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The St. Paul's Newsletter

*Seeking to Know, Grow In,
and Show the Ways of Jesus.*



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From Good to Great

By Pastor George

Perhaps you have heard the saying, *“Good, better, best, never let it rest, ‘til your good is better and your better is best”*. Parents have shared such with their aspiring children, employers with those on their staff, coaches with team members, and teachers with their students. As we have entered another year I, your pastor, keep hearing the echo of that phrase. There is so much good that the Lord has brought about at St. Paul’s this past year. Through lightning and fire, deaths of members and friends, and through those who serve through our ministry, God has blessed us in ways that are not only worthy of celebrating, but worthy of our continued prayerful requests.

A well known book in the business community for the past decade is still having great influence on businesses, education, and families. The book title, From Good to Great, says it all. In your line of work, in your relationships, in your family, in your faith...don’t settle for good, don’t rest on your laurels, don’t coast through life...aspire that the good in your life might become great. The book studies Fortune 500 companies who have been at the top consistently for decades. There are only a few who dared to change in the midst of success to remain at the top. Many became caught up in their present success and were blind to the future. Now they are but a memory to those who study history. Have we not all had relationships that at one time were “good” but are now ruined, or, vocationally, we are mindful of past moments when we experienced success only to see it eventually resemble mediocrity.

I am encouraging such reflections with St. Paul’s leaders as we move into 2011. There is a lot of good happening in and through St. Paul’s Church. But what do we need to do to make our worship better so more worshippers experience God’s presence and invite their friends and neighbors to do the same; how do we encourage more members to visit and care for one another, especially those in their “golden” years or those going through difficulty; what needs to happen to help those who are a part of St. Paul’s church to grow in their faith so next year they can look back and say, “I’ve grown more spiritually this past year than ever before!”??

I invite you to join with me in praying for how we might partner with God in bringing out the great in others and in our mutual ministry. May our mindset be, *“If it’s broken, fix it. If it’s not broke, make it better.”* May we as individuals, family, community members and partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ continually seek how we might move from Good to Great!

Reminder: Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon

Sunday, January 23, 11:30am in the sanctuary, with a luncheon following in Fellowship Hall. (If inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled for the following Sunday, January 30).

Interested in Learning more about St. Paul’s Church? Membership? Ministry? How to get involved?

An *“Inquirers Session”* will be held on Sunday, February 6, from 11:45-2pm in the Church Parlor. Please RSVP via the Getting Connected Card or by contacting the church office. Lunch will be served. New members will be received Sunday, February 20 at each worship service.

Council Highlights

- **Approved purchase** of refillable oil Advent Wreath Candles.
- **Approved the purchase and installation of “Motion-Sensor” light switches** in the bathrooms in order to cut electric costs.
- **Pastoral Relations Committee** - Sharon Seeley was appointed by the church council to serve on the PRC. Members include: Don Lange, Jennifer Kazmaier, Dick Parsons, Sharon Seeley, and Aaron Griesheimer. A special thanks was given to Sandy Rohe for her service on the PRC for the past 3 years.

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2011 Church Council

(2011 Officers & Responsibilities
 to be determined January 17)

Jim Buescher	Cherie Monzyk
Ron Freese	Curt Rohe
Lulu Hasenjaeger	Lafe Schweissguth
Angie Hilbert	Wilma Zeh
Don Lange	

Financial Reports are now also posted outside the church office.

Brief Recap:

GENERAL FUND

Checking Acct Bal. (10/31/10)	\$ 1,578.94
Deposits	<u>\$ 12,308.51</u>
	\$ 13,887.45
Expenses	<u>\$(14,420.16)</u>
Balance On Hand (11/30/10)	\$ -532.71

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Pork Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

Sunday, February 27, Noon Until 5:00 p.m.
 St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville, Fellowship Hall

Adults— \$9.00

Children 6 to 12— \$5.00

Carry Outs Available

**Fresh Sausage, Ribs & Back Bones For Sale
 Come & Bring Your Family & Friends!!**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
 throughout the day,
 please sign up on the lobby table.**

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING- on Monday, January 31, 2-7pm, we will host a blood drive here at St. Paul's. Our goal this year is 47 units of blood. Please sign up in the lobby for a specific giving time - which will give you priority over walk-ins AND, if we have enough appointments in advance, it will allow us to strongly petition for a larger staff to work that day. Volunteers are also needed for set up and in the canteen throughout the day. See our Red Cross Coordinators, Lulu Hasenjaeger or Rosalie Parsons, for more info.

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Growing through Prayer

Please communicate prayer requests via office phone, e-mail or by utilizing the Getting Connected Card.

Please pray for: Gail DeVore Morris - diagnosed with cancer, beginning treatments; Eldon & Sue Green- battling flu and Bronchitis; Dennis Landrum (Emmaus Resident)-late stage cancer, at home on Hospice; Dale Krampe- receiving chemo treatments; For Victims of recent shootings and natural disasters; Lester Rottmann - recovering from recent fall, broken ribs (314-313-2881); John Spires-adjusting to implanting of second "pacemaker-type" device for Parkinson's; Don Bermier, friend of Jr. Berg, battling numerous health issues; Jerome Bunge-battling Parkinson's & Diabetes; Bob & Dee Schuster - for health and peace; **Those battling cancer:** Jenna Hale (Lisa Bollmann's niece) - continuing chemo for Hodgkin's Lymphoma; Mary Hackmann Dierkes -continues to receive treatments, has had many good reports so far; Alan Scholz - had facial tumor removed, receiving treatment; Frank Helm- receiving chemo for liver cancer; Celeste Mueller- has completed chemo treatments; Tim Palitsch; Barb Ebker ; Charlie



Frankenberg, Byron Mott; Eric Franklin;

Those serving in the Military: Erin Francis, Tim Thornton, Keith Theissen, Devon Martin, Zach Rigg, Andrew Hunewill, Chris Boehlein & others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country!

