



THE CORNERSTONE
ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Church School: Sunday, 10:00 AM

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups: Sunday, 6:00 PM

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Upward Soccer...Every Child IS a Winner!

Upward Soccer is for age 5 through eighth grade boys and girls and features equal teams, equal playing time, post-game awards, and much more!

Below is an article from Timothy Merrill, writer for Homiletics, a journal for clergy. It jumped out at me for several reasons and thought you might enjoy reading it too.

“There’s no city in America that beats Minneapolis-St. Paul for volunteers. This metropolitan center in the heart of the Lutheran belt of America is giving back to their communities to a degree unknown by other cities in the country. More than 35% of the population report doing volunteer work at religious and non-profit organizations, schools and community centers — according to a annual report of the Volunteering in America.

Nationwide, more than 62 million Americans offer their skills and services at no charge to organizations that depend upon such support--donating over 8 billion hours. Utah, the heart of Mormon country, leads all states -- for the sixth consecutive year -- with almost 45% of its citizens doing some pro bono work in their spare time. The Midwestern Bible belt states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota round out the top five. Utah was also tops in the number of hours volunteered per volunteer at almost 90 hours.

What motivates a volunteer? It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to understand—looking at the data above—that religion must play a strong role. It probably doesn’t matter which religion. Clearly, people who see themselves as related to a Power outside of themselves, and who see themselves as debtors to the largesse of an Almighty and Merciful God, are more likely to give their time to help others.

Volunteering is an important part—yea, a time-honored American tradition. It’s certainly encouraged by Scripture. While doing volunteer work is not the exclusive domain of Christianity, it’d be hard to establish one’s Christian bona fides without some volunteer work on the resume. Christians are simply made to serve.

It’s in our DNA. It’s what we do.” (Homiletics, Aug. 16, 2011)

The article reminded me that without volunteers the church would not be able to do all the things it does. The United Methodist Church is a clergy/lay driven church. That’s one of the things I really love about the church, and one of the things I really love about St. Paul UMC.

Fall is a busy time of the year and it takes lots of volunteers to do all the things we do. Our calendar includes Upward soccer, IU concessions, nominations for 2012 committees, and this year lots of construction projects taking place. None of these things could take place without volunteers.

Minneapolis-St. Paul ranked as the highest city with 35% volunteering. That’s not bad, I guess, but I often wonder what would happen if a church had 90% or 100% of its people volunteering. Think of what we the church could do with more time being given.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with the church. Let’s keep pressing and moving forward. There’s much work to do.

Frank

Sign Up to Receive Cornerstone by Email

For those of you who would like to receive your copy of the St. Paul Cornerstone by email, we have revamped the web site so that you may now do so . . .

Log on to: stpaulbloomington.org
Scroll down to: **Cornerstone News**
Click on: **'Sign Up'**
Key in: **First Name, Last Name, Email Address**
Click on: **'Join Now'**

That's it! Almost! After that final click, a confirmation email will be sent to your email. In order to complete the process, you need to verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you in that email. You will not only receive the Cornerstone, but also important information from the church such as prayer concerns, meetings, etc.

Soccer Sign Up

Registration for *Upward Soccer* for boys and girls, ages 5 through 8th grade is still being accepted. Registration is available online at stpaulupward.com or by calling or stopping by the church Office. The cost is \$60. Practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Soccer season begins September 10 and ends on October 29. An *Awards Celebration* will be held on October 30th .



Volunteers Needed for Football Concession Stand



The St. Paul youth will be staffing a concession stand at the I.U. football games. This year's schedule includes six home games and because persons working at the stand must be at least 14 years of age, the youth will need the help and support of parents and others to make this another successful season as the major fundraiser for the youth's summer mission trip.

Games will be played on September 10 (Virginia); September 17; (South Carolina); October 1 (Penn State); October 8 (Illinois); October 29 (Northwestern); and November 26 (Purdue).

Please check the bulletin board at the church for game times and to sign up for a date you can help out. Contact Ian or Laura Hall for additional information.

SPY Happenings in September

9/10 - IU Football Concession Stand
9/11 - Regular SPY Meeting 6-8PM @ church
9/16 - Girl's Night Sleepover @ Laura's 7PM
9/17 - IU Football Concession Stand
9/18 - SPY Fall Kick-off! 6-8PM @ church
9/25 - Regular SPY Meeting 6-8PM @ church



Football Concession Stand Info.

If you are a youth or parent please check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. We need everyone to participate in these games so please find a couple that work for you and sign up! Workers must be at the game two hours prior to kick-off wearing closed toed shoes. You will be given a hat and T-shirt to wear while at the game. If you have any further questions please let Laura or Ian know.

SPY Kick-Off!

On Sunday, September 18 from 6-8PM we would like to invite all youth in 6-12 grades and their parents to join us as we celebrate another year of SPY. We will be going over this year's activities and policies while sharing a meal together. We hope to see you there!

