



The Steeple

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To the People of St. Paul United Methodist Church,

A belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (2025) to everyone. May the peace of our good Lord be upon you as we all venture into the newness of the year. I also hope and pray that the year-end of 2024 was a meaningful experience: Perhaps connecting with your loved ones, friends, families, and extended families that you have not seen for a long time. And most of all, that you had a blessed time to worship, praise, and reflect on God's abundant blessings and love. I honestly believe that 2025 will be an exciting year not just here in our beloved country the USA, but the entire world. We will certainly face many challenges ahead, but we know that the Lord will always be with us. For that... we give HIM all the glory.

So, what do we do now that God has given us a fresh start? I know many of us have our New Year's resolutions planned out. We should prepare ourselves to be better people not only for ourselves but also for others. The old self...gone. Making sure that we have learned from our past mistakes that may have caused some misery and anxiety. Staying away from negative feelings and negative people. Mending broken relationships and starting with some new friends. And of course, the most important of all...making our relationship with God stronger and healthier. I honestly believe that if we start right, then we will end right even though the in-betweens might be difficult. The bottom line, we must be prepared to meet the demands of the New Year. Just read the following passages to help get excited:

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new".

Ephesians 4:22-24

"To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness"

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"

These are some of the many promises meant for God's people. These words that came from the Father are promises that will never be broken, especially to those who will remain faithful. I have come to know that living a Godly life is not easy, but the outcome will be eternal. It is pleasing to God; it would give glory to HIS name. **Galatians 6:9** *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."*

As your Pastor, I am looking forward to your serving hearts. I will look forward to our partnership with the Lord. And I will forever be grateful because God is faithful and true to HIS word. *"I will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged."* **Deuteronomy 31:8.** And so, praying for a prosperous New Year to all and to God be the glory!

**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 YOUS!

- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family & friends of **Lori Tappy (68)**, wife of Mike Tappy (see obit on page 3); **Darwyn “Dar” Bryant (64)**, Director of the Dream Center and vibrant community worker; **Joyce Wild (89)**, was the current Administrative Assistant at Asbury Village; and **Mildred “Millie” Davis (97)**, friend of Lois Mitchell and Ruth Bell. **May everyone who is touched by loss know God’s peace through it all.**

THANK YOU! My ministry with you means so very much to me. The blessing of your generous Staff Christmas gift and all the other cards & gifts received has been wonderful! Thank you! Happy New Year! Blessings on you all! **-Lois Mitchell**

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who helped at the Christmas Dinner Potluck (setting-up, cleaning-up, etc.). And thank you to all who helped by bringing a favorite dish to share! God Bless you in the New Year! **-Nurture Ministry Team**

THANK YOU! Dear Church Family, What a privilege to serve as musicians at St. Paul UMC. We thank you for the Christmas gift. We thank you for being a “singing church.” It is our joy to worship with you! Blessings... **-Rayford & Martha Raby**

THANK YOU! To the members of St. Paul UMC for helping spread the gift of warmth this season! Your generous gift of **\$285** to this year’s virtual coat drive has helped us purchase and distribute over 500 coats so far. Without you, this would not be possible. We thank you! **-Riverbend Head Start & Family Services**

THANK YOU! Thank you so much for the generous donation of hats and gloves to our school! We appreciate you thinking about our school and students when choosing a donation site. Our students will greatly benefit from receiving them and they will help them stay warm this winter. Sincerely, **-Ashley Lowe, Eastwood Elementary Principal**

THANK YOU! On behalf of the Roxana High and Jr. High School Student Councils, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of our Community Christmas Party. Your contribution was crucial to the success of the event. We were able to provide gifts to 128 children including 25 junior high students and 28 senior high students. Once again, thank you for your kindness and support. Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year! Warm regards... **-RHS/RJHS Student Councils**

THANK YOU! Thank you to the family who portrayed the Holy Family during this year’s **March To The Manger**. We thank **Chris, Emily, Addie, and baby Ella Louise Elliott**. (SEE PHOTO →→) Thank you also to our Advent Candle lighters: **John & Rita White, Randy & Joyce Brueggeman, Jim & Jane Herndon, and Mark & Deb Mayer!**





We Say Goodbye To Our Dear Friend...



Lori Jan "Lo Lo" Tappy, 65, passed away Monday, December 2, 2024 at her home. Born July 26, 1959, she was a daughter of John Lee Fudurich & Ginger M. (Hargis) Fudurich Vandiver. She married Michael Tappy Sept. 23, 1977 in Rosewood Heights. He survives.