Pray for members in nursing homes or who are otherwise limited due to mobility/illness.

Please Remember those who can't always be with us with prayer/a visit/letter/card/phone call.

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Families grow stronger when members of your family let you know that they care. Our church family can also grow stronger when you know that they care. Being brothers and sisters in Christ, the church family should be no different. With that said, adult members of St. Paul's are invited to be a part of a gathering called

Adult Social Connection

The visions for these gatherings are to create:

Fellowship, which can be described as
mutual love and care of one another
companionship/friendship
association/to come together

Possibly through a *monthly get-together*
in a relaxed environment
to get-to-know the church family
for all adults
for fun

The February gathering for the Adult Social Connection is planned for February 11th at 6:30 p.m.

"How Sweet It Is" is the theme for the month celebrating Valentine's Day. There are a couple of things that we want you to bring. First is your favorite dessert. We're not planning a meal, just dessert. Our activity will be "Family Ties and Kodak moments". Bring a picture of you when you young, say elementary age or younger. Put your name on the back of the picture. We will collect these just for the evening. You will get them back before leaving. And we also would like you to bring photos of ????. What would you like to share with us? Your family, your pet, you enjoying your hobby. The idea is that we want to know more about you. Throughout the evening, each of us will have a time to "show and tell". Don't be shy it's your time to tell us your story. We all want to know you better. This is open to all adults. Don't let these requests keep you from coming, the idea behind this is to strengthen our relationships with each other, so mark your calendars now and make plans to attend. Any questions, just ask Karla, Diane or Darlene. Just a note for March, we're hoping to plan an evening out, away from fellowship hall.

More information to come.

Pastor's Prayer Partners is starting up. If you would like to know how this works and how you can help, see Pastor George or Larry Brewe, or you can e-mail:

prayer@stpaulsuccmo.org. You can actively participate in this ministry right from your own home. It just takes a commitment to pray.

For a copy of Worship (for shut-ins) OR Message's on audio tape for personal use / share with a friend, please speak to someone at the sound booth, contact the church office or pick up one from the basket on the lobby table.



THANKS AGAIN
TO EVERYONE WHO
HELPED MAKE THE CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM SUCH A SUCCESS!

If you missed the program, you can still order DVD's from Chuck. See him after church to place your order!



STAR of WONDER



Do you have pictures from the Program?
Please e-mail them to office@stpaulsuccmo.org
or drop a copy by the Church Office!

If you wish to receive the newsletter in color via the email (this would not only help the environment but would enable St. Paul's Church to be better stewards of our finances - saving on printing, paper and mailing), please call or email the church office.

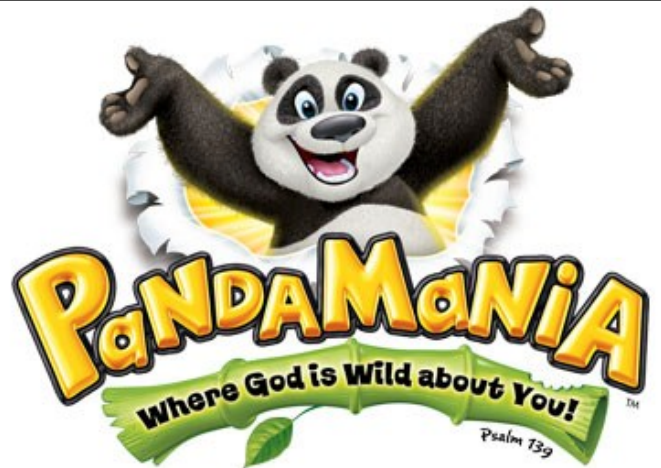
+ Youth Connection

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Attention! A new curriculum committee is forming. We will be working on deciding stories, knowledge, and skills that we want our Morning Light to learn and when we want to learn them. If interested in participating in this committee, please contact Catie Monzyk at catherinem0419@hotmail.com or call 573-459-7035. **Thank you!**

SUPER-SUNDAY

On the third Sunday of each month, elementary age children and their families are invited to share in some fun for the entire family. Lunch will be provided in fellowship hall following worship, then we will engage in a fun activity. In January we are going to the YMCA in Washington for swimming. Watch for details concerning February's activity.



Mark your Calendars!
St. Paul's VBS: July 11-15

Super Bowl weekend means Super-Sub sandwiches.

Our confirmands are selling sub sandwiches to help offset expenses for a conference they will be attending this spring as well as a retreat. See a confirmand or the lobby table to order. They may be picked up on Sunday, February 6 - just in time for the Super Bowl!

WILD ABOUT YOUTH Steak Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 12 at 6 p.m.

All steaks will be prepared MEDIUM. Meals come with baked potato, vegetable, salad, bread and dessert.

**T-bone, Rib Eye or Sirloin: \$20 each
Chicken: \$15 each**

All proceeds go to St. Paul's Youth Ministry.

Morning LIGHT will be taking donations to make 2 gift baskets for the silent auction at the "Steak Dinner". Basket themes are "Night at the Movies" and "Family Game Night". We are asking each family that has children in the Morning LIGHT Sunday school to donate something for one of these baskets. Please send in donations by February 13, 2011.

Ideas for "Family Game Night"

games for various ages, snacks, gift card for pizza or local stores to buy games.

Ideas for "Night at the Movies"

Family DVD's, popcorn, candy, snacks, gift cards to local theaters, etc.

