



# The Steeple

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REFLECTIONS...

VBS 2021

Greetings friends,

**Vacation Bible School** is just around the corner (June 14-18, 9:30am-Noon). I would like to bring your attention to our wonderful VBS leader, Jamie Gwaltney. Jamie has been organizing and leading our VBS since 2000! Thank you, Jamie! The theme this year is Olympic Games; we are calling it "Go For Gold With God!" Last year we could not hold VBS because of pandemic restrictions, so this year will be special in many ways. 95% of the activities will be held outdoors. We are taking precautions for safety by serving only pre-wrapped store-bought snack items and drinks. The workers and children will be wearing masks, and social distancing will be enforced as much as possible. Jamie has a plan in case it rains; we will spread out in the church for that day.

**Donations** are always appreciated to help make this VBS experience fun and exciting. Please look at the poster on the upstairs hallway bulletin board with requests for donations. Many of you already have donated; the donations are rolling in. Thank you to all who have given items for snacks, games, crafts, prizes, or other activities.

I asked Jamie what she wanted me to emphasize in this article and her answer was:

## VOLUNTEERS

we need lots of volunteers! Most of our activities will be outdoors, so we will need people to keep an eye on the children for their safety. There are tasks for every ability level. Not all tasks will be working with children. We have places for people who don't want to be outdoors, for those who are not steady on their feet, or for whom walking is difficult. We will need bathroom monitors and servers. We will need people to escort the children to the bathroom. Some tasks will just involve being another set of "eyes and ears" to keep the children safe. Truly, we have tasks for any ability level. Check out the same bulletin board showing what volunteers we still need!

Jamie recognizes that hosting VBS is lots of fun, but it can be "overwhelming and exhausting". Yet every year she is inspired by the children who express how glad they are that they know Jesus. The last VBS we hosted in 2019 we collected money for the Honduras Mission Team, and the children were so excited and happy to show the love of God to children in another country. It is amazing to see how open-hearted and giving our children are.

Let's remember the reason we host VBS; our goal is to inspire children to seek after Jesus. We are planting seeds of faith in some children whose families do not have a home church, and we are encouraging and nurturing other children who already know Jesus. Keep in mind that Jesus has a special place in his heart for little ones and it is his greatest desire that they should come to him. What a great privilege it is for us to be the ones who point the little children to Jesus. Let's not pass-up this opportunity to point the children to Jesus.

**Vacation Bible School!**



**WITH GOD!**

**Blessings! Pastor Debra**



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- We congratulate **Daniel Emerick & Jennifer LaCoax** on their April 10th wedding here at St. Paul UMC! We celebrate in the creation of a new family and pray God's amazing blessings on their life together! Rejoicing with them are Daniel's parents, Dana & Micki Emerick.
- What a delight to welcome **Ruth Rawson** on May 16th as a new member of St. Paul UMC! We are so pleased to have her as a part of our church family!
- Welcome to the world, **Parker Abbigale Kay Sabatino**, born at 2:30 p.m. on May 27th. She weighed 5lbs 13ozs. We congratulate her parents Steph Kainz & Alec Sabatino and Grandparents Steve & Jean Kainz! May God richly bless this beautiful, growing family!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the families and friends of **Michael Link, Jr.**, son/stepson of Mike (Kathy) Link; **Deborah Womack**, she and her daughter had visited here at St. Paul UMC many times; **Betty Read**, sweet friend of Lois Mitchell from Godfrey Baptist Church; **William & Judith Denother**, (lovingly know as Jammin' Judy for the delicious jams she made!) friends of Lois Mitchell and Ruth Bell for many years; **Martha Ortegren**, mother/mother-in-law of Al (Bobbi) Ortegren; **William "Tom" Ewing**, father of Mercy (Ewing) Hargis and she is a special friend of Lois Mitchell; the **Rev. Dr. David Weimer**, former pastor of the First Baptist Church-East Alton, missionary in the Caribbean, Assistant Pastor at Enjoy Church, and dear friend of Lois Mitchell and Ruth Bell; and **Patricia "Pat" Schiber**, mother/mother-in-law of Dave (Noël) Schiber, Grandmother to Marlo Schiber and Rachel Schiber. **May all who are touched by loss know God's peace now and in the days ahead.**
- **THANK YOU!** Thank you to all who gave to the 2021 Easter Offering! The undesignated amount added up to **\$1656** which was divided equally between UMCOR and Sleep In Heavenly Peace (see their thank you next)! Your gifts were so appreciated! **-Finance Committee & Church Council**
- **THANK YOU!** Thank you for your generous donation to SHP! With your donation you are helping our Riverbend children so that no kid sleeps on the floor! **-Sleep In Heavenly Peace**
- **THANK YOU!** I just wanted to say Thank You and what an honor it is to receive this scholarship from you. I am looking forward to attending a Sunday Service and receive this award. Thank you so very much! **-Olivia Mouser, Roxana High School**
- **THANK YOU!** Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, and calls as I have been recovering! It means so very much to me...God bless you all! **-Ruth Champlin**





