



## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Trunk or Treat is a free event where families are invited to enjoy a fun and safe evening of trick or treating. The idea is to decorate car and truck trunks just like we would our porch on Halloween. This allows people to come to one safe place to trick, I mean, Trunk or Treat.

During this event we will also offer some activities such as making crafts, games, face painting, and story telling. The purpose of the event is to reach out to families from the downtown area to introduce them to our church. It is supposed to be a friendly and welcoming environment that drives people to come back again. The entire event will be free to the public. I hope St. Paul will support this event by volunteering and showing the community we are the church with the heart in the heart of the city!

Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 29th. We will hold an informational meeting on Sunday October 9th right after worship service. On October 16th we will hold a meeting where we will divide into groups based on target group: games, snacks, crafts, parking lot etc. On October 23rd we will have our final meeting about set up and operation. On October 29th we will arrive at the church at 10am to decorate/set up/and clean. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers and the event will begin at 5pm.

### **Donations needed for this event:**

**Hot Cocoa Mix**

**Apple Cider**

**Baked Good: for cake walk prizes (we need lots)**

**Candy**

**Soda/ juice**

**Decorations: pumpkins, hay bales, lights, spider's web, etc.**

**Crayons/colored pencils**

**These can be dropped off in the children's nursery.**

### **Events taking place that night:**

**Trunk or Treats**

**Games**

**Story Telling**

**Concert by worship team**

**Snacks and hot beverages**

**Crafts**

**Costume Contest**

**Pumpkin Weight Guessing Contest**

Thank you so much for your help!

*Lauren and Amanda*

Dear Congregation,

Have you ever had a moment in your life where you realized how incredibly blessed you are? This week I had one of those experiences, and it has moved me to start a small mission. As many of you know I am now the Cheerleading Coach for Seymour High School. While in this position it has been my job to schedule and look after eight girls during practice. At the beginning of the year one of these young ladies came up to me wondering if she worked really hard she could try out for a collegiate team and receive a scholarship to attend college. I replied to her I would do all I could to help her achieve her goal. When I consulted her grades and asked some general teachers about her academic performance, they all replied that she was an excellent student and I realized she really meant she wanted to attend college. After some research I discovered a tumbling/gymnastics class being offered in Marshfield not too far away. The program was relatively inexpensive and transportation would be provided. One day last week during practice I told her of the program. She seemed excited but I saw some hesitation. After practice, on my way home I saw her walking on the street. I had not realized she walked home from practice and pulled over to see if she was okay. She kindly asked if I could give her a lift so I did. When we reached her home I was devastated. This young lady was living in what looked like a two room house with eight people! I also found out that this family took her in and hardly any of them shared the same last name. It was then I realized why she wanted help to get into college. Her family simply could not afford it and she would be stuck in this endless cycle of poverty. This experience has driven me to find a way to get her the training she needs to receive an athletic scholarship to attend college. To get her training I have started a sponsorship program. The fee for her training would be \$20 a month. What I am asking is anyone who would like to sponsor a month of gymnastics training please speak to me and together we can make blessings happen in someone else's life.

Thank you,

*Lauren Wilson*

### **St. Paul Festival of Sharing Goal Exceeded . . . Again!**

Isn't it wonderful when we can set a goal to share with others, and then exceed it? For two years in a row, we have achieved this remarkable level of sharing.

**The St. Paul UMC congregation sent non-cash gifts totaling \$1,887.00 in the form of 51 Family Food Packs.**

Your donations to this mission project made a HUGE difference. If you donated the actual foodstuffs required or the money to buy them, if you helped B-L-T (box, label and tape) or unloaded the donations barrel or carried the finished boxes to the sanctuary or you will be trucking all these boxes to the drop site in Phelps Grove Park next Sunday, you have made an invaluable contribution to this project. Every one of you has my heartfelt thanks for all you have done!

May God richly bless you for your responsiveness to this mission. Thanks again.

*Sandie McIntire, Chairperson*

## WHAT IS LIFT?

When you hear about LIFT which meets on Wednesday mornings at St. Paul Church, do you wonder what those letters stand for?

Gayle Miller, who worked for several years at St. Paul Church was at the opening session September 21st and said that this is an organization started thirty-two years ago by the Council of Churches and has met at the St. Paul UMC for most of those years. It is open to everyone. However, many of those who attend are senior citizens and the programs are planned with them in mind. The programs are both educational and entertaining.