We will also take monetary donations to purchase items for the baskets.

St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville

Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda – January 23, 2011, 11:30am

Call to Order

Declaration of Quorum

Amending the Agenda (adding items not on the agenda)

Approval of 2010 Minutes as printed in the Annual Report

Auditing Committee Report

Fire Restoration Update - Brad Kazmaier

Update on ROTT Foundation Loan and Repayments

Action Items

1. Approval & Vow of Support for Church Fundraisers:
Chicken Dinner – September 18, 2011
Sausage Dinner – February 26, 2012

(Action Items Continued):

2. Presentation and vote on proposed budget

3.

4.

Motion to Adjourn

Closing Prayer

Spaghetti Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

2010 Annual Reports

Annual Meeting Minutes (Jan. 24, 2010 11:30am)

Meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared.

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were reviewed, Jean Webb made a motion to accept, Debbie Garbs 2nd, approved.

Audit committee (Diane Freese & Karla Aholt) declared the books were in order. Motion made by Rosalie Parsons, 2nd by Robyn DeVore, to thank and dismiss the audit committee. Approved.

Approval & Vow of support for Church fundraisers:

Chicken Dinner – September 19, 2010

Sausage Dinner – February 27, 2011

Motion made by Dick Parsons, 2nd by Terry Ogle, approved.

Jennifer & Nathan Walker spoke briefly about their call to Family Life Ministry and asked for prayers.

Presentation and vote on proposed budget: Motion made by Jean Webb to accept, 2nd by Otto Thierbach, approved.

Robyn DeVore made a motion to go back to one service of worship, 2nd by George Dohm. Discussion followed. Motion failed. Council will put together a Sunday Morning Schedule Survey to be distributed in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Sharon Seeley, Recording Secretary

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2010, 11:00 am

Meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared.

Motion made by Jean Webb, 2nd by Diane Freese: That St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville approve

funding for the replacement of siding on all areas of the sanctuary, side-room, lobby and educational building not covered by insurance.

Brad Kazmaier, Advanced Restoration, led discussion on the siding. Don Lange, council Vice-President, led discussion on the funding.

With the Rott loan of \$25,000 already approved by the congregation, an additional \$20,000 would be needed to complete the work.

Show of hands was called for and the motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Sharon Seeley, Recording Secretary

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2010, 10:00 am

Meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared.

Motion made by Jean Webb, 2nd by Dick Parsons: That St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville authorizes Advanced Restoration, LLC to remove and replace the youth house roof along with any necessary repairs for a sum not to exceed \$10,000. It is understood that such funds will come from credit given by the insurance company for volunteer hours as part of the sanctuary reconstruction due to the 4/30/2010 lightning strike. The Church Council is also authorized to allocate any excess additional funds (up to \$10,000) received from insurance to make other repairs as necessary.

Jim Buescher, Buildings and Grounds, explained history of roof repairs and described current condition.

Brad Kazmaier, Advanced Restoration, discussed the funding. Voice vote was called for and the motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Sharon Seeley, Recording Secretary

Fall Congregational Meeting Minutes 10/24/10

Persons to serve on the following were elected: Cemetery Board: Lulu Hasenjaeger & Jim Buescher. Other board members include: Wayne Zeh & Orville Rohe.

Church Council: Angie Hilbert, Curt Rohe, Lafe Schweissguth. Other Council members include: Jim Buescher, Cherie Monzyk, Don Lange, Wilma Zeh, Lulu Hasenjaeger & Ron Freese,
Rev. George Dohm thanked Sharon Seeley, Cheryl Parsons for their service. Meeting adjourned.

Other Ministry Records

Average Worship Attendance: 2010 - 168 people / week (+10 vs. 2009)

Baptisms: (8) Dianica Schuster, Colsie Lange, Shawn Benson, Hailey Steffens, Lafe Schweissguth II, Ardath Pritchard, Raena Carver, Caylynn Murrell.

New members received: (19) Larry & Darlene Brewe, Krista Carver, Dennis & Billie Kramme, Wayne & Sandy Brooks, Ed & Gail Dickinson, Andrew Dickinson, Amanda Dickinson, Chuck & Rachel Hunt (Brooklyn, Madelyn), Phil & Dianne Mittler (Shawn, Lane), Matt Monzyk, Kenny & Kimberly Posey (Xavier), Ardath Pritchard

Weddings: (4) Carey-Stanfill, Smith-Lange, Burbon-McCarthy, Theissen-Longsdon.

Funerals: (6) Eric Gartner, Grace Wilson, Dorris Dothage, John Brown, Art Logan, Warner Hinnah.

Pastor's Report – (Rev. George Dohm)

2010 will long be remembered as the year the sanctuary was struck by lightning and we went through the fire and were better for it. In addition to our lobby and sanctuary getting a facelift, we, as a church, were reminded once again that our faith is about relationships - a relationship with God and with one another. The way we came together in times of adversity speaks volumes to who we are as St. Paul's Church and what we are about. A great affirmation of this reality was when, in November, seven adults joined St. Paul's who had never worshipped in the sanctuary. What a reminder that the church is not a building, but people - people who matter to God and who care for one another!

Scripture repeatedly documents how God is in the business of bringing good out of bad - be it personal tragedy or physical loss. As we saw giving and worship attendance increase following the fire and throughout the summer, I was reminded of how much we can accomplish together when we are unified around a common mission. What follows is just the tip of the iceberg (not an exhaustive list) when we recall accomplishments which took place over this past year:

Began using new bibles in the sanctuary (February)

We had a total of five small groups meeting over the course of the year. (If you are interested in being a part of a group or in possibly leading one, talk with Jean Webb or myself.)

