



The Steeple

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Greetings people of infinite worth!

I don't often use the Steeple as a platform to recommend a book, but I am doing so today. This book was recommended to me at a pastor's conference; I immediately purchased it; it was so absorbing that I was not able to put it down. The name of the book is, "**Crucial Conversations**," by a group of writers: Patterson, Grenny, MacMillan, and Switzler. The thesis of the book is that crucial conversations are not merely those that take place between presidents and prime ministers. Crucial conversations occur anytime **three factors** come together. The three factors are: opposing opinions, strong emotions, and high stakes. I think these three factors have come together in our beloved United Methodist Church. As we get closer to the General Conference in May, these factors will take center stage regarding the on-going controversy over same-sex marriage and gay clergy.

An odd and unfortunate truth about crucial conversations is that they generally happen in the moment. Most often, we can't prepare for them, we cannot predict when they will arise, and when they do come up, we often say things that are not helpful.

Sometimes, in retrospect we realize we have said some pretty dumb or unkind things. Crucial conversations can plunge us into what scientists call, **lizard brain**. Lizard brain thinking occurs when we are using only the most primitive part of our brain, the part that limits our thinking to one of three options: fight, flight, or freeze. None of these options are conducive to honest, and respectful conversations. I think we all really desire our conversations, especially our difficult conversations, to be honest and respectful. How do we talk to people with whom we disagree about emotional issues? As we get closer to the General Conference, these conversations will certainly arise; let's not let them blindsides us to the fact that God loves us all; we are his children.

I cannot possibly condense **Crucial Conversations** into one page, but some of the guiding principles are: think about what you want to happen as a result of the conversation, think about what you want for the other person, and think about what you want for the relationship. Most of us just want to be respected, heard, and understood even if we disagree with one another.

Crucial Conversations is not a Christian book, it is written for a business application; however, the principles are sound and Christ-like. The writers encourage honesty, gentleness, understanding, and respect. They offer strategies to attain the best results from our social interactions. People are complex beings and we all come to the table with our personal histories and our hang-ups. I cannot suggest strongly enough that we read this book, for the good of our congregation and every other aspect of our lives.

Blessings!
Pastor Debra

REFLECTIONS...



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- Another successful Women Of Worship **CHICKEN & NOODLES DINNER** has been served! **Thank you to all** of the St. Paul folks and everyone who helped, donated desserts, or came to enjoy the meal together! What a great day it was! The Women Of Worship have donated the proceeds from the event, **\$712.61**, to the General Fund to help with the expenses of the church; thank you so very much WOW for doing this!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Carl Draper**, longtime friend of many here at St. Paul UMC; the family of **Gloria Basden** (see page 3); and the family & friends of **Rev. Charles Schwaab**, local pastor known by so many in the area (see brief obituary below). **May all touched by a loss know God's comfort and peace now and in the days ahead.**



Retired local pastor, the Rev. Charles M. Schwaab, 86, died Feb. 19 in St. Louis.

Rev. Schwaab served as a local pastor to **Alton Grace, Hartford, and Elsay UMC's** for 15 years from 1998 to 2013. He served in the U.S. Army and was active with the Salvation Army and the Colonial Fife and Drum Corps.

Condolences may be sent to his wife, Marjorie Schwaab, PO Box 5024, Godfrey, IL 62035-5024.

Trust in His timing,
Rely on His promises,
Wait for His answers,
Believe in His miracles,
Rejoice in His goodness,
Relax in His presence.

free stuff

The Board of Trustees still have a set of older wooden kitchen cabinets & a wooden desk. If you are interested in these FREE items contact

Jim Herndon
618-795-6179



We Say Goodbye To Our Dear Friend...



Gloria V. Basden, 91, passed away at 10:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton, IL. Born Nov. 10, 1928 in Williamson, IL, she was the daughter of Fred & Lydia (Ruehup) Sievers. On March 14, 1975, she and Bill F. Basden were married in Rosewood Heights, IL. He passed away Dec. 30, 2018.

