



The Steeple



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Dear St Paul UMC Members,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! On behalf of my Family: wife Ruth, children Elyza, Seth, John Edru, grandchildren Khaelene and Bella...we would like to take this opportunity to thank God for the privilege and honor to partner with you in the Ministry of our Lord. Also, greetings from East Alton First UMC. I believe that together as a people of God, we will be able to reach new people and invite them to be part of God's family.

If you have read the write-up about me, you know I have been in the Ministry for a very long time. Ever since I was in the music industry, I have been singing and ministering to churches all over the world who have a heart for God. My late Dad, Bishop Paul Locke Granadosin, Bishop of the UMC Central Conference Philippines and just recently, the passing of my Mom, Mrs. Socorro Granadosin, they have been my inspiration in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Whoever thought I would be following in their footsteps. Only by the grace of God do I now stand before you as your new Pastor.

First and foremost, I am but a servant of God to lead you and help you grow more in your faith and bring you even closer to God; to pray with you, to sing with you, and to worship with you for the Glory of our Lord. I also believe that you will require a lot from me so by the authority given to me by our Bishop, Bishop Frank Beard of the IGRC, I will do all I can with the help of the Holy Spirit to fulfill my duties to the church with love and dedication to my God, my calling, and to St Paul UMC. It is a known fact that our global UM church has been going through some rough times, but with your prayers and help, with East Alton First UMC's support, we will all be victorious to win more souls for Christ.

I have dreamed of flourishing ministries, vibrant members, and praiseworthy activities with young people, children, and adults alike. I have hopes of revival and revitalization of believers to center on Jesus. I have visions of worshippers lifting their hands and Glorifying God in Christ. That is why to this day, these dreams have given me the aspiration to continue the Lord's work wherever or whatever HE wants me to do. No matter what situation we will be in, we will Praise and Thank the Lord always.

And so, this First Sunday of July 2023 (and every Sunday), may I count on you to dream with me and fulfill God's purpose and plan for St Paul and East Alton First? May I ask you to commit me into your prayers for wisdom and a heart for God? May I request you to be gracious with me as I get to know each one in the coming months and hopefully years ahead? Honestly, you can call me whatever you want. But to make your lives easier, just call me **Pastor Ed**. Thank you for the welcome and love that I have felt from many of you already. God bless and to God be the glory. Amen.

**Your New Pastor,
Pastor Ed**





OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOU'S!

Team Honduras News!



- **It is time to diligently pray ...** Pastor Debra & Joe, plus all the others on Team Honduras will be on their trip to Honduras **July 16-30**. We have sent multiple toothbrushes and toothpastes with them; we now need to send our prayers! Be sure to lift them up daily asking God to give them safe travels, protection while in the country, all the right words and actions to convey God's love, and great big servant hearts. They have been waiting a long time to take this trip as the pandemic made it impossible to go, so thank you in advance for all of your prayers!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the families & friends of **Merrie Hawley (63)**, daughter of Judy Glassmeyer; **Thelma Burress (104)**, friend of Lois Mitchell and Ruth Bell; **Debbie Sims (69)**, wife of Rick Sims and daughter of the late Jim & Patsy Goss; and **Charles "Chuck" Hanfelder (90)**, brother of Joe Hanfelder, our previous custodian. **May everyone who is touched by loss know God's peace through it all.**

THANK YOU! I want to thank the family of Meghan Hickerson and St. Paul UMC! I write to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as one of the scholarship recipients. I plan on majoring in nursing and this will help me fulfill my dreams. I look forward to meeting the family and having fellowship at the church. Thank you again! **-Emma Smith**

THANK YOU! Thank you to the folks of St. Paul UMC for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, and encouragement you have given during my knee surgery and rehab. You have been such a blessing to me! **-Maggie Funke**

Thank You!

Joe and I are so overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. The gifts you gave us will be used in our travels with gratitude. Thank you again for the good wishes, the gift of money, and the wonderful travel items.

God bless you all! **-Pastor Debra**



NEW ADDRESS:
Pastor Debra & Joe Hoertel
320 S. 9th Street
Wood River IL 62095



Welcome Pastor Ed!

