



THE CORNERSTONE
ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Church School: Sunday, 10:00

Youth Groups: Sunday: 6:00 PM

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Could You Be Rich?

Ever wonder whether you could be the long-lost heir to someone's fortune? Now, they've got an app for that. Well, maybe not an app, but a website you can use to find out if you're on any long-lost heir search list.



Because such unclaimed money typically reverts to the state after a period of time, the government isn't exactly eager to go running around looking for the rightful owners. Yet, they do have a legal obligation to answer inquiries, which is where the www.unclaimed.org website comes in.

It's run by NAUPA, the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. You can go there, click on your state, and be connected to a website where you can search for your ancestors' names.

Before you do it, though, STOP. Ask yourself, "What if I do find something? Who would my life be different, if suddenly I learned I'm a lot richer than I'd thought?"

Ask yourself what you'd do with the windfall. Would you spend in on yourself? Would you save it? Or, would you consider giving most of it away? All of it?

Chances are, there's nothing there for you. But, you never know...and just thinking about it can be a good exercise in Christian stewardship.

In the worship service this past Sunday we learned about Max Melitzer. Max's life had been turned upside down when the car he was driving rolled over and killed his wife and two of his close friends. He never really got over those losses. He drifted away from his family, lost his job, and his motivation to live in many ways. Last year, after living as a homeless man for the past 15+ years, he received a \$100,000 inheritance from his brother.

We don't know how this affected Max. If it turned his life around, gave him hope, or gave him an opportunity to start his life over.

What would we do if we received an inheritance? How would it change us, if at all?

Paul tells us that we have already received a great inheritance. That we are heirs to all the God offers. We have been adopted through the sending of Jesus into this world. Knowing and receiving this "inheritance" should help to change how we view everything.

May we see a little more clearly in this New Year the abundant blessings and inheritance we have already received from God.

Frank

What's Going on at St. Paul Sunday School . . .

Well, the Christmas season is behind us and the New Year has begun. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with loved ones and with God.



This year promises to be an exciting one for the children of St. Paul and hopefully their friends! We have a new curriculum series starting in 2 weeks; we will be embarking on a Journey with Jesus. We will be visiting the places he visited and seeing what he saw throughout his journey here on Earth. We will walk with him for 13 weeks after which we will finish out the year with two more experiences helping us learn more about God and how to live a godly life.



More excitement... We have a Family Fun Hour coming up at the end of this month... January 29 at 10:00! You won't want to miss it; we're having a St. Paul Family Super Bowl! Watch for details/sign-up sheets to be posted on the 15th!

I'm also starting to look at Vacation Bible School themes! Yes, it starts this early... if you have any suggestions or ideas please let me know!

Thank you to all the volunteers who are with us month after month, starting a new year with our children; you are so appreciated!

Lastly, I'll make my monthly plea for more volunteers. We are especially short during the 8:45 worship hour. We could really use 2-3 more people. If you are at all interested, please see me or another volunteer and we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have. Or just drop in and try it out! I promise you'll love it!

Waiting for a winter wonderland,

Shari

Our Thanks . . .



We thank the many people who took the time during Advent season to make St. Paul a festive place of worship. We especially appreciate the expertise of Becky Freeman for not only the beautifully decorated Sanctuary, but the liturgical decorating all year long. A thank you to Bill Phillips for helping to decorate, then taking down the trees in the narthex and Sanctuary. . . a big thank you to Joan McCammon for preparing the candles for the Christmas Eve Service . . . thanks also to Donna and Andy Carnegie, Carol and Bill Haynes, and Bob and Phyllis Durnal for lighting the SONlight trees and decorating (and un-decorating) the Christmas tree in Brashaber Hall.

UMW—Business and Crafts

The St. Paul United Methodist Women will meet on January 12 at 12:00 for devotions and a short business meeting. All women are invited to attend. Please bring a brown bag lunch and join the fellowship.

Craft classes for the Holiday Bazaar will begin on January 12th and meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month throughout the year. The time is 10:00 AM—2:00 PM. Come for an hour or for the entire class. Bring a brown bag lunch. Ideas for crafts are encouraged!

Leisure Timers Soup/Salad/ Dessert Luncheon on January 16

All persons with 'leisure time' are invited to join the Leisure Timers for great fellowship and good food. SOUP'S ON! The January menu will be bean soup, potato soup and/or vegetable soup or chili — depending on the mood of the cook! Please bring a salad or dessert and table service. The date is January 16th at 12:00 noon, in Brashaber Hall.

The Leisure Timers meet the third Monday of each month. Please come — and bring a friend.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Altar this year, please sign your name and the occasion on the appropriate date on the flower chart posted on bulletin board #4. The cost is \$25, and will be billed to your home by Judy's Flowers. You are encouraged to pick up the flowers following the 11:00 worship on your specific date.



Bees Exercise Class to Take a Break in January



The *Bees Exercise Class* is taking a break during the month of January. Please mark your calendar for a February 6th restart date. Classes are held each Monday and Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 AM in Brashaber Hall.

Classes are led by Bob Lowers, physical therapist, and focuses on *Stretching, Balance, and Strength Training*.

Exercise can help reduce joint pain, help control blood sugar and enhance your quality of life. A \$3.00 per class donation is suggested.

Open to everyone—not just for seniors!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2012 are available for you to pick up in the hallway outside the church office. If you did not make a financial pledge but would like to use the envelope system for your giving please stop by or call the church office.