### MORE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Congratulations to **Caroline (Carly) Campbell** on her graduation from Indiana State University, Scott College of Business! She earned a Bachelor in Business Adm. with a minor in Marketing, graduating Cum Laude!
- **Luke Dawson** graduated from Webster University with a degree in Fine Arts, Technical Direction. Congratulations from St. Paul UMC!

### Wesley Sunday School Class

meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor!

### Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class

meets at 9:15 a.m. in our classroom on the main hallway!



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

The new combined youth group has been meeting for a month now and to say it has been a hit would be an understatement!

Each week has brought new faces, lots of laughter, some friendly competition, and great food! Most of all, we are able to share the light and love of Christ with young people, all while offering them a positive support system. If you would like to help, here are a few ways to support us:

- ⇒ **Pray**— pray for guidance for the young people who are walking through the doors each week and that we might be able to help them grow in their faith.
- ⇒ **Volunteer**— whether you want to cook a meal, help clean up, or play yard games with us – there is always room for more people! (The young and the young at heart!)
- ⇒ **Donations**— right now we could use the following new or gently used items: kick balls, whiffle balls, and whiffle bats; nerf guns and water guns; flashlights (for flashlight tag); and basketballs.

Just as an update – we are now meeting every **Sunday from 11:30am-1pm at St. Paul UMC** and every **Wednesday from 5:30pm-7pm at East Alton FUMC**.

\*\*\*We will not meet on Sunday, July 4th.

Thank you for your continued love and support! If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Lauren at 618-660-7967 or [laurenfrieese20@gmail.com](mailto:laurenfrieese20@gmail.com). Love you all!

**In Christ's Love & Kindness, Lauren Frieese - Youth Director**

### ONGOING ONLINE BIBLE STUDY - PLEASE JOIN US!

The **Bible Study continues** to meet for online study. There are no books to buy, no videos to watch. The lessons are based on the current sermon series. Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. we will be reading and discussing scripture together

**Join us for Bible Study**



on **ZOOM**. If you are interested, please message me on FB, email, or call me and I will add you to the **ZOOM invitation**. You can also call in on your phone to join us. It's as simple as that. I hope you will join in this interesting learning experience. **Pastor Debra**





## St. Paul Sunday Services in **JUNE** 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.

We meet in-person each Sunday. The **8:45** Traditional Service meets in the **Amphitheater** and the **10:30** Awakening Service meets in the **Sanctuary!** **Communion** is served at every Awakening Service and **on the first Sunday** at 8:45! The online service continues for those who cannot join us in-person. The Facebook Pages are: **St.PaulUnitedMethodist-East Alton,IL** and **AwakeningWorshipSTPUMC**. The Website is: [www.stpaulwired.org](http://www.stpaulwired.org) - look under **Sermons** for the link.

*When the Spirit Moves*

*St. Paul UMC*



**6th:** The First 8:45 Sunday Service Outside!  
Communion Served at Both Services.

**SERMON SERIES:** **When The Spirit Moves**  
**Message:** Being Renewed  
**Scripture:** *Mark 3:20-35*

**13th:** VBS 2021 Week - June 14 to 18!

**SERMON SERIES:** **When The Spirit Moves**  
**Message:** Growing The Creation  
**Scripture:** *Mark 4:26-35*



**20th:** Father's Day! **SERMON SERIES:** **When The Spirit Moves**  
**Message:** Enduring The Storms **Scripture:** *Mark 4:35-41*

**27th:** Darla McFadden - BOTH SERVICES! During both services, we will enjoy a mini-concert by **Darla McFadden** from St. Louis. Those who have heard her previously will recall how her music blesses us. A love offering will be taken to support her music ministry.



