



The Steeple

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of Rosewood Heights, Illinois



NOVEMBER 2019

Greetings People of Infinite Worth!

A few weeks ago, my husband, Joe, went on a unique hunting trip. It was special for him in several ways. First, he was able to spend time with this best friend, Frank. He and Frank grew up together in Belleville. They joined the Marines together and have been great friends since Kindergarten. The second unusual thing about this hunting trip was that Joe had never hunted birds before; it was a brand-new experience for him. He loved it!

The third and most important aspect of this trip was that it was reserved for veterans of all ages. This trip placed him shoulder to shoulder with some terrific men and women who had faithfully served their country. Many of his shooting companions served during the Vietnam era and they had injuries and illnesses as a result of their time in the service. Some of the vets suffered with PTSD, post-traumatic stress disorder. Several were still in physical pain due to injuries received while on duty. Others were struggling from illnesses caused by the chemicals used during that period. He heard stories of lonely people and broken lives. It deeply touched his heart.

When I think of veterans, I tend to think them as a group; a faceless group of men and women who gave up a piece of their life for the security of our nation. But Joe's experience with the hunters reminded me that veterans have faces and their stories are as different as they are. My father, for example, was a veteran and he served in the Navy during WWII. He volunteered during the Korean War as well; his duty called him to be away from the family for three years. Dad was one of the lucky ones. He came home without physical injury. The GI Bill was available to him, and he used it for his education. He and my mom purchased a home in the suburbs and raised the five of us kids on meatloaf and mashed potatoes. The fact that he was the sole support of a wife and five children boggles my mind, especially in today's world of two-income families. My father was part of the Greatest Generation and I am proud of what he accomplished.

My husband, Joe, served in the Marine Corps. He too was one of the lucky ones; he completed his military hitch unharmed. His friend Frank, whom I mentioned above, was not so fortunate. Frank was injured in Afghanistan when his caravan ran over a land mine. His injuries are both physical and emotional. My brother David served in the Navy, and his son, Richard served as well. David ended his military career unscathed, but his son Richard has emotional scars that may never heal. The pain is real and our veterans are suffering.

Every November, we remember our veterans. This year on **Sunday, November 10th** when we gather to worship, let's remember those who served so bravely. As we sing our patriotic songs and place our hand over our heart, let's remember that some of our veterans have not only sacrificed their time of service, but also their physical and mental well-being. Many of them struggle still despite the fact that they have been out of the military for decades. I thank God for their willingness to serve.

Gracious Lord, heal and protect our veterans; bring healing to the physical and emotional wounds sustained during their time of service. Be with their families as they work together to cope with the struggles of life after military service. In your mercy, hear our prayers!

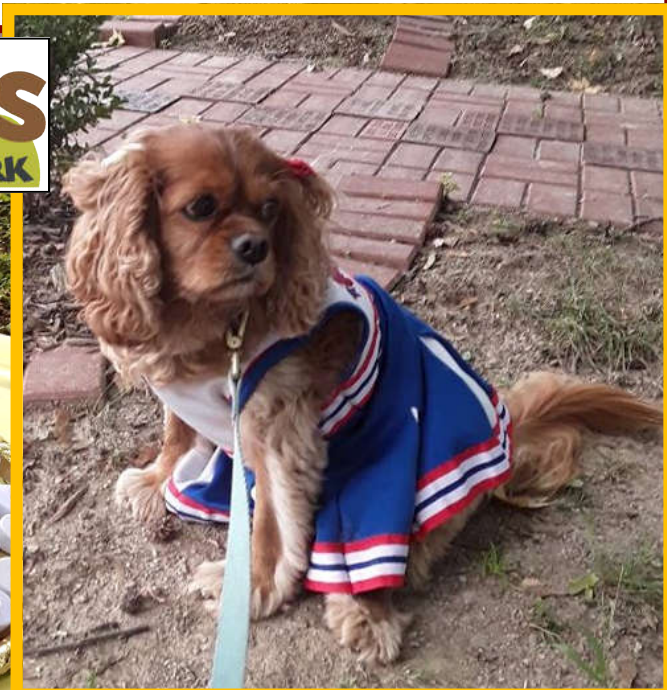
Blessings! Pastor Debra

REFLECTIONS...