Lori retired as a food service manager for Roxana School District after over 20 years of service. She often had former students approach her to say hello after many years. She enjoyed camping, listening to music, and watching St. Louis Cardinals and Blues games. She especially loved attending youth sporting events of her kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, and actually coached a few of those teams.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Amy Tappy (Brett) of Highland, Amber Tappy (Ben) of Roxana, and Nealy (Josh) Budde of Bunker Hill; 2 grandchildren, Jaxson McBride and Avery Doolin; her sister, Lisa (Darrell) Clendenny of East Alton; a sister-in-law, Karen (Tom) Martin; nieces, Jennifer Clendenny, Kelli (Tyler), Brianne (Jimmy) Bourne, Kara Jean and her husband Shannon, and Megan (Ryan) Parker; and great nieces and great nephews Jadan Clendenny, Rae Lee Kimbro, Jacob Kimbro, and Kenan Poindexter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and also her stepfather, Calvin Vandiver.

Please, remember Mike and the whole family in your prayers as they journey on without her.



Children's Church begins at the start of our 8:45a.m. Worship Service. Into the beginning of 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. See you on Sundays!

This is currently for children ages 5-10 years old.

WE HOPE YOU ARE AS EXCITED AS WE ARE!!

2024 WOMEN OF WORSHIP

2024 was so much more like a normal year and the Women of Worship were again busy. They did not get to do quite all the projects and events in the way they usually do, but they raised enough to donate **\$8,200.00** to missions and groups. It was divided up this way:-- see box →→

We are hopeful that 2025 will be a unique year as well, and we will be busy. There might be a Chicken & Noodle Dinner, there will be a Rummage Sale this spring, and a Fall Festival; we just don't know all that will happen yet. The possibilities are always exciting as we see what God brings our way! Thank you for your willingness to help and support us as we serve!

Karen Martin, President

- Church Parking Lot Work.....\$1,000.00
- Midwest Mission Food Project....\$200.00
- St. Paul UMC.....\$2,000.00
- UMCOR.....\$500.00
- Helping Hands.....\$500.00
- SPERO Family Services.....\$600.00
- Salvation Army-Alton.....\$300.00
- Oasis Women's Center.....\$300.00
- Community Hope Center.....\$300.00
- Operation Blessing.....\$300.00
- Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House.....\$600.00
- Friends of Troop #8777.....\$150.00
- Cub Scout Pack #8030.....\$150.00
- Dignity Period.....\$100.00
- Roxana School Nurses.....\$600.00
- East Alton School Nurses.....\$600.00
- \$8,200.00**

Joyce Tappy, Treasurer



St. Paul Sunday Service in **JANUARY** 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 **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!

5th: Communion Today. Epiphany Sunday.

Scriptures: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12*



12th: Baptism of the Lord.

Scriptures: *Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

19th: Human Relations Day (for Martin Luther King, Jr.).

Scriptures: *Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11*

26th: Ecumenical Sunday.

Scriptures: *Nehemiah. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21*

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 CLASSES!!**

hoooray



BIBLE STUDY!

Bible Study meets on
Tuesdays at NOON in the Parlor!
To be ready to study ... bring your
Bible! See everyone on
January 7th ... 2025! ~Pastor Ed~

Nightly Prayer Time On Youtube.com

Join in by going to youtube.com and searching for
"East Alton First United Methodist Church"

Livestream begins at 4:45p.m. - Live program at 5p.m.

**NOTE: Check dates and check "live" for live worship.
Held on Monday thru Thursday evenings most weeks!**



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:** Mayonnaise, Can Opener, Oil, Powdered Milk, Milk/Oat Milk/Almond Milk/Coconut Milk – kind that is non-refrigerated until opened, Coffee, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Tea Bags, Salt & Pepper, Spaghetti Sauce in a Can or Plastic Jar, Pasta, Canned Vegetables or Meats, Ketchup & Mustard, Spices, Sugar, Cereal, Tuna Fish, Rice, Flour, Dish Detergent, Hand Lotion, Rolls of Paper Towel, Boxes of Facial Tissues, etc.)
You are awesome! Thank you!!

