



The Steeple

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To the People of St. Paul United Methodist Church,

The blessing and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be upon us all this month of November. How is your soul today? Or how is your soul doing for the past 10 months of 2024? I am sure you would agree that time flew by so fast, how did we get here? We were saying Happy New Year to each other. Right? That's how it is folks. There is no going back so might as well go with the flow. I know that we will all be very busy these final two months so let us do them together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By the time you read this, we will have almost elected our new President and others. Thank God it is soon over. Some rejoicing, some lamenting. But many will be relieved. This political exercise has divided the country so much that Americans have been barking at each other almost beyond their fences. So much pain, sorrow, anger, anxiety, personal attacks, and oppressive opinions from different political views. We have to go through these experiences every election season. I am sure you are asking yourself "When will this socio-political exercise turn into something pleasant and be a family-oriented activity?" In our dreams...maybe! But the reality of reconciliation is not wishful thinking. I do believe that Human nature was given the heart to forgive and love each other again. People can be stubborn—no doubt about that. But peace and kindness are what we all yearn for so why feel bitter about that call? It is time to mend broken relationships. It is time to start forgetting and forgiving each other and bring the love back to our families and our communities. Truth is, these political figures will not take time to personally visit our houses and say, "Hi, I am your new President; thank you for your vote. I am glad to meet you!" Like I say... only in the movies. Let us move on and go forward. So, what's next after this election? The Bible said through Paul's **1st letter to Timothy 2:1-4** God is requiring all believers to do what is right: **"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people, ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."**

You do understand that God will not tell us to do something totally against his teachings. He will not teach us to pray for the current administration for its destruction. And if there are obvious inconsistencies and disparities, God will not turn against his morals. Through divine intervention, things will work out for his glory. **(Romans 8:28)** So what is the best thing to do? **Pray!!** Pray with urgency and dedication. Pray with hope and understanding. Pray for peace and protection. Pray that God will be honored through these leaders because, if not, they might regret their position one day. Remember, God is also a Just God. He always takes things seriously. If you go against His will, then chastisement is never far from happening. If we are faithful in praying for our leaders, then God will hear our requests.

Philippians 4:6-7 *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

Ephesians 6:18-20 *"With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition for all God's people."*

Blessings to all and until the next issue--

In Christ,

Edward Granadosin

Pastor of East Alton 1st UMC and St. Paul UMC



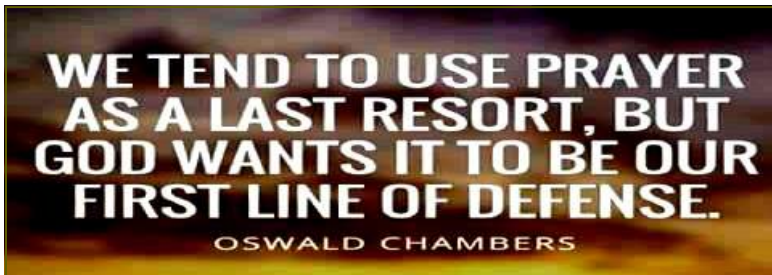


OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOU'S!

- We rejoice at the Oct. 8th birth of **Henry Patrick Ricketts** who was born to Chris & Megan Ricketts. He weighed 7lbs.15oz. at birth. His older sister is Nora and his aunt is Lauren Friese. God bless Henry and his family!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family & friends of **Terry Atchley (78)**, brother/brother-in-law of Duane (Tammy) Atchley; **Carol Combs (78)**, friend of Ruth Bell and Lois Mitchell; **David Bostick (60)**, son of Mary Lou Beck (wife of the late Rev. Fred Beck, chaplain); and **Charlie Brake (92)**, long-time Alton Alderman, friend of Lois Mitchell and Ruth Bell. **May everyone touched by loss know God's peace.**

THANK YOU! A **BIG Thank You** to all who helped with our roof project in any way!! We successfully replaced the roof on the picnic shelter and the garage/shed! We could not have done it without the help of Mark Mayer, Jim Herndon, Joe Hoertel (who did lots of shingling), and John Hendricks! Also, thank you to Scott Gwaltney who was able to dispose of the old shingles at no cost to us! Good to have this project completed... **-The Trustees- (see photos on insert)**

THANK YOU! Thank you so much for all you did! To those who donated, worked, shopped & bought, assisted, shared information, cleaned-up, etc. for this year's Fall Festival!! **-WOW**



SEASONAL ITEMS! THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS ITEMS!