**WORSHIP UNDER THE TREES  
ON SUNDAYS IN THE  
CHURCH AMPHITHEATER AT  
8:45 a.m.**

**BEGINS ON JUNE 6th AND GOES THROUGH  
MOST OR ALL OF SEPTEMBER OUTSIDE!**

(In case of extreme weather the service will be moved into the Sanctuary. The 10:30 service will continue to be in the Sanctuary.)



# ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION:

**June 6:** Sponsored by **Jean & Steve Kainz** in memory of **Eric Wood**.

**ALSO:** Rosebud for **Parker Abbigale Kay Sabatino** daughter of Steph Kainz & Alec Sabatino; born May 27 weighing 5lbs. 13oz. Grandparents are Steve & Jean Kainz. Congratulations and God bless to all!

**June 13:** Sponsored by **Vi & Rich Huebner** in honor of **their 66th Wedding Anniversary!**

**June 20:** Sponsored by **The Herndon Family** in memory of **Sam Herndon**.

**June 27:** Sponsored by **JoAnn Hill** in honor of **her Family!**

➔ **Thank you! Please remember to pay your \$10 sponsorships!**



In exchange for you choosing to sponsor a particular Sunday's flowers we ask that you only pay **\$10** toward the ALTAR FLOWERS. This will help offset the cost of the materials that the crafters buy to create the bouquets. **Please, continue to sign up for the 2021 Altar Flowers.** **HOW?** Just call the church office (259-5210) to check on a date or sign-up when you are here on Sundays!!  
**Thank you!**

**2021 STEWARDSHIP**  
➔ **REMEMBER YOUR GIVING!**

...to keep the ministry of St. Paul UMC growing; a ministry which is needed now more than ever! Thank you!!





# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

01-Jun Jansen Helmkamp  
 01-Jun Eric Scroggins  
 02-Jun Sarah Campbell  
 03-Jun Sarah Dawson  
 04-Jun Jon Birmingham  
 04-Jun Katie Lair  
 04-Jun Karen Roberts  
 04-Jun Jonathan Scroggins  
 05-Jun Jennifer Sandbach  
 06-Jun Donna Bailey  
 06-Jun Ruth Champlin  
 06-Jun Scott Cruthis  
 06-Jun Don Franklin  
 07-Jun Joyce Brueggeman  
 07-Jun Pastor Debra Hoertel  
 08-Jun Vi Huebner  
 09-Jun Jimmy Bourne  
 09-Jun J.J. Burt Jr.  
 09-Jun Jacob Gwaltney  
 09-Jun Tori Standefer  
 10-Jun Aubrey Sandbach  
 10-Jun Olivia Virgin  
 11-Jun Gary Hart  
 11-Jun Lindsey Jensen  
 12-Jun Debbie Bowman  
 12-Jun Cheryl Champa

12-Jun Deb Fansler  
 14-Jun Harper Herndon  
 14-Jun Dave Schiber  
 15-Jun Autumn Betts  
 15-Jun Ashley Sheppard  
 16-Jun Trista Liedtke  
 17-Jun Brianne Bourne  
 17-Jun Jenny Spurgeon  
 18-Jun Nicole Barnes  
 18-Jun Madelynn Cranmer  
 18-Jun Samantha Hermens  
 18-Jun August Suermann  
 18-Jun Xavier Vore  
 18-Jun Zoe Vore  
 19-Jun Dustin Caldwell  
 19-Jun Sydnie Yates  
 20-Jun Karen Martin  
 20-Jun Annie Redden  
 20-Jun Amie Tillery  
 20-Jun Abigail White  
 21-Jun Lawson Bell

22-Jun Ethan Virgin  
 23-Jun Wanda Graves  
 23-Jun John White  
 24-Jun Lynn Evans  
 25-Jun Caden Clark  
 25-Jun Summer Standefer  
 25-Jun Steve Voorhees  
 27-Jun Jamie McLain  
 27-Jun Kaden Sandbach  
 30-Jun William Lair  
 30-Jun Sharon Szegedy  
 30-Jun Jeri Williams



# JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



07-Jun J.J. & Jackie Beth Burt  
 07-Jun John & Laurie Myers  
 08-Jun Brian & Chris Eyster  
 08-Jun Joe & Sherry Huff  
 09-Jun Terry & Sharon Inman  
 10-Jun Cory & Jackie Boeshans  
 10-Jun Richard & Vi Huebner  
 11-Jun Randy & Joyce Brueggeman  
 11-Jun Rick & Jeannie Huddleston  
 14-Jun Steve & Julie Natsch

