



The Beacon of St. Paul United Methodist Church

August 17, 2011

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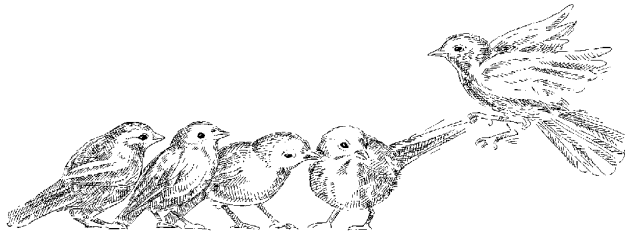
Mission:
"The making of new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



Clean-Up Day

On Saturday, August 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m. work will begin to clean out the closets and declutter our church.

We will have a dumpster on site to hold what is discarded.



OUR CHURCH WELCOMES

On Sunday, August 14, St. Paul was blessed to receive two new members. Stephanie Hogsett and Peggy Walton.

On Sunday, May 8, St. Paul was also blessed to receive Bill and Nancy Berry as members of St. Paul.

Bill, Nancy, Stephanie, and Peggy we look forward to many years of worship with you.



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
Keith Wilson	Simple Church
Bill Trotter	Mike Wright
Roger Walker	Royal Speidel
Michael Simpson	Shirley Griter
Jan Shryer	Jerry Walls
Marge Bridgeford	Pat Stringer
Bill Stringer	Safe Travel Mercies
Darwin Robbins	Davidson Family
Jim & Norma Cooper	Joanie

Contemporary Service
Betty & Elmer Snider
Marine Marshall Blansett
Families of Military lost in crash

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



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.

The Opportunity is Now

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:10 (NRSV)

One of the really good things that surfaces out of the Healthy Church Initiative program is opportunity. Is it opportunity that was never there before HCI? Clearly the answer is no – those opportunities were there, but they were not a priority or a focus before the HCI prescriptions brought them into the spotlight. Since the prescriptions have a timeline for completion, and that timeline is rather short, we are finding that our opportunities are coming at us right now and several at one time. It is very difficult to estimate which of the opportunities before us is the most important, because each of them have the potential to help grow St. Paul and help us achieve our mission, which is to make **new** disciples for Jesus Christ to transform the world. With that reality in mind, I want to share with you the different opportunities we are pleased to announce at this time.

First, our new contemporary worship service will begin on Sunday, September 4, 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our contemporary music director, Dody Harmon, is busy putting the finishing touches on the service format right now, and rehearsals are scheduled to begin next week. Our goal is to provide a quality worship experience with a praise band and praise singers that will attract a variety of folks, especially young families and youth. Research shows that in virtually all Christian denominations contemporary worship services are the ones growing in numbers and popularity. We pray that we are able to reach many people through this service that may never consider being part of a traditional service. We know that people tend to worship the Lord in a variety of ways, depending on which is meaningful to them. In contemporary worship, the message of Jesus Christ does not change, but the vehicle surrounding the message different than the traditional presentation.

A second opportunity is the news that our Pastor-Parish Relations Committee interviewed and hired a part-time person to focus on our children's ministries and a part-time person to focus on our youth ministries. Amanda Walton will serve as Children's Director and Lauren Wilson will be our Youth Director. Both of these young women have experience in their respective areas and their goal will be to develop and expand the programs and numbers of children and youth involved at St. Paul. We all know that any church that wishes to grow must have an active and vibrant children's and youth program. Amanda and Lauren are focused on doing just that.

Thirdly, we are moving along with the plans to renovate the east wing of the main floor to make it more inviting. The Space Utilization Committee interviewed three architectural firms to assist us with this project and chose Butler-Rosenbury & Partners to recommend to the PPR and to the Church Council for hiring as our architect firm. Yesterday, at a special council meeting, the Church Council unanimously approved the PPR's recommendation to hire Butler-Rosenbury & Partners to assist us in this effort. They will begin work this week.

Also this week, I will be working with Mike and Nancy Phillips who will be heading our Hospitality and Connections ministry to develop a team of people who will assist our ushers in ways to make our guests and regular worship members feel welcome. We will be planning ways we can follow-up with guests to make sure they feel wanted in our church and find ways for them to fit-in from the very start. We also want to share our plans and practices with sufficient interested parishioners that we have more than enough to help at each worship opportunity.

Clearly, God is providing us with many and varied opportunities to find ways to grow his kingdom here on earth through St. Paul. I hope that each of you will be part of this effort. St. Paul is doing a wonderful work here in Springfield and we want to do more. That is where we need your help. **Help us do more.** Be part of this grand opportunity, and God will bless you if you do. The opportunity is now!

Proud to serve,

Pastor Ron

WATER!

Do you remember the drought in our area in the 1950s? Do you believe that water will become increasingly important in the years ahead? Do you think that finding peace may involve the conservation and usage of water? If you do, please bring your memories or stories from drought days to share as we hear about water from a speaker on the Watershed Committee at our United Methodist Women kickoff brunch on Tuesday, September 6, at 10 am in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brunch item to share and *one or more friends* to make the first gathering of our 2011-2012 UMW year a big success! Please call Linda Mason (886-4779) or Marti Robinette (823-0605) to let us know whom and what you can bring. Let's plan to put up a bulletin board about water after our September UMW!

Marti Robinette



Is extended to Sue Gomez on the passing of her father, Ruben Davidson. Services were held on Tuesday, August 9 at Greenlawn North. If you would like to send a note or card to Sue her address is:

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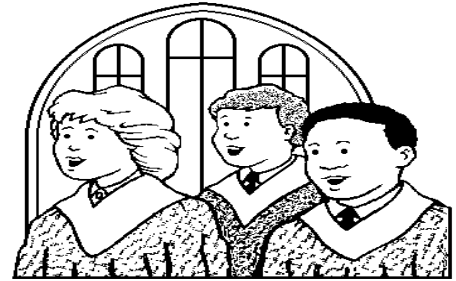
Sunday, August 21, 2011

Ushers: Virginia Williamson, Bill Phillips
Patrick Walker, Jim Owen.



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"Sing and rejoice to the Lord, to the glory of the Lord our God" - Will James

St. Paul Chancel Choir is ready to start a new year after a refreshing time sitting in the congregation with friends. Have you ever considered being a part of the choir? Not only do we sing praises to the Lord, we enjoy great friendships and many humorous moments! Studies have found that singing can boost your immune system, mental sharpness, increase happiness and reduce anxiety. No previous choir experience necessary! Rehearsals begin this Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. See you soon.

With a voice of singing,

Rosemary



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Sunday, August 21

9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Celebration of Worship

Tuesday, August 23

5:30 pm Finance Committee meets

Wednesday, August 24

6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Youth Group

Thursday, August 25

10:00 am Ragan House Task Force