



# 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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*World  
Champion  
Juggler*

# Soccer Celebrations



*David  
Cain*



### *Soccer Season Celebration Features 'Juggler for Jesus'*

Soccer players, family and friends: Come join the fun and excitement of watching World Champion Juggler, David Cain, the “*Juggler for Jesus*,” performs at the *Upward Soccer Celebration/Awards Ceremony*. David's use of comedy and audience participation make him an audience favorite as he shares messages pertaining to Bible study, God's love, sin, forgiveness, evangelism, faith, grace, prayer... David is a renowned Bible teacher, evangelist, and entertainer all rolled up into one person!

Join us at St. Paul on **Sunday, October 30st at 6:00 PM** for the “Celebration and Awards” program to wind up this season of *Upward Soccer*.

## “You May Die”

Those words are on a waiver that contestants must sign in order to participate in a “death race.” Contestants in Vermont’s sixth-annual Spartan Death Race don’t know exactly when it starts, when it will finish, or what it will require, but they do know it will be grueling, humiliating, and possibly life-defining.

In my mind this “race” is, for lack of a better word, “interesting! Pittsfield, Vermont is the home of this “interesting” race. Contestants will submit to a series of tasks and ordeals that most of us “normal, sane” people would find brutal, torturous, and insane.

The contestants could be told to cut a tree stump from the ground, then lug it through muddy trenches covered in barbed wire and up a hiking trail. Or they might be ordered to run up a steep 2,000-foot mountain, memorize a list of American presidents, and run back down to recite the list, knowing that failure means another trip back to the top. Or they might have to eat pound after pound of raw onions. And not only will they have to endure all those chores—or their equivalent, for the race’s challenges are new each year.

Oh, yeah...and they must sign that waiver understanding “they may die.”

Why would anyone want to participate in something that might cause them die? Death isn’t high on my list of things to do, but it is something I will participate in. Death is a certainty in this world. I guess my question is, “If we understand what it is to die, then do we understand what it is to live?”

The apostle Paul was in a Roman prison under Nero’s reign. He was not in a good place. His letter to the church at Philippi was written from Nero’s prison (or maybe under house arrest... scholars are divided on this one). He writes in the first chapter 3 different times about his chains. Yet, he also writes, “For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.” (Phil. 1:21) Living is Christ, and dying is gain. He’s saying that as long as he lives he’ll experience Christ, and when he dies he’ll gain eternal life with Christ. Paul might die. And he’s okay with it. I guess he understands life and death, and what life in Christ looks like. He’s happy to sign a waiver in prison that reads, “you may die” if you continue to participate in and preach the message of Christ.

Again, my question is, “If we understand what it is to die, then do we understand what it is to live?”

Our church has lost a lot this year. We have grieved many members who have been a part of who we are. It has been, and continues to be, a difficult time. On October 30<sup>th</sup> we will remember them as we celebrate All Saints’ Sunday. This day is set aside in the Christian faith to give thanks, and to remember the people we have had in our lives, and are now with God.

Following are the names of our “saints” who have left us this year. As we remember them and continue to mourn their death, may we also remember how they lived. They understood what it means to “live” for they had given their hearts and lives to Christ. They understood that when we “lose our lives, we find them.”

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*We celebrate and remember:*

*Ellen McElroy  
Charles Butcher  
Betty Daniel  
Gary Newton  
Marlee Pace  
Gladys Carmichael  
Fred Stewart  
Mildred Campbell  
Nathan Freeman  
Alan Macy*

All Saints Day



Yes, we understand what it is to die. Do we understand what it is to live?

Frank

### ***New Member Class Forming***

Pastor VanAllen will begin a six-week session of *New Member Classes* on Sunday, October 16th at 10:00 AM in room H. Those interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church and St. Paul United Methodist Church are invited to attend. For those wishing to become members of St. Paul, new members will be received on November 20th. Please call the church office, or check the appropriate box on the registration pads at St. Paul if you are interested in attending these classes.

### ***St. Paul Open Results . . .***

The St. Paul Open has come and gone. "Fore" those of you who missed out, know that it was a lot of fun. Hopefully, you will be able to join us in future outings. The final results are in and have been tabulated. Congratulations to all teams and individual winners for the day. Special thanks to Adam Hahn, who helped arrange and put the outing together.

First Place:

Jeff Harrington  
Carl Harrington  
Terry Patterson  
Buck Padgett

Second Place:

Mark Lemieux  
Randy Coopriider  
Tyce Carmichael  
Lee Carmichael

Tied for Third:

Roland Fletcher  
Bill Atkinson  
Herschel Jones  
Adam Jones

Tied for Third:

Mark Koi  
Jeff Baumgardner  
Chris VanAllen  
Frank VanAllen



Longest Drive:

Carl Harrington

Closest to Pin:

Adam Jones

Longest Putt:

Roland Fletcher

Carl Harrington

Adam Jones

# Getting ready for the Church **BAZAAR**

The *St. Paul Holiday Bazaar / Turkey Dinner* is fast approaching!

**The dates: November 3 and 4**

For those of you who are not familiar with what happens on those two days...

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The *Holiday Bazaar* is a 2-day event where hand-made craft items are sold. These are not consignment crafts, but crafts made by our own congregation, so you can see how very important it is for everyone to make and donate items. Phyllis Durnal, Katherine Haseman and Belinda Carmichael chair this event.

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The *Trash and Treasures Room* just may have exactly what you are looking for! Your donations of jewelry, small antiques, dishes, glassware, plants, books, toys, pictures, cookware, small appliances... make this a very popular part of the Holiday Bazaar (No clothing, please). Chairpersons for the Trash & Treasures Room are Barb Buker, Jo Crozier and Betty Richardson. Items may be brought to the church Sunday through Tuesday, Oct. 31—Nov. 2.



*Shop the Country Store* for home made pies, cakes, cookies, candies, bread, jellies, garden produce, etc. Your donations are appreciated for the Country Store. Linda Lill and Martha Fiscus chair the Country Store.

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On Thursday a *Luncheon* is held for our shoppers and lunch time crowd. A menu of soups, sandwiches, salads, and desserts is served from 11:00 - 1:00. Jyme Johnston is the chairperson.

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The *Turkey Dinner*, a home cooked meal of turkey/dressing with all the trimmings, will be served on Friday evening from 4:30 - 7:00 PM. The cost of the complete meal is \$8.00/adults; \$4.00/ ages 7-12; and \$2.00/ages 2-6.

Again this year we will have a designated “carry-out” line. Tickets (\$9.00 for adults) will be purchased at a separate table and served from room C.

***The Holiday Bazaar / Turkey Dinner is the major fund raiser for the United Methodist Women, but is also a church-wide fellowship event. In the next two/three weeks you can expect a call asking for your time and/or donations. Please be generous!***

## ***United Methodist Women Plan to Meet October 13***

The St. Paul United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, October 13, at 12:00 noon in Brashaber Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to attend the UMW meetings which meet the second Thursday of each month. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Devotions will be given by Phyllis Durnal, hostess is Nancy Arbuckle.

### **Arts and Crafts BAZAAR**



*Craft Classes* will continue in October, putting the finishing details on the crafts for the Holiday Bazaar. If you can thread a needle, stuff, paint, glue, tie a ribbon, etc. you are needed. Bring a brown bag lunch and join the fun and fellowship from 10 AM – 2. PM. **Only TWO craft classes remain—October 13 and 27.**

- ♦ **A trip to the Covered Bridge Festival is planned for Tuesday, October 18th. Interested in a day of ‘festival shopping,’ please call the church office or sign up on bulletin board #2 at St. Paul. Plan on leaving St. Paul at 8:30 AM.**

## ***Charter Members***

A *Charter Member Luncheon* will be held in Brashaber Hall on Wednesday, October 19th, at 12:00 PM. Charter members, please contact the church office by noon on October 17th, if you plan to attend.

## ***Gold Group Encore Trip to Zaharakos***

The Gold Group’s next outing will be Wednesday, October 12th. Hopefully it will be a good day to view the colorful leaves as the group travels to Columbus. The first stop will be the Children’s Museum, which just happens to be across the street from **Zaharakos**. Zaharakos, an ice cream parlor (sandwiches, too!) and museum, has been an overwhelming request for a repeat visit from those who went on the Gold Group trip last May.



After lunch, the group can either take a guided or self-guided tour of Columbus architecture, or return to Nashville for some shopping. You can express your wishes on the sign up sheet on bulletin board #2 at the church. The cost is \$5 for gas money, plus lunch. Plan on meeting at St. Paul at 10:00 AM.



## ***From the Children's Department***

The crisp cool air of fall is upon us! It's exciting to start a new season! We in the children's department are excited to be starting a new curriculum soon too! We will be finishing up our study of the Fruits of the Spirit and on October 23 will be starting a new curriculum! We are looking forward to seeing what God has to teach us this year.

We have another reason to be excited; Family Fun Hour 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. There will be lots of autumn games and activities. Watch for details and sign-up sheets so you don't miss out! Remember families of all ages and sizes are welcome to party with us!

Don't forget we have our Bible Studies meeting at 10:00 each Sunday. Trudy McConnell and her fisher-boys and girls have a great time getting to know the Bible a little better each week. Any child ages 5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade is welcome to join them in Room F. For the older children, Nancy Van Allen and Jennifer and Ryan Gallagher meet with the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders in Room L. This year the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders get to join the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids and get a sneak peek at the SWAT group's fun.

As we look forward to a fresh start with our curriculum, reorganization of our Children's Worship room, and new children being promoted into our groups, 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 more permanently and having a hand in shaping St. Paul's future leaders, please speak with me or any of our wonderful volunteers!

Wishing you a fall full of color,

Shari Miller

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### ***Fun and Fellowship for the Leisure Timers***

The St. Paul Leisure Timers will meet on Monday, October 17th, at 12:00 PM in Brashaber Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and table service.

The Leisure Timers is open to the community. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you on the third Monday of each month.



# S.W.A.T.

(Seek. Worship. Accept. Tell)

S.W.A.T. is a youth group for any and all 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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!!!!!!!

The schedule for October is as follows:

October 16 <sup>th</sup> :	Kick-off Celebration	6-7:30
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Regular Meeting	6-7:30
October 30 <sup>th</sup> :	No S.W.A.T.	



Come join the fun, the good times, the madness, the S.W.A.T. experience!

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## ***LIBRARY LINES:***

New to the library are three CD's of gospel music donated by Joe and Jan Edwards. Joe played the *Grand Ole Opry* since 1955. They are regular performers at the Monroe County Fair and also perform at many other venues. Jan is an accomplished singer. She is the daughter of Mary Masters, and a former member of St. Paul. Joe is an uncle to Kevin Osborne and a cousin to Kenneth Brashaber. Check out one of their CD's and enjoy their gospel music.

*What's in the church library that could interest you?  
Come in, look around — you might find a clue  
There are all kinds of books on subjects galore,  
Take out two or three, (but please limit it to four).  
And a new VeggieTale (at least new to the library) is ready to go  
And there might be other DVD's you'd like to know.*

***REMEMBER TO VISIT YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY.***

Charlotte

## **October Mission Project**

In early May, Mission Guatemala, an Indiana Conference-based mission, began a feeding program. Each day, MG feeds nearly 100 children in the village of Nueva Esperanza. These children are from very poor families and many were relying on just tortillas, salt and beans for food each day.

Since the program began nearly four months ago, the children have grown significantly. Additionally, the principal of the school told MG that they are learning more and doing much better in school. Sponsoring a child for \$28 a month provides a lunch five-days-a-week, and also provides each child with a daily vitamin tablet, school supplies and medical and dental services. Together our gifts to the October Mission can sponsor a child--or children.

When we are faithful with our dollars God blesses others and the givers. Please use the envelopes found in the pew racks for your gifts, clearly marked "MG Feeding Program" or "October Mission Project."

## **Help Needed for Thanksgiving Baskets**



Backstreet Mission, with the help of area churches, provide *Thanksgiving baskets* each year to the homeless and underprivileged.

Your help is needed to help fill those baskets! St. Paul has been asked to provide 250 boxes of cake mixes. You may bring the cake mixes to the church any time on or before November 6th. A collection box can be found by the big blue tub beneath bulletin board #3.



*Help us  
change lives  
and provide Hope.*

### **Prayer Chain to Be Updated**

*The St. Paul Prayer Chain is being updated. If you would like your name to be added, or deleted, please give Becky Freeman a call at 332-4191 as soon as possible..*

## **Our Sympathy . . .**

Our sympathy to Becky Freeman, Bill Phillips and Dusty Freeman on the death of Nathan Freeman. Nathan died September 12, 2011.

Our sympathy to the Alan Macy family — to Angie, Emily and Ethan Macy, and to Jim and Fran Shields. Alan died September 30, 2011.



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

	<u>1st Qtr.</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>
<b>Church Operating Expenses</b>		
Offerings received this period	\$85,639.51	\$87,682.55
Expenses this period	\$84,367.18	\$87,853.33
Current Operating Balance	\$12,375.38	\$12,204.60

<b>Other Fund Balances</b>		
Missions Funds balance	\$24,703.55	\$28,804.60
Designated Funds balance	\$67,497.36	\$60,412.25
Building Fund balance	\$66,462.73	\$64,008.79

<b>June Mission Giving</b>		
May Mission -- Youth Mission Trip		\$200.00
June Mission -- VBS		\$609.00
MCUM Food Pantry		\$80.00
Shepherd's Fund		\$120.00
Faith Promise Mission Giving		\$1,980.00
Total		\$2,989.00

(Total \$26,704.26 for '10-'12)

**Ushers for October**

8:45 AM

\*Bob Durnal  
Roland Fletcher  
Michael Halla  
Steve Teague

11:00 AM

\*Rick Richardson  
Drew Jones  
Hershel Jones  
Terry Patterson

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE	8:45 AM	11:00 AM	CHURCH SCHOOL
September 4	110	77	58
September 11	109	96	61
September 18	93	89	68
September 25	107	101 35 (Eve.)	43

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Serving you at St. Paul . . .*

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