16-Jun Don & Kay Gwaltney  
 17-Jun Jay & Tracy Bentley  
 20-Jun Neil & Jade Herndon  
 22-Jun Larry & Cheryl Champa  
 24-Jun Larry & Lola Ballard  
 24-Jun Herrell & Bettie Lewis  
 25-Jun Matt & Cara Gwaltney  
 26-Jun Richard & Dell Demond  
 26-Jun Mike & Teresa Toner  
 28-Jun Matt & Kristen Toner

## Information to update the Church Directory!

Please contact the church office if you (OR A FAMILY MEMBER) have had a **change of address, phone number, or email address since the last printing!** A NEW Church Directory will not be ready until sometime during 2021! Thank you for your patience and for your help!





### MAY Stewardship

|                    |                       |                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Budget Offering:   | through 5/31/2021     | \$12454.00        |
| Designated Giving: | through 5/31/2021     | \$5453.75         |
|                    | Capital Improvements  | 240.00            |
|                    | Loose Change          | 103.75            |
|                    | Flowers               | 40.00             |
|                    | Oasis Women's Center  | 50.00             |
|                    | VBS                   | 50.00             |
|                    | Wedding               | 300.00            |
|                    | Hickerson Scholarship | 0.00              |
|                    | Memorials             | 4600.00           |
|                    | Community Hope Center | 50.00             |
|                    | AED-Reimbursement     | 20.00             |
| Online Giving      |                       | 375.00            |
| Capital Campaign   |                       | 820.00            |
| <b>Total:</b>      |                       | <b>\$19102.75</b> |



**An important reminder...**  
 at this time when we are now holding our services in-person again, there are ways to send your tithes & offerings if you cannot be here. You can send through the **US Mail**, through **Bill Pay** with your bank, through our website's **Online Giving**, and by handing it to us at the **door to the building**. If you plan to bring it by here, please, call first to make sure we know you are on the way.  
**Thank you so much!**

**DEADLINE FOR  
 JULY 2021  
 STEEPLE,  
 Monday,  
 JUNE 21st!**

### GENERAL CONFERENCE

**General & Jurisdictional Conference updates:**  
 Recently the General Commission on General Conference announced that it was, once again, postponing General Conference. The global gathering is now scheduled to meet in-person on **Aug. 29-Sept. 6, 2022**, in Minneapolis, MN.  
**Keep this 2022 meeting in your prayers!**



### MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

*June's Loose Change*

**Project** is the Happy Bear Project for our church. Members of the church make bears that are given to Alton Memorial Hospital. These are then offered to children in pediatrics and/or coming through the emergency room in a time of crisis. The bears provide security and comfort for the children. **May God bless your gifts!**



## IN MEMORIAM

On Memorial Sunday, May 30th, we celebrated the lives of those from our church family who have joined the church triumphant since our last Memorial Sunday service. We miss you but rejoice that today you are in the presence of our Lord:

**Lisa Bell, Tom Champlin, C. Wayne Cloninger, Bill Denby, Kenneth Gimmy, Nelba Goodman, Patsy Goss, Elaine Gowan, Evelyn Hinkle, Debra Link, Mary Meyer, Doug Upple, Londa Weller, and Vivian Westhoff.**

We also dedicated our memorials completed during that time: Monies given for 4 Wearable Earpieces To Amplify The Service - in Memory of **Marcella Gimmy**; Monies given for the Church Garage Project - in Memory of **Marcella Gimmy**; Monies designated to Helping Hands - in Memory of **Debra Link**; and Monies designated to the Capital Fund Campaign - in Memory of **Chuck Toner**. *Joyce Brueggeman, Memorial Committee Chair*

## SEEKING GRADUATE INFORMATION

If you have a son, daughter, or grandkid who is a member or an active participant at St. Paul who graduated from 8th grade, high school, junior college, college, graduate school, etc. please turn their name and information in to the Church Office so we are able to honor him or her in our July Steeple! We have some, but want to try for them all! **THANK YOU!**



## CAMPING 2021! RECONNECT WITH PEOPLE, NATURE, AND CHRIST

We are so excited to welcome you back to camp this coming season! A lot has changed since we were last around a campfire together. We know that change can be difficult, but we know that our community is strong and will adapt well. Here's the scoop on what will be different in 2021. (Want to know some good news though? The fun, lessons, and adventures that happen at camp- those will never change.)