After hearing the singing group called "USO Sentimental," someone was heard to say after the first session this fall, "I don't know when I've enjoyed anything more." LIFT stands for this slogan: Learning Is Fun Together.

*Virginia Gleason*

## Mile of Pennies

The FROG Pond SS Class initiated a project over a year ago to collect a mile of pennies as suggested in our Cokesbury One-Room SS Class Curriculum. We recently counted and rolled the pennies and are sorry to report that we didn't even have half a mile of pennies collected. However, we took the amount collected, a little less than \$400, and split it between the Ragan House Restoration Project and the church general fund. Thanks to all who helped collect the pennies. It was to show us that even the lowly penny, when saved, amounts to a goodly sum. Our favorite story about the penny is still the account from Clyde and Millie Johnson, former longtime members of St. Paul, who often traveled and stayed at elder hostels. When they were in Spain and staying in a small town, they took a walk in the evening and came upon a house with a sign in front of it which read, "This house built by the Least Coin." The Least Coin Offering in United Methodist Women meetings all over the world is collected each month, and this house in Spain was a real example of the power of the "least coin."

*Linda Mason, Nick Wiley, and Marti Robinette for FROG Pond SS Class*

Fully Rely on God!

## GIVE TO LIVE MOMENT

Do you ever wonder what it would be like to feel the spirit? A spirit that makes you look forward to the day because you realize that I am loved by God and my fellow church members. St. Paul Church has a spiritual leader that is involved in changing lives by his leadership, our pastor, Ron McIntire. He excites young people to take up a position of leadership and shares Holy living with all who come into his presence. The older members of St. Paul have found a spiritual leader who leads by example by the giving of his time, talents, and treasures and his commitment to church hospitality, passionate worship and a great musical program led by Rosemary Jackson, intentional faith development by Bible studies, risk taking missions for all the people that attend St. Paul Church, and by being a leader in extravagant generosity. Everything St. Paul Church is doing is to save souls, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and building God's Kingdom here on earth. We can do more with your help.

*Shep Woolford*

## IN HONOR OF GIVING

**One Complete Family Food Box**

**In Honor of Jo McDowell**

By: An Anonymous Donor



Is extended to Cecil and Ruthie Wyett on the passing of Cecil's brother, Harmon Edward Wyett of Kansas City, Missouri. Harmon passed away on Friday, September 30, 2011 at the age of 92. He was a member of St. Paul in the early 1920's. If you would like to send a card or note to Cecil and Ruthie their address is:

4919 S. National Place Blvd.  
Springfield, MO 65810

### **St. Paul United Methodist Women**

Just a reminder that this year we will have UMW Gatherings in September, December, and April, with a work/planning session in June. Upcoming is an Ozarks Methodist Manor Auxiliary Meeting. Following are particulars.

Manor Auxiliary Meeting  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011  
10 a.m., Memorial Hall Chapel  
Musical program by The Rev. Ben Schumacher, Aurora  
**No charge for lunch!**

Call Marti Robinette (823-0605) by October 13 if you want to go and we will arrange carpooling and let them know how many will be at lunch. Also on the day of the meeting, there will be a Jewelry Sale near Delozier Dining Room. You may visit the Manor Gift/Craft Shop in the basement of Memorial Hall. Christmas project information will be distributed that day, too. **Christmas Package pick-up date is Friday, December 2, 2011.**

### **Ragan House Task Force**

Work by Ron Walker and his crew continues in Phase 1b of the Ragan House Restoration. Brother, now Father, Joseph McCormack has returned to Springfield and has rejoined the Task Force. We meet at 10 am each Thursday in Fellowship Hall, unless unforeseen events pop up. On the parking lot on Friday and Saturday nights we often have people who ask us about Ragan House and the restoration project. They are always impressed that we are supporting Historic Walnut Street. If you are at the church during the week and see that someone is working on Ragan House, stop by and see the progress!

*Marti Robinette and the rest of the RHTF*

### **SEPTEMBER MISSION HOURS**

St. Paul served a total of 380 mission hours. Thank you to all who serve and turn your hours into the church office or on Sunday mornings.