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- We rejoice with the October 11th birth of **Lincoln Henry Challandes (7lbs. 10oz.)**, son of Karen & Chris Challandes! The rejoicing family includes grandparents John & Leona Hendricks! Congratulations and may God be ever present in Lincoln's life as he grows.
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Al Uzzell**, brother/brother-in-law of John & Iris Uzzell; the family of **Mary Lois (Sunderland) Shepard**, dear lifelong friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell; and the family of **Nancy Jackson**, niece of Joyce Tappy. **May God give to all His comfort, healing, and peace in this time of loss.**
- **We thank everyone** who gave to the Catch-Up Offering! We desire to pay our bills and apportionments. If you were not able to give financially, please always remember to give us your prayers for the Lord's work here at St. Paul UMC.
- **2019 Altar Flowers:** Thank you to all who have signed up this year! Remember to pay for your flowers when the time comes around or if you have received a reminder card.
- **THANK YOU** to everyone who came to help with our Fall Church Work Day! It was a great time to gather together, work together, and catch up on the needs of the facility God has blessed us with. **The Board Of Trustees**
- **THANK YOU:** Dear friends, thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital. A special thanks to Doug Pascoe, Parish Visitor, for all of his visits. God Bless you all! **Dot Elliott**
- **PAWS IN THE PARK:** Thank you to everyone who **helped** or **participated** in the **PAWS IN THE PARK** this year! We had fun and we hope that all of our guests had fun ... human and furry 4-legged! **See below and on page 8** some fun photos of Ellie - who won Best Costume, of the Pet Parade, and of the Memory Table.





COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
3:00 P.M.**

**Wood River UMC
30 N. Sixth Street., Wood River**

Pastor Cary Beckwith, host pastor

- Special Speaker
- Special Music
- Special Offering

Sponsored by the Wood River
Township Ministerial
Alliance



Hand Bell Choir Director



Familiarity with sacred music a must. Performance monthly during worship at both services - 8:15am & 10:30am. Rehearsals are for 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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION -

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

- ✦ **ACTIVATE OUR 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 BACK PEW - Jeff Larson



God calls Jonah to travel to Nineveh and preach. Jonah goes with plan B. **Jonah 1:1-3**
BAD PLAN!! When God says go.. you best be goin'.

<http://thebackpew.com>



Sundays at St. Paul in NOVEMBER 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.*



All Saints' Sunday

3rd: All Saints Sunday. Daylight Saving Time Ends. Communion Both Services. New Sermon Series: MAN ON THE RUN - JONAH. **Message:** Jonah Flees! **Scripture:** *Jonah 1:1-12* **Theme:** Jonah doesn't like the assignment God gave him, so he goes in the opposite direction. When do we run away from what God has planned for us?



HONOR/RESPECT VETERAN'S SUNDAY

10th: Veterans' Sunday. Birthday Sunday. **Sermon Series: MAN ON THE RUN - JONAH.** **Message:** Jonah's Prayer! **Scripture:** *Jonah 2:1-10* **Theme:** Jonah's disobedience almost kills him and several others as they are sailing to Tarshish. What are the results of disobedience?



17th: Bounty Sunday. Sermon Series: MAN ON THE RUN - JONAH. **Message:** Jonah's Warning! **Scripture:** *Jonah 3:1-9* **Theme:** Jonah warns the Ninevites, but in his heart he hopes they don't listen to his prophecy. How is our attitude important for our faith walk?



27nd: Bible Sunday. Christ the King Sunday. **Sermon Series: MAN ON THE RUN - JONAH.** **Message:** Jonah's Anger! **Scripture:** *Jonah 4:1-6* **Theme:** Jonah became angry because God was planning to save the Ninevites. How are Christians supposed to deal with their anger?





CAP N Mitten Tree 2019



NOV. 10 - DEC. 4th!

All the forces of darkness
cannot stop what God
has ordained.

Isaiah 14:27



The Women of Worship would like to thank **EVERYONE** who helped make this year's **Annual Fall Festival & Craft Sale** a success from beginning to end...

