



# The Beacon of St. Paul United Methodist Church

Nov. 16, 2011

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**Hanging of the Greens**

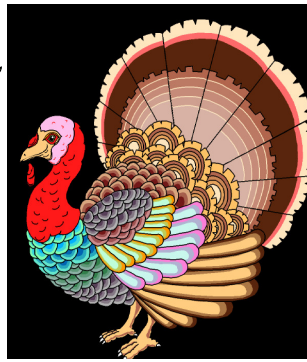
**Saturday, November 26**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Decorate the church.**

**Come join the fun!**

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING  
FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF**



**L.I.F.T. (Learning Is Fun Together)**

**Wednesday, November 23 is Thanksgiving Break - NO LIFT PROGRAMS THAT DAY.**



*If you would like a visit from the pastor, please contact the church office at 866-4326 or 866-4327.*

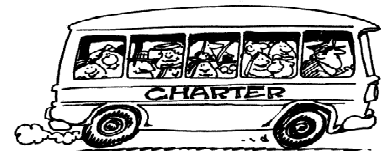
## Recent Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week. These are recent concerns of our church family.

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| Billy Gonser         | Mary Zabek      |
| Mark                 | Jeanie          |
| Carol Reece          | Pat Stringer    |
| Cathy Lindstrom      | Keith Wilson    |
| Mike Wright          | Michael Simpson |
| Shirley Griter       | Jan Shryer      |
| Jerry Walls          | Alex Redpath    |
| Laura Rodgers        | Jessica Ramey   |
| Jim & Norma Cooper   | Don Stockton    |
| Mary Shanahan        | Lee             |
| Leona Schrader       | Floyd           |
| Joey M.              | Pat Wyatt       |
| Carla Evans          | Nancy B.        |
| Kristin Blankenship  | Holly Briggs    |
| Karen Christopherson | Carolyn B.      |
| Daugherty Family     | Mark Johnson    |

Contemporary Service  
Marine Marshall Blansett  
Brian & Deondra Edwards  
Dan & Chelsea Harveston  
Brandon Pennington

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.*

## Psalms for Your Heart

I recently attended a symposium on mourning and grief sponsored by several Springfield health care providers and at this session I picked up a flyer from Cox Health Pastoral Care department that I found very usable and enlightening. I want to share the gist of that brochure with you.

As each of us go through life on a daily basis we are bombarded by a variety of issues that frequently impact our mental, spiritual and emotional well-being. Even though we may know the Bible is a rich sourcebook to help with such thorny issues, frequently we do not know exactly where to look to find words from God that address the situation we are experiencing.

The Psalms in the Old Testament contain a plethora of uplifting and pointed Scriptures that speak most directly to situations that humans confront. The following are shared with that in mind:

- When you need some encouragement to wait on God – **Psalm 30, 62**
- When you are facing criticism or too much opposition – **Psalm 3, 54**
- When you are wondering if the Christian life is worth it – **Psalm 4, 55:22, 127:2**
- When you meet God in the morning – **Psalm 5:1-3**
- When you have lost it – **Psalm 6**
- When you need a reminder of the glory and excellence of God – **Psalm 8, 65, 66, 95, 99**
- When you need some encouragement to obey – **Psalm 15**
- When you need some encouragement to trust – **Psalm 118**
- When you need a prayer for God to be with you – **Psalm 16, 17, 18**
- When you need a reminder to study the Word – **Psalm 19, 119**
- When you need to hear God's voice – **Psalm 29**
- When you have made an awful mistake – **Psalm 31, 51**
- When you are discouraged – **Psalm 34, 42**
- When you need a positive result from God – **Psalm 37**
- When you have hit the bottom of a bitter pit – **Psalm 40, 69**
- When you doubt the depth of God's resources – **Psalm 50**
- When you are disappointed by Christian friends – **Psalm 55**
- When you wonder if God sees your tears – **Psalm 56:8, 139**
- When you need encouragement to pray – **Psalm 145:18**
- When trouble takes your faith – **Psalm 57, 102**
- When you need God to be your shelter – **Psalm 61**
- When you are thirsting for God – **Psalm 63**
- When you need God to be compassionate – **Psalm 86**
- When you are grateful – **Psalm 116**
- When death comes to the family of God – **Psalm 116:5**
- When you need to trust – **Psalm 118**
- When you are traveling – **Psalm 121**
- When you are frustrated as a parent – **Psalm 127**
- When you doubt your worth – **Psalm 139:13-18**
- When you need the shepherd – **Psalm 23**
- When you need to know God's authority – **Psalm 24, 36, 47**
- When you need a prayer for guidance – **Psalm 25, 119:105**
- When you are afraid – **Psalm 27, 28, 46 56, 64**
- When you just want to PRAISE THE LORD – **Psalm 96, 98 100, 103, 108, 111, 117, 150**

I urge you to keep this page in your Bible for easy reference. It is a wonderful help.

Blessed to serve,

*Pastor Ron*

## IT IS POINSETTIA TIME

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, the cost will be \$10.00.



The date to place your order is on or before **November 27**. Make checks payable to St. Paul United Methodist Church and mark **POINSETTIA** on the memo line of your check.

The order forms will continue to be placed in your Sunday bulletins through November 27. Please complete and drop in the offering plate or mail back into the church office. You may also call the church office 866-4326 to place your order.

Thank you.

*Linda Mason*

## St. Paul United Methodist Church

*Sunday, November 20, 2011*

**Ushers: Shep Woolford, Charlie Brown,  
Gene Campbell, Patrick Walker.**



## AT NOON

Once again we are anticipating the first two Wednesdays in December as the Noel at Noon series returns to St. Paul United Methodist Church. The time will be from 12:10 - 12:50 p.m..

On Wednesday, December 7, Tuba and Euphonium Quartet by the Southwest Baptist University Faculty will perform.

On Wednesday, December 14, Hymns and Carols of Christmas with Dr. Mark Bowdidge, Organist and Dr. John Bowdidge reading will conclude our 2011 Noel at Noon series.

Plan now to attend these two inspiring Holiday performances.

## Ragan House Task Force

The Ragan House Task Force (RHTF) wishes to thank Jean Turner for her recent donation for the restoration of Ragan House. The RHTF continues to meet on Thursday mornings at 10 A.M. in Fellowship Hall with our project advisor, Robert Hood. We learn new things all the time about the guidelines for restoring historical buildings. Our contractor, Ron Walker, serves on the Landmarks Board, so he is knowledgeable about what we are allowed or required to do as we restore the almost-100-year-old Ragan House. Once the restoration is completed, we will be able to have activities at Ragan House and invite the public to attend. It will expand our outreach to the community and help fulfill the prescriptions of the Healthy Church Initiative.

*Marti Robinette, Chair RHTF*



## OUR CHURCH WELCOMES

On Sunday, November 6, St. Paul was blessed to have three new members unite with us. Reva Alden, Ginger Smith and Elizabeth Rice are St. Paul's newest members. We look forward to many years of worship and fellowship with you.



Game night this month will be on Friday, November 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a salad, covered dish or dessert to share with the group and come join in the fun. Hope to see you there!



**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011.**

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## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, November 20

|          |                        |
|----------|------------------------|
| 9:30 am  | Sunday School          |
| 10:45 am | Celebration of Worship |
| 1:00 pm  | Bible Study            |
| 6:00 pm  | Contemporary Worship   |
| 7:15 pm  | BEAT Youth Group meets |

### Thursday, November 24 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

### Saturday, November 26

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| 9:00 am | Hanging of the Greens |
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