Sponsored and held a blood drive at St. Paul's - 45 units were given.

Continued the church's sponsorship of numerous Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Brownie and Girl Scout troops.

Numerous members from St. Paul's attended the annual prayer breakfast, held on March 3 at St. Vincent's.

Held a variety of fellowship type events for children, youth and their families - such as a Katy Trail bike ride, swimming, and serving at the Emmaus Home; Youth Retreat at the Kazmaier's Lake House, 17 participated.

Bill and Jean Webb hosted a pool party for youth at their home.

Deb Kuchem and I took 10 youth to Michigan for a workcamp mission trip. (6/20-23)

Bill and Jean Webb helped sponsor a Youth Event (13 attended) to see the Musical "Noah" (in Branson), July 6-7.

Emmaus' Founders Day - 7/9, 12 from St. Paul's helped with games and tear down.

Shannondale Mission Trip (8/20-22)- 36 from St. Paul's served and enjoyed the weekend together.

2010-2011 Confirmation participants include: Abigail Boehlein, Seth Bollmann, Michael Glosemeyer, Cara Kuchem, Lane Mittler, Shaun Mittler, Michael Morgan, Alissa Zeh; Confirmation Leaders: Pastor George, Larry & Darlene Brewe, Chris Marquart AS WELL AS Sunday Morning SS confirmation leaders: Sharon Seeley and Susie Thierbach.

Christian Education Committee restarted and has been overseeing all aspects of our Christian Education.

Started a "Membership Care Committee" to develop systems enabling us to better care for one another.

In 2010, Kelly & I hosted the Women's Guild, the Church Council and various Youth Events & meetings at our home.

Saw over a hundred people from St. Paul's and our community help the weekend of the fire to remove items from the sanctuary as well as help gradually return the sanctuary to use.

Youth House Roof was replaced, New Roof put on Sanctuary & Lobby, Sanctuary Siding replaced.

Totenfest Sunday was our first Sunday back in the sanctuary - what an appropriate way to celebrate the past and look to the future together. (May we never forget our past while we strive to leave a spiritual legacy for the future.)

Various members started the training process for leading a Good News Club at Marthasville Elementary.

At the end of the year I began moving back into my office and setting up the "Library" in such a way that it can be used for a small meeting space as well as a prayer room for after worship and during the week.

As we look forward to ministry together in 2011, may the only fire be that which is evidenced by our passion to serve the Lord and His people in the Marthasville area, our homes, places of work, study and beyond!

Christian Education Report for 2010: What a year for Jennifer Walker to resign as our Youth Director (Jennifer, and her husband, Nathan, have accepted a call to serve as Missionaries through FamilyLIFE Ministries based in Arkansas - - Thanks, Jennifer, for nearly a decade of faithful service). Jennifer went out with a bang! For instance:

- Many came together to make the Youth Ministry Steak Dinner (fundraiser) in January one of the most successful ever, with just over \$4,000 being raised. Thanks to all the youth and parents that helped to prepare, serve and clean up. Thanks also to those that attended the dinner to support our youth programs. An extra special thanks goes out to Homeyer Tool and Die for the donation of all the meat served at the dinner.
- Morning L.I.G.H.T. Christian Education attendance set new highs, raising the need to either add more classes or add adult leaders to the classrooms to help with the 10+ students in four of the classes.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS)- Hero Headquarters was an incredible event. Fifty six volunteers made the week possible (with dozens more a part of the preparation teams) that saw 120 children discover how they could be God's Hero when they care for and serve others. ONE HUNDRED & TWENTY!!!
- Joyce Carver has helped to put together a team of nine who, on a rotating basis, care for the young ones who come to the Nursery during 10:30 worship. They enable parents to worship (or lead a class) knowing that their precious little one is learning of the love of God.
- The Christian Education Committee had to add a class and recruit additional teachers this year. The Morning L.I.G.H.T. leaders are doing such a great job that members are bringing their friends and those who visit want to come back! Way to go!!
- At least 27-32 adults are a part of a Spiritual Growth experience each week - be it through the adult Sunday School class or small groups. We say "At Least" because many of you have begun using the Upper Room or Our Daily Bread devotionals for Spiritual Growth, or you have become a part of the Prayer Ministry (or one of Pastor's Prayer Partners) and find yourself praying more and are much more mindful of God's presence and leading.
- Youth participated in a Mission Trip to Michigan, attended three different Christian Concert events, saw the Noah's Ark presentation in Branson, shared in Lock-Ins, local service projects and served St. Paul's via worship and/or Christian Education.

We celebrated the Mid-Week ministries (Adventure Club and Family Faith Night) and concluded their run this past year. As our Sunday morning Christian Education has strengthened and grown over the past year, the mid-week attendance decreased. It was decided to continue the emphasis on Sunday morning and add a monthly fellowship-type event/activity for elementary age children and their parents/siblings. This will kick off in 2011 with an afternoon swimming at the YMCA.

All that's been accomplished in 2010 could not have been done without the people who answer God's call to serve and help create spaces and environments that are conducive to spiritual growth! Thanks to everyone involved with the Children's and Youth Ministry programs. Thanks for answering the call and allowing God to work through you, showing God's love to the children, teens and adults of our church and community. God has been honored this past year and many have been blessed through the ministry of St. Paul's Christian Education. May it continue!

Prayer Ministry 2010 Annual Report — St. Paul's Prayer Ministry was "birthed" in March of 2010, beginning with the 6-week video series "When God's People Pray", by Jim Cymbala. This ministry team has continued to meet every Tuesday since for the purpose of praying over the needs of the church, community, nation, the world. It has grown from a 5-person team to presently 12! Being a part of the prayer ministry has been a life-changing experience for many on the team.