There are still several beautiful decorations and possible gifts available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. Please, remember to go see if anything is what you are looking for or is the perfect gift to give. You may even come

during the week to check it all out!

-Women Of Worship



CELEBRATING
10 YEARS OF MAKING MUSIC



Creating community awareness of domestic violence through song.

November 10, 6:00pm
The Bridge Church
504 East 12st Alton IL



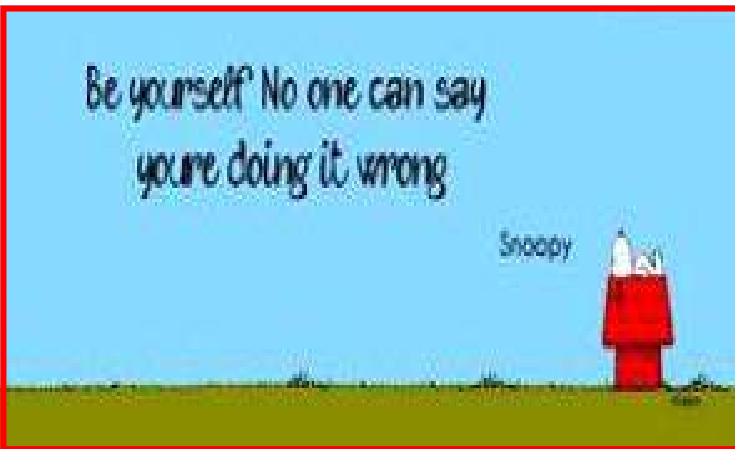
A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE CONCERTS GO TO WOMEN'S SHELTERS IN THE RIVERBEND AREA.



Welcome back to **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children's Church begins at the start of our 8:45a.m. Worship Service. A little bit into the service we have a **Children's Moment**. A variety of activities are then held in the Children's Church room after the Children's Moment. **For November we will be focused on all things thankful!** See you on Sundays! **This is currently for children ages 5-10 years old.**

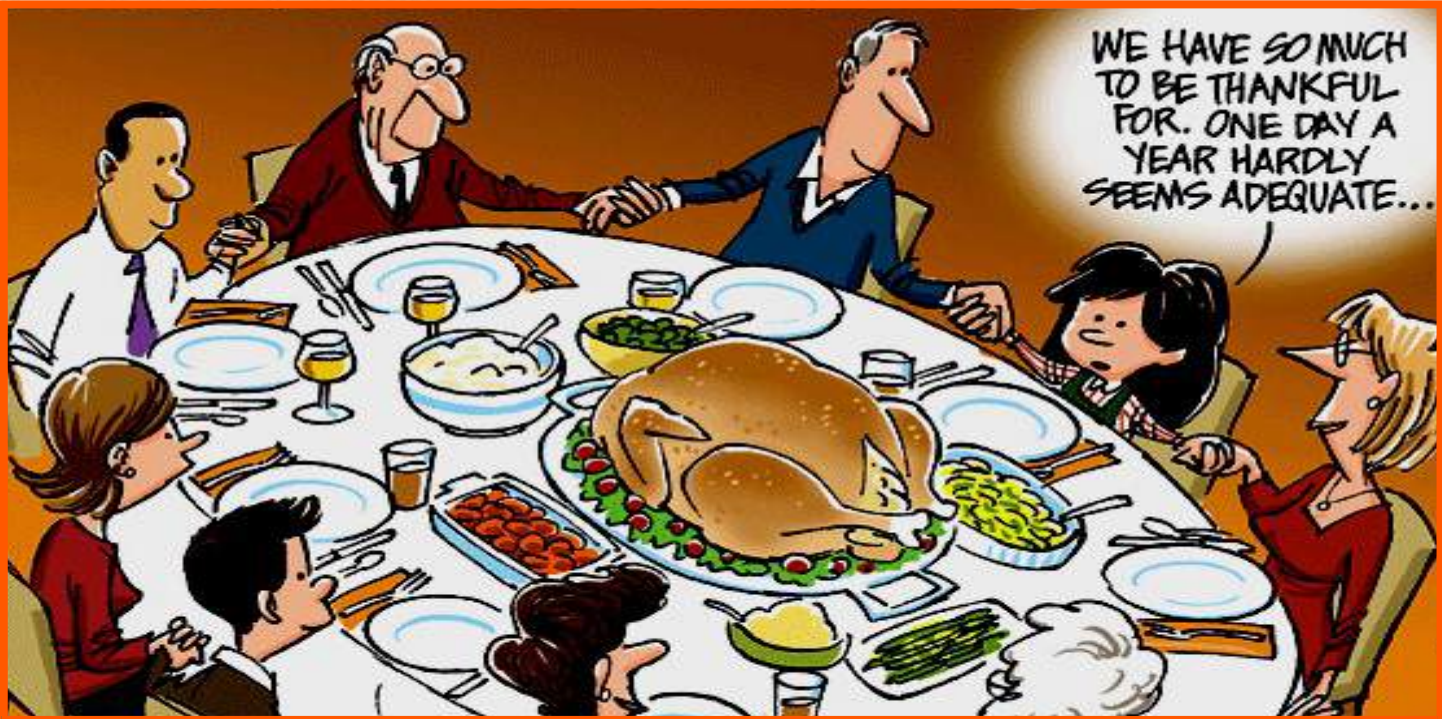
WE HOPE YOU ARE AS EXCITED AS WE ARE!!



