

01-Oct Daryl Fansler
 01-Oct Joe Martin
 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 Christian Cranmer
 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 Joshua Squier
 07-Oct Rosalie Toner
 08-Oct Brady Cranmer
 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 Schlemer
 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 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 & Noel 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 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

Church Directory - Help Us Keep It Up-To-Date!

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

**SEPTEMBER Stewardship**

Budget Offering:	through 8/31/2019	\$15258.00
Designated Giving:	through 8/31/2019	\$1547.30
	Capital Improvements	100.00
	Loose Change	175.30
	Trinity UMC	50.00
	Flowers	125.00
	Upper Room	7.00
	Endowment	1000.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	90.00
World Communion		20.00
Catch-Up Offering		2038.00
Capital Campaign		1250.83
Total:		\$20114.13

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

Average Attendance for SEPTEMBER 2019

Early Service	35
Late Service	41
Sunday School	28
Visitors	4



Capital Campaign money received as of 9-30-19: \$338,013.75

**DEADLINE FOR
November 2019
STEEPLE,
Mon., October 21st!**

**MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT**

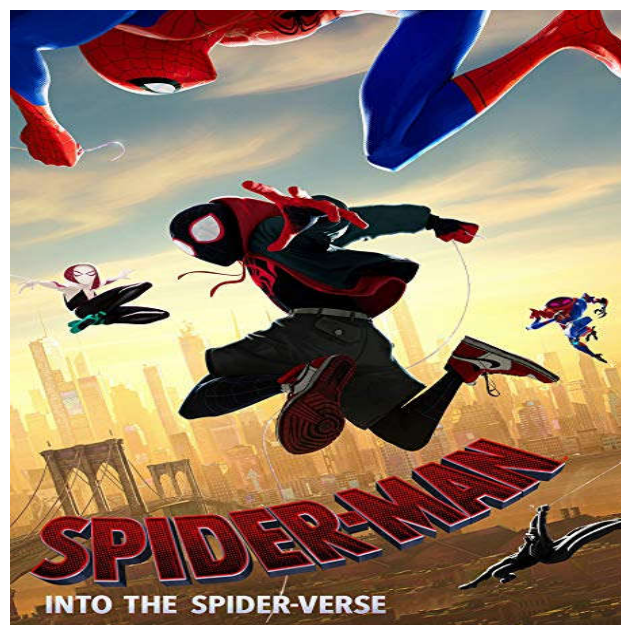
October's Loose Change Project is the Red Bird

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!

**NAZARENE COMMUNITY
THEATER**

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

**Friday, October 4 @ 7 p.m.
Saturday, October 5 @ 6 p.m.**





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

East Alton FUMC & St. Paul UMC KIND Youth will be co-hosting a "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot of EA-FUMC on Sunday, October 20th from 4-5:30 p.m. We are looking for trunks to participate, as well as

candy donations. Please join us in putting on this community event together!

A sign-up sheet is available on the table outside the office for those who are able to share their trunk and time for this occasion. All ministries of St. Paul UMC are **encouraged to participate** if you can (Awakening, music ministries -i.e. Angel Choir-, Sunday School Classes, small groups, WOW, etc.). By participating and sharing what we have to offer, we are able to highlight the ministries of our church, too.

The youth group will be performing a "Moses Skit" on Sunday, October 6th during the 10:30 service.

We will be going to the **Great Godfrey Corn Maze** and having pizza on **Friday, October 18th**. We will meet at Lauren's house and leave from there at 5:30pm. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Please bring money for concessions if you think you will want to snack while we are there. Your admission will be covered through our youth group.

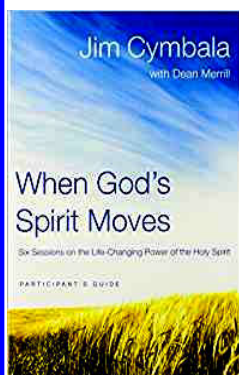
Special thanks to the member who sent a youth donation for **KIND**. You are greatly appreciated and loved!

