



The Beacon of St. Paul United Methodist Church

Sept. 21, 2011

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On Wednesday, September 28, the 9:30 a.m. session will be "Cultural Diversity" by Nate Quin, Springfield Public Schools, followed at 10:45 a.m. with "Praise & Other Melodies" by Second Baptist Men's Octet.

MARY ALICE CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Walker Parlor. The program will be a book review.

DINNER SLATED FOR OCTOBER 30th

The Commitment Sunday dinner is now scheduled for October 30th following morning worship service in lieu of the normally planned fellowship dinner. 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!



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

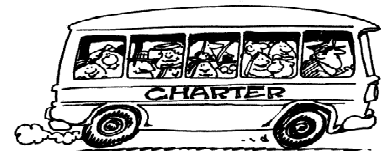
Recent Prayer Requests

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
Jerry Walls	Darwin Robbins
Pat Wyatt	Alex Redpath
Jim & Norma Cooper	Angela Mallard
Sandra Yaktine Family	Cort Stargell

Jim Edmisson Family
Betty & Elmer Snider
Karen Christopherson
Contemporary Service
Melvin Ledbetter Family
Marine Marshall Blansett

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."

Council: Unanimous “Yes”

The lack of questions that followed the presentation from architect Tim Rosenbury regarding the proposed renovation of St. Paul’s east entryway, parlor, hallway and first-floor restrooms was indicative of how well Rosenbury outlined the proposal to the church council members and guests attending last evening’s council meeting.

For the past several months, St. Paul has been pursuing responses to the five prescriptions given to us to improve our church by Healthy Church Initiative consultants assigned by the Conference Office. One of these prescriptions called for us to evaluate the appearance of our church, how we are using the spaces within the church, and what might be improved or upgraded to make the church more inviting to guests.

After visiting several growing churches in the Springfield area, a committee of persons from St. Paul recommended the renovation program to the Church Council some months ago. With Council approval, the committee interviewed architects and selected Tim Rosenbury of Butler-Rosenbury & Partners of Springfield to take the committee’s ideas and design a renovation program that would address those needs.

Monday evening was the initial presentation of that design, including estimated dollar figures for completing the renovation program. Basically, the renovation program calls for a new east entry, refurbished hallways with new ceiling, new floor covering and updated lighting. Also, the parlor will be converted into a fellowship/welcome center and receive new surfaces, lighting, and a beverage serving area on the west end. Part of the fellowship area will include café-type tables and chairs for coffee and conversation, and the other portion of the room will be softer seating arranged in conversation areas. In addition, the main floor restrooms will be completely re-done, made handicap accessible with more toilet facilities. The restrooms will be accessible through the fellowship area rather than the hallway, removing the bottleneck that presently occurs in that hallway when restroom doors are open. To gain additional space for the restrooms, the present children’s library and the kitchenette off the parlor will be eliminated.

Rosenbury carefully outlined the different areas involved in his consideration of the presented design and provided excellent rationale for the choices presented. Further, he presented the Council with a proposed budget for the renovation project. The overall budget and the individual components are as follows:

Total Budget	\$250,000
Owner’s Contingency of 10%	25,000
Owner’s Miscellaneous Costs	5,000
Furnishings, Equipment, Signage	15,000
Building Permits, Fees	3,000
Surveying, Verifying, Measuring	2,000
Balance	\$200,000
Architect/Engineering/Interiors Fees at 7-1/2% of Construction Budget	<u>13,950</u>
Construction	\$186,050

Following the presentation, the Council and guests were invited to ask any questions, with only a half-dozen or so asked. Following some general discussion, the St. Paul Church Council voted unanimously to accept the proposal and proceed with the project. It will take several months for the architect to complete design drawings, specifications, and bidding documents. We anticipate completion of the project in early spring. Additional information of time estimates will be shared in the *Beacon* as they become known.

Payment for this renovation project is made possible by the estate gift of Leola Bigelow earlier this year. Mrs. Bigelow was a long-time member of St. Paul and passed away last year naming the church in her estate trust. For her generosity, the church plans to name the new fellowship and welcome center the Bigelow Fellowship and Welcome Center. St. Paul is indeed blessed to have members who remember St. Paul in their will.

Blessed to serve,

Pastor Ron



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Jane Ott on the birth of great granddaughter, Finnley Marie. Finnley was born on September 5th in Wichita Falls, Texas, weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces and measuring 20 inches long.



One Complete Family Food Box

In Memory of Rex and Erma Lee Henderson

By: An Anonymous Donor

One Complete Family Food Box

In Memory of Iva "Mor Mor" Skoglund

By: An Anonymous Donor

Ragan House Task Force Update

Our contractor, Ron Walker, is busy working on the second floor of Ragan House. He is always cheerful and is a can-do guy. We have also received three unexpected monetary gifts. Vivian Clopton has again made a nice donation—this makes several she has given us. Then on the parking lot two people who are regular parkers with us gave us more than just extra money for parking; they also complimented us on the work we are doing for the historical parsonage. We march forward!

Marti Robinette and the rest of the RHTF



St. Paul United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 25, 2011

Ushers: Martha Jane Eddlemon, Gene Campbell
Jim Owen.



Tick-tock, Tick-tock

A casual glance at the calendar for this month would deceptively let us think we have almost two weeks to finish up our Festival of Sharing "Family Food Packs" mission project.

And yet a closer look at the timeline belies how fast the end of the month will be here. The drop off date of October 2 from noon to 2:30 p.m. in Phelps Grove Park will mean all our finished boxes are on their way to Sedalia.

That date now moves our timeline closer as to how much longer we can accept donations for this mission because the finished boxes will be consecrated during Sunday morning worship service on Oct. 2 before being loaded and delivered.

This means that **monetary donations** to this mission **must be received by Sunday, September 25th**, which is this coming Sunday, if you want us to do the shopping for you. We will accept donated foodstuffs as late as through noon on Thursday, September 29, but please realize that we will need at least two days to finish up the packing and labeling of the boxes properly.

This is crunch time, folks, so let's all make it count!

Sandie McIntire, Coordinator



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Sunday, September 25

9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Celebration of Worship
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Tuesday, September 27

1:00 pm Mary Alice Circle

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

10:00 am Ragan House Task Force