Be yourself' No one can say you're doing it wrong

Snoopy

AROUND THANKSGIVING OR THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2025 WILL BE POSTED!!

WE HAVE SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR. ONE DAY A YEAR HARDLY SEEMS ADEQUATE...

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

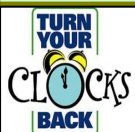


St. Paul Sunday Service in **NOVEMBER** 8:45 a.m.

St. Paul UMC is part of a two-point charge with East Alton First UMC. Each congregation has one service on Sundays and Pastor Ed serves as the pastor in both places. The service at St. Paul UMC begins at 8:45 a.m. The St. Paul UMC service is also **LIVE STREAMED** online! You are able to go to our Facebook Page and click on a link to watch it as it happens. You will also be able to watch it on Youtube.com starting with a search for **St Paul UMC 1167**.

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 to serve the Lord. Thank you!

NOV. 3rd Please, join us at **East Alton FUMC** for a **Combined Pastor Appreciation Gathering 11:30a.m.-1p.m.** Come eat and celebrate with us!



3rd: All Saints Sunday. Communion Today. Daylight Saving Time Ends.

Scriptures: *Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34*



10th: Veterans' Sunday.

Scriptures: *Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 42 or 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44*

17th: Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal @ EAFUMC @11:30a.m. Join us!!

Scriptures: *1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10; Psalm 113; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8*



24th: Bounty Sunday. Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. United Methodist Student Day. Thanksgiving Sunday.

Scriptures: *2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37*

Adult Sunday Classes

- ⇒ Wesley Sunday School Class After the Service in the Parlor!
- ⇒ Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class After the Service in the Main Hallway Classroom!

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN ONE OF THESE TWO ADULT CLASSES!!

hoooray



BIBLE STUDY!



We meet on Tuesdays at Noon in the Parlor! ... just bring your Bible! Hope to see you there!
~Pastor Ed~



CONTINUOUS FOOD DRIVE: The Outreach Ministry Team will keep a “Food Drive” going. 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, Dish Detergent, Spices, Sugar, Flour, Paper Towel, Facial Tissues, etc.)
You are awesome! Thank you!!

BOUNTY SUNDAY: Because we are doing the Continuous Food Drive, Bounty Sunday is different. During November try to also bring the foods of the season: Cans of Corn, Green Beans, Yams, Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin; and Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Mac & Cheese.

We will bless all the many things that we have given so far in 2024 on Nov. 24th!

2024 ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION:

- November 3:** by **Maggie Funke** in honor of **Husband, Jim Funke!**
- November 10:** by **William & Karla Castillo** in celebration of **Their 13th Wedding Anniversary!**
- November 17:** by **John & Rita White** in honor of **Our Church Family!**
- November 24:** by **George & Donna Hamilton** in celebration of **Their 50th Wedding Anniversary!**



Thank you to everyone who was able to order their poinsettias by the “really early” September date. If you missed it we did order 2 or 3 extras in case you want to be included! Please, call the church office!

NOVEMBER OFFICE HOURS (may be subject to change):

(ALSO, IT IS POSTED ON THE CHURCH OFFICE DOOR)

November 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 = 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

November 6, 13, 20, 27 = Office Closed/regular Wednesday off

November 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 29 = 9 or 10:00a.m. to 2 or 3:00p.m.