The goals and initiatives of this ministry are driven by Jesus' words that "*My house is to be a house of prayer...*"(Matthew 21:13). Working towards this goal for St. Paul's church, some of the prayer initiatives for 2010 have included:

"Prayer that Binds Generation": the church has taken on the task of seeing that every student is prayed for daily by one person during the school year, Sept.-May! Our young people are covered!

"Prayer Watch": Calling the church to corporate prayer. The focus of the first one was our young people—each one was prayed for, as well as the teachers and parents. The second focus: Pastor George and his family—calling upon God to lead and guide him, protect them, and minister to their needs as our leaders. The Lord's Presence was clearly touching lives at both.

"Pastor's Prayer Partners": those who agree to commit to daily prayer for our Pastor, starts in 2011.

"Email prayer chain": was begun for those needs that arise needing immediate prayer. An email connection was established to facilitate this: prayer@stpaulsuccmo.org

"When God's People Pray": 6-week video series has been run 3 times.

We welcome each one who has a desire to serve on this team. We pray that God will lead us in 2011 to accomplish all that He desires in prayer at St. Paul's.

Women's Guild Annual Report for 2010 -

The Women's Guild is an organization of St. Paul's that meets monthly for spiritual fellowship among the women of the church and promotes Christian support and financial assistance for others in need of our services. We express this support by serving for funeral lunches, assisting with the Country Store at church dinners, participating in the Quilting for Valor program, assisting in the Red Cross blood drive, and hosting other events as needed. Our quilting group meets twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to join them.

The Guild purchased and assembled health kits this year for Haiti earthquake victims, sponsored subscriptions to the daily devotional booklet, the Upper Room, donated toward the cost of the new kitchen stove and contributed a Thanksgiving basket for the Camp MoVal fund raiser auction. In May we attended the women's fellowship gathering at Immanuel UCC in Holstein and in July we hosted a salad luncheon for women from our church. Our annual outing in June this year was to New Haven for lunch at Somebody's Restaurant and a visit to a glass blowing demonstration and shop. In December we gathered for a Christmas luncheon at BC's Kitchen in Lake St. Louis.

We currently have 25 members and look forward to including other new members in our fellowship in the coming year. **-Wilma Zeh, Secretary**

From the Church Council - Pastor's Compensation: In the fall of 2007, the search committee had been searching for a pastor for a year. They came before the congregation and asked for guidance. Our salary package was too low to attract candidates. They asked the congregation for permission to advertise and offer "conference guidelines" which refers to the recommended minimum compensation guidelines for churches in the Missouri Mid-South Conference. The congregation voted to do that knowing that it would take a leap of faith and require more income than we were currently generating.

When Pastor George was called early in 2008, the council put together a salary package that almost met the minimum compensation guidelines for an inexperienced pastor, not accounting for the 15+ years of experience that Pastor George had. Last year, 2010, we took our first move toward fulfilling our agreement. Last year we increased our pastor's salary by \$5000 & this year's proposal reflects another move (\$6,000) toward meeting the minimum standard. Pastor George's current salary (cash base + housing) is \$54,400. The minimum compensation guideline for a church of our size with a pastor that has 17 years of experience is \$63,600 (cash base + housing.). Since the council was directed by a vote of the congregation to offer a salary following conference guidelines, we advertised the position that way, and we want to work toward living up to our commitment. It is the council's hope to meet this commitment with approval from the congregation. Our church is growing under Pastor George's guidance. We as a council have faith that our church will continue to grow and meet our obligations whether they are spiritual or financial.

General Information Regarding Budget and Spending

General Fund- Any money that is not otherwise designated by a notation on the offering envelope or in the memo on a check will be deposited into the Church's General Fund. 80% of the General Fund is used to pay for expenses such as: payroll, all utilities, kitchen expenses, office expenses etc. Basically all operating expenses are paid from this fund.

20% of the General Fund is used for designated missions. That 20% is divided into the following categories with the monthly percentage listed:

40%	Marthasville Emmaus
15%	SIM USA/Belton Family Missionaries
10%	Good Samaritan (Emergency) Fund
10%	FamilyLIFE - Nathan & Jennifer Walker, Missionaries
10%	Veterans of The Cross
10%	Shannondale Community Center
5%	OCWM(Our Church's Wider Mission)

NOTE: this reflects a proposed change from 2010, when the Good Samaritan Fund received 20%. We had doubled that fund anticipating increased needs which did not materialize. Our budget proposal is to return the Good Samaritan Fund to 10% and ADD FamilyLIFE Missionaries, Nathan & Jennifer Walker, at 10%.

Current Fund- Any money that is designated to the Current Fund will only be spent locally on the needs of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. No part of this fund is used for Missions or Extra Step.

Building Fund- Any money designated to the Building Fund is used for specific building needs.

Memorial Fund- Any money designated to the Memorial Fund are deposited into this account. The Memorial Fund is used for items such as: chimes, copier contract, or items given in memory which are designated by family members.

Emergency/Good Samaritan Fund- Any money designated to this account is used to help neighbors that are in need. This fund has been used to help with heating bills, water bills, rent payments, medical bills and food pantry needs.

Extra Step Donations- Extra Step donations are given by special envelope or special notes attached to the check designating that the money should be given to a particular Extra Step. The Extra Step for each month is listed in the church's newsletter. (Please make your check payable to "St. Paul's UCC" & designate which mission is to receive the funds.)

