



# THE CORNERSTONE

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Worship Services: Sunday, 8:45 & 11:00 AM*

*Church School: Sunday, 10:00 AM*

*Youth Groups: Sunday: 6:00 PM*

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*St. Paul United Methodist Church*

*Thursday and Friday — November 3 & 4*

## Holiday Bazaar and Turkey Dinner

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Thursday, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

HOLIDAY BAZAAR—hand made crafts  
COUNTRY STORE—baked goods & more  
TRASH & TRASURES—flea market items

### LUNCHEON

Thursday (only), 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Soups, sandwiches, drinks, and desserts.

Items priced a la carte.

### TURKEY DINNER

Friday (only), 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Turkey or ham, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, salad, dessert and drink.

\$8.00/adults - \$9.00/carry-out

\$4.00/children ages 7-12

\$2.00/ages 2-6.



## Hymns of Thanksgiving (Do You Know?)



Do you know the “stories” behind some of the great Thanksgiving Hymns that churches around the world sing for Thanksgiving? If so, then there is no need to continue reading this article. If not, then continue reading and feel thankful.

***We Gather Together:*** Was first published in Adrian Valerius's *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, in 1626, in Haarleem. Initially, the singing of this hymn was limited to the Dutch people, until more than two centuries ago. The hymn is as an expression of thanksgiving to God as defender and guide throughout the past year. The original text writer is unknown, and the words were written at the end of the 16th century to celebrate the Dutch freedom from the Spanish domination. The English translation of the text was done by Theodore Baker.

***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come:*** Many consider this hymn to be one of the most loved of all the Thanksgiving hymns that Christians have been singing for years. It was written for the English harvest festivals, a movable feast which varies according to the harvest time in different villages that celebrate it. The hymn writer, Henry "Dean" Alford, is regarded as a gifted, Christian leader of the 19th century, a distinguished theologian and scholar. Alford was born in London on October 7, 1810. He became Dean of Canterbury Cathedral at age 47 and remained in that position until his death in 1871. He was also a writer, poet, artist and musician. The composer is George J. Elvey, who was a long-time organist at the Windsor, Royal Castle.

***Now Thank We All Our God:*** With the exception of “A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” this is the most widely sung hymn in Germany. During the years of 1618-1648, Europe and especially Germany where plunged into a 30 year religious war. It was during these years that Martin Rinkart was pastor of a Lutheran church in Eilenburg, Germany. Famine and deadly diseases raged throughout the land. In 1637 Rinker buried 4,480 people who had died of an epidemic sweeping through the city. One of those 4480 who died in the epidemic was his wife. That should help us understand his line, “guide us when perplexed.” The population of Germany was reduced from 16 million to 6 million during these years. Through the grief and bloodshed he looked to Christ, and was able to thank God for the many blessings he still had. In the midst of these circumstances he wrote this great hymn.

As we approach another Thanksgiving season I invite to you read (and sing) the words of these great hymns and be thankful for the blessings of God in our lives. We have much to be thankful for.

Still growing in what it means to be thankful,

Frank



## From St. Paul Trustees.....



What a summer! We set out this year to carry the baton from last year, not knowing just how large a job this would be. Of course we're talking about the garage shelter building. The shelter portion of the project is not a new concept at all. In fact several in the life of the church had this vision nearly two decades ago. With the purchase of the church bus, with a very generous anonymous gift and other church monies a few years ago, the church was able to address traveling concerns of riders. Since acquiring the bus, the trustees began discussion about garage facilities to house the bus from the elements and to take better care of the gift given. Unfortunately, we didn't foresee the vandalism threat and reality. So needless to say the garage will serve the church for many years to come, allowing for expansion of another possible bus in the future and room for soccer, snow and lawn care equipment, ladders, and various things that have been stored elsewhere due to special issues.

By the time this letter reaches your inbox or mailbox we should be wrapping up the final phases of the project. Hundreds of feet of sidewalk, 1500 square feet of basketball/pickleball court (another donation), a reconfigured parking lot entrance, completion of a 2300 square foot garage shelter building and the construction of a wind and ultraviolet resistant trash corral will have taken place. The face of the church is changing a little bit. I would imagine this is somewhat like the realization that others in the life of the church have experienced when the church opened its' doors in 1963, or the new sanctuary and office addition in 1980 or even the addition of classrooms to Brashaber Hall in 1995. We think this is exciting! We hope you feel the same. To the many people who have given many hours of labor and sacrifice, to those who have given financially as they were able to the "summer projects" fund which helped push this project forward even when we were faced with obstacles, to those that have prayed faithfully that these projects would help advance the church's mission "helping Connect People to God", and to those who have had the vision to see this project to fruition, we thank you!