There were helpers who set up for the Festival - our faithful ladies who cooked and managed the kitchen, servers, dish-washers and dish driers, dining room workers, take-out order folks, and people who priced the donations and managed the various booths. We also appreciate all those who came and enjoyed a meal or two and/or made purchases at the craft and other various booths. Hopefully you became acquainted, or reacquainted, with someone to make the day enjoyable.

The approximate profit to date is **\$4912.00**. There are a few bills to be paid and we still have some lovely crafts and gift items available in the Fellowship Hall. The money gathered during the entire year from our events will be distributed to our various mission and charity groups at the **WOW Christmas Party Wed., December 4th** – watch for the details in the bulletin. **All women** of the church are invited to join us at the potluck luncheon and in distributing these funds.

**AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU AND
GOD BLESS YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE
THIS A WONDERFUL EVENT!**

~Women of Worship~



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 01-Nov Richard Demond
- 01-Nov Kyle Norris
- 02-Nov Larry Ballard
- 03-Nov Monna Bishop
- 04-Nov Maximus Justice
- 05-Nov Larry Champa
- 05-Nov Raegan Martin
- 05-Nov Amber McCammon
- 06-Nov Karen Hatten
- 06-Nov Brett Huff
- 06-Nov Madelaine Ramirez
- 06-Nov Morgann Ramirez
- 06-Nov Lilly Shaffer
- 07-Nov Corinne Crandall
- 07-Nov Courtney Dorsey
- 08-Nov Donna Badman
- 08-Nov Christopher Ricketts
- 09-Nov Caroline Crandall
- 10-Nov Gloria Basden
- 11-Nov Julie Brown
- 11-Nov Bill Crain Jr.
- 12-Nov Daniel Jensen Jr.
- 12-Nov Charlie Sparling

- 13-Nov Charles McKnelly
- 14-Nov Jim Funke
- 14-Nov Julie Natsch
- 15-Nov Cathy Dorsey
- 15-Nov Joe Hanfelder
- 15-Nov Steve Natsch
- 15-Nov Vivian Westhoff
- 17-Nov Lydia Chester
- 17-Nov Kristi Ward
- 17-Nov Frank Yankovich Jr.
- 18-Nov Ashley Babcock
- 18-Nov Heather McCammon
- 19-Nov Nathan Chester
- 20-Nov Elaine Gowan
- 21-Nov Emma Martin
- 21-Nov Jason Ortegren
- 22-Nov Ryleigh Spurgeon
- 25-Nov Jill Taylor-Sullivan
- 26-Nov Emma Wood
- 27-Nov Paul Mormino
- 27-Nov Greg Mortland

- 28-Nov Dan Davis
- 29-Nov Jacob Crews
- 30-Nov Sam Brown
- 30-Nov Adyson Bunt
- 30-Nov Dot Elliott
- 30-Nov Rachel McPheters



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 01-Nov Mark & Debbie Bacus
- 01-Nov Douglas & Susan Phelps
- 03-Nov Mickey & Cathy Dorsey
- 03-Nov Jim & Anna Mae Stewart
- 05-Nov Daniel Jr. & Lindsey Jensen
- 07-Nov Mike & Bobbie Jean Schlemer
- 11-Nov Josh & Jordan Brown
- 18-Nov Ian & Tamera Martin
- 19-Nov Gregg & Lana Liedtke

- 19-Nov Jeremy & Tiffany Nairn
- 23-Nov Allan & Kyle Napp
- 26-Nov Jim & Anita Dawson
- 29-Nov Mike & Ricci Voorhees



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!



OCTOBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 10/31/2019	\$14806.00
Designated Giving:	through 10/31/2019	\$4400.62
	Capital Improvements	100.00
	Loose Change	111.33
	Wedding Fees	225.00
	Flowers	105.00
	Upper Room	10.00
	Trustee Reserve	3537.29
	Hickerson Scholarship	40.00
	Paws In The Park	212.00
	Memorials	60.00
World Communion		8.00
Capital Campaign		700.00
Total:		\$19914.62

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

Average Attendance for OCTOBER 2019

Early Service	38
Late Service	39
Sunday School	25
Visitors	5



**DEADLINE FOR
December 2019
STEEPLE,
MON., NOV. 18th!**



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

The November Change Project is the Mid-West Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL. This is a United Methodist warehouse/depot out of which materials and supplies are distributed throughout the United States and the world at times of natural and man-made disasters. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

NAZARENE COMMUNITY THEATER

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

Friday, November 1 @ 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 2 @ 6 p.m.