St. Paul's UCC Cemetery Fund 2010 Report

(submitted by: Lulu Hasenjaeger, Treasurer)

Income

American Funds	\$1747.52
Burials & Markings	1750.00
Donations	200.00
Interest-Checking Acct	25.57
Transfer-Wachovia	10,738.12
Transfer-Edward Jones	<u>841.27</u>
	\$15,302.48

Expenses

Grass Cutting-Marthasville	\$4600.00
Grass Cutting-Dutzow	660.00
PO Box Rent	44.00
Returned Dbl Payment for marking	50.00
Fill Dirt Loading	850.00
Fill Dirt Hauling	2587.50
Fill Dirt Spreading	970.00
Seeding	875.00
Straw-T & C Nursery	<u>36.00</u>
	\$10,672.50

Total Funds:

Checking Acct	10,794.60
Edward Jones	21,561.56
American Funds	<u>38,690.49</u>
	\$71,046.49

2010 Year End Financial Recap:

Balance on hand (January 1, 2010)	\$ 6164.62
Deposits	<u>15302.48</u>
	21467.10
Expenses	<u>\$10672.50</u>
Balance (December 31, 2010)	\$10,794.60

Mission Giving Summary

MISSIONS

Total Paid

(Portion from 20% of Gen. Fund Giving Plus Designated Gifts)

Emmaus Home, Marthasville - 40%	\$9596.10
Good Samaritan (Emergency Fund) - 20%	9995.39
SIM- Belton Family -15%	3988.35
Veterans of the Cross-Christmas Fund-10%	2580.90
Shannondale Community Center- 10%	2074.90
OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) - 5%	<u>1456.45</u>

TOTAL \$29,692.09

EXTRA STEPS & OTHER DESIGNATED GIFTS

Wash. Overseas Medical & Dental Missions	\$ 680.00
One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)	2713.29
ALIVE	30.00
Pregnancy Assistance Center (+86 Gifts to kids)	320.00
Festival of Sharing	326.00
Evangelical Children's Home	1076.34
Compassion International(+18 children sponsored)	<u>175.00</u>

TOTAL \$5320.63

TOTAL MISSION GIVING = \$35,012.72

Way To Go ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, this represents 20% of our overall giving going beyond our local church. That's making a difference in our world!!

St. Paul's Women's Guild 2010 Report

(submitted by: Lulu Hasenjaeger, Treasurer)

Income

Quilting	1735.00
Upper Room	69.10
Offering	210.20
Serve Dinner	145.00
Funeral Lunches Served	<u>1882.29</u>
TOTAL -----	\$4041.59

Expenses, Gifts, Donations & Contributions

Upper Room	57.00
Table Cloths	33.24
Kitchen Stove	1000.00
Wednesday Dinner	108.43
Christmas Shut-In Gifts	22.85
Festival of Sharing	40.00
Food for Funerals	939.20
Quilts of Valor Lunch	67.70
Personal Packages	193.65
Paper Products	58.52
Dohm Christmas	100.00
Quilters Cookies	<u>12.49</u>
TOTAL -----	\$2633.08

2010 Year End Financial Recap:

Balance on hand (January 1, 2010)	\$ 3942.54
Deposits	<u>4041.59</u>
	7984.13
Expenses	<u>\$ 2633.08</u>
Balance (December 31, 2010)	\$ 5351.05

St. Paul's Financial Giving Summary

Fund	2009	2010
General	109,792	113,782
Current	33,077	58,734
Building *includes insurance deposits	54,266	537,625
Memorial	6,815	7,541
Good Samaritan	6,360	5,178
Children's Ed.	2,404	1,928
Dinners	19,109	11,508
Missions	5,598	6,222
Other Income	5,887	839
Youth Ministry	5,311	12,284
Total Income	248,620	755,641

Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity and sacrificial giving over the past 12 months.

We began 2010 with many uncertainties concerning the overall financial picture of our country, our members and our church. We met, and in some areas exceeded, our 2010 commitments. God has proven, again, that He's faithful! Thanks be to God! May we continue to *know, grow in & show Jesus' ways* in 2011!

Budget Proposal for 2011 St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville	Actual	Budget	Actual	Prop'd
	2009	2010	2010	2011
Salaries and Benefits				
Pastor's Salary Including Housing	49400	54400	54400	60400
Pension Plan -Pastor	6916	7616	7616	8456
Health Insurance	12600	12600	12600	12600
Car Allowance - Mileage	2362.28	3500	2032	3500
Disability & Life Insurance - Pastor	1350	1496	1496	1496
Continuing Education	500	500	379	500
Social Security Allowance - Pastor	3780	4162	4162	4621
Youth & Child's Ministry	11340	11760	4900	0
Secretary - 10 hours/wk (2011 proposal is for 20 hours/wk)	4529.4	6240	5760	12480
Custodian	5603.23	6500	6500	6700
Organists	1763.88	1740	1880	2110
Nursery Attendant	0	1100	0	0
(Subtotal of Salary & Benefits)	100144.8	111614	101725	112863
Operating Expenses				
Electric - Church	3023.58	3500	4715	4000
Electric - Youth House (former parsonage)	285.92	500	444	500
Heating Propane - Church & Ed. Building	5774	4500	7000	5000
Heating Fuel - Youth House (former parsonage)	1634.78	1300	534	1300
Water, Sewer & Trash	1718.47	1600	1665	1600
Telephone	473.48	700	604	700
Ground Maintenance & Mowing	3630.56	4000	3786	4000
Church Maintenance	2269.15	3000	656	3000
Youth House Maintenance	21	1000	895	1000
Contracts and Licenses	1050	1200	1000	1200
Social Security Tax - Employer's Portion	2200	2300	2287	2300
Workmen's Compensation	850	900	890	1000
Insurance - Property & Liability	2743	6000	6229	7000
Pulpit Supply ("substitute" preachers)	600	800	985	800
Worship Supplies	1151.19	1200	998	1200
Postage	2104.4	1500	1284	1200
Printing	1469.19	1500	1362	1500
Office Supplies	1149.01	1200	579	1500
Custodian Supplies	725.07	1000	589	1000
Computer-Copier Expenses			1784	1500
Miscellaneous	119.2	500	217	500
(Subtotal of Operating Expenses)	32992	38200	38503	41800
Programs				
Music	724	800	572	800
Conference & Leadership Meetings	100	500	300	500
Evangelism & Stewardship	1051.59	1500	498	1500
Christian Ed. (S.S. Curriculum, VBS, Confirmation)	1575	1500	1780	1500
Hospitality	0	200	116	200
Subscriptions	374	200	200	200
Annual Picnic	0	200	200	200
(Subtotal of Programs)	3824.59	4900	3666	4900
(Total of All Budget Sections)	136961	154714	143894	159563

