



The Beacon of St. Paul United Methodist Church

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

CROSSLINES UPDATE

On Friday, July 22nd six volunteers from St. Paul worked at Crosslines. We served 39 families (112 individuals) by providing approximately a four day's supply of groceries. We had a great time meeting and assisting these families. One family had seven children and we were able to help them fill up a shopping cart with lots of food for their family. We also helped a 16 year-old girl who was on her own and a disabled lady who sent her son to shop. One lady was so thrilled with everything she received and thanked us over and over again. At the door, she said that when she was in a better financial situation, she definitely planned to volunteer and give back to Crosslines.

St Paul donates \$500 to Crosslines to purchase the food each time we serve. Each time we are there, we see how many people this helps and how grateful they are for the support.

Thanks to all who offered their time, talent and financial support to this important mission.

Donna Wiley

JULY MISSION HOURS SERVED

St. Paul served a total of 491 hours during the month. Thank you to all who serve and turn your hours in.



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	Sarah Jo Radcliff
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Timothy Larson	Dan
Deborah Smith	Chuck Brown

Safe Travel Mercies
Jim & Norma Cooper
Betty & Elmer Snider
Marine Marshall Blansett
Leaders in Washington
People suffering from heat & drought

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.

It's Building!

Jesus urged them to keep it quiet, but they talked it up all the more, beside themselves with excitement. "He's done it all and done it well. He gives hearing to the deaf, speech to the speechless." Mark 7:36 [The Message](#)

Just as in Jesus' time the good news surrounding the Lord's work is contagious. The above Scripture from Mark describes the people's reaction to Jesus performing miracles of healing. They were giddy with excitement at Jesus' ability to treat the afflicted. Today, I sense the people of St. Paul are becoming quite excited at the way the Holy Spirit is working in our church.

This past week, the Contemporary Worship Planning Team met with coach Royal Speidel and determined that our first contemporary service will be September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This service will be offered each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and is open to anyone who would care to come. I urge all of St. Paul to come and experience this worship option whenever you can. The planning team is comprised of Dody Harmon, contemporary music director; Lauren Wilson, James Wilson, Tim Piland and Pastor Ron. These folks are working daily to design a worship experience that will meet the needs of as many of our worshipers as possible. We all hope that you will plan to attend one or more of these services.

Excitement is contagious and it is beginning to build throughout the church on other fronts, too. I heard several members talking yesterday and they were expressing their excitement and anticipation for the near future. They see that things are beginning to happen at St. Paul and we are on the cusp of a wonderful explosion of spirituality, service and growth. I, too, can sense a tremendous energy developing within our congregation. The Holy Spirit is touching many of us. People are inviting more and more friends to join them at church. Keep up the good work!

On a similar note, I was both pleased and excited to hear about two of our people who specifically asked to be part of an upcoming mission project. They said that they wanted to help and they were so ready to begin working for the Lord that they wanted to start early, which is always a wonderful idea. We all know that there is plenty of work to go around when it comes to missions. To have the Holy Spirit move these folks to service is a beautiful thing to behold. If you are a willing vessel, God will most certainly use you.

Our Space Utilization Team is busy looking at and interviewing architects, engineers and interior designers so we can select a design team that can take the team's recommendations that were approved in concept by the church council to update our facilities and turn those into a concrete plans along with cost estimates that the council can consider for approval. Members of the Space Utilization Team are Dody Harmon, Lauren Wilson, Shep Woolford, John Thomas and Pastor Ron. Both Shep and John are also church trustees. We are interviewing architects that come recommended from Hammons School of Architecture, Drury University, who have experience working with churches, historic buildings and who also have a positive history in doing renovation work such as they type we are considering. All of these firms are located in downtown Springfield. The Space Utilization Team hopes to have a firm selected by the end of this week. Once we get the design team in place, work can start on the actual crafting of possibilities and the costs associated with those possibilities. It is very exciting to consider ways that we can open-up and dress-up our east entrance and our Sunday School classrooms.

You will note that an updated Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) timeline appears in this edition of the *Beacon*. Note how we are working our way through the list of prescriptions. A number of parishioners have said that they like to check on the progress of the program, where we are now, what is upcoming and what remains to be done. This timeline is also on our church website at www.stpaulumcspringfield.org.

Excited to serve,

Pastor Ron

Ragan House Task Force

Work is beginning on the next phase of the Ragan House Restoration. We are most grateful to some people who have made recent contributions to the restoration effort: Myrtice Long, Linda Medoff and her husband (daughter and son-in-law of Jean Turner), and a person who wishes to remain anonymous. People who park on our lots on Friday and Saturday nights have made positive comments about the progress which has been made on our pink lady. Several have been visitors to Springfield from as far away as Norway and France! They think it is wonderful that we are saving the old parsonage. Thanks you, everyone, for your continuing support.

Marti Robinette

29 Copy Paper Boxes Received

My deepest thanks to all who are helping with donations of copy paper boxes. We are up to 29 now in the Missions/Work Room, which is a great start, but I am still looking for more as we used over 40 boxes on Festival of Sharing last year.

Unfortunately, these boxes can't be returned to us once they have been sent to Festival of Sharing so each year we begin anew the hunt for all the copy paper boxes we need.

These sturdy boxes with lids are the perfect size for packing the foodstuffs for the Family Food Packs. They hold up extremely well during the packing and moving process to reach their final destinations, and all we have to do is label and seal. They just make the job of the team working on this mission so much easier!

I will accept these boxes and their lids (in good shape, please) any time you can access them. Please stack next to the mission barrel in the east hallway and we will move them to the workroom until needed.

Thanks in advance for any help you can give us.

Sandie McIntire, Chairperson

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 7, 2011

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

Reminders

Bible Study starts Sunday, October 2. At St. Paul UMC, we have a fall and spring Bible study series that usually runs seven or eight weeks in length. This year, our fall Bible study will begin on Sunday, October 2 and run through Sunday, November 20. We will not have Bible study on October 16 that date is our quarterly fellowship dinner and no Bible study on October 30 our Financial Commitment Sunday were a church-wide dinner will be provided by the church. This Bible study will be six weeks and we will be studying Kings. We hold Bible study in the fellowship hall, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Most of us bring a brown-bag lunch or grab a sandwich from a nearby shop and share lunch together ahead of time. We hope that you will mark your calendar and plan to attend. The Bible study is discussion based with a worksheet available for each session. Hope to see you there!

Decluttering to begin soon. As noted in a previous *Beacon*, we will begin our church-wide decluttering within the next two weeks. All personal items need to be removed from the church and unused items need to be neatly stored or tossed.



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Sunday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 9

1:00 pm Mission, Hospitality &
Outreach Committee meets
2:00 pm Worship Committee meets

Wednesday, August 10

7:30 pm New Fire Youth Group

Thursday, August 11

10:00 am Ragan House Task Force