



The Beacon of St. Paul United Methodist Church

July 6, 2011

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Quarterly Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, July 17

Lasagna will be the featured entrée at our next fellowship dinner. The church will provide the table service (plates, cups, beverage glasses and napkins).

Iced tea, coffee and garlic bread will also be provided. We are asking you to bring salads and desserts. Please notice that due to the hot weather, we are omitting vegetables this time.

Make plans now to come enjoy Tim Piland's fantastic lasagna along with some real good fellowship. Hope to see you there!



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
Shirley Griter	Jan Shryer
Mark	Lori Bowman
Mary Lou Phillips	Holly Briggs
Roger Dancer	Becky

Joplin Tornado Victims
 Jim & Norma Cooper
 Marine Marshall Blansett
 Alfreda Albaugh
 Betty & Elmer Snider
 Michelle Pendergrass
 The Unemployed and Underemployed

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

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL NOT MEET DURING THE MONTH OF JULY.



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.

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

A Vision is Vital

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose.
I Corinthians 1:10 (NRSV)

On June 20, some 30 St. Paul church council members and other parishioners gathered with our coach, Royal Speidel, to capture God's vision for our church. Following several hours of discussion and activity as well as reviewing the vision of other HCI churches, we came up with several iterations that could be crafted into a wonderful vision statement for St. Paul. Rev. Royal asked that he and I spend time crafting a vision statement from these offerings. The following is the vision statement that will be presented to the church council for approval at the next regular meeting:

As followers of Jesus Christ, we at St. Paul UMC desire to love God, love our neighbor and serve others. We recognize the need to embrace the people in our community through our witness and service to create new disciples for Jesus Christ. It is St. Paul's vision to reach the many unchurched in our community and thereby increase our average worship attendance by 200 new worshippers by 2014 with a stretch possibility of 400.

Some of the ways we will live out our vision are:

Love God

- Begin a contemporary worship service.
- Have a "Battle of the Bands" to introduce the new contemporary worship service.
- Have Vacation Bible School for both children and adults with an evening meal.
- Show our commitment to God through our giving of our time.
- Enforce our vision and sustain our ministries.
- Have a vibrant youth ministry with a unified Sunday School curriculum.
- Have 200 new worshippers in three worship services that are on different nights.
- Show continued growth in people, money and spirit.

Love Our Neighbor

- Have the church open more hours.
- Incorporate our interns more and add new ones in different areas.
- Host childcare for Mothers/Parents Day Out.
- Have coffee and donuts before and after worship services.
- Begin a grief ministry.
- Begin support groups and focus groups as needed.
- Reactivate our Stephen Ministry Program.
- Reach persons in poverty by learning Ruby Payne's teachings on poverty.
- Be even better known as a church of prayer.

Serve Others

- Host a bi-monthly open house at church with food available.
- Have more youth activities.
- Advertise church activities more; improve our marketing.
- Hold an open movie night for the community.
- Host a two-hour monthly craft activity open to the community.
- Sponsor a Peace University Financial class.
- Find a way to use MSU Alumni parking ramp with access from our lot.
- Have the newsletter in electronic format, too.
- The restored Ragan House used for church and community activities.
- Increase our advertisement—on-line and hard copy.

As the Apostle Paul noted when he appealed to the Church of Corinth in the featured Scripture, our church must be in agreement in where we are heading—united in the same mind with the same purpose. I believe this vision statement clarifies our direction and provides the "how" for us to achieve our mission "the what," which is to win new disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Let us now be about this work.

Blessed to serve,

Pastor Ron

Ragan House Task Force

The Ragan House Task Force (RHTF) is happy to announce that work begins this week on Phase 2 of the Ragan House Restoration. Our consultant and project manager Robert Hood and contractor Ron Walker are ready to work on the upstairs to bring it up to code so that we will then be able to rent out offices on the second floor. This will bring in money for the maintenance of Ragan House. Thanks to all contributors and parkers who have made this possible! I don't know if I have ever mentioned that Ron Walker is responsible for making the missing spindles for our porch bannister. Eventually he will also make new ones to reconstruct the bannister across the front of the Ragan House porch! It will be beautiful!

Marti Robinette and the rest of the RHTF

Thank you!

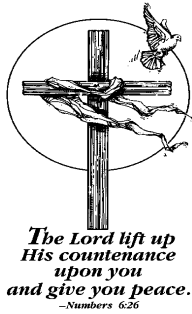
Thank you, Myrtice Long, for the great frog clock for the FROG Pond SS Classroom! Stop by and see it! Fully Rely On God!

Linda, Marti, and Nick



To the family of Fran Ayre who passed from this life on June 19, 2011. For those who wish to send a note or card to the family you may send it to her son Don at:

821 S. Pickwick, Springfield, MO 65804



Sympathy is also extended to Virginia Gleason and her family in the passing of Dr. Hillard F. Blankenship.

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 10, 2011

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

Church website active

St. Paul's website is now up and going. We invite everyone to check it regularly for information, including the calendar feature and the *Beacon* each week it is published. There are several areas we are continuing to flesh-out with photos and information. Please pull it up, look it over, bookmark it, and let us know what you think. The URL for St. Paul is: <http://www.stpaulumcspringfield.org>.

St. Paul is on Facebook

For those of you who follow Facebook, St. Paul has an active page on it. To find St. Paul's Facebook page, do a Google search for "Facebook" and then do a search on Facebook for "St. Paul United Methodist Springfield." Since there are many St. Paul's, look for our church picture and click on it to bring up our page.



Contemporary Worship Leader Named

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce Dody Harmon will begin as St. Paul's Contemporary Worship director beginning July 18. Dody is a member of St. Paul and sings in our choir as a student intern. He will be a senior at Evangel University next year majoring in church music industry. Dody's first responsibility will be to gather a praise band and singers for the contemporary service and plan that first service, which is scheduled to begin in early September, 2011.

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Sunday, July 10

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

Monday, July 11

6:00 pm Church Council meets

Wednesday, July 13

6:30 pm Choir practice
7:30 pm New Fire Youth Group

Thursday, July 14

10:00 am Ragan House Task Force