



The Beacon of St. Paul United Methodist Church

July 20, 2011

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To you at St. Paul, thank you for the love-gift I've received for my service in ministry with you at St. Paul.

Your kindness, concern, phone messages, gifts, cards and our shared lives and experiences are cherished gifts I shall "treasure in my heart," always. Thank you.

Love.

Carol Ann Chilton

PS I've received another gift, too: of enjoying casual conversation when we run across one another.



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



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
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Mary Lou Phillips	Chance's Family
Alfreeda Albaugh	Fay Walker
Tamara Finocchiarro	Ken Bratcher

Safe Travel Mercies
Jim & Norma Cooper
Betty & Elmer Snider
Marine Marshall Blansett
Evan White's Grandmother

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.

Interior Facelift Planned for St. Paul

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

One of the prescriptions we received from the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) consultation was for the pastor to appoint a four-person committee, two of whom under the age of 30, to visit at least three other growing churches and review their layout, room usage, technology and outreach practices and then evaluate St. Paul's usage and conditions and make recommendations to the church council for improvements that will likely attract more persons to worship and attend St. Paul.

That committee, comprised of John Thomas, Shep Woolford, Lauren Wilson and Dody Harmon visited Campbell UMC, Schweitzer UMC and Wesley UMC and then carefully used what they gleaned to make several recommendations that they feel will make our church more attractive to guests and more usable.

The Space Utilization Committee presented their report to the church council on July 11, and following discussion, it was unanimously approved in concept to move forward. The next phases will be for us to work with an interior designer and/or architect-engineer to take the recommendations and make a plan of work, which includes a cost estimate for the project. Once that plan is developed it will be presented to the church council for consideration and approval.

Our hope is to actually begin the work soon with cleaning and de-cluttering of the church rooms. Any equipment or furniture that is not being used and not planned for future use will first be considered for re-location to another part of the church if it can be used there. If not, then every effort will be made to try and sell it before it is thrown away. Over the years, St. Paul has amassed a tremendous number of items that are no longer needed or used. Some of these items were donated many years ago and have served their usefulness. Others are still in use and will stay that way.

The whole purpose of the HCI Consultation Team presenting that prescription to us was to "force" us to take a hard look at what we see each day or each week in our church. They want us to view our church with fresh eyes—the eyes of a guest or new worshiper. As human beings, we become accustomed to what we regularly see, and we need the benefit of a different perspective to help us evaluate the impact of our setting. Research tells us that new worshipers are attracted to clean lines, clean, open spaces, bright, yet soothing colors, and well-lit rooms. Many of the hallways and classrooms presently have old, dingy carpet that is puckered from age, stained, and difficult to maneuver for persons using a walker or wheelchair.

The Space Usage Committee is interested in finding ways to make our first floor brighter, cleaner looking, more open, and more attractive. We will be changing lighting and changing the configuration of some of the first floor rooms to create a "Welcome Center" and a "Fellowship Center," which are two areas all growing churches have available. A complete copy of the Space Usage Committee's report is included in this edition of the *Beacon*. As each of us evaluate the impact of this report, let us be mindful of what the Apostle Paul wrote to his trusted colleague Timothy, which appears in the featured Scripture text of this article. Let all of us at St. Paul be rich in good works. Let us be generous and ready to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. In doing that, we are storing up a good foundation for the future and grab onto the life that is really and truly the life that Jesus wants for each of us.

Blessed to serve,

Pastor Ron

Back to School Listing for SPS 37

We have our list of needed supplies for SPS 37, which is an abbreviation for our October mission at St. Paul. SPS 37 represents the 37 elementary buildings within the Springfield Public Schools system. This all-church mission, through Crosslines, fills a real need for the myriad of classrooms it benefits. The listing below represents items needed to replenish required classroom supplies in the mid-year when many parents just can't afford to purchase them.

The reason we are running the list of requested items now is because of the soon-to-commence Back to School sales. Wal-Mart and Walgreen stores are already stocking special sale shelves and aisles with these needed items at bargain-basement prices. You won't find these items cheaper any other time of year.

If you want to help with this mission project, purchase items from the list below and either keep them at your home until October or bring them to church and deposit in the Crosslines mission barrel in the east hallway near the nursery. We will house them for you until St. Paul UMC Well of Life board member Dottie Miller takes them to Crosslines at the appropriate time. Crosslines is responsible for disseminating the supplies to the appropriate classrooms.

Buy as many or as few of whatever items from the list below as you wish to donate, and we'll take it from there! And thank you for participating.

Glue Sticks	Bottles of School Glue
#2 Pencils	Sharp Scissors
Blunt Scissors	Crayons
Color Pencil Sets	Wide-Rule Spiral Notebooks
Pink Erasers	Rulers
Red Ink Pens	Black Pens
Yellow Highlighters	Pocket Folders with Brads

Wide-Rule Composition Books

Pocket Folders with no Brads

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

Sandie McIntire

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 24, 2011

Ushers: Lynn Culton, Shep Woolford
Charlie Brown, Gene Campbell.



GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Leon Buxton

By: Ron & Alfreeda Albaugh

In Memory of Grace Dills

By: Ron & Alfreeda Albaugh



We wanted to share with you a letter that St. Paul received from one of our former members.

Dear Friends at St. Paul,

When I left Springfield 3 years ago, I had just lost Mom and was a wreck. I moved to Florida and it was horrible. I applied to Grace Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana and got started back.

I became involved with The Free Methodist Church up here and was accepted as a local pastoral candidate in December. I was accepted into the Wabash Conference and appointed a pastor of Kingwood Free Methodist Church a few weeks ago. I'm waiting on logistics and moving details but expect to be in my church by late July.

Say hello to everyone for me. I would appreciate your prayers as I begin this new adventure. I miss Springfield and St. Paul.

Ray Eaton

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making of new disciples of Jesus
Christ for the transformation of
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Sunday, July 24

9:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Celebration of Worship

Wednesday, July 27

7:30 pm

New Fire Youth Group

Thursday, July 28

10:00 am

Ragan House Task Force