As you pack your suitcase, please know that the changes we have made are made based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the American Camp Association (ACA).

You will see and experience things that are new. But we know that the way God works through camp is stronger than any level of "weird." 2021 will still have the transformative power of life in Christian community that is so pivotal to the faith development of children and youth. For all the information about the camps and to register, go to <https://igrcamps.com/>.







# VBS 2021

## Vacation Bible School!

**WHEN:** June 14-18

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. - Noon

**THEME:** Go For Gold  
With God!

**3 yr. old thru 6th grade**



**GO FOR  
GOLD**



**WITH GOD!**

We will be 90-95% outside. We will be practicing physical distancing. We will have masks and hand sanitizer to use. All of our snacks and beverages will be sealed, pre-packaged items.

I hope that we can all work together to make this a success for our church family and our neighbors. I am looking forward to a fun week!

We need at least 30 volunteers, 7th grade - 100 years old! If you have not already done so, please, let me know if you will be available to be a part of our "Go For Gold With God" the Olympic theme for VBS this year.

**Call Jamie at: (618) 692-0898 OR (618) 971-9589**

Remember...there are so many ways to help make VBS happen! If you cannot join us that week, there is a list of needed supplies to help make our week perfect (**CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MAIN HALLWAY**). If you don't have time to shop or don't feel safe going into the stores just yet, a cash donation always works! We will be happy to shop for you.



And as always we need your prayers and support, and the children in your life to make the week a success!

God Bless You All! -- VBS Director, Jamie Gwaltney

### **PLEASE CONTINUE SAVING:**

1. Empty Paper Towel Rolls (we need about 75)

### **THE COLORS OF THE DAY FOR OUR VBS WEEK WILL BE:**

Monday - **Blue**, Tuesday - **Red**, Wednesday - **Orange** (in memory of Spencer Bacus), Thursday - **Yellow**, and Friday - **Green**




# WOMEN OF WORSHIP

We would like to thank all the people who participated in our JUNK IN THE TRUNK events. Thank you for your donations; together we raised \$1362.00.

Thank you to the men who helped us move all the stuff off the stage and take it to the garage: Mark Mayer, Randy McLain, and Francis Eaton. Thank you to Scott Gwaltney for the big, wonderful sign. Thank you to all the ladies of WOW and anyone else in anyway who helped to make this a successful event!! It wasn't like our full-blown inside rummage sale, but it was fun and helped us raise money for our mission projects! -Karen Martin

# JUNK in the TRUNK

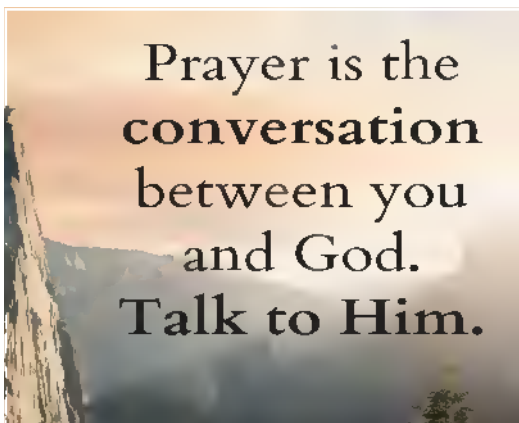
When you wake up, **PRAY.**  
 Before you sleep, **PRAY.**  
 When life gets hard, **PRAY.**  
 When you're happy, **PRAY.**  
 If you are unsure, **PRAY.**  
 God is always with us.  
 Amen.