Gloria enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, and being outdoors watching nature. She had worked as a teacher and bookkeeper.

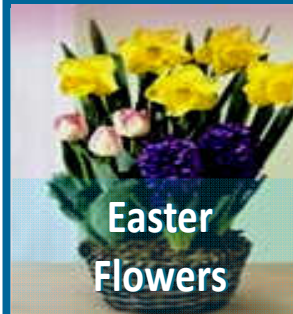
She is survived by four daughters, Karen (David) Wilkerson of Shipman, IL, Sherrie (Terry) Hall of Godfrey, IL, Alanna (Jerry McCarthy) Collier of Hazelcrest, IL, and Diane Davis of Wood River, IL; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Brandon David Wilkerson; and two sisters, Dorothy Fletcher and Irene Shermer.

Bill & Gloria were members at St. Paul United Methodist Church since 1975. Bill & Gloria, we sure do miss you. Please remember to keep their family in your prayers.



Happy St. Patrick's Day, March 17th



Easter Flowers

It is time to order your Easter Flowers for 2020!

If this seems **EARLY** to you, it is... The place we order the flowers from has a **new supplier** and they **have a much earlier date**. The order forms are in the worship bulletins. Remember to pay for your flowers when you order. The flowers cost **\$10.00** each this year. If you have any questions, call the church office @ **259-5210**.

Deadline to order: Sunday, MARCH 15th!

**VBS 2020
JUNE 15-19**





Sundays at St. Paul in MARCH 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. Music is lead by a worship & praise team. 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 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.**



BOOTCAMP FOR THE SOUL

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

1st: First Sunday of Lent. **Communion Both Services.**

New Lenten Worship Series: Boot Camp

For The Soul - Message: The Need for

Change! Scripture: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Theme: We face temptation as we discern what God really wants for us.



8th: Second Sunday of Lent. Birthday Sunday. **Lenten Worship Series: Boot Camp For The Soul - Message: Reset! Scripture: *John 3:1-17* Theme: Spiritual rebirth means a new start.**



15th: Third Sunday of Lent. **Angel Choir sings at 10:30.** **Lenten Worship Series: Boot Camp For The Soul - Message: Hydrate! Scripture: *John 4:5-42* Theme: Living water sustains us on the journey.**

22nd: Fourth Sunday of Lent. **Lenten Worship Series: Boot Camp For The Soul - Message: Redefine! Scripture: *John 9:1-41* Theme: We are more than we appear.**

29th: Fifth Sunday of Lent. **Lenten Worship Series: Boot Camp For The Soul - Message: Dead End! Scripture: *John 11:1-45* Theme: When all seems lost, God revives.**

HAVE A HAPPY SPRING

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and
be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24 NKJV





Hickerson Scholarship 2020



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.

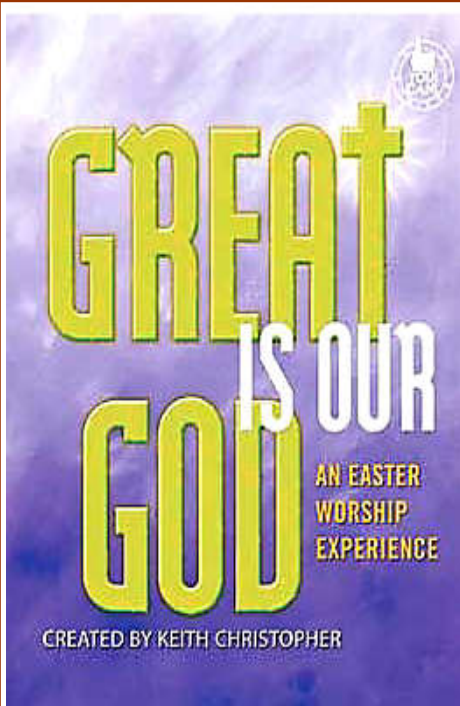
Meghan was a student leader who set a standard of excellence within the public school system. She also set an example of faith and dedication by spreading God's love through her church and her academic life, to all she encountered. Our goal each year is to reward one or two

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: Wednesday, April 1, 2020
If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 259-5210.