Girl's Night Sleepover

Girls, on Friday, September 16 at 7PM bring your sleeping bags and favorite snack for a sleepover at Laura's house. We'll stay up late chatting and watching chick flicks. Then, in the morning we'll have some pancakes before the IU concession stand! What more could you ask for? Don't worry boys, Ian says he's taking you camping later in the fall...

Leisure Timers to Meet September 19th

Persons with leisure time are invited to join the 'Leisure Timers' group for a pitch-in lunch on Monday, September 19, at 12:00 in Brashaber Hall. Please bring a covered dish and your own table service.



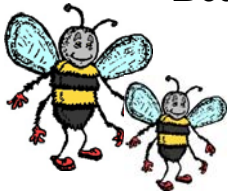
The Leisure Timers meet the third Monday of each month. Ken and Charlotte Brashaber are the coordinators of this group. Open to the community — invite your friends and neighbors.

United Methodist Women – News and Notes

- ◆ Ladies, you are urged to make the United Methodist Women a part of your church involvement. Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon in Brashaber Hall. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 8th. Linda Lill will serve as hostess, with Betty Richardson giving devotions. Participation in the UMW is a great avenue for fellowship, study and service. Please contact Pat McCormick, president, or call the church office for additional info.
- ◆ Craft Classes for the *Holiday Bazaar* continues. Classes will be held on September 8 and 22 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. **ONLY 4 MORE CRAFT DAYS BEFORE HOLIDAY BAZAAR!!**
- ◆ The annual *Holiday Bazaar and Turkey Dinner*, sponsored by the UMW, will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 3 & 4. Your hand-crafted items are needed to help make this another successful *Bazaar*. Have you started your crafts yet? Home gardeners, remember to make an extra jar or two of jelly, relish, pickles, etc. for the *Country Store*.
- ◆ It's time to start searching out those treasures for the *Trash and Treasures* room at the Holiday Bazaar. Jewelry, small antiques, dishes, glassware, plants, books, craft items, pictures, toys, etc. are great items for the sale. No clothing, please.



‘Bees’ Exercise Class Formed One Year Ago



The ‘Bees’ exercise class was formed just one year ago to provide low impact exercises. A few persons have been in the class from the beginning and others have joined the group for shorter time periods—and all have found it very beneficial to their health.

Classes are led by Bob Lowers, physical therapist and Head Coach for Edgewood Girls’ Track and Field. Bob focuses on *stretching, balance, and strength training*. Exercises are from a sitting or standing position with a chair for balance and support, if needed.

Classes meet in Brashaber Hall, 10:30—11:30 on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Plenty of room for YOU to join the group. A \$3.00 per class donation is suggested.

Open to everyone—not just for seniors!

Gold Group to Salem for Festival and Tour

The Gold Group (60+) will be traveling Saturday, September 17th, to the ***Old Settlers' Days Festival*** in Salem, IN. The festival features exhibitors, performers, craftsmen and demonstrators. You might even catch the reenacting of the raid by Morgan's Raiders. And, the *village cook* will be "serving up stone soup and apple fritters." Lunch will on your own as you walk around the festival.



At an appointed time, the group will go to ***Beck's Gristmill***. Beck's Mill, built in 1808 was the first mill of about 60 built in Washington County, and the last one still standing –(but due to ageing and a burning, the current mill is the third mill built by the Beck's at this location). Once the mill was started it ran 24 hours a day with George Beck and the boys taking turns running it. People would travel for hours to get to Beck's Mill, and then have to wait for 2 or 3 days to get their turn. Before Beck's Mill was started people had to travel all the way to Louisville Kentucky to get flour or salt. When Beck's Mill was first built, there were no roads in the Indiana Territory west of it because roads had been built just to get to Beck's Mill. Eventually in 1914 the mill was closed, but an interest to restore the mill caught the attention of Bill and Gayle Cook in 2007. Restoration of the mill was completed in the fall of 2008, in time for the 200th anniversary of the first Beck's Mill.

Interested in festivals and Indiana history? You may sign up for this trip on bulletin board #2. The cost is \$5 for gas money.

The St. Paul Open

WHO: Anyone brave enough to sign up!

WHAT: A golf scramble outing for fun. \$35 covers all costs except food, drinks, extra golf balls, etc...

WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 11 @ 2:00p.m.

WHERE: Stone Crest Golf Course

WHY: Why Not???

**Church Golf
Tournament**



Sign up on the church bulletin board or call the church office (332-4191) by **Wednesday, September 7th**

Here's What's Happening in Children's Worship

With the start of a new school year come new starts at St. Paul! We will be finishing up our study of the Fruits of the Spirit in the next few weeks and mid-October will be starting a new curriculum! We have learned so much about living a fruitful life this past year and are looking forward to seeing what God has to teach us this year.



Promotion Sunday gave us another new start; Logan Knight and Layton Scroggins were promoted to third graders and given a Bible with which to really start their own Bible studies. We welcome them to this new chapter of their spiritual lives. To the new 6th graders moving up we send a fond farewell and best wishes as they join “the big kids.”

We have another Family Fun Hour coming up in October. The 10:00 hour of the last Sunday in October promises to deliver another great family fun opportunity. Watch for details and sign-up sheets so you don't miss out!