Pastor Edward Granadosin was born in Manila, Philippines. He is the youngest of 6 boys born to the late Bishop & Mrs. Paul Locke Granadosin of the Philippines Annual Conference (Bishop from 1968-2000). He comes from a singing family where the 6 boys eventually formed a group called THE GRANADOSIN BROTHERS. With their father as Bishop and the boys leading Music, they made an impact in encouraging the UM Churches through concerts, services, and performances. But most of all they touched the lives of people with Christ's love and salvation.

With the gift of music the family had, Pastor Ed decided to pursue it further. He is a graduate of the University of the Philippines College of Music, Diliman Quezon City, where he majored in voice under the guidance of the late Professor Andrea O. Veneracion, Founder and Director of the world-renowned Philippine Madrigal singers. Pastor Ed's musicianship has allowed him to travel extensively all over the world to places including Japan, Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, Monaco, Spain, Canada, Mexico, and of course throughout the United States of America.

Through all of these achievements and expertise, God found a way to transform Pastor Ed's path into servanthood as a follower of Jesus Christ. The year was 2010 in Las Vegas, NV when he said "yes" to God's call to be in Full-Time Ministry. In 2014 at the North District office of the Desert Southwest Conference in Phoenix, AZ he was licensed and appointed as a Local Pastor for the Filipino Americans in the Las Vegas area called Grace Fil-Am Ministry.

After Serving the Desert Southwest Conference for 5 years, Pastor Ed found a new home in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Starting on Feb. 1, 2019 Pastor Ed began serving East Alton First UMC of the Mississippi River District (now the Central District) to this year 2023. An opportunity was given by the IGRC for him to serve St Paul UMC as his 2nd charge. His ministry at St. Paul UMC officially began July 1, 2023. All glory to our God in Christ!

Pastor Ed is married to Ruth Ramos and they have 3 children, Elyza, Seth, and John Edru and 2 granddaughters Khaelene and Bella. Pastor Ed continues his Pastoral studies @Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. **To God be the glory!**



Friends in Christ,

LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church is looking for hand-bell ringers who would like to join us in praising God through music. Our 3-octave bell choir currently has 2 positions empty that we would like to fill. If interest is high enough, we could expand to a larger number of bells. We try to ring one Sunday a month at a 10:15a.m. service. Currently we rehearse from 9:00 to 10:00a.m. on Tuesday mornings but could negotiate rehearsal time according to need. We are on summer recess right now but would welcome a chance to begin next fall with all positions filled and ready to ring.

If this "rings a bell" with you, contact Ann French by phone or text at 618-917-4368, or by email at frenchterry65@gmail.com. **Ann French, Music Director**



St. Paul Sunday Services in **JULY** at 8:20 a.m.

St. Paul UMC is part of a new two-point charge with East Alton First UMC. Each congregation has only one service on Sundays and Pastor Ed serves as the pastor at both places. The service at St. Paul UMC begins at **8:20 a.m.** until July 30th when we go back to beginning at **8:45 a.m.** You are also welcome to attend the service at East Alton First UMC which begins at **10:15 a.m.** if you cannot get here at the earlier time. Please, keep both congregations in your prayers as we work together. Thank you!

2nd: FIRST SUNDAY WITH PASTOR ED! Communion Sunday.
INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY! Name tag Sunday #1.

Message: Died For All, Grace For All

Scripture: *Romans 5:1-8*

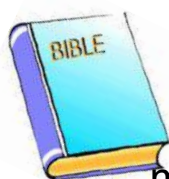
9th: Birthday Sunday. Name tag Sunday #2.

16th:

23rd: Meghan Hickerson Scholarship Sunday!

Congratulations to Emma Smith and Alyssa Mann!

30th: Service time changes back to 8:45 a.m. starting today! hooray



Wesley Sunday School Class

meets After Service Ends in the Parlor!

Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class

meets After Service Ends in classroom on the main hallway!



CRAFTS WILL ADD THURSDAYS AT 9:00a.m. TO THE TUESDAY TIME BEGINNING ON JULY 13th!!

**JULY OFFICE HOURS (may be subject to change):
(ALSO, IT IS POSTED ON THE CHURCH OFFICE DOOR)**

July 3, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31 = 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

July 5, 12, 19, 26 = Office Closed for regular Wednesday week day off

→ July 4 = Closed for Independence Day Holiday

July 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 = 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.



BIBLE STUDY ... ON HOLD FOR NOW!

The Monday afternoon Bible Study is pausing for right now... The summer months are busy for folks and Pastor Ed wants to get acquainted with people before beginning a new study. Please let him know of your interest in continuing the Bible Study in September!

THE OUTREACH MINISTRY CONTINUOUS FOOD DRIVE:

If you can, whenever you shop, get a few extra non-perishables to bring to church for us to give to the food pantries!

(**Suggestions:** Oat Milk or Coconut Milk the non-refrigerated kind, Powdered Milk, Mayonnaise, Can Opener, Oil, Coffee, Tuna Fish, Crackers, Tea Bags, Spaghetti Sauce in a can, Pasta, Salt & Pepper, Canned Vegetables or Meat, Ketchup & Mustard, Cans of Gravy, Cereal, Dish Detergent, Spices, Sugar, Flour, Jell-O or Pudding boxes, etc.)



You are awesome! Thank you everyone!!

2023 ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION:

- July 2: by The Hickerson Family in memory of their daughter, Meghan on her Birthday.
- July 9: by Tracy Franks in memory of her parents, Luther & Doloros Taulbee.
- July 16: by Joan Ford in memory of her husband, Phill.
- July 23: by Sue Carr in memory of her mom, Alice Burrows, for her 101st Birthday on July 27th.
- July 30: by Tom & Karen Martin in memory of her dad, George Tappy.

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART HAS 4 MORE OPENINGS!

PLEASE, HELP FILL IT IN!



PLEASE, sign up for 2023 Altar Flowers! The Flower Chart is posted on the large bulletin board in the main hallway. Please, help get **SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, and **NOVEMBER** filled in! Only costs \$10.**



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

- 01-Jul Layne Chester
- 01-Jul Marjorie Cranmer
- 01-Jul Terry Poston
- 02-Jul Mark Bacus
- 02-Jul Steve Campbell
- 02-Jul Maggie Funke
- 02-Jul Taylor Rich
- 04-Jul Terri Fincher
- 04-Jul Brynleigh Mormino
- 04-Jul Peyton Mormino
- 05-Jul Colton Bourne
- 05-Jul Zoe Hart
- 06-Jul Phil Acton
- 06-Jul Jordan Brown
- 06-Jul Luke Campbell
- 06-Jul Jim Hickerson
- 07-Jul Alex Ford
- 08-Jul Nate Ford
- 08-Jul Carol Russell
- 08-Jul Stella Sims
- 09-Jul Deb Mayer
- 10-Jul Drew Standefer
- 10-Jul Ella Toner
- 10-Jul Emma Toner
- 11-Jul Clayton Bartony
- 11-Jul Chancey Sims

- 12-Jul Matthew Hamlin
- 14-Jul Carter Hendricks
- 15-Jul Emma Harper
- 15-Jul Jaymie Voorhees
- 17-Jul Donna Redden
- 18-Jul Alysia Bailey
- 18-Jul Sarah Griffin
- 19-Jul Cathy Cameron
- 21-Jul Connie Martin
- 21-Jul Robin Uzzell
- 22-Jul Chris Challandes
- 22-Jul Cory Crandall
- 22-Jul Dell Demond
- 22-Jul Daniel Emerick
- 22-Jul Evan Spurgeon
- 23-Jul Kynlee Bunt
- 23-Jul Diane Ford
- 23-Jul Donovan Hale
- 24-Jul Kathy Bunt
- 24-Jul Chris Cameron
- 24-Jul Anna McLain
- 24-Jul Tony Wood

- 26-Jul Kathy Crews
- 27-Jul Giuliana Sims
- 28-Jul Caleb Betts
- 28-Jul Ashlyn Birmingham
- 28-Jul Marie Brown
- 28-Jul Addison Lusicic
- 28-Jul Maddox Parker
- 28-Jul Adam Phelps
- 28-Jul Kristen Toner
- 29-Jul Randy McLain
- 30-Jul Tim Plummer
- 31-Jul Lindsey Williams



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



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| 01-Jul Matt & Christina Johnson | 09-Jul Paul & Brandy Mormino |
| 05-Jul Don & Vivian Sands-Franklin | 13-Jul Josh & Amy Gowan |
| 06-Jul Glenn & Paula Hubbard | 15-Jul Ryan & Jenny Spurgeon |
| 08-Jul Paul & Gerry Ward | 22-Jul Robert & Gina Brown |
| 09-Jul Greg & Kathy Crews | 23-Jul Rick & Amy Helmkamp |

WE NEED INFO FOR THE NEXT 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!



JUNE Stewardship

Budget Offering:	6/1/2023 thru 6/30/2023	\$11881.00
Designated Giving:	6/1/2023 thru 6/30/2023	\$1349.72
	Capital Improvements	260.00
	Loose Change	39.22
	Flowers	20.00
	VBS Offering to CHC	3.50
	Upper Room	7.00
	WOW	20.00
	UMCOR	50.00
	AC Replace Project	950.00
	Online Giving	504.25
	Capital Campaign	50.00
Total:		\$13784.97



An important reminder... at this time there are several ways to send your tithes & offerings if you cannot be here. You can send through the **U.S. Mail**, through **Bill Pay** with your bank or Credit Union, through our website's **Online Giving (VANCO)**, and by **bringing it by** during the week. If you plan to bring it by, please, call first to make sure we know you are on the way.

Thank you so much!

**DEADLINE FOR
AUGUST 2023
STEEPLE,
Friday,
JULY 21st!!**

GENERAL CONFERENCE

General & Jurisdictional Conference:

The General Commission on General Conference announced that it has had to, once again, postpone General Conference due to unavoidable complications. The global gathering is hoping to meet in-person **around May 2024**.

Keep this important meeting in your prayers!



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

JULY's Loose Change Project is the **Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House** in East St. Louis. The Methodist Church established this center to minister to the Croats early in the last century. Since then the Neighborhood House has ministered to the waves of immigrants and poor in East St. Louis. It is one of the few remaining institutions in East St. Louis offering social and health services. May God bless & multiply your gifts!



VBS 2023

THEME: Quest For The King's Armor: Knights of North Castle

I want to thank everyone for the vital role they have played in the ministry to the children of our church and neighborhood. To all who volunteered, thank you for participating in the powerful gift of God through the work you have done. The tremendous success of our VBS is thanks to your commitment to provide leadership throughout the week!

To our church family, I want to say how deeply I appreciate the gifts of your time, talents, donations, service, and prayers. These are what make us strong and effective!

We have had a great adventure at the "Knights of North Castle" during the quest to find the King's Armor. This year our children armored up with: TRUTH, JUSTICE, PEACE, FAITH, and SALVATION.

We began each day with high energy Praise Songs & Puppetry. Afterwards we took an adventure to several stations as we learned to "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power." **-Ephesians 6:10** Our station activities expanded our lessons as our adventures took us to Crafts, Movies, Recreation, Nature, Godly Games, Creative Arts, Science Experiments, Snacks, and a Story. Each station had the purpose of helping us to experience the quest so we could find and wear God's Armor. This armor will always protect and guide us as we live out God's quest in our lives.

We were blessed with a combined total of **32 different children, youth, and adults** who came together to see where God's Quest could take us. Throughout the week we were able to gather **76 food items and \$3.50** to donate to the **Community Hope Center**. We have always raised money for various projects and charities. Remembering back, our offering once helped to buy a garden brick and a block that were placed in our Prayer Walkway in the park in memory of Spencer Bacus, who lost his fight to Giant Congenital Nevus in 2018. Spencer was a big part of our VBS family for over 20 years and remains in our hearts at VBS. Our love and prayers continue to be with his family as his light continues to shine through us (#SHINELIKESPENCER).

So until next year's adventure at VBS, may God richly bless you as much as you have blessed these children! **(Photos below and on page 9 - thank you Linda Scroggins)**

Jamie Gwaltney, VBS Director





WORSHIP UNDER THE TREES ON SUNDAYS IN THE CHURCH AMPHITHEATER 8:20 a.m.

Changes to 8:45 a.m. on July 30th!

(In case of extreme weather the service is held in the sanctuary!)

MORE VBS!





EVENING RE-AWAKENING SERVICE

The Re-Awakening Service usually meets on the **First Thursday of the month**. It is not defined as a “contemporary service,” but rather as a relaxed style of worship that can be fluid with its music and messages. **Collect up your family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances and join us for a meal and service once a month!!**

We have decided not to meet in JULY because of the 4th of July holiday. August 3rd we will be meeting so plan to come!! Watch for info!

We are hopeful that one day this will reach others and lead to other doors opening, such as a kids’ ministry on Thursday evenings.

We love St. Paul and we love serving at our home church. We are excited and looking forward to being together in the same space of worship.

Lauren & Patterson Friese
(618-660-7967)



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

Youth Group continues to generally meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 6p.m. We hope that all the youth will attend! We want our youth program to be successful, so let’s make an effort to reach out to our friends, grandkids, etc., so that we can keep building from where we are at!

In **July** in place of meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, the youth are meeting with the Shiloh UMC Youth on **July 10th** for a **RESTORE DÉCOR SERVICE PROJECT**. The St. Paul Youth will ride with Lauren to meet the others at the Edwardsville Chick-Fil-A at 5p.m. **(Please let Lauren know you are going so she can arrange when to pick youth up here at St. Paul.)** Leaving from Chick-Fil-A we will go to the Edwardsville Restore Décor Warehouse at 200 2nd St. There we will be painting furniture that will be used in various projects. Please sign-up with Lauren ASAP! (618-660-7967)

Remember, friends of the church, we need your help, more than ever, encouraging young people to get involved.

In Christ’s Love & Kindness, Patterson Friese - Youth Director
(217-851-4651) (patterson.friese@gmail.com)



2023 Graduates

These are our Graduates. Please let us know of any we missed. Congratulations!!

8th Grade:

Baylee Allshouse,
William Garrison.

High School:

Kaydence Harlan,
Kristina Harlan,
Zoe Hart,
Eli Kasinger,
Gracie Mortland.

College:

Samuel Brown -
SIUE



2023 STEWARDSHIP → REMEMBER YOUR GIVING!

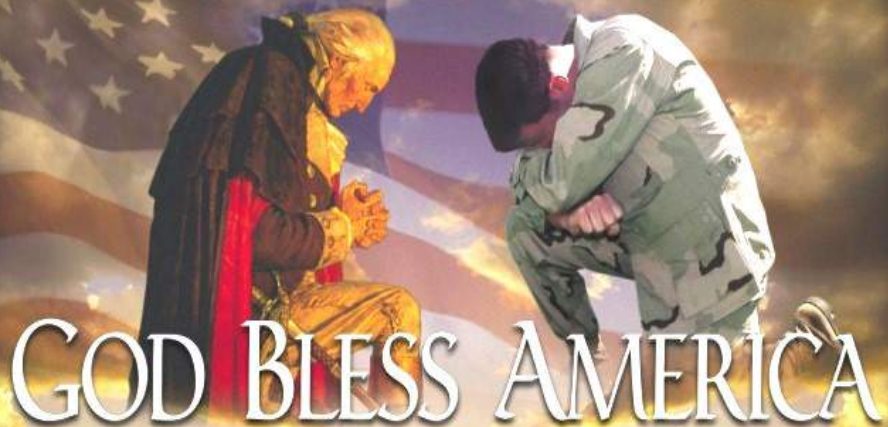
...to keep the ministry of St. Paul UMC growing; a ministry which is needed now more than ever! Thank you!!



→ COFFEE BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS:

Do you enjoy having coffee waiting for you when you arrive? Would you be willing to **volunteer** to help? It is easy... You can even bring snacks if you want to! Please, sign-up if you will help!

The face of prayer has changed. The need for prayer has not.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...
-Psalm 124



PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, I may not understand how everything will work out, but I trust You. I don't see a way, but I know You will make a way. I have faith that at this very moment You are touching hearts, opening doors, and lining up the right breaks and right opportunities. Things may look dark and bleak now, but I have faith that my dawn is coming. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Happy Independence Day!!