

# JULY 2015

A United Methodist Newsletter

Alton United Methodist Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church

## **Hello Friends,**

For the most part, Annual Conference was business as usual. The budget for 2016 passed without much discussion after the presentation and is slightly less than the 2015 budget. This will result in an overall reduction of total apportionments of \$17,994 or .1%. We will see later what that will mean for our churches. There were a few changes in some of the rules we operate as a conference, but nothing significant. The nominations for delegates for General and Jurisdictional Conferences next year went as normal. That means they went slowly. We were there until 10:00 Sunday night to get caught up on balloting because it got held up a little with the camping business. A good slate of delegates got elected to represent us at those meetings.

As far as the issue with the camp properties goes, there was much debate. At the end, the vote was to sell the four properties. There were three other proposals besides the main one to be considered, two of which would not have come up if the vote had been not to sell the properties. The only one that passed was the one to sell the Camp JO-Ota property to a local association in northeast Missouri that was formed for this purpose in hopes of keeping a Methodist camp facility in that area.

There were a number of workshops offered on Sunday afternoon. I attended one that was on how to create a discipleship pathway. The purpose is to align what the congregation is already doing to develop discipleship. Then the congregation filters out what is not working and focuses on ways of filling in gaps. In this model, there are four elements of a pathway through which we should evaluate our activities: Invitation, Education, Formation, and Mission.

During the course of the conference, there was great preaching and teaching and great times of worship. We heard from several leaders from our own conference and from Rev. Sue Nelson Kibbey from the West Ohio Conference. I hope next year we can have a lay delegate from our charge at Annual Conference.

**In Christ,  
Denzil**







## St. Paul UMC Vacation Bible School

July 8-10  
5:30— 8:30 pm  
K-6th Grade

## St. Paul UMW Adopt a Family

Check the Narthex for a  
new list of items to donate for July.

### July Meal of the Month

Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Canned Fruit  
Jell-O  
Bonus Item: Toothpaste



## 2015 Relay for Life

On behalf of the St. Paul UMC Relay For Life Team I would like to thank everyone who donated their time, money, baked goods, came to our fundraisers, and walked with us at the Relay Event. Without your support we would not have been able to raise \$5,269.00!! The total raised for Oregon county was \$32,478.00! The top fundraiser for the county was our own Betty Garrison with \$1,940.00! The winner of our "Pic-Nic-To-Go" fundraiser was Jo Ann & Aubrey Wood of St. Paul UMC. Thank you again for being so giving to this cause that means so much to many of us. I hope and pray that some day soon through the efforts of Relay For Life/American Cancer Society we will no longer have to worry about cancer affecting or taking another loved one - please don't wait until next year's event to support this cause. — Richard Blount





# BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