On November 14 the Office will be closed lunch time 11:30a.m.-1p.m.

ON November 28 OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING!



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 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
- 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 Steve Natsch
- 17-Nov Kristi Ward
- 18-Nov Ashley Babcock
- 18-Nov Heather McCammon
- 19-Nov Nathan Chester
- 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

- 23-Nov Allan & Kyle Napp
- 26-Nov Jim & Anita Dawson
- 29-Nov Mike & Ricci Voorhees



BE SURE TO PICK UP A 2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Please contact the church office if you (OR A FAMILY MEMBER) have had a **change of address, phone number, or email address!**



OCTOBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	10/1/2024 thru 10/31/2024	10445.00
Designated Giving:	10/1/2024 thru 10/31/2024	787.17
	Capital Improvements	180.00
	Loose Change	43.17
	Flowers	42.00
	Trustees Emerg. Res. Fund	70.00
	Roof Aluminum Sold	7.00
	Deposit For FH Use	25.00
	Helping Hands	50.00
	Parking Lot Work	100.00
	Women of Worship	20.00
	UMCOR	50.00
	Park Light	100.00
	Coats 4 Kids	100.00
World Communion Offering		10.00
Online Giving		351.50
Total:		\$11593.67



An important reminder... 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 to the church 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!

HELPING HANDS

HANDS

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 2024 STEEPL, Monday, November 18th!

MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

The November Loose 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!



EVENING RE-AWAKENING SERVICE

→ **Re-Awakening continues a pause.**

At this time, Lauren is still looking for folks who would be dedicated to joining a vision team that would help rebuild and plan the future of Re-Awakening.

Please, contact Lauren at laurenfriese20@gmail.com or give her a call at [\(618-660-7967\)](tel:618-660-7967) if you would like to be a part of this. -Lauren Friese



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Giving Thanks



Event: Help us serve our complimentary **Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal!**

This is open to the Public!

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov 17, 2024 @11:30am

Where: East Alton 1st UMC Fellowship Hall

We each have our own annual events. Our goal is to be intentional with our joint fellowships; in this way we can show the love of God by joining our forces together to reach out to our neighbors. If St Paul UMC members would like to join us as we offer up cooked turkey and some sides with it, this will indeed help bless a lot of people this **Thanksgiving 2024**. We will of course have the opportunity to fellowship with our visitors as well. Please, join us as we address the need around us! And if you cannot work, please, **come eat with us!** Questions? **Call Pastor Ed (702-583-8851).**

Thank you and God bless! **SIGN-UP AT ST. PAUL UMC!**

ENJOY!!



11TH NOVEMBER
VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Thank You!

2024 FALL FESTIVAL

THANK YOU: The **Women of Worship** send a super big thank you to everyone who helped with the **FALL FESTIVAL** in any way! Working, donating, buying, cooking, cleaning up, etc. It is all important, necessary, and you were wonderful! Approximately **\$3589** was raised (with more coming in as crafts continue to be sold and this month we will start selling pecans)! Thank you doesn't seem like enough but it is what we have to give...God Bless you all for what you do to make this event even possible!

2024 STEWARDSHIP



→ **REMEMBER YOUR GIVING!**

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



PECANS

Watch: COMING IN NOVEMBER!

New Regular 1lb. bag = **\$12**

New Chocolate-covered 1lb. bag = **\$12**

Last year's Regular 1lb. bag = **\$10**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If bad weather requires the cancellation of our worship service and Sunday School, we will:

- ✘ **ACTIVATE "OTTO" OUR PHONE TREE CALLING SYSTEM!**
- ✘ contact TV Channel 5 to list it
- ✘ post a notice on our website www.stpaulwired.org (if possible) and on our Facebook page (**St. Paul United Methodist-East Alton IL**)
- ✘ contact those on the e-mail prayer chain (if possible)



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

➔ We are trying to gather youth to attend a one day conference at Little Grassy on Saturday, November 2nd from 8a.m.-6p.m. (we would leave the church at 6a.m. and return at 8p.m.). Youth are encouraged to send the dates of their sporting events, concerts, and special events to Lauren so that she can make a calendar to attend.

If any youth is available to help with the Community Thanksgiving Meal at EAFUMC on Sunday, November 17th after the 10:15a.m. EAFUMC worship service (approx. 11:30a.m.), please let Lauren know ASAP.

If you have a young person in your life who is seeking opportunities for Christian fellowship, activities, sporting events, camps, retreats, etc., please, fill out the information sheet found on the table near the bulletin sheets on Sunday morning! Put the completed information sheet in the mailbox for the Church Office or in the offering plate.

We are fervently praying to successfully rebuild our Youth program. 2024 is going to finish as a great year for our Youth!!

In Christ's Love & Kindness,
Lauren Friese - Youth Leader (618-660-7967)



* 2024 STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS! *

We are now collecting toward the 2024 Staff Christmas Gifts thru Sunday, December 15th.

8:45a.m. service – give your gifts to Dave Schiber, Joyce Brueggeman, Deb Mayer, or Jayme Scroggins!

You may also mail or bring your gift to the office during the week!

Mark on check memo as: Staff Christmas Gift

IMPORTANT: A lot of work will need to be done on our parking lot in the year or so ahead! Part was good enough to be sealed (**done, looks great**), but a large chunk of it may need to be replaced. If you would like to donate specifically to this work, designate any amount (small or large) to: PARKING LOT WORK and it will be held to pay for the work as it happens... Thank you for any extra you want to give! *-The Trustees-*



Annual Coats 4 Kids Drive

It is time to collect donations for the Riverbend Head Start & Family Services to buy new & used, coats & shoes. We do this in the fall. This year they **request** to receive monetary donations. For us, the drive goes **thru Nov. 3**. If you can, please, add a gift for the **COATS 4 KIDS DRIVE** in with your tithe and offerings. **Mark on the front of your offering envelope or check memo line what amount we should direct to them for this annual drive!** Thank you so much in advance!
-OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Cap 'N Mitten Tree 2024



NOV. 3rd - DEC. 1st!



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 any local church fund. You may also leave it "undesignated."

This year the **undesignated monies** will go:
75% to our HELPING HANDS
and 25% to the UPCOMING PARKING LOT WORK.

We thank you in advance for giving!



Outreach FOR Christmas

The **Student Councils of Roxana Jr. & Sr. High Schools** are preparing to host their **28th Annual Community Christmas for Kids**.
What Is Needed: monetary donations (average cost per child is \$35). Make checks out to the **"RCUSD Student Councils"** and place it in an envelope marked **RHS Kids Christmas** and give it to the church office or put it in the offering plate.
We need the donations by Nov. 17th.
Your generosity is always appreciated!



Everyone is welcomed to come help the Worship Ministry Team decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 25th from 9 a.m. - Noon!



Annual Christmas Dinner

We are so excited to be able to let you know that we will have our **Annual Christmas Dinner 2024** here at St. Paul UMC and **the dinner will again be a potluck!!** The church will provide the meat (fried chicken and ham), plates (etc.), and drinks and you will bring all the other wonderful food! We are doing it earlier in the day as was requested!

On Saturday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m.

will be the 2024 Christmas Dinner in the St. Paul UMC Fellowship Hall.

→The deadline for reservations is Sunday, December 8th.

Please, sign up below to let us know how many are coming and what you will be bringing! We want to make sure that there is plenty of a variety of food for everyone!

Please, complete the form below and put the whole page in the offering plate, bring it by or mail it to the St. Paul church office, contact the St. Paul church office at **618-259-5210**, or send an email with the information in it to **info@stpaulwired.org**.

Be sure to join us for this special family time: fun, food, fellowship!



Christmas Dinner Reservation Form



Name _____ Phone# _____

Number attending: Adults _____ Children _____

I will bring (check all that apply):

___ Vegetable Dish _____

___ Salad (lettuce, potato, etc.) _____

___ Pasta Dish _____

___ Casserole _____

___ Side Dish _____

___ Dessert _____

___ Other _____

___ I can help with any clean-up when the event is over!



ROOF WORK PHOTOS!!



HARVEY CHILES



It is official! I am retiring as a musician and teacher! On December 8, 2024, I am throwing one final BASH to celebrate my retirement and my 70th birthday!

"That's What Friends are For"
FUNDRAISING CONCERT



The Concert is Dec. 8th at 3:00p.m. at St. Paul UMC

The concert proceeds will be used to support ujimastl.com (a non-profit pay-what-you-can service provider that provides equitable access to food, education, and employment). The concert is at 3:00p.m. in the sanctuary at St. Paul UMC.