KIND Youth meetings have begun again on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 4-5:30 p.m. here at the church building. Please continue to pray for our youth as they ask questions and strive to grow in their faith and understanding! Thank you Church for all of your support!

If you would ever like to help with the **cost of our snacks** for our meetings, please contact Lauren to make arrangements. We do have a peanut allergy and a gluten allergy in the youth group. We are always open to suggestions from parents and the youth on how to better reach as many as possible! God bless you!

We love you, church!

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



Fall Small Group Bible Study

Using "When God's Spirit Moves" by Jim Cymbala
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

This video-driven study will show us how to listen for the voice of the Spirit, and how a life lived in the presence of the Spirit can transform us and our church. The last three Sundays begins October 13th. You can still join in if you are interested!

October 13th – Water, Wind, and Fire

October 20th – Who's in Control?

October 27th – Help When We Need it most



October Is...



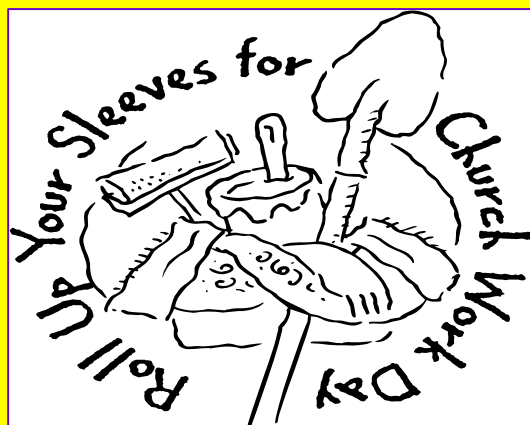
Pastor Appreciation

MONTH!

FALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, October 12th
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



Alton Area Christian Ladies

The fall Bible Study will be on **GENESIS (3rd part)** and it began on **Tues., September 17th at 10 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The study will go for **9 weeks!** All ladies of the church, please join us!!

Fall Concert at YWCA in Alton
Friday, October 18 @ 6:30 p.m.



Kids can wear costumes for a contest!

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

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

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

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



St. Paul UMC

"Trunk-or-Treat"



**Sun., October 27
after 10:30 a.m.
service**

The children can come to church in costumes... Adults who want to hand out treats should park in the back parking lot. Please bring your own treats to give out. Our children will travel from car to car Trick-or-Treating! Be sure to guess costumes!

"COMMITMENT
IS WHAT
TRANSFORMS
A PROMISE INTO
REALITY."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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 17th!**

There is a box in the main hallway to place these items in.
**Thank you so much for
blessing the children!**



8th Senior Luncheon!





World Communion Sunday is October 6, 2019

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Equipping Disciples to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of the United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

Will You Equip World-Changers?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the People of the United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands. Together, we enable national and international graduate students to change the world.

You may either use the special World Communion offering envelope for your gift or designate your gift for World Communion Sunday on your regular envelope. Thank you for your generous gifts.

UPCOMING IGRC EVENTS & MEETINGS

Prayer team initiates Conference Prayer Line

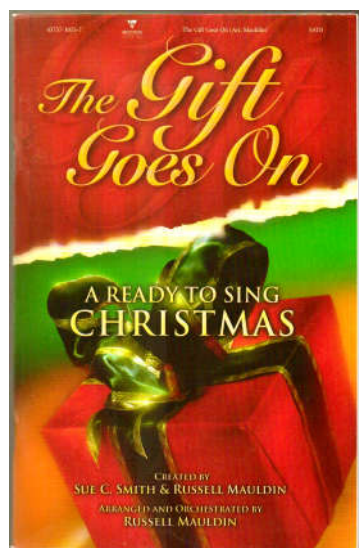
If you are involved in any prayer ministry for the Lord, the IGRC prayer team THANKS you for being faithful. I am hopeful that all is going well as we continue to be in prayer for our conference, our churches, and ourselves.