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

KIND Youth had a great time at the Great Godfrey Corn Maze and having pizza! Nine of us total enjoyed fellowship, fun, and food together.

We will continue our Case for Christ study on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. We will be planning a Christmas outreach for December. Stay tuned to the bulletin and newsletter for more information!

If you would ever like to help with providing snacks for our meetings, please contact Lauren to make arrangements. We do have a peanut allergy and a gluten allergy in the youth group. Also, 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!

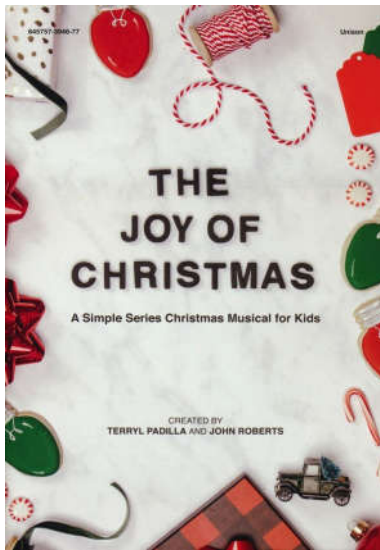
In God's Love and Kindness, Lauren Cranmer - Youth Director





Christmas Dinner & Program

It is a St. Paul tradition for the church to gather for Christmas Dinner. Very soon you will have an opportunity to make reservations for this year's catered **Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 14th at 6 p.m.** There is no set charge for the dinner. Instead, **we all make a donation for the meal of what we can give.** **Reservation forms** will be in the Sunday bulletins 4 times in the months of November & December. Please fill **one** out for your family. If you cannot be here to do this, **please call the church office (259-5210)** during the week or email **info@stpaulwired.org** to leave your information with the church secretary.



Dinner will be followed by **"The Joy Of Christmas."** We want **kids ages 3 - 8th grade** for our Christmas show! We will present **"The Joy of Christmas"** on **Saturday, December 14** after the annual St. Paul Christmas Dinner. **Practices** are part of our More Jesus Time during the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday. This is a Christmas musical for kids celebrating the amazing joy found in Jesus. It will help kids understand the joy of Christ is not only the greatest gift they could ever receive, but the greatest gift to share with the world. The show will feature speaking parts, a video, a Nativity, and some fun songs! Bring your friends to sing with us and your family to join you for this wonderful event!

It is a wonderful evening filled with the joy of Christmas fellowship around the table as well as enjoying our children & youth sharing the news of the baby Jesus!

UPCOMING IGRC & MISSISSIPPI RIVER DISTRICT EVENTS



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

Harvest Worship Nights

Harvest Ministry Teams will have two worship nights scheduled in November:

Sherman UMC, Saturday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Trenton First UMC, Sunday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m.

These evenings are open to everyone, student ministries and families. There isn't any admission cost but a love offering will be received.



Bounty Sunday, November 17th

is a long-standing tradition within our church. It is a time when we stop and reflect how God has richly blessed us. We do this during the 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. worship services. The best response to God's blessings is to give thanks & praise Him. **Bounty Sunday** is filled with music, prayers, and praises. We bring an offering of food and other necessary items for our food pantries: **Community Hope Center and Operation Blessing**. Inserts with information have been placed in the bulletins. Suggested items are listed. If you will not be in worship on the 17th, please do not let that stop you from bringing in a sack of food. You may place it in the food collection area anytime **before Nov. 17th**. We invite you to participate in our **Bounty Sunday**. For us, it captures the true meaning of Thanksgiving!

Annual Coat & Shoe Collection



Riverbend Head Start & Family Services says

thank you so much for blessing the children!

The collection ends on Sunday, Nov. 17th!