Emergency Relief is our Mission Project for January

The mission project for the month of January is a continuation of an *Emergency Relief Fund* at St. Paul. Your contributions will allow your church to respond immediately to local, national, and world disasters and/or to assist with local or church family needs -- and, not having to wait to ‘take up a special offering!’

Envelopes for your gifts can be found in the pew racks at the church. Please mark “Emergency Relief Fund” on the envelope. With your generosity, *we’ll be ready when the next emergency occurs.*

iMarriage



Standing at the altar, we all had a picture of what our marriage would look like. The problem is this picture of marriage results in expectations that we unload on our spouse. The weight of these expectations will rob your marriage of love and joy. As a spouse you never feel like you are good enough. So what are you to do with your expectations? You can’t deny them, because most expectations started out as God-given desires.

Whether you’re a newlywed or recently celebrated your 75th wedding anniversary you’re invited to come be a part of this 6 week class. The material is based on Andy Stanley’s “iMarriage” series where he encourages couples to transform their expectations and look to God in order to experience marriage as it was designed.

The class will run for six weeks beginning Wednesday evening January 25th and ending Wednesday, March 7th. There will not be a class on February 22nd due to the Ash Wednesday service.

Cost for the materials is only \$5.00. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary or contact Frank at the church (332-4191). The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 18th.

Life Line Screening to Visit St. Paul

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

Life Line Screening will be at *St. Paul United Methodist Church* on Wednesday, March 1st, offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, call to register at 1-800-690-0323 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. Prices range from \$129 to \$159. There is no time like the present to take action!

Life Line Screening will perform screenings for:

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| 1) carotid artery blockage (stroke) | 4) peripheral arterial disease |
| 2) atrial fibrillation | 5) osteoporosis (bone loss) |
| 3) abdominal aortic aneurysm | |

These screenings are recommended for anyone 50 and older, or 40 and over with cardiovascular risk factors. They are non-invasive, painless, and take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Results, which are mailed directly to you, will help you and your doctor protect your health. Stroke, Vascular and Heart Rhythm Package range from \$129.00 to \$159.00. Call 1-800-690-0323 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners to schedule your appointment.

Gold Group--Cards & Board Games -- in January



The Gold Group will meet on Wednesday, January 25th, at St. Paul for card and board games. Plan to meet at the church at 3:00 PM to ?? in room I for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Bring a snack item and your favorite game. Pizza will be ordered for a late snack or dinner. Those attending will be asked to pitch in for the cost of the pizza.



S.W.A.T.

(Seek. Worship. Accept. Tell)

S.W.A.T youth group is open to 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!!!!

The Official "S.W.A.T." January Schedule is:

Jan. 8th: Regular, fun-filled, exciting, enthralling, absorbing, engrossing, enchanting, beguiling, gripping, attention-grabbing, captivating, and all-around-good-time, REGULAR MEETING!

Jan. 15th: Come prepared for a SPECIAL, EXCITING, FUN-FILLED, TOP SECRET DESTINATION. That's right, it's once again time for a special DU (Destination Unknown). You, the friends you bring, and everyone you know will be talking about this night for days, weeks, months, years!!!! Come prepared for a GREAT S.W.A.T. DU!!!! Be at the church ready to leave PROMPTLY at 6:00 (p.m.)!!!

Jan. 22nd: Regular, fun-filled, exciting, enthralling, absorbing, engrossing, enchanting, beguiling, gripping, attention-grabbing, captivating, and all-around-good-time, REGULAR MEETING!

Jan. 29th: Regular, fun-filled, exciting, enthralling, absorbing, engrossing, enchanting, beguiling, gripping, attention-grabbing, captivating, and all-around-good-time, REGULAR MEETING!

S.W.A.T. Meetings run from 6:00-8:00 in January!!

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy to the Mike and Judy Childers and Keith and Trudy McConnell and families on the death of Judy and Keith's mother, Mrs. Mirian Ellen McConnell. Mrs. McConnell died December 16, 2011.

Our sympathy to Alice Scott and family on the death of husband, Max Scott. Max, a Charter Member of St. Paul, died December 26, 2011..



Thank You

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift we received from the church. Our family continues to feel very blessed to serve and be a part of this church. Your gift will either be used for a family vacation, for something around the home, or to purchase matching Duke clothing for all five of us! Know that your generosity is very much appreciated.



God Bless,
The VanAllens

SPY Happenings

St. Paul Youth (SPY) invites all youth, Jr. High and Sr. High, to join in the fun and fellowship each Sunday evening. The January schedule:

January 8	6-8PM in Brashaber Hall
January 15	6-8PM in Brashaber Hall
January 20 - 22	SPY Ski Trip to Gobles, MI
January 29	6-8PM in Brashaber Hall
January 29	\$50 Mission Trip Deposit Due

Your Attendance for December

DATE	8:45 AM	11:00 AM	CHURCH SCHOOL
December 4	117	89	62
December 11	137	89	76
December 18	129	100	67
December 25	One Service ... 198		N/C

<i>USHERS FOR JANUARY</i>

8:45 AM

*Bob Durnal
Lee Carmichael
Chuck Franz
Jr. Tatlock

11:00 AM

*Phil Davis
Tom Sanders
Carl Harrington
Phillip Morgan

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Serving you at St. Paul:

Pastor..... Frank VanAllen
Member Care Coordinator Becky Freeman
Directors 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
Media Coordinator Ian Hall
Librarian..... Charlotte Brashaber
Nursery Care..... Shirley Griffith
Nursery Care..... Gilda Rimola
Sexton..... Randy Martin
Custodian..... Tony Newton