FIRST SATURDAY SERVE!

In attempt to keep our facility in top shape, the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to be a part of FIRST SATURDAY SERVE! Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of each month, 9am-12noon, and come ready to make a difference.

Please plan to stop by and serve on Saturday, February 5. Join with others in making a difference!



HONDURAS SPONSOR TOUR

Attention COMPASSION Sponsors! Compassion International is sponsoring a trip to Honduras this spring, and you will be able to meet your sponsored child in the Honduras during this trip! You can bring a friend or family member with you if you wish. Interested? Use this link:

<http://www.compassion.com/sponsordonor/tours/hondurassponsortour11.htm>

Tour Dates: 5/14/2011 to 5/21/2011

Tour Cost Per Person: \$2,800.00

Additional fuel surcharges may apply.

Deposit Needed: \$180.00

Tour Description

Come see first-hand the impact your sponsorship is having on the life of the child you support here in Honduras. Your child will be so encouraged by your visit and inspired to continue to grow in Christ and fulfill the dreams and ambitions purposed for their future. This incredible tour will give you the opportunity to know with certainty that your contributions are solidifying change in the heart of a child and the development of this poverty stricken country. Make no mistake that God is moving here and your partnership is entrusting further change in His Kingdom plans for the "least of these."

On this trip you will learn more thoroughly about the community your child lives in, their home situations, the staff that teach and train them at the child development centers, the beauty of the country of Honduras and reality of the impact of poverty on the lives of children. Come join us, experience the love of the children, and walk away with a new perspective on Honduras and its incredibly warm people! Sign up soon because these tours fill up fast and we don't want you to miss out on this incredible adventure!

World Day of Prayer service will be held here at St. Paul's on Friday, March 4. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Altar flowers

December 5

given by Bob & Karla Aholt in memory of Virgil Dothage, who passed away on Dec. 6, 2003

Extra arrangement was in honor of Katie Thornton's 21st birthday, by Grandma Lulu Hasenjaeger

December 12

given by Leonard & Ellie Lutz in appreciation to their children who are always there when needed.

December 19

given by Henry & Jeanette Stegner

December 26

by Debbie, Diana, Devon, and Danica Garbs in memory of Don Garbs, who passed away 14 years ago today.

Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6.

We will have Lenten worship services each week (March 9-April 13, 7pm, with Light Supper from 6-6:45pm).

Poinsettias were given by:

Todd & Chris Marquart

Marilyn Erisman

Ann Jenkins, in memory of her Dad, Ralph Pruitt

Sharon Seeley, in memory of John Seeley

Rich & Barb Strubberg, in memory of loved ones

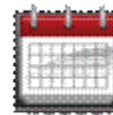
Orville & Sandy Rohe, in memory of loved ones

Maurice & Mary Mittler,
in memory of Walter & Lydia Mittler

Emmaus Fish Fry Fundraiser- Friday, Jan. 28, 4-7pm, Washington KC Hall. Pies are needed. Please drop them off at the KC Hall by 3pm or here at St. Paul's by noon that day.

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity. On Sunday, January 30, at 2pm, St. Paul's will host this year's community-wide service. You are invited to share in this special worship service focusing on unity. Refreshments, provided by our Women's Guild, will be shared in fellowship hall following the service.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



January Birthdays

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| 1: Norbert Shacklette
Wesley Thierbach | 19: Cindy Niemeyer |
| 2: Brayden Mayer
Dayton Griesheimer | 21: Tim Borgmann
Mathew Marquart
Adam Witte |
| 4: Jessica Zeh
Jason Sides, Jr. | 22: Ellen Engelage
Wade Swartz |
| 5: McKenzie Dohm
Xavier Posey | 25: Shelly Struckhoff |
| 7: Matt Monzyk | 26: Lori Strubberg |
| 9: Celeste Mueller
LaVerda Thierbach | 28: Billie Logan
Phyllis Sontag
Esther Pepmueller
Bret Milam |
| 10: Randy Wilson | 29: Mike Lowry |
| 11: Rhonda Juntti | 30: Steve Strubberg
Phil Mittler |
| 12: Kara Niemeyer | 29: Debi Verges |
| 13: Janna Thornton
Robbin DeVore | |
| 15: Angela Gray
Kelly Meyer | |