Blessings,  
St. Paul Trustees



### *Upward Soccer Celebration*

Soccer players, family and friends are invited to the *Upward Soccer Celebration and Awards* program on Sunday, October 30th, at 6:00 PM.

World Champion Juggler, David Cain, the *Juggler for Jesus*, will entertain using comedy, audience participation and life-skill messages for all ages.

## Holiday Bazaar & Turkey Dinner

November 3 & 4

The **HOLIDAY BAZAAR** (Thursday 9AM-6PM and Friday 9AM-7PM) is for your shopping and browsing pleasure. To help us get set up, please bring your craft items to the church on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday (October 30, 31, or November 1).



Items for the **TRASH AND TREASURES** room need to be brought to the church ASAP — and no later than Tuesday, November 1.

Jewelry, small antiques, used craft items, glassware, dishes, cookware, pictures, books, toys, small appliances, etc. are great selling items. Pre-marked items would be appreciated.

Visit the **COUNTRY KITCHEN** for homemade cookies, candies, cakes, pies, breads, home-canned jellies, vegetables, etc. A variety of items would be appreciated and can be brought to the church Wednesday (all day) or Thursday before 8:15 AM.

The **LUNCHEON** will offer you a choice of vegetable soup, bean soup, cornbread, hot dogs, coney, sloppy joes, salads, desserts & drinks. The luncheon is served on Thursday (only), November 3rd, from 11AM-1PM. Menu items are priced a la carte. Be sure to invite your co-workers and bring them to the luncheon for a good home-cooked meal and an opportunity to do some shopping at the Bazaar.

The **TURKEY DINNER** is served Friday, November 4, from 4:30 - 7:00 PM. The menu consists of turkey/ham, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, choice of salad and dessert.



A separate room for carry-out meals will be available to help speed up the line. The cost of the Turkey Dinner is \$8.00 for adults (\$9.00 for carry-out meal), \$4.00 for children ages 7-12, and \$2.00 for children 2-6.

**Invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Please enter the sanctuary entrance to purchase your tickets. To those of you who are working, don't forget to allow yourself plenty of time to eat. Also, we ask that our St. Paul people park on the grass area by the soccer field, leaving the parking lot for our guests.**

### *UMW News and Notes*

The next meeting of the United Methodist Women will be at 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 10th in Brashaber Hall. All ladies of the church are invited. Joan McCammon will give the devotions; Nancy Arbuckle, hostess.

**Christmas Party!!** The United Methodist Women's Christmas Party will be held on December 8th. Mark your calendar for the first Christmas Party of the season! All ladies of the church are invited. Please watch your church bulletin for details.

## ***November Mission Project***

Our November Mission of the Month, the ***Monroe County United Ministries Food Pantry***, is also a year-round project, but even more crucial during the holiday seasons.

MCUM provides food (*Food Pantry*), clothing (*Opportunity House*), and rent/utilities (*United Ministries*) to families in need of assistance throughout the year. What they have to give depends directly on contributions.



**Feeding the Community**

The goal this year at MCUM is to collect 100,000 pounds by the end of December. (The current tally is less than 52,000 #) Requests for food has increased 20% over last year, and consequently, they have had to resort to a three-day meal plan instead of the past five-day plan.

YOU can help with your donations of all non-perishable food items. Also needed are items for the *Cleaning Closet* and *Clothes Closet*. MCUM has many other ways to help out this Holiday season, i.e., food baskets, Santa bags, sponsoring a family. You can find this list on bulletin board #3 at the church. Monetary donations are also much appreciated for the many different areas they provide assistance. Your financial gifts can be given by using the mission envelopes found in the pew racks at St. Paul.

## ***Cake Mixes Needed for Baskets***



St. Paul has committed to provide 250 boxes of cake mixes to help fill Thanksgiving baskets. This annual project is sponsored by Backstreet Mission with the help of many churches and distributed to the many needy families in Monroe County.

Thanks to those who have brought in 130 cake mixes. We need 120 more! Can you help? Please place the cake mixes in the box on the table by bulletin board #3.

## ***Gold Group Trip to Solsberry***

The Gold Group will travel to Solsberry on Wednesday, November 16th to tour the ***Stage Coach Hill*** animal welded yard sculptures. Also on the agenda is a visit to the ***Greene County's Railroad Viaduct*** (also known as Tulip Trestle), the 3rd longest bridge of its type in the world. The bridge is 2,295 ft. long and stands 180 feet off the ground at its tallest point. Built in 1906 at a cost of \$246,504, it is estimated that to build a bridge the same size today would cost around \$10,000 per foot or \$20 million.

Lunch will be at El Rancho following the trip to Solsberry. Cost will be lunch and \$3 gas money. Plan to leave St. Paul at 10:30. Sign up on bulletin board #2 at the church.

## S.W.A.T.

(Seek. Worship. Accept. Tell)

S.W.A.T is a youth group for any and all 4th & 5th graders. It is SERIOUSLY fun, SERIOUSLY informative, SERIOUSLY cool, SERIOUSLY unruffled, SERIOUSLY entertaining, SERIOUSLY amusing, SERIOUSLY pleasurable, and SERIOUSLY something for you to do on Sunday evenings!!!!

### November's Schedule:

**Nov. 6:** Regular, fun-filled, exciting, enthralling, absorbing, engrossing, enchanting, beguiling, gripping, attention-grabbing, captivating, and all around good time, REGULAR MEETING!

**Nov. 13:** The "OFFICIAL", S.W.A.T-ONLY, ONE-OF-A-KIND, "Kinda" World Famous, THANKSGIVING FEAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Comments from previous Thanksgiving Feast participants include, "wow", "I ate a lot", "I'm full", and "That was weird."

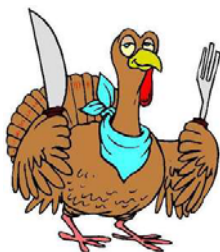
**Nov. 20:** No Meeting. Continue to recover from Thanksgiving Feast!!!

**Nov. 27:** No Meeting. Thanksgiving Break. Use this weekend to get your early Christmas shopping done for your GREAT S.W.A.T. leaders!

\*\*\*\* All S.W.A.T. meetings will begin at 6:00 and end at 8:00 in November!!!!!!



### *Thanksgiving Feast for the Leisure Timers*



The St. Paul Leisure Timers invite all those with 'leisure time' to bring a friend and celebrate Thanksgiving with them and enjoy the great fellowship and good food. Helen Carter will bake the turkey — and there will be dressing and noodles on the menu. Potluck it is — whatever you bring will make it a delicious thanksgiving dinner.

This 'feast' will take place on Monday, November 21st, at 12:00 noon in Brashaber Hall. We ask those attending to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert, and table service. Helen Stephenson will offer a special Thanksgiving program.

Come and meet a friend and be a friend!

## *Church School Happenings . . .*



- We are on a quest! The children's department has begun a 13-week quest into Jesus' parables. We will be taking a new look at each story and what it can teach us. Every 13 weeks over the next year will bring a new theme as we look to experience God in fresh, meaningful ways. Join us!
- Our Fall Family Fun Hour is on October 30. The 10:00 hour of the last Sunday in October promises to deliver another great family fun opportunity. We will be having a Fall Family Fun Party. We will bob for apples, play "Put on a Happy Snood," and Wall football as well as eat yummy fall snacks. Remember families of all ages and sizes are welcome to party with us! If you miss this family fun hour you have to wait until January for the next one!
- As always, I invite all in our church family to stop by or join us any Sunday in rooms F, K and L at 8:45, 10:00, and 11:00. We are always looking for loving, dedicated people to help guide the young people of St. Paul; if you are interested in joining the children's ministry and having a hand in shaping St. Paul's future leaders, please speak with me or any of our wonderful volunteers! Thank you to all of you who already work with our children each week and are always eager to pitch in a little more. Stay cozy and warm,

Shari Miller

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### *Concession Stand Volunteers Needed*

The **IU Basketball Concession Stand** provides a source of ministry dollars from outside of congregational giving. St. Paul received \$8,385 this past season and the St. Paul-sponsored Boy Scout troop received \$4,391 (scouts provide 36% of the staffing). The major uses of St. Paul's share were: 1) IU Student Ministry Center support - \$2,000; 2) Airline tickets for Haiti Mission - \$3,000; and 3) pastor's laptop computer - \$800. The Scouts used their share for their summer camping program. Additional volunteers are always needed (a good way to meet new people), so please sign up soon to help with the Stand by adding your name to the sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board #2. Additional information is available from the church office.