2020 EASTER CANTATA



We are doing an Easter cantata this year! It is titled, "GREAT IS OUR GOD!"

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The cantata will be presented on **Palm Sunday, April 5th**, at both the **8:15 and the 10:30 services!** **Plan now to be there and to bring your family and friends.**

Let the music take you into Jerusalem as Jesus rides into the city and crowds are shouting "Hosanna!" Imagine being at the Last Supper with Jesus and His disciples. Go to the cross and see. Realize that the Man who died for us lives again and that through Him we might not only have life, but have it more abundantly! Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me." So let us lift up the wonderful, matchless, glorious name of Jesus - the one who is and was and ever more shall be our great God!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

01-Mar	Lisa Betts	16-Mar	Clark Cranmer	24-Mar	Audrey White
01-Mar	Ava Toner	17-Mar	Kelsey Foiles	25-Mar	Anita Dawson
02-Mar	Kristin Baker	17-Mar	Sophia Henderson	25-Mar	Tonya LaTempt
02-Mar	Robert Brown	17-Mar	Jean Kainz	26-Mar	Jayden Bell
02-Mar	Ricci Voorhees	17-Mar	Rachel Schiber	26-Mar	Toby McCammon
03-Mar	Ted Toner	17-Mar	Carol Upple	27-Mar	David Laufersweiler
04-Mar	Iola Ballard	17-Mar	Andy Workman	28-Mar	Tyler Watt
04-Mar	Allan Napp	18-Mar	Harvey Birmingham	29-Mar	Tracy Bentley
04-Mar	Brent Springer	19-Mar	Rick Huddleston	29-Mar	Mark Hamlin
05-Mar	Alexis Plummer	19-Mar	Joe Tillery	30-Mar	Chris Eyster
05-Mar	Ava Sandbach	19-Mar	Gerry Ward	30-Mar	Amy Wells
07-Mar	Judy Glassmeyer	19-Mar	Tim Witthoft	31-Mar	Betsy Blacklock
07-Mar	Mark Mayer	20-Mar	Katie Clark	31-Mar	Don Gwaltney Sr.
08-Mar	Pat Hamm	20-Mar	Matt Gwaltney		
09-Mar	Corey Bell	21-Mar	Krista Bishop		
09-Mar	Landon Clark	21-Mar	Phyllis Hill		
09-Mar	Meg Fansler	22-Mar	Randy Brueggeman		
09-Mar	Claudia Herndon	22-Mar	Lucas Gebhardt		
10-Mar	Micki Emerick	22-Mar	Lori Kamp		
10-Mar	Donna Hamilton	22-Mar	Kyle Napp		
11-Mar	Kasey Diveley	22-Mar	Matt Toner		
11-Mar	Ashley Laws	23-Mar	Justin Sandbach		
11-Mar	Jill Oertle	24-Mar	Lucy Grizzle		
12-Mar	Brooke Toner	24-Mar	Logan Oertle		
13-Mar	Hunter Bonds				
13-Mar	John Huddleston				
13-Mar	Stephanie Schroedter				
13-Mar	Codey Terry				



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



02-Mar	Norris & Mary Lou Dorsey	11-Mar	Brian & Jennifer Roberts
03-Mar	David & Cherie Buatte	19-Mar	Jim & Jane Herndon
07-Mar	Andrew & Jennifer Garrison	20-Mar	Jeff & Laura Mae White
07-Mar	Nathan & Samantha Shewmake	21-Mar	Doug & Joy Pascoe
09-Mar	Al & Bobbi Ortegren	21-Mar	Mike & Linda Scroggins
09-Mar	Brent & Jessie Springer		

It is time to **UPDATE** our Church Directory for 2020!