As always our church family is welcome to peek in or join us any Sunday in rooms F, K and L at 8:45, 10:00, and 11:00...hopefully some of you will consider joining us more permanently, we really need more help!

Shari Miller, Children's Ministries Coordinator



9-11 TENTH YEAR COMMEMORATION

Twin Towers Orphan Fund

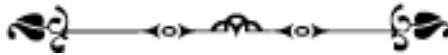
The Twin Towers Orphan Fund was founded on September 11, 2001 for the sole purpose of providing educational and welfare assistance to the children who were orphaned (who lost one or both parents) by the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The mission of the Twin Towers Orphan Fund is to provide long-term higher educational assistance and mental and physical healthcare assistance for (a) children who lost parents in the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon, or onboard the four downed airliners, and (b) children of victims of future terrorist attacks.

Your generous gifts will greatly benefit the children and their now extended families of 9-11. Please use the envelopes found in the pew racks at the church for your gifts. Please clearly mark '9-11' or 'September Mission' on the envelope.

Four Corners Cluster Announces New Ministry



The Southeast District of The United Methodist Church is excited to announce that a new United Methodist ministry to college students and young adults is now in place in Bloomington for the IU and Ivy Tech campuses. Under the leadership of Travis Jeffords and Darren Wright, on staff at First UMC Bloomington, with the financial aid of area United Methodist Churches, the ministry is now making connections with college students as they arrive on campus. This new ministry is called ***Jubilee!*** Please tell your college age family and friends about this new ministry. You can email Travis directly at tjefords@fumcb.org. Or, you may refer students to this and other UMC-affiliated campus ministries throughout the state at www.inumc.org/campusministries.



Walk For Life 2011

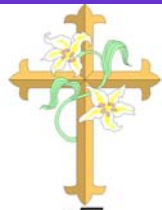
Saturday October 1st

Clear Creek Christian Church and Clear Creek Trail

Registration and breakfast 9:30—10:30 AM

Walk begins at 10:45 AM with free lunch following.

More information can be found on bulletin board #3 at St. Paul.



Our Sympathy and Love to . . .

Steve and Linda Lill, Kristin and Craig and their families on the death of Linda's mother, Mrs. Zona Johannes. Mrs. Johannes died July 27, 2011 in Maine, Minnesota.

In Memoriam

Jim and Susan Martin, Beth and Matt on the death of Susan's mother, Mrs. Phyllis Bohall. Mrs. Bohall died July 31, 2011.

Bill and Judy Headley on the death of Judy's father, Dr. Glen Ley. Dr. Ley died August 20, 2011.

Jim and Jeanne Campbell on the death of Jim's mother, Mrs. Mildred Campbell. Mildred, a long time member of St. Paul, died August 22, 2011.

St. Paul United Methodist Church
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS
2011

| | <u>1st Qtr.</u> | <u>Apr-11</u> | <u>May-11</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Church Operating Expenses | | | |
| Offerings received this period | \$85,639.51 | \$30,112.10 | \$34,565.31 |
| Expenses this period | \$84,367.18 | \$27,726.73 | \$24,017.50 |
| Current Operating Balance | \$12,375.38 | \$14,760.75 | \$25,308.56 |

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| Other Fund Balances | | | |
| Missions Funds balance | \$24,703.55 | \$28,405.55 | \$29,440.55 |
| Designated Funds balance | \$67,497.36 | \$66,280.73 | \$64,710.52 |
| Building Fund Balance | \$66,462.73 | \$65,812.73 | \$63,762.73 |

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| May Mission Giving | | | |
| May Mission -- Youth Mission Trip | | \$1,156.00 | |
| UMCOR -- Tsunami (Japan) | | \$50.00 | |
| MCUM Food Pantry | | \$160.00 | |
| Shepherd's Fund | | \$2,089.00 | |
| Faith Promise Mission Giving | | \$865.00 | (Total \$24,724.26 for '10-'11) |
| Total | | \$4,320.00 | |

Your Attendance at St. Paul in August

| DATE | 8:45 AM | 11:00 AM | CHURCH SCHOOL |
|-----------|---------|----------|---------------|
| August 7 | 110 | 84 | 62 |
| August 14 | 118 | 94 | 59 |
| August 21 | 101 | 121 | 73 |
| August 28 | 110 | 79 | 64 |

Ushers for September

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|----------------|-----------------|
| <u>8:45 AM</u> | <u>11:00 AM</u> |
| *Craig Munroe | *Phillip Morgan |
| Kim Munroe | Phil Davis |
| Chuck Franz | Carl Harrington |
| Lee Carmichael | Tom Sanders |

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Serving you at St. Paul:

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| <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>Media Coordinator.....</i> | <i>Ian Hall</i> |
| <i>Nursery Care</i> | <i>Gilda Rimola</i> |
| <i>Toddler Care</i> | <i>Shirley Hamilton</i> |
| <i>Generalist Maintenance.....</i> | <i>Randy Martin</i> |
| <i>Custodian</i> | <i>Tony Newton</i> |