

# JANUARY 2016

## THE UNITED METHODIST NEWSLETTER

Alton United Methodist Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church

**Friends,**

As part of the preparation for the upcoming Consultation, St. Paul is forming a prayer team who will pray for some very specific needs. This might be beneficial for both our churches to do in this new year. I know we have some folks who are considered prayer warriors and this would not only include these but also others in the congregation who feel God leading them to prayer ministry. As a start we should pray for our churches. Pray for your pastor. I need it. Pray for the leadership teams. Pray for the work of the various committees and those who serve on the committees. You will find this information on a bulletin board at each church. Begin praying for General and Annual Conferences.

Pray also for leaders in the local community. Pray for those who serve on the city council, the mayor, all the aldermen and others. Especially pray when major issues are coming before the council. Pray for other elected officials and those who are appointed to their work, including county leaders and the sheriff's department. Pray for the school board, the superintendant, the school teachers and administrative staff. Pray for the principal, the counselor, the aides, the school resource officer, and the custodian. Pray for the cooks.

Pray for the unchurched in our area. Pray for non-Christian friends and family. Pray that they might accept Jesus into their lives. Pray about the needs in our community and how your church might make a difference in those needs. Look around and see who or what else you might need to pray for. The list could go on and on. You don't have to pray for the entire list every time but cover them all throughout each week. Prayer does make a difference.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Denzil**







St. Paul Mitten Tree 2015!

### Your Help Is Needed!

It's a new year which means new sign-up sheets are now available in the St. Paul Narthex. We need monthly helpers for Liturgists, Communion Stewards, and monthly hosts for the fellowship meals to celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries.

**Please sign up as you are able.**

### St. Paul Christmas Program

*This year's St. Paul Christmas Program explored the meaning of Christmas and displayed the living Nativity. Many people shared their talents for a wonderful night of celebration. Thank you to the UMW and the UMM for the great treats!*

### Human Relations Day

*A Church wide Special Sunday Of The United Methodist Church*

God created each of us in God's image, and we all have potential to do great things. We celebrate that potential—and the opportunities to work together—on Human Relations Day, Sunday January 17, 2016. Your Human Relations Day offering strengthens outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico and encourages social justice and work with at-risk youth. Your gifts help to build community across all races and peoples. Your Human Relations Day offering enriches ministries related to: Child care, children's after-school and summer initiatives, domestic hunger and poverty, economic development, education, including tutoring and much, much, more.



### January

### Meal of the Month

2 Cans Chili  
Crackers  
Canned Veggies

Bonus: Coffee



*St. Paul Liturgist January—Maureen Dodge  
St. Paul Communion Stewards January—*





## Scout News



The Alton Cub Scout Pack was busy during the holiday season. They marched in the Alton Christmas Parade, rang the bell for Salvation Army in front of Harp's, caroled at Shepherd's View and hosted a wonderful Christmas Party for parents and siblings. The Cubs are preparing for the Pinewood Derby in January and their Blue and Gold Banquet in February. It is wonderful to see our Scouts out and about in the community!

The Boy Scouts have also been busy! They attended the Merit Badge University at West Plains and hosted their quarterly Court of Honor. Four Boy Scouts and two leaders will also attend Winter Camp at Kia Kima over the Christmas Break. Remember that Scout Sunday is February 14th!



### Alton UMC Christmas Program

Wonderful Christmas poems, stories, and songs were shared on Sunday morning for the Alton UMC Christmas Program. Thank you to all the participants for working so hard on your parts and to church members for a great breakfast and Christmas treat bags!





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**“No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.” ~ Hal Borland**

**St. Paul Monthly Calendar**

**Carry-In Dinner** Sunday at 12 pm  
**Leadership Mtg.** 1st Sunday at 1 pm  
**UMM Breakfast** 2nd Sunday at 7am  
**Trustee's Mtg.** 2nd Sunday at 12 pm  
**Piecemakers** every Thursday at 9 am  
**Choir Practice** every Wednesday at 6 pm  
**Exercise Group**  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am

**Alton Monthly Calendar**

**UMM Breakfast** 1st Sunday at 7 am  
**Leadership Mtg.** 2nd Sunday at 7 pm  
**Stitches & Prayers** every Tuesday at 9 am  
**Tn'T** every Wednesday 3:30 –5  
**Choir Practice** every Sunday 8:15 am  
**UMW** 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 pm



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