2025 ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION:

Jan 5: by **Tracy Franks** in honor of **her Family!**

Jan 12: by **John & Rita White** in celebration of **Beulah Moore’s 98th Birthday!!**

Jan 19: by _____

Jan 26: by _____



PLEASE FILL IN THE 2025 FLOWER CHART!!

JANUARY OFFICE HOURS (may be subject to change):

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

January 6-7,13-14,20-21,27-28 = 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

January 1,8,15,22,29 = Office Closed for regular Wednesday week day off

January 3,9-10,16-17,23-24,30-31 = 9 or 10:00a.m. to 2 or 3:00p.m.

ON January 9 GONE FROM 11:15a.m. to 1:00p.m. FOR LUNCH

PLEASE NOTE:

If there is snow on a morning when the Church Office is to be open, the Church Secretary will get to the office as soon as safely possible. If there are 3-4 inches on the road, she must wait for her street to be plowed before being able to get down the street. That gives her time to shovel her driveway with her sister. Please, be patient and pray for her safety on those days. If there are 6 inches or more of snow, she might not make it in at all and will work more the next possible day or in the afternoon of her day off. Thank you for understanding!





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

- 01-Jan Calvin Gowan
- 01-Jan Noah Friese
- 03-Jan Ronald Bishop
- 03-Jan Kathy Hamlin
- 03-Jan Mike Link
- 05-Jan Heather Decker
- 05-Jan Piper Martin
- 05-Jan Samantha Shewmake
- 06-Jan Joyce Tappy
- 06-Jan Emmett Hobbs
- 07-Jan Glenn Bowman
- 07-Jan Chris Fincher
- 07-Jan Christina Johnson
- 07-Jan Shay Poore
- 07-Jan Laura Jo White
- 08-Jan Becky Balzraine
- 08-Jan Avery Huddleston
- 08-Jan Jim Scroggins
- 09-Jan Mary Lou Dorsey
- 09-Jan Beulah Moore
- 09-Jan Marsha Weston-Fiss
- 10-Jan Emily Voorhees
- 11-Jan Riley Eyster
- 11-Jan Paula Hubbard
- 11-Jan Stacy Lyons
- 11-Jan Norma Shaffer
- 12-Jan Lindsey Mayer
- 12-Jan Nathan Rain
- 13-Jan Aiden Napp
- 13-Jan Mylie Ramirez
- 14-Jan Dottye Aitken
- 14-Jan Scott Gwaltney
- 18-Jan Amy Hale
- 18-Jan McLain Oertle
- 19-Jan Eileen Cheatham
- 19-Jan Julie Hobbs
- 19-Jan D.J. Redden Jr.
- 20-Jan Leo Hobbs
- 21-Jan Scott Aitken
- 21-Jan Annabelle Chester
- 21-Jan Russell Wheat Jr.
- 22-Jan Clayton Bunt
- 22-Jan William Garrison
- 23-Jan Tamera Martin
- 25-Jan Lindsey Cameron
- 25-Jan Jan Poore
- 26-Jan Sandy Moore
- 28-Jan Duane Moore
- 29-Jan Gail Hansard
- 29-Jan Mychal Voorhees
- 30-Jan Logan Sims
- 30-Jan Tom Voorhees
- 31-Jan Jessica Barnes
- 31-Jan Geno Hartman
- 31-Jan Marlo Schiber
- 31-Jan William Sullivan
- 31-Jan Miranda Walters



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 01-Jan Dennis & Becky Tuchalski
- 05-Jan Kelly & Rachel McPheters
- 20-Jan John & Rita White
- 24-Jan Joe & Debra Hoertel
- 27-Jan Dan & Tammy Davis



BE SURE TO PICK UP A 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!** We will begin the process of completing a new Church Directory in late January!



DECEMBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	12/1/2024 thru 12/31/2024	31530.00
Designated Giving:	12/1/2024 thru 12/31/2024	3398.30
	Capital Improvements	450.00
	Loose Change	79.30
	Flowers	70.00
	Trustees Emerg. Res. Fund	120.00
	Salvation Army-Alton	50.00
	Upper Room	24.00
	Helping Hands	610.00
	Parking Lot Work	1010.00
	Women of Worship	20.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	100.00
	Staff Christmas Gifts	275.00
	Memorial	20.00
	Postage	60.00
	UMCOR	500.00
	Offering Envelopes	10.00
	Christmas Offering	1410.00
	Reimbursements/Dividends	1045.39
	Online Giving	351.50
Total:		\$37735.19



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!