The church office will be updating the Church Directory for 2020 this month! 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!** You may also make the changes in the rough copy that will be in the Narthex on **March 8, 15, and 22!** The 2020 Church Directory will be available the last Sunday in March! Thank you!



FEBRUARY Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 2/29/2020	\$18302.00
Designated Giving:	through 2/29/2020	\$700.00
	Capital Improvements	60.00
	Loose Change	156.00
	Youth	75.00
	Flowers	50.00
	Upper Room	5.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	65.00
	Offering Envelopes	64.00
	Deposit for church use	25.00
	Memorial	200.00
Easter Offering		0.00
Capital Campaign		800.00
Total:		\$19802.00

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

Average Attendance for FEBRUARY 2020

Early Service	42
Late Service	57
Sunday School	30
Visitors	5



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT



March's Loose Change Project is McKendree University. This university was established as a private Methodist College. It currently has over 2,000 students and 150 staff. The university needs financial support for scholarships, building funds, and the many other needs always present in maintaining an ongoing educational institution. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

**DEADLINE FOR
APRIL 2020
STEEPLE, Friday
MARCH 20th!**

NAZARENE COMMUNITY THEATER

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

Friday, March 6 @ 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 7 @ 3 p.m.



SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

**Set your clock
ahead one hour!**



RUMMAGE SALE

The 2020 Women Of Worship Spring Rummage Sale
will be held on

**Pre-Sale on Thursday, March 26th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (\$2 Admission)
Friday & Saturday, March 27th & 28th
9:00 a.m. - Noon (No Admission)**

The Great Annual ST. PAUL WOW Rummage Sale is almost here!!

Items for sale will be accepted beginning **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11** and ending on **MONDAY, MARCH 23**.

We appreciate getting all of the great regularly donated items that you bring but ask that when sorting your donations remove any dirty or broken items or torn, unusable clothing and bedding. Also, please **NO** lotions, perfumes, etc. that have been opened. We cannot sell them. Books, puzzles, magazines, etc. and kitchen and household objects are **always good selling items**. We are also asking that you **DO NOT** bring computer monitors, VCR's, or TV's that are not flat screen and other electronics that are not usable (we have no way to dispose of these items; they do not sell).

NOTE: WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR – if you **haven't already** bagged or boxed your items, it would be very helpful if you could put **like items** together in one box or bag, i.e., clothes in one, bedding in another, holiday in another. This would expedite the sorting process greatly and save on time spent during the sorting week. (If you already have your things ready to bring, keep this in mind for next year.)

Help will be needed the week of March 23 to sort and prepare items for the sale and we could use some men to assist customers in getting purchases to their cars during the Thursday night and Friday and Saturday sales. Any amount of time you can help will be appreciated AND you get first chance at all of the bargains!!

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SALE! ****REMEMBER** ALL PROFITS GO TO UNITED METHODIST AND LOCAL GROUPS NEEDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION!

**YOU MAY BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH
(TO THE STAGE IN THE BASEMENT) BEGINNING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th THROUGH MONDAY, MARCH 23rd!**



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

Applicants sought for JAM Scholarship

Persons actively involved in a music ministry within their church are sought as nominees for the JAM Scholarship offered by Trenton First UMC.

Deadline to apply is May 15. Award will be announced in June. **To obtain an application for this scholarship, go to the church's website at trentonfumc.com or you can email to the church office at office@trentonfumc.com.**

The **\$500 scholarship** is in memory of Justin Melzer and his ministry through music and to encourage participation in church music ministries. It is the church's prayer and intention that this scholarship will cultivate and stimulate a future generation of church musicians.

Applicants for this scholarship must be a member of a United Methodist Church in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Persons may either be graduating high school seniors, college undergraduates, or students attending a tech or trade school with an intention to continue to be involved in music ministry within a church.



