



# The Beacon of St. Paul United Methodist Church

June 15, 2011

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## June 20 is Visioning Date

A portion of the Healthy Church Initiative prescriptions calls for our church to come together and work through a visioning process to guide our future work. All members of the Church Council are to attend this visioning session as well as anyone else from the church who would care to be part of it. I am hopeful that several of you will respond to this invitation, because it is important that we have as many of our parishioners as possible involved in charting this course for the future. Our HCI coach, Rev. Royal Speidel, will conduct the visioning session. **It will be held on Monday, June 20, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Coffee and cookies will be available before and during our session. Please plan to come and share your thoughts on the future of our church as we work together to capture God's vision for St. Paul. See you there!

*Pastor Ron*



To everyone who helped in anyway with the UMW Mission Walk Breakfast and the Pastors Luncheon on June 5.



*If you would like a visit from the pastor, please contact the church office at 866-4326 or 866-4327.*

## Recent Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week. These are recent concerns of our church family.

Billy Gonser	John Horner
Mary Zabek	Tonya
Rita Hood	Ben Grauer
Carol Reece	Cathy Lindstrom
Lonnie	Keith Wilson
Lilburn Smith	Simple Church
Tom Watson, Jr.	Bill Trotter
Mike Wright	Roger Walker
Royal Speidel	Michael Simpson
Sarah Jo Radcliff	Shirley Griter
Jan Shryer	Mary Lou Phillips

Joplin Tornado Victims  
Jim & Norma Cooper  
Tracy Garrett  
Cherilyn Havery-Knapp

These prayer concerns will be printed for two weeks. If there are prayer concerns, please contact Linda Mason at home number 886-4779.

**St. Paul UMC's mission: "The making of new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."**



*Remember if you would like to ride the bus on Sunday mornings, call Alishia Norman at 368-3685 or Daniel Bush at 773-9337 on Saturday evening before 7:00 p.m.*

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## Welcome

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God*  
Romans 15:7 (NIV)

My column today is lifted from a colleague pastor with the Disciples of Christ Church in Bolivar. His article was written to remind us that an illusion that continues to haunt everyone who attends church is our wanting everyone else who attends our church to be just like us. One reason that is an illusion is because nearly everyone who is just like us is already in church somewhere.

We sincerely believe that every person who comes into the circle of fellowship of the church is sent by God. It is not by accident that we have the joy of meeting you if you are a guest. We do not call you a “visitor.” A “visitor” is someone who drops by unexpectedly. We have been expecting you and that makes you a “guest” in our church. Because God has arranged this meeting by the Holy Spirit’s urging, we want to express Christ’s love to you with genuine heartfelt warmth. We are eager to actually meet you, and we are excited to share the marvelous ways God is working in our Church with you. We strongly believe that the relationship we have with Christ and with one another is what people are desperately seeking in our world today.

It won’t take long for you to discover that this is truly a family, rich in relationships that matter the most. Growing together, we worship, we serve, we laugh, we cry, we learn, and we reach out to the world with life-transforming truth. We are reaching out to you, as well.

“Open hearts, open minds and open doors,” is the motto of the United Methodist Church worldwide. At St. Paul, our doors are open. Our hearts are open too. If you’ve been thinking, praying, searching and hoping for a place to belong, we say, “Welcome home!”

We welcome singles, twice-divorced, under-30, filthy rich, dirt poor, can’t sing, married with pets, teens, unbelievers, skeptics, seekers, college students, doubters, conservatives, liberals, left-out, de-churched. We welcome Protestants, Catholics, middle age, orthodox, heretics, workaholics, screaming babies, older than dinosaurs, obsessive/compulsives, worriers, neat freaks, procrastinators, Republicans, Democrats, the curious, the friendly, the reserved, tourists and you!

We at St. Paul are a community of human beings living together as neighbors. Within our family we have warts, scars, pimples, lumps, brokenness, burdens, disappointments and zits. Each person in our church is working daily to try and imitate Christ’s example. We are a people where burdens are shared, joys are celebrated, failures are forgiven, brokenness is understood, and hospitality is offered to everyone. Our mission is to win new disciples for Jesus Christ to transform the world. We believe that we are first to love God, and then to love our neighbor.

Won’t you be my neighbor? Or, won’t you bring someone to church who can be our neighbor?

Blessed to serve,

*Pastor Ron*

## Thank you, St. Paul UMC!!

Over the past several weeks, St. Paul parishioners have opened their hearts and their wallets to help in the Joplin Relief Effort in the amount of \$1000.00. Donations on May 29<sup>th</sup> totaled \$561.55 and on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the donations were \$438.45.

Church financial officers planned to wait one week after the June 5<sup>th</sup> collection for donations via mail so by the time you read this, a check to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) is already in the works.

May God richly bless all who answered this call to help others who have lost so much because of this disastrous storm.

Thank you.

## Memorize and Live the Mission

One of the requirements of the Healthy Church Initiative prescription called for on the day the consultation report is accepted (which was March 6, 2011 on a vote of 47-4), the congregation will take as its mission statement, "The making of **new** disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

I was a bit taken back when no one in a recent adult Sunday School class could answer when asked what was our new mission statement.

As members of the congregation, I am asking each of us take a few moments to memorize the 14 words, "The making of **new** disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Until we all know and understand what our mission is as a church, we can never hope to live it out. Over the next several weeks, I am going to ask us to repeat this mission statement until such time as we have it firmly in mind. Only then can we hope to make it happen.

Once we firmly have that mission statement in mind, we can find ways to carry it out as a church and as individual Christians within the church. That is when we can begin to live the mission.

Also, make sure that you are part of the visioning process next Monday evening that will capture God's vision for how we will achieve this mission. You will be blessed if you do!

*Pastor Ron*

## St. Paul United Methodist Church

*Sunday, June 19, 2011*

**Ushers:** June Snyder, Martha Eddlemon  
Linda Maddox, Patrick Walker

## CROSSLINES REPORT

We had a great time working at Crosslines on May 27th. We served 54 families which totaled 158 people! Thanks to all who have donated to help us cover the \$500 cost every time we serve a "Fish Day". A special thanks for the contribution from the pancake breakfast! The new set up allowed us to assist and shop with each client. All were very thankful for the food they received to feed their families. I shopped with one mother and her children and she was very focused on choosing only the healthiest items for her boys! Thanks St. Paul for your continued support of this mission. We serve again in July!

*All of the Crosslines Workers*

## GAME NIGHT INFORMATION

At Game Night on May 27th the group decided to take a summer vacation break. Game Night **will not meet** during the months of June, July and August. Hope to see everyone in September when Game Night will resume. Have a good summer everyone!



## SAVE THE DATE

The next quarterly potluck luncheon will be on Sunday, July 17th. The theme will be patriotic. More details will follow in the next Beacon as to what the main dish that we will build around is going to be. Mark your calendars and plan now to attend.

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**Sunday, June 19** HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

9:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Celebration of Worship

**Monday, June 20**

6:00 pm

Day of Visioning

**Wednesday, June 22**

6:30 pm

Choir practice

7:30 pm

New Fire Youth Group

**Thursday, June 23**

10:00 am

Ragan House Task Force