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

January's Loose Change Project is the SPERO Family Services in Mt. Vernon, IL. Funds will go for youth programs on campus, independent living programs, transitional living, or community based programs. The Chaplain's ministry may also be a recipient of the funds.

May God bless and multiply your gifts!

**DEADLINE FOR
FEBRUARY 2025
STEEPLE,
Monday, January
20th!**



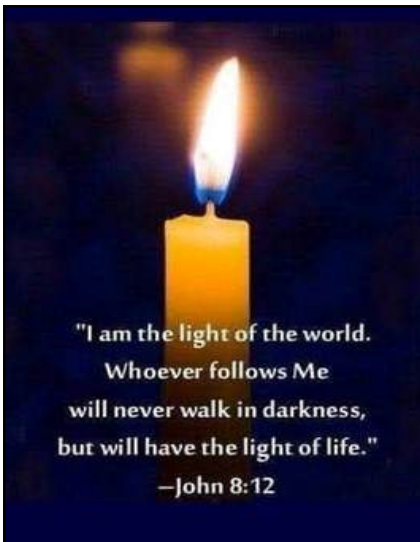
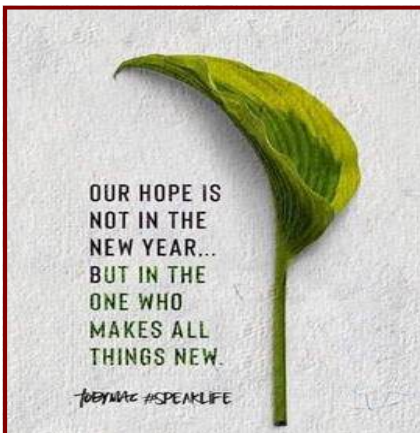
VBS 2025 NEEDS A DIRECTOR! MIGHT THAT BE YOU?!

I am writing this with mixed emotions in my heart. **After almost 25 years** of leading our VBS program, **it is time to retire** and **I will not be continuing my role as VBS director in 2025.** It has been my privilege and honor to share in my journey of faith, side by side, with all of my church family and friends. It's time for me to take a step back and know that God is with me to guide me through this decision. As I think back about the years of VBS, I remember, with joy, my children being involved as students and as leaders. I remember my family supporting me every year, and I remember this church, my church, always stepping up to help in whatever capacity was possible for them.

I love and appreciate those pictures that will always be stamped in my heart. I'm overwhelmed by the blessings God brought to me each summer with all of the VBS crew and children. I've felt the power of faith and love of the LORD working this program. I'm completely grateful for being able to have served our children and our congregation. We are all united in our love and faith in Jesus. God Bless you all.

Remember to 'Shinelikespencer!'

-Jamie Gwaltney



Poinsettias 2024

- DONNA BADMAN** in memory of her Parents, Charles & Irene McKean
- LARRY & IOLA BALLARD** in memory of their Parents, Brothers, & Sisters
- LARRY & IOLA BALLARD** in honor of their Family
- DON BUNT** in memory of his Wife, Evelyn
- SUE CARR** in memory of her Mom, Alice Burrows
- JIM & ANITA DAWSON** in honor of their Family
- TRACY FRANKS** in memory of her Parents, Lute & Doloros Taulbee
- MAGGIE FUNKE** in honor of her Mother, Sally Lay
- KAY GWALTNEY** in memory of Don Gwaltney & Our Parents
- KAY GWALTNEY** in honor of her Family, Grandchildren, & 3 Greats
- SHELLEY HEIGERT** in memory of her Mother, Shirley Birmingham
- SHELLEY HEIGERT** in honor of her Father, Harvey Birmingham
- JIM & JANE HERNDON** in memory of their Parents & Jane's Siblings
- JIM & JANE HERNDON** in honor of their Children, Grandchildren, & Great-Granddaughter
- JIM & CONNIE HICKERSON** in memory of Meghan Hickerson
- JIM & CONNIE HICKERSON** in memory of Dr. Norman & Mrs. Carole Taylor
- JIM & CONNIE HICKERSON** in honor of Lori & Evan Hutson
- DOROTHY KASINGER** in memory of her Parents, Victor & Beulah Strohbeck
- DOROTHY KASINGER** in honor of her Children, Grands, & Greats
- MATTHEW LUDWIG & TORI LUDWIG** in memory his Parents, Larry Ludwig & Becky Hendricks
- MATTHEW LUDWIG & TORI LUDWIG** in memory her Parents, James Brown & Georgia Brown
- TOM & KAREN MARTIN** in memory her Parents, George & Jean Tappy
- TOM & KAREN MARTIN** in honor of their Grandsons: Maddox, Hunter, Wyatt, & Colton
- RANDY & MINDY McLAIN** in honor of their Children & Grandchildren
- BEULAH MOORE** in memory her Husband, Ben Moore
- KEITH & JUDY MOORE** in memory James Raitls
- JAYME SCROGGINS** in honor of her Children & Grandchildren
- JILL TAYLOR-SULLIVAN** in memory of her Father, Dr. Norman Taylor
- JILL TAYLOR-SULLIVAN** in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Carole Taylor
- RITA & JOHN WHITE** in memory of their Parents, Benjamin Moore and Jerry & Shirley White
- RITA & JOHN WHITE** in honor of her Mom, Beulah Moore





