



# The Beacon of St. Paul United Methodist Church

Oct. 19, 2011

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## L.I.F.T. (Learning is Fun Together)

On Wednesday, October 26, the 9:30 a.m. session will be “*Spirituality and Aging*” by Paul Hunt, followed at 10:45 a.m. with “*Photographic Images*” by Dave Millsap.

## DINNER SLATED FOR OCTOBER 30th

Our Commitment Sunday dinner will be on October 30th following morning worship Service. This special dinner culminates the 2012 financial commitment drive and is a time of celebration for the financial commitments (pledges) that have been made to St. Paul UMC.

The Commitment Sunday dinner is a fully catered event and you won't have to bring a thing other than a good appetite and a smile.

Plan now to attend!



Game Night will return on Friday, October 28 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a salad, covered dish or dessert to share with the group and come join in the fun. 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.*

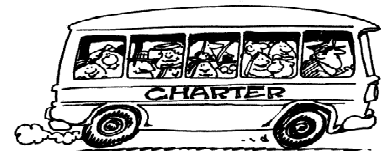
## Recent Prayer Requests

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

Billy Gonser	Mary Zabek
Tonya	Mark
Carol Reece	Pat Stringer
Cathy Lindstrom	Keith Wilson
Bill Trotter	Mike Wright
Royal Speidel	Michael Simpson
Shirley Griter	Jan Shryer
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Alex Redpath	Laura Rodgers
Jim & Norma Cooper	Don Stockton
Ginger Perkins	Charlie
Marilyn Moore	Myers Family
Kevin Shultz	Kendra
Debbie Morgan	Doris Owens
Carla Evans	Mark Johnson

Betty & Elmer Snider  
Karen Christopherson  
Contemporary Service  
Marine Marshall Blansett  
Josiah; Safe Travel Mercies  
Jennifer's Mom  
Daniella and Gabriella Ayala Family

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.*

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

## Telecare Ministry

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.* 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)

It seems that the Apostle Paul, when writing the above verses to the Corinthian Christians, was describing how a church is able to do its work effectively. In any church, there are more tasks to be done than one or two people can manage to do. Therefore, it is incumbent on each of us to find an area where we can be of service. Interestingly, God has created each of us with the different gifts Paul speaks of, and we can best serve God by finding a way to work within these gift areas.

Because of strength or mobility problems that some of us have, certain service areas are hard or impossible for us to do. However, we want to begin a ministry that I believe is open to anyone within our church. Please take a few minutes and read the following paragraphs and see if this isn't something you can do to serve God and your church.

St. Paul United Methodist Church desires to start a new outreach ministry, which we are calling our ***Telecare Ministry***. The goal of this ministry is for a select group of St. Paul volunteers to contact each person on their Telecare list at least once each week to chat with them, see how they are doing, and have a prayer with them over the telephone.

Our Telecare coordinator, Linda Mason, will keep an ongoing list of Telecare Ministers and church persons who need or desire a Telecare call. These persons may be confined to a nursing home, hospital, or homebound, but all will be unable to come to church. In this way, we can actively keep contact with some of our more senior church members. Linda will maintain a listing of Telecare Ministers and assign each minister a few Telecare partners to call.

We need St. Paul folks to volunteer to be Telecare Ministers. Persons interested in becoming a Telecare Minister need only have access to a telephone and be willing to make these few calls on a weekly basis. Again, all you would need to do is to make the calls, chat with your Telecare partner, see how they are doing, and be willing to pray with them over the telephone for a few minutes. Such calls can become a real bright spot in your phone partner's day.

If you are interested in becoming a Telecare Minister, please call the church office at 866-4326 and let Nancy know, or contact Linda Mason and let her know. Also, if you know of St. Paul persons who could benefit from having a Telecare partner call them, please contact us with those names, too.

We would like to begin our Telecare Ministry on or before November 1, 2011. With your help, we can do an even better job of outreach to others through our Telecare Ministry.

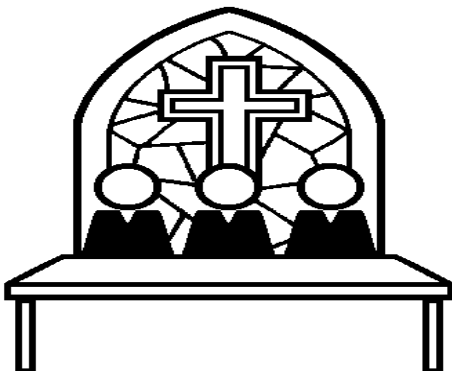
Help us make a difference in someone's life and brighten their day. Remember, if God lays it on your heart, do it! You will be blessed if you do.

*Pastor Ron*

## *St. Paul United Methodist Church*

*Sunday, October 23, 2011*

**Ushers:** Linda Maddux, Lynn Culton, Jim Owen.



### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Did you know that you don't have to have a seat on church council to observe the proceedings? Many people don't. Church members often wonder how the church decisions are made, and the easiest way to answer that question is to see it for yourself! Please feel free to come to the next church council meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You would be surprised how many common questions would be answered by just being a spectator! If you want to know how the church spends money, or just are curious about the way church council works, you owe it to yourself to check it out.

When I was a child, and I would ask my parents a question, more often than not they wouldn't give me an answer, but would instead urge me to look it up for myself!

Check out church council, get involved! You won't be sorry! If you have ever wondered how church money is spent, or just how the church regulating body is structured, then you really need to see how it's done! A complete schedule of meetings can be obtained by calling the church office at (417)866-4326, or emailing Nancy at [stpaulumcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpaulumcoffice@sbcglobal.net), or checking out the church website at [www.stpaulumcspringfield.org](http://www.stpaulumcspringfield.org).

See you there!

*Timothy B. Piland, Lay Leader*

"Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it."  
Ezra 10:4

### **GIVE TO LIVE MOMENT**

We are involved in changing lives here at St. Paul United Methodist Church. The Church Conference helps us make a difference in the lives of our people, our community, and our world. We are exploring ways to challenge people to come to know the love, trust, and power of Jesus Christ. We are having visions of ways we can help others to know the healing power of Jesus Christ. We are excited about the opportunities we have as a downtown church to save souls and change lives in the building of God's Kingdom in downtown Springfield. Your support will help us to grow in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The loving spirit is alive and growing. Help us to share the good news of the Gospel by your support.

*Shep Woolford*

### **Reminder to Committee Secretaries**

One of the directives that came out of the 2010 visioning meetings by our church congregation was a request involving church committee meetings. Several people commented that they didn't know what was happening in church committees because they couldn't get to the meetings. They wanted a short write-up put into the *Beacon* so they could stay informed.

If you are a secretary for a committee at St. Paul, please remember that you need to provide a short synopsis of your meeting notes for publication in the *Beacon* as soon as possible after your meeting.

### **Don't Forget. . .**

Annual Cluster Conference with District Superintendent, Bart Hildreth is on October 23 beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Antioch UMC.

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## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, October 23

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Celebration of Worship  
1:00 pm Bible Study  
3:00 pm Church Conference at  
Antioch UMC  
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

### Wednesday, October 26

6:30 pm Choir Practice  
7:30 pm Youth Group meets  
8:30 pm MSU Green Room

### Thursday, October 27

10:00 am Ragan House Task Force

### Friday, October 28

6:00 pm Game Night

### Saturday, October 29

5:00 pm Trunk or Treat

**St. Paul UMC mission: *The making of new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.***