Church outreach for Christmas

The last nine years our church has supplied unwrapped gifts for the Roxana Jr. & Sr. High School student councils' annual party for at-risk children. Approximately **150** children are identified by school nurses and teachers from all the area



schools. These are children from very low income families. They are invited to a Christmas party at the Roxana School. **The date for the party this year is Saturday, December 7th.**



The children get a picture with Santa, a meal, and gifts. Our gifts supplement those purchased through funds raised at the school. Details follow:

What To Bring:

Unwrapped toys & clothes for children aged infant to 13 years, wrapping paper, and tape

Due Date:

Collected now through Sat., Nov. 30th

Where:

Place items in big Christmas box in the entryway!

The gifts will be wrapped by the students.



There is a “**Thanksgiving Offering**” envelope in with your regular envelopes. As you plan what to give for 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 “undesigned.” The **undesigned monies** will be divided this way: **60% goes to our apportionment payments and 40% goes to UMCOR.** We thank you in advance!



Everyone is welcomed to come help the Worship Ministry Team decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 30th from 9 a.m. - Noon!



It will *soon* be time to order your poinsettias. The cost **should be between \$7 & \$8** per poinsettia. **The order deadline will be Sunday, December 8th.** Poinsettias may be taken home following the services on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. **Watch for the inserts.** Remember to indicate when you order to whom it is “*in memory*” or “*in honor*” of and it is **important** to include your payment when you order. Questions? Call 259-5210.



PECANS:

This year’s pecans will be here at the start of NOVEMBER, so plan now...The costs will be:

\$11.00 for the 1lb. bag of plain and **\$9.00** for a bag of the chocolate covered.

The pecans being sold are a Fundraiser for the Women of Worship to add to the mission money raised so far this year!



Salvation Army Bell Ringing will be on Friday, December 13th

10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Walmart in Wood River (Grocery Doors)

We ring at the grocery entrance with teams of two people for one hour at a time... **WATCH FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET!**





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



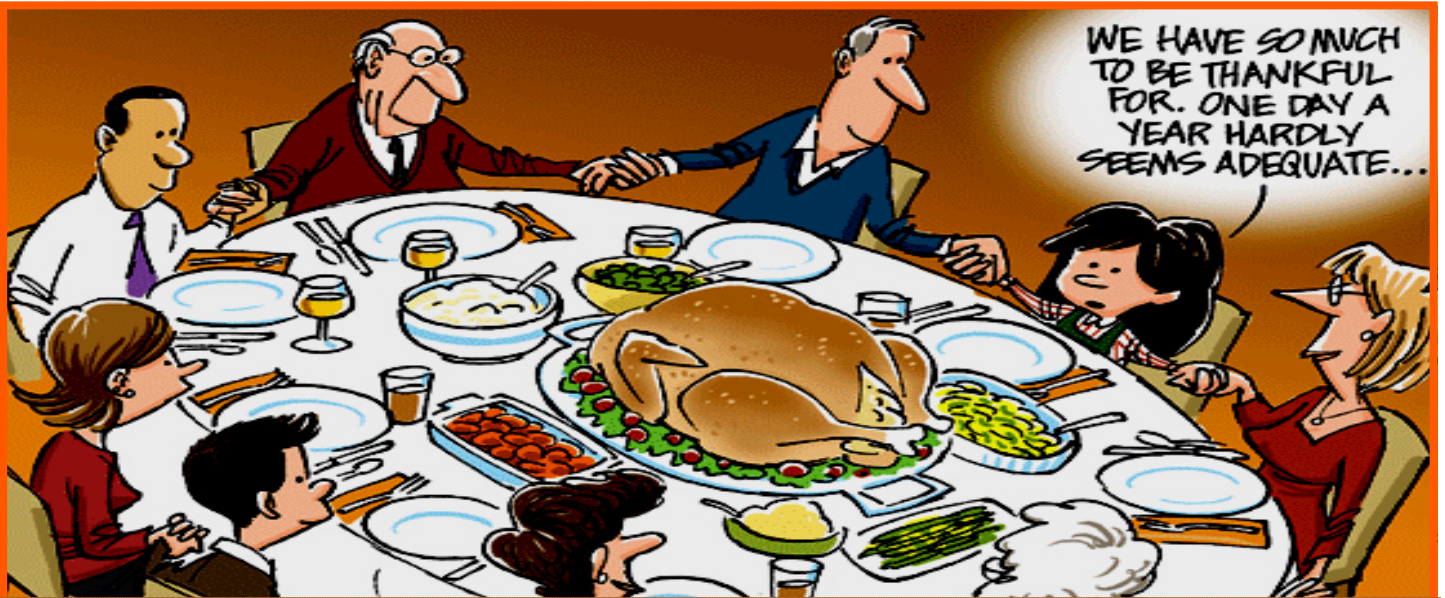
Alton Area Christian Ladies

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!!