Have you been away too long? Start 2025 off in the right way; reconnect with God and the Church!

2024 Cap 'N Mitten Tree Results:
20 Hats, 50 Pairs of Gloves/Mittens, 62 Pairs of Socks, & 23 Pieces of Underwear!
Thank you all so very much!!

2025 STEWARDSHIP
→ REMEMBER YOUR GIVING!
...to keep the ministry of St. Paul UMC growing; a ministry which is needed now more than ever!
Thank you!!



ARE HERE!
New Regular 1lb. bag = \$12
New Chocolate-covered 1lb. bag = \$12
Last year 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!

→ **January:** the Youth Group will begin meeting on Tuesdays from 5-6p.m. starting on Tuesday the 21st. Please, help spread the word to all middle school and high school students. We may hold a lock-in one weekend in January or February as we work to revitalize the youth group! 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.

Young Adult/College Age Bible Study also begins on Tuesday, January 21st from 6-7:30p.m. If anyone is interested in signing up to help provide childcare, please, let me know in advance. We will be meeting at St. Paul in the parlor. Join us as we journey through, "What Now?"

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



EVENING RE-AWAKENING SERVICE

→ Re-Awakening continues a pause.

At this time, Lauren continues to look for folks who would be dedicated to joining a vision team that would help rebuild and plan the future of Re-Awakening. Please, email Lauren at laurenfriese20@gmail.com or give her a call at (618-660-7967) if you would like to be a part of this. -Lauren Friese

IMPORTANT: A lot of work will need to be done on our parking lot in the year or so ahead! Part is good enough to be sealed, 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-*

"Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching."

— C.S. Lewis



WOW MEETS IN 2025 TO PLAN DATES FOR THE YEAR!

Tuesday, January 21st 11:30a.m.

Potluck – bring your favorite dish of food! And we will celebrate Pastor Ed’s 60th Birthday! ALL St. Paul women are welcome!

**Sunday, January 26th
at 2:30p.m.
At St. Paul UMC!**

HYMN SING



Sweet Sounds Sings outside of the East Alton Museum on Sat., December 7th!



THERE ARE IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN THE SWEET SOUNDS

Qualifications: Must be male or female; young, middle age, old, older. Must be able to walk & step onto the van. **NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED!** If you like to sing that is a **BIG PLUS**. You don’t have to be trained in opera or even country music. Can’t read music? That is **OKAY**; we only use the words. Must be able to shake hands & spread some sunshine! You need no computer savvy, bookkeeping skills, or accounting degree.

Should be available most Fridays (at 12:45 p.m.) of the month and one Monday (at 1:00 p.m.).

APPLY IN PERSON AND BE PREPARED TO STAY. *Excellent benefits to your mind, body, and soul. God and Sweet Sounds need you in this outreach ministry today!*

Music IS a powerful memory!

Our members have come from several churches and communities. For more information call Dorothy Kasinger at

618-259-7255 or email her at dorothydlk@charter.net. Give us a try this year!



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MIDWEST MISSIONS WORK DAY

Almost everyone has heard of the Midwest Mission Distribution Center that the United Methodist Church has and the work that it does. Many have expressed a desire to be able to go to it and to help in the work, but feel that age and/or abilities stop them from doing the work. SO.... Midwest Missions is coming to us.