February Birthdays

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| 1: Kirk Engelage | 18: Aaron Dohrer
Don Sida |
| 5: Steven Webb
Ben Zeh
Christina Monzyk | 19: Grace Webb
Wilma Zeh |
| 7: Linda Hasenjaeger
Helene Krampe
Chris Lowry
Evan Witte
Jennifer Zeh | 20: John Presser
BryceKazmaier |
| 9: Wes Berg, Jr. | 21: Herbert Roloff
David Pepmueller
James King |
| 10: Randy Roloff
Colsie Lange | 22: Darrell Hasenjaeger
Henry Stegner
Martha Wackher
Carl Krampe |
| 11: Yvonne Ridder
Bryce Mayer | 25: Donald Lange
Cheryl Swartz |
| 15: Robert Dohrer | 28: Ethan Collier |
| 16: Jon Zeh
John Carver | |

January Wedding Anniversaries

- 2: John & Nancy Presser
- 8: John & Shelly Struckhoff
- 25: Don & Linda Mittler
- 31: Kenny & Kimberly Posey

February Wedding Anniversaries

- 1: John & Joyce Carver
- 3: Jerome & Walean Bunge
- 6: Murrill & Ben Wohler
- 7: Paul & Diane Freese
- 8: Edgar & LaVerda Thierbach-1959
- 9: Richard & Rosalie Parsons-1958
- 11: Dennis & Billie Kramme
- 12: Henry & Jeanette Stegner-1950
Larry & Brenda Hoemann
- 14: Robert & Dee Schuster
- 19: Russell & Marigene Kersten
- 20: Paul & Lori Riegel

January Anniversaries of Baptism

- 31: Dianica Schuster

February Anniversaries of Baptism

- 11: Teagan Zeh
- 12: Taylor Steffens
- 17: Tristan Zeh
- 22: Molly Struckhoff
Dylan Longsdon
- 29: Wesley Thierbach

Emmaus 1950s-Style Gala Celebrates People with Developmental Disabilities

Emmaus Homes is hosting its **23rd Annual Open Your Heart Dinner on Saturday, February 5, 2011** at the St. Charles Convention Center. This year's gala event will have a 1950s theme, and guests are invited to join in the fun by wearing their "sock hop" attire.

All proceeds from the Open Your Heart Dinner support Emmaus' residential programs for almost 250 men and women with developmental disabilities. Emmaus provides its residents throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area with homes and support staff, as well as social and recreational programs for seniors and adults with cognitive, intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

The Open Your Heart Dinner will include a cocktail reception, silent and oral auctions, a gourmet dinner and dancing to the Galaxy Band. Tickets for the event are \$150 or \$1,500 for a table of ten. Reservations may be made at the Emmaus website, www.emmaushomes.org. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are also available.

The Open Your Heart Dinner is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. William Linnenbringer, Clayco, St. John's Hospital (Washington, Mo.), Dr. Mark & Lisa Tobben, Deaconess Foundation, Richard Ellerbrake, Husch Blackwell Sanders, S.M. Wilson & Co., US Bank, Rubin Brown LLP, Bank of Washington, Missouriian Publishing Co. and Lois Puchta (Adam Puchta Winery).

St. Paul's Ministry Calendar, February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church Prayer Ministry 6pm	<i>2</i> Missions Committee 7:30am 2pm-Women's Guild 4:30-Puppet Rehearsal 4:30-5:30pm Book Small Group- Parlor 7pm-Worship Leaders 6:30-8pm-Confirmation	<i>3</i> 1-5pm Quilters	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> First Saturday Serve! Church Workday 9am-12Noon
<i>6</i> Boy Scout Sunday Worship @ 9 & 10:30am Communion 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School New Member Class 11:45-2pm.	<i>7</i> 9-4:30pm Quilters Christian Educ. Committee 7pm Pastoral Relations Committee 7pm	<i>8</i> Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church Prayer Ministry 6pm Food Pantry -Charrette Baptist	<i>9</i> 4:30-Puppet Rehearsal 4:30-5:30pm Book Small Group- Parlor 7pm-Worship Leaders 6:30-8pm-Confirmation	<i>10</i> 1-5pm Quilters	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> Shamondale Sunday Worship @ 9 & 10:30am 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School	<i>14</i> 9-4:30pm Quilters 7pm -Council	<i>15</i> Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church Prayer Ministry 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	<i>16</i> 4:30-Puppet Rehearsal 4:30-5:30pm Book Small Group- Parlor 7pm-Worship Leaders 6:30-8pm-Confirmation	<i>17</i> 1-5pm Quilters	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 11am-Noon Food Pantry- Charrette Baptist Church
<i>20</i> Receive New Members Worship @ 9 & 10:30am 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School Super Sunday (elementary age) 11:30am-2pm	<i>21</i> 9-4:30pm Quilters	<i>22</i> Small Group Bible Study, 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church Prayer Ministry 6pm	<i>23</i> 4:30-Puppet Rehearsal 4:30-5:30pm Book Small Group- Parlor 7pm-Worship Leaders 6:30-8pm-Confirmation	<i>24</i> 1-5pm Quilters	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> Worship @ 9 & 10:30am 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner & Country Store Noon-5pm	<i>28</i> 9-4:30pm Quilters Membership Care Committee 7pm					

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ALL YOU CAN EAT

Pork Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

Sunday, February 27, Noon Until 5:00 p.m.
St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville, Fellowship Hall

Adults— \$9.00
Children 6 to 12— \$5.00
Carry Outs Available

Fresh Sausage, Ribs & Back Bones For Sale
Come & Bring Your Family & Friends!!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
throughout the day,
please sign up on the lobby table.

WILD ABOUT YOUTH

Steak Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 12 at 6 p.m.

**All steaks will be prepared
MEDIUM. Meals come with
baked potato, vegetable, salad,
bread and dessert.**

T-bone, Rib Eye or Sirloin: \$20 each
Chicken: \$15 each

All proceeds go to
St. Paul's Youth Ministry.