The **IGRC Prayer Team** has started a **Conference Prayer Line** that meets every **Sunday at 7 p.m.** This conference Prayer Line consists of a five minute 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





2019 Christmas Cantata

The 2019 Christmas Cantata: The Gift Goes On, has been chosen and we are excited! A sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office if you are interested in singing in the cantata! Practice begins on Tuesday, October 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Cantata sing date is planned for December 15th! Please sign-up TODAY!

The choir & congregation will enjoy this bold expression of praise as we take a unique Bethlehem journey together. Each spirited arrangement has been skillfully prepared. The creative use of traditional Christmas favorites, soul-stirring new anthems, and masterfully crafted narration provides a fresh vibrant worship. Please, come and sing!



THERE ARE IMMEDIATE WEET OUND S OPENINGS IN SWEET SOUNDS

Qualifications: Must be male or female; young, middle age, old, older.

Must be able to walk and step into the van.

NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED! If you like to sing that is a BIG PLUS. You don't have to be trained in opera or even country music. Can't read music? That is OKAY; we only use the words.

Must be able to shake hands & spread some sunshine! You need no computer savvy, bookkeeping skills, or accounting degree. **Should be available each Friday (at 12:45 p.m.) of the month and one Monday (at 1:00 p.m.).**

APPLY IN PERSON AND BE PREPARED TO STAY. *Excellent benefits to your mind, body, and soul. God and Sweet Sounds need you in this outreach ministry today!*

Music IS a powerful memory!

Our members come from several churches and communities. For more information call Dorothy Kasinger at 259-7255 or email to her at dorothydlk@charter.net. Give us a try this fall!

COMMUNITY



**At East Alton FUMC
1001 3rd St.
East Alton, IL**

**Sunday, Oct. 20th
4-5:30 p.m.**

**Co-hosted by the youth of
EAFUMC and St. Paul UMC**

The youth are asking for folks to bring their car trunks and participate with them! They are also accepting donations of candy. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office on the table to let them know if they can include your car trunk in the line-up! Please join them in putting on this community event together. For more info call Lauren Cranmer @ 660-7967.



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

😊 ➔ **FINISHING THE WORK...** ⬅️ 😊

As announced earlier this year, the work of the Mission Possible (topping over \$500,000) is complete. The Jr. Parsonage has been sold and the proceeds, along with approximately \$5,500 from the CFC checking account, were used to pay off our debt to 1st Mid America Credit Union.

The Trustees along with the Church Finance Committee and Church Council have agreed to move \$5,000 from the total that remains in the CFC account into the Trustee Reserve Fund as a jump start on any physical needs of the church in the future. Approximately \$2,000 will be kept in the CFC checking account to pay for incidental church building physical needs in these next couple of months and the remaining money, approximately \$28,000, has been transferred to the St. Paul Endowment Fund to pay down our in-house loan of \$71,000. This transfer plus the \$1,000 we already paid to the Endowment Fund leaves us with a balance of approximately \$41,000 of indebtedness to the fund. The very last of our remaining indebtedness!

We ask that you continue in prayer about our church's physical needs and consider either continuing or beginning a financial contribution to help us pay down our debt to ourselves in the "Endowment Fund." (To do this, pay any monies to the **Capital Fund Campaign designation** as you have done in the past.) Not only is it important to pay ourselves back, to adhere to this church's longtime philosophy of being debt-free, but it is equally important to put ourselves back into a position of paying our fair share of apportionments for the ministry work of the United Methodist Church in general.

Your generosity and prayerful approach to supporting the church's work is appreciated more than mere words can express! God bless...

**Many blessings and thanks to all,
From your current St. Paul UMC Trustees:**

Mike Tappy, Scott Gwaltney, Ian Martin, Noël Schiber, Joe Hoertel, Karen Challandes (secretary), Jim Herndon (chairman), and Pastor Debra Hoertel