In January we are having a **rice meal packaging event**. We will complete 600 rice meals. Each pack will feed a family of six. These rice meals are sent to areas of the world that are in great need of food. **This event will be held at East Alton First UMC and is a combined effort of St. Paul UMC, East Alton First UMC, and the Wesley House.**

Currently we have **January 17-18** as the planned dates (with **February 7-8 as back-up dates**). The date for the actual "work" will be **Saturday at 11:00a.m.** The materials will be brought to the church the Friday before. The work is easy enough to be done while sitting and will take usually less than two hours. The food packets will be prayed for by Pastor Ed on the Sunday after and then taken to MWMDC on the Monday. They will be added to other packets, prayed over by the staff at MWMDC, and then shipped out. Once they are sent we will be notified as to who will be receiving this blessing.

I pray that we will have **more people than needed** for this. Please contact me, Lois in the church office, or Lauren Friese in the EAFUMC office if you have any questions or to let us know that you will be there as **we need at least a minimum of 10 people in total** (from the 3 different places) to do this...but **the more the merrier!** We can certainly use more...makes it easier and more fun! God bless.

Dennis Tuchalski / St. Paul
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618.791.2872



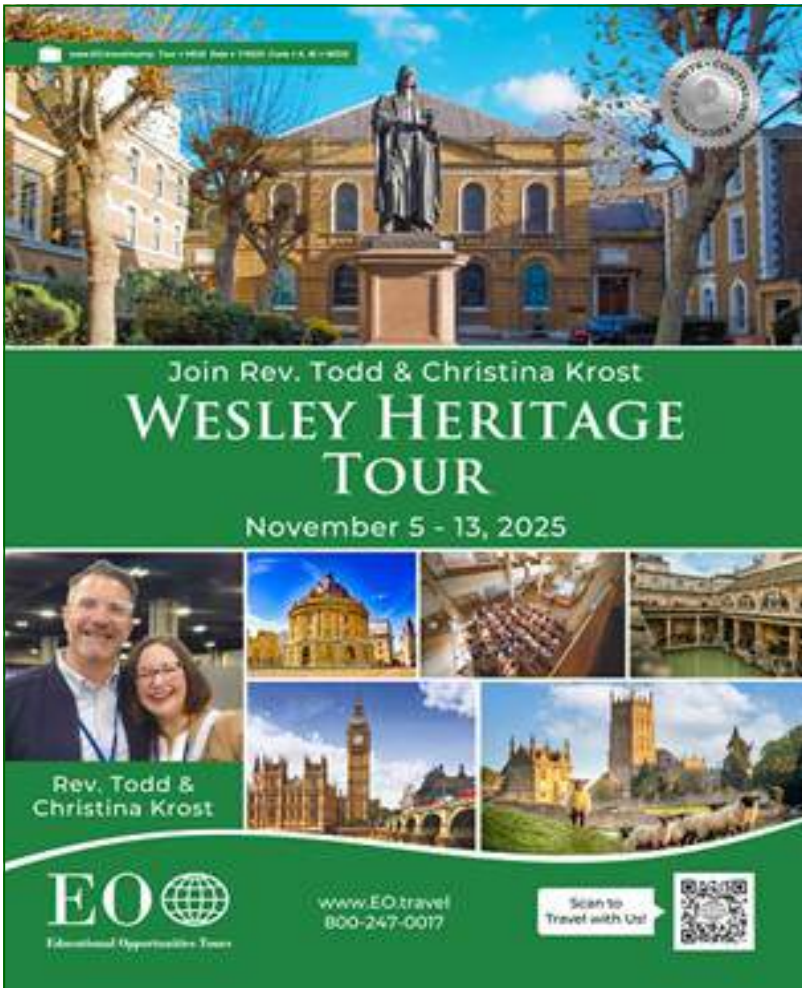


Wesley Heritage Tour with the Krosts

Join Pastor Rev. Todd & Christina Krost for the trip of a lifetime on a **Wesley Heritage Tour Nov. 5-13, 2025!**

Experience the best culture and history England has to offer with its beautiful countryside and magnificent cities. Most importantly, visit and learn first-hand about where the Methodist movement started in the 18th century led by brothers John and Charles Wesley.

Participants will tour Epworth, the Wesleys' home town; Oxford, where the young Wesley brothers began their ministries; the New Room and Charles Wesley's grave in Bristol; Aldersgate, where their hearts were "strangely warmed"; and central London, where John and his mother, Susanna, are laid to rest. Bring a companion for a journey you will never forget!



For more information email Todd at todd.krost@gmail.com

or visit: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/he25a#eotours>