Becoming – a girls' conference for teen girls from 6th to 12th grades will be **Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Troy UMC.** Rebekah Bled from Tulsa, Okla., will be the speaker. Rebekah grew up in southern Illinois and is now married, has a young son, and is serving in ministry in Tulsa. During the Girls Conference, students (and any female adults who wish to join them) will take part in worship, seminars, experience stations, refreshments and lunch. Registration information can be found at www.girlsconference.net. Also, talk with Lauren and let her know you want to go.

Nominees sought for Denman award

The Illinois Great Rivers Evangelism Committee is seeking nominations for its 2020 Evangelism Awards. The Denman Award is given annual to a clergy person, a lay person, and a youth. We have not had frequent youth nominations, so we are encouraging you to think of youth nominees this year.

Nominations are due to Christy Blickensderfer by March 27 (which is earlier than previous years). Nominations must be sent via email to: cblickensderfer@igrc.org

Denman Evangelism Award

The award is named for the late Dr. Harry Denman, distinguished lay evangelist, whom Dr. Billy Graham called "my mentor in evangelism." The award is made possible by The Foundation for Evangelism, which was founded in 1949 by Dr. Denman.

The Denman Evangelism Award honors an IGRC United Methodist lay, youth lay and clergy person who exhibits unusual and outstanding efforts for work in Christian evangelism by faithfully carrying out the mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ." (*Ctrl + Click to follow the links below)

Download Clergy Nomination Form Download Laity Nomination Form
Download Youth Nomination Form



Messy Church is a new monthly worship service for the whole family!



Messy Church Goals:

- To give an opportunity for people of all ages to worship together
- To bring people of all ages together as a church family
- To help people have fun together
- To give people a chance to express their God-given creativity
- To invite people into an experience of Christian community
- To introduce people to Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories, and worship

Messy Church Core Values:

Christ-centered teaching - Family fun - Creativity - Hospitality - Celebration

Our March service will be Sunday, March 29th
The March theme is St. Patrick's Day – Prayer
5:00 p.m. - Registration begins
5:30 – 6:45 p.m. - Activities happen!
Crafts * Games * Meal * Lesson
Reminder: children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

How can St. Paul help us to build this service?

Keep our Messy Church Team in your prayers: Lauren Cranmer, Patterson Friese, Maggie Funke, Jen Garrison, Jamie Gwaltney, Connie Hickerson, Pastor Debra Hoertel, Jean Kainz, Kathy Link, Jill Oertle, Jennifer Spurgeon, and Iris Uzzell

- Provide donations of food & cookies
- Help with donations of craft supplies (toilet paper rolls, for example)
- Invite your friends to attend
- Participate in the service!





FOR YOUR INFORMATION -
If winter 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)**

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
 CLOSER TO JESUS



ANGEL CHOIR

Calling all kids who like to sing! ANGEL CHOIR practices on Sundays! We practice every Sunday during the 10:30 service after the SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN time. We practice as part of MORE JESUS TIME. Ages 3-8th grade are all welcome! Be sure to bring your friends! We will be singing in the 10:30 service on these Sundays: March 15, April 12 (Easter Sunday), and May 10 (Mother's Day)!
-Noël Schiber, Director-



CAMPING...CAMPING

Camps for all ages are available at Little Grassy near Carbondale, East Bay near Bloomington, Beulah in Eldorado, and Epworth near Greenville. College students and adults might consider serving as counselors in our camps.

In an effort to save resources and reduce waste, the full camping guide is only available digitally this year. Individuals can print all or portions of the guide to fit their needs.

Check out IGRC.org/camping to see this year's full camping guide, online registration, and all the information you'll need to join us at camp this summer. To see highlights of various programs, view *The Current* online at www.igrc.org/current.