John & Sara Davenport spend countless hours coordinating and working the Stand. Sign up soon and make their task just a little easier!



## *Charge Conference to Be Held November 16*



The St. Paul Charge Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, 6:30 PM at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. The Charge Conference will consist of the 'Four Corners Cluster' which includes Bloomington First, St. Paul, St. Mark's, Korean, Nashville, Cross Roads, Garrison Chapel, and Walker's Chapel United Methodist Churches. The congregation is invited to attend this annual business meeting of the church; however, only Administrative Board members have a voting privilege.



## *Preparing for the Holidays*

Each year during the season of Advent we decorate an evergreen tree with SONlights as a tribute to our family members, friends, or as a remembrance. We will be decorating the two trees on the north side of Brashaber Hall. For a \$3.00 contribution, you can honor your parents, spouse, children, other family members or friends, or, light up a light in memory of a loved one. You will be able to sign up and pay for SONlights on Sunday mornings, November 21 and 28 and December 5.



A listing of persons honored will be posted on the bulletin board at the church. Monies collected from the SONlight Tree will be used for shut-in sunshine boxes and to provide gift certificates for food to persons you might know who are in need of assistance during the holiday season. If you are aware of a needy family please contact the church office.

Our Thoughts &  
Prayers  
are with...

Our sympathy to Jean Prince and family  
on the death of Charles Prince. Mr. Prince  
died October 22, 2011.

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**  
**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**  
**2011**

	<u>1st Qtr.</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>Jul-11</u>
<b>Church Operating Expenses</b>			
Offerings received this period	\$85,639.51	\$87,682.55	\$30,092.26
Expenses this period	\$84,367.18	\$87,853.33	\$26,411.92
Current Operating Balance	\$12,375.38	\$12,204.60	\$15,884.94
 <b>Other Fund Balances</b>			
Missions Funds balance	\$24,703.55	\$28,804.60	\$30,361.28
Designated Funds balance	\$67,497.36	\$60,412.25	\$62,838.75
Building Fund Balance	\$66,462.73	\$64,008.79	\$63,064.74
 <b>July Mission Giving</b>			
May Mission -- Youth Mission Trip		\$200.00	
June Mission -- VBS		\$80.00	
July Mission -- Upward Soccer		\$530.00	
MCUM Food Pantry		\$310.00	
Shepherd's Fund		\$117.00	
Faith Promise Mission Giving		\$1,813.00	
Total		\$3,050.00	

<b>OCTOBER ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>CHURCH SCHOOL</b>
October 2	124	86	73
October 9	111	85	64
October 16	137	108	68
October 23	124	108	76

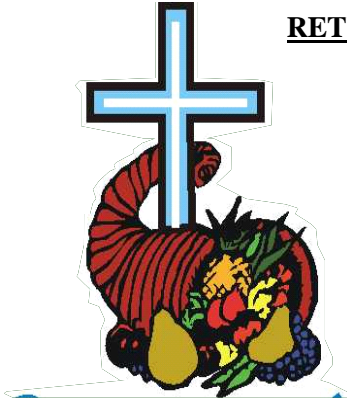
<b>Ushers for November</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>8:45 AM</u></b></p> <p>*Durward Freeman            Andy Carnegie            Bruce Johnston            Mark Koi</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>11:00 AM</u></b></p> <p>*Bill Pritchett            Danny Alvarez            Tom Miller            Wayne Nelson</p>

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**NOVEMBER, 2011**

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*Serving you at St. Paul . . .*

*Pastor ..... Frank VanAllen*  
*Member Care Coordinator ..... Becky Freeman*  
*Director of Youth Ministry ..... Ian and Laura Hall*  
*Director of Children's Ministry ..... Shari Miller*  
*Administrative Assistant ..... Rita Harrington*  
*8:45 AM Worship Director ..... Bill Headley*  
*11:00 AM Choir Director ..... Robin Macheel*  
*Pianist ..... Shen Macheel*  
*Librarian ..... Charlotte Brashaber*  
*Nursery Care ..... Gilda Rimola*  
*Toddler Care ..... Shirley Griffith*  
*Sexton ..... Randy Martin*  
*Custodian ..... Tony Newton*