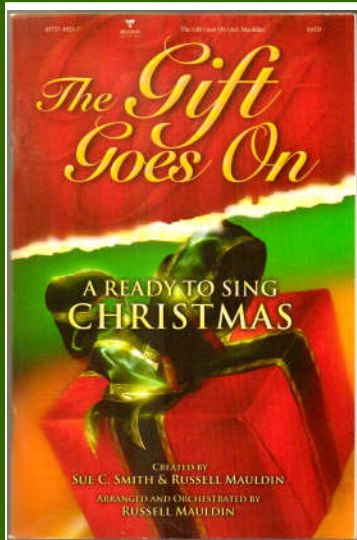
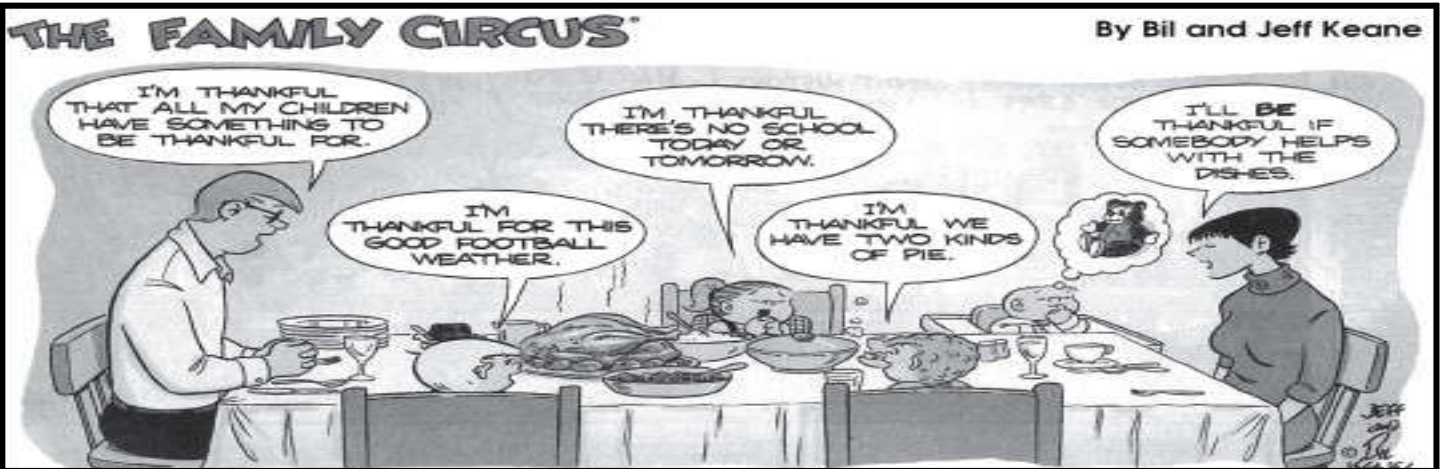
**Winter Concert at
St. Paul UMC—
Airline & Center
Rosewood Heights
Sunday, December 8
@ 3:00 p.m.**

“There is always, always something to be thankful for.”





Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!



2019 Christmas Cantata

The 2019 Christmas Cantata: The Gift Goes On, has been chosen and we are excited! If you are interested in singing in the cantata you may still be able to join the practices! Practice is on Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Cantata sing date is planned for both services on December 15th! Please join us TODAY! (No practice on Tues., Nov. 26th.) Please, come and sing!



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... ← ☺

Earlier this year it was announced that the work of the Mission Possible (topping over \$500,000) was complete. The Jr. Parsonage was 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 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 \$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,
John Hendricks, Karen Challandes (secretary), Jim Herndon (chairman),
and Pastor Debra Hoertel**