2020 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

➔ **RESULTS OF STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!**

Thank you to all who have sent in their Estimate of Giving cards this week! As of Sunday, Jan. 26th through Friday, Feb. 28th's mail we have received cards from **51** individuals, couples, and families. To-date the Estimate of Giving for 2020 is **\$130,684.00**. Please continue to bring or mail in your cards! Thank you so much!



✧ **ATTENTION** ✧ **ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR WHO IS THINKING ABOUT DOING SO:**

A decision has been made on how the altar flowers will be handled throughout the rest of the year (at least on how we are going to try to handle them).

We have stopped any arrangement with Dick's Flowers for them to bring fresh flowers. The **WOW craft ladies** will instead create bouquets to go where the altar flowers have been going and will change them every month or so.

In exchange for you choosing to sponsor a particular Sunday's flowers we ask **\$10** be paid toward the ALTAR FLOWERS the same way you were paying \$25 for them. This will help offset the cost of the materials that the crafters buy to create the bouquets.

➔ ➔ Should you also want to put a fresh flower arrangement on the altar it is up to you and you are welcomed to pick one out at the florist of your choice, buy it, and put it on the altar either on Friday before the office closes or bring it before the service begins on your scheduled Sunday and place it then.

Be sure to take your fresh flowers home with you after the service.

We hope that this is all ok with you as we move forward. Obviously it is a work in progress and we will see how this goes as the year progresses. Thank you for your patience and helpfulness as we work thru this very unexpected situation.

You have been so wonderful this year at filling in the flower chart and we hope to see the 2 Sundays in MAY, the one in NOBEMBER, and the one in DECEMBER completed soon!

Have a great day!





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

The KIND youth are currently meeting on the 1st three Sundays of the month, immediately following service until 1 p.m. We are currently going through a Sticky Faith curriculum called “Can I Ask That?” We are dealing with challenging questions that young people face that might cause them to question what they thought they knew about faith. We serve lunch and dive into a group discussion, and usually participate in an exciting activity which ties into our lesson. All middle & high school students are invited to attend!



The youth are having a lock-in on March 6-7 from 8 p.m.-8 a.m. The theme is **Facing Your Giants: Finding Our Inner Davids**. We will be participating in a devotional, an escape room (The Quest for Goliath’s Sword), games, midnight worship, snacks, and more! The youth from EAFUMC have also been invited to attend. **Bring a friend, a sleeping bag / pillow, and anything you find necessary to contribute to a great night with other like-minded Christian youth. Please let Lauren know if you’ll be attending! Call her at 660-7967.**

Calling all girls! If you are in middle school or high school (grades 6th-12th) you are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 4th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** as we attend *Becoming* (a program of Harvest Ministries) held at Troy UMC. This is a Spirit-filled day with worship, break-out sessions, makeover stations, crafting, and more. We will meet at the church and go together from here so please join us for a wonderful day of empowerment! For more information call Lauren @ 660-7967.

**We love you, church!
In God’s Love and Kindness,
Lauren Cranmer - Youth Director**



Mission Possible

☺ → **MISSION POSSIBLE UPDATE** ← ☺

It is nice to know that we have completed the planned work in our Mission Possible Campaign. We are continuing to lower the approximate \$40,000 in remaining debt to the Endowment Fund debt on a monthly basis. Please continue your prayers and generosity as we seek to meet our goal of “no indebtedness.” Hopefully, the cessation of our debt will then allow us to once again better meet our obligations (apportionments) to the greater United Methodist Church.

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

BELL REMOVAL!

The church bell removal project went smoothly on Feb. 25th. The bell is now at Spencer Auto Body (owned by Tom Martin) who is going to clean and paint the bell. He also has some ideas about how we can display and secure the bell in the park.

Wagner Equipment donated the crane and its operator for the removal today; many thanks to them. Also many thanks to John Hendricks, Scott Gwaltney, and Joe Hoertel for their work as well.

Jim Herndon – Chair, Board of Trustees