TheHourMafia.org   TheHourMafia®   TheHourMafia.org

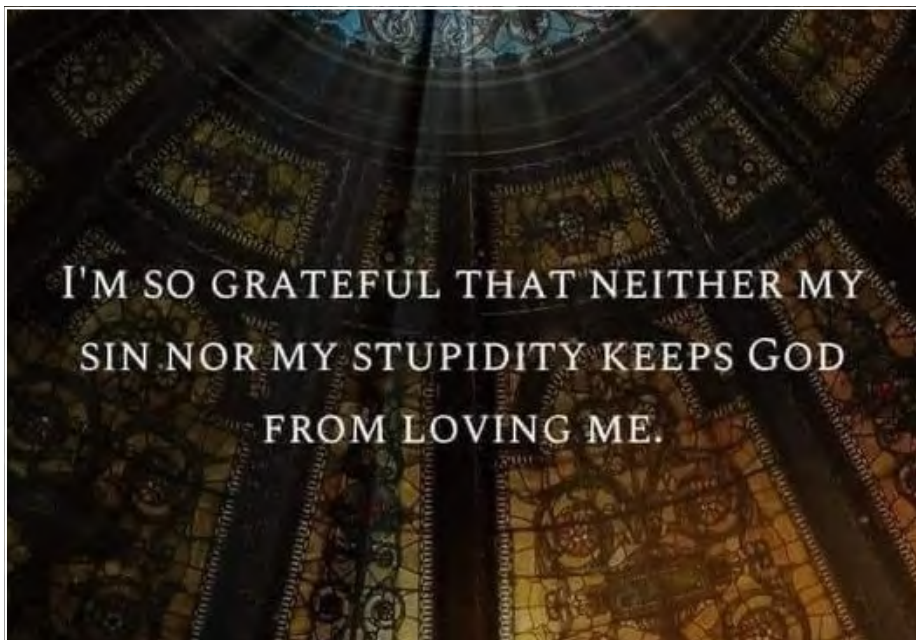
THE NEXT TIME SATAN  
 REMINDS YOU OF YOUR  
 PAST, REMIND HIM OF HIS  
 FUTURE.

MATTHEW 25:41

GOD'S NOT  
 DONE WITH  
 YOU YET.



Prayer is the  
 conversation  
 between you  
 and God.  
 Talk to Him.



I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT NEITHER MY  
 SIN NOR MY STUPIDITY KEEPS GOD  
 FROM LOVING ME.



# CONTINUOUS FOOD DRIVE

Today more than ever people are dealing with food insecurities, so the Outreach Ministry Team has decided to keep a “Food Drive” going all the time for the next few months. If you can, whenever you shop for yourself, get a few extra non-perishables (ONLY) to bring by the church for us to give to the food pantries!

(Suggestions: Powdered Milk, Oat Milk or Coconut Milk - non-refrigerated kind, Dish Detergent, Tea Bags, Coffee, Tuna Fish, Crackers, Spaghetti Sauce in a can, Pasta, Salt & Pepper, Ketchup & Mustard, Oil, Spices, Sugar, Flour.)

**YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB!**

**Thank you!**



**2021 Annual Conference!**

**June 11-12**

**A virtual conference!  
Please pray for this conference.**



## **Mission Possible UPDATE** 😊

In a continuing effort to be transparent with our St. Paul family we wanted to let you know that, as of **May 31, 2021**, our in-house debt for the "Mission Possible" church facility work is now down to **\$25,686**. This is possible only through the continuing generosity of the St. Paul Church family as we inch closer and closer to being debt-free. Thank you over and over again for your generosity.

**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





# DOUG PASCOE RETIRES AS PARISH VISITOR

**THANK YOU!** A great big thank you goes out in appreciation to **Doug Pascoe** for all of his wonderful work as our Parish Visitor over so many years (with a break in between). He often had the needed spirit of calm in a room of anxiety...he touched so many lives and helped keep track of how each was doing. This last year+ has been so odd when no one was allowed to visit in the care centers, nursing homes, etc. There will be no real retiring for him as we know that he will continue to preach and reach out to folks wherever the Lord sends him. God bless all that He sets before you, Doug, and thank you so much for your service here at St. Paul UMC!



## MORE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY



← Rachel Schiber received her **Girl Scout Silver Award** in May. Dave & Noël are so proud of all the hard work she did to earn it!

Rachel Schiber → was inducted into **Thespian Troupe 556** at **Roxana High School!** Congratulations!







### Sweet Sounds Gathered For Season Closing Party!

So, we never really had a "season" as we were stopped from our singing at the Care Centers, etc. in March 2020. But it was great to celebrate and encourage each other and pray that this September we will be able to do it all again! We need some more members so if you like to sing and want to help make smiling faces, let us know! Call Dorothy Kasinger, 259-7255.



← Marlo Schiber becomes a 4-star Thespians at Roxana High School!



← In May the Spencer Bacus Family awarded the 3rd Shine Like Spencer Kindness Award to Emma Little!



← Logan Oertle was inducted into the National Honor Society at Edwardsville High School!

Lizzie Dawson is in this → car in the Edwardsville High School graduate parade!



**MORE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY**