

SPS-37 Items Coming In

A steady stream of SPS-37 school supplies is coming in now!

Even though these school supplies won't be used until the end of the first semester, NOW is the time to buy because the back-to-school sales underway currently won't last much longer.

In case you have misplaced your list of requested items, there they are:

Glue Sticks

#2 Pencils

Blunt Scissors

Wide-Rule Spiral Notebooks

Pink Erasers

Wide-Rule Composition Books

Black Pens

Pocket Folders with Brads

Packages of Wide-Rule Notebook Paper (1/2" rule, please)

Bottles of School Glue

Sharp Scissors

Crayons

Color Pencil Sets

Rulers

Red Ink Pens

Yellow Highlighters

Pocket Folders with no Brads

Buy as many of any item or all as you desire and place them in a bag in the missions barrel in the east hallway or give to Sandie McIntire and she will take care of them for you.

Thanks for your help!



Ragan House Task Force

The Ragan House Task Force (RHTF) has had fun looking at historic paint colors while deciding about the colors of the walls on the second floor of Ragan House. Because this phase of restoration is mostly focused on the inside (upstairs) of the Ragan House, it will be difficult to see the step-by-step results from outside the building. It was exciting to watch the restoration of the outside of the house and to see the obvious improvements as Ron Walker and his crew worked. Hopefully, we will be able to show the congregation the second floor when work there is completed. We say another thank you to the Robinettes (Steve, Marti, Jim and Carol Anne and family, and Travis and Dawn and family) and to Linda Mason for their donation to the Ragan House Restoration in memory of Leon Buxton.

The RHTF

St. Paul United Methodist Church
Books overdue at the church library as of July 26, 2011

Author:

Ayling,	JOHN WESLEY	(B A)
Beschloss, M.	AMERICAN HERITAGE: THE PRESIDENTS	(920 B)
Clinebell	THE INTIMATE MARRIAGE	(301.32 C)
Crichton, M.	DISCLOSURE	(FIC C)
Edgar, Bob	MIDDLE CHURCH: RECLAIMING THE MORAL VALUES (277.3E)	
Flagg, F.	I STILL DREAM ABOUT YOU	(Fic F)
Frank, A.	THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL	(B F)
Heyward	THE COUNTRY BUNNY AND THE LITTLE GOLD SHOES (E)	
Kinkade, T.	A CHRISTMAS STAR	(FIC F)
Knowlton, L.	THE NATIVITY	(J 232.9K)
Lee	THE LORD'S HORSEMAN, JOHN WESLEY THE MAN	(B L)
Bible	NEW OXFORD ANNOTATED BIBLE	(220 B)
Ridenour	HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT BEING RELIGIOUS (248 R)	
Rogers	GLIMPSES OF CHINA	(915 R)
Wezeman, P.	HYMN STORIES FOR CHILDREN	(264 W)
Willimon	LORD, TEACH US	(242 W)

First Contemporary Service Scheduled

On Sunday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. St. Paul will host our first contemporary worship service. The service will consist of music by St. Paul's new worship team and will then be followed by a sermon by Pastor Ron. The music will consist of a mix of hymns and contemporary worship music. It is sure a night of new beginnings, refreshment and revival. Please come and celebrate this historic night as St. Paul takes another step toward reaching the people in our community and helping our church grow in numbers and in spirit, too!

CHURCH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

On Sunday August 14, 2011 immediately following the church service, a special Council was called. The purpose of this meeting was to consider a proposal to hire an architect for the already approved project, of certain changes and restoration to St. Paul Church. The Council Chair presented the name and qualifications of Tim Rosenbury of Butler-Rosenbury & Partners Architectural Firm. His fee will be 7 -1/2 % of the construction cost of the proposed first floor improvements. A tentative estimate of those costs is \$250,000 total with \$186,000 of that amount being construction cost and 7-1/2% of that amount is \$13,950. A motion was made and seconded to accept Tim Rosenbury as our architect. The approval was unanimous.

Those in attendance were June Snyder, Shep and Nancy Woolford, Tim Piland, Dale Walker, James and Lauren Wilson and Jo McDowell.

Stephen Ministers Needed

If you have been looking for an area of service in the church that will directly affect people in a positive way, look no further than the Stephen Ministry program.

St. Paul is seeking to re-activate this program, which was popular several years ago. The Stephen Ministry program is a proven way that churches can reach-out and comfort members who have a variety of needs, but primarily need someone to talk with about the myriad of problems that life can throw at us as people. While the pastor is eager to spend time and talk with parishioners, sometimes it can be of greater benefit to have someone just like you to talk with instead.

We are asking people who would be interested in becoming a trained Stephen Minister to let Pastor Ron know. The training would occur here at St. Paul. We currently have three active church members who have taken the training, Shep Woolford, Jo McDowell and Linda Mason.

Persons interested are asked to read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

In this life we all have challenges and sometimes we just need a good friend to listen to us as we go through that challenge. A Stephen Minister is one that you can trust to keep in confidence whatever the challenge might be. We as a church are members of a community of hope and love that cares about people. We urge you to consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

If you are interested in becoming a trained Stephen Minister, please call the church office at 866-4326 and ask to be placed on the list. If you have questions about the program itself, contact Shep, Jo or Linda.

25 Ways to Build Up a Church

At a meeting in Lebanon last year, Bob Farr presented a number of pieces of information to those of us attending that will help grow our church. One of these “helps” was a listing of 25 ways to build up a church. It is a research-based presentation that Discipleship Resources has made available, and I am pleased to share it with you here. Give them all a try; you will be blessed if you do. Pastor Ron

1. Ignite the spiritual fires of your own soul.
2. Carefully study your Bible with the aid of good resource materials.
3. Remember that you are the church; the place where you study and worship on Sunday is a building.
4. Support your church fellowship with regular attendance.
5. Frequently pray for your church leaders.
6. Look for ways to encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ.
7. Discover your own unique and best method of witnessing to others and do it often.
8. Give freely and generously of your time, talents, money, and prayers, remembering all that you have or ever hope to have belongs to God.
9. Believe in your church and speak highly of its accomplishments and possibilities.
10. Systematically invite people to attend study and worship with you on Sunday and on other occasions.
11. Don't spend a lot of time criticizing others for what your church is not doing. Do something yourself.
12. When you use your church building facilities, seek to leave it better than you found it.
13. Frequently ask your church leaders, “What can I do to help?”
14. When you are prone to criticize your pastor and others, remember that they are human and therefore also make their fair share of mistakes.
15. Refuse to harbor hard feelings toward anyone.
16. When you attend a church meeting, attend with a Christ-like spirit. Look for the good and the constructive.
17. Encourage frequent and wise use of your church building facilities.
18. Endeavor to get all the facts about events, happenings, and decisions in your church before offering your advice on most subjects.
19. Lend your enthusiastic support to new forms of worship, programming, and outreach.
20. Be an active member of a prayer and work group.
21. When your co-workers do something worthwhile, tell them about it.
22. When members sin, love them, forgive them, care for them, and let bygones be bygones.
23. Dare to dream creative and constructive dreams of what your church can become.
24. Pursue your creative and constructive dreams as if your church depended on you and you alone.
25. In all things for your Christian life and the church, first of all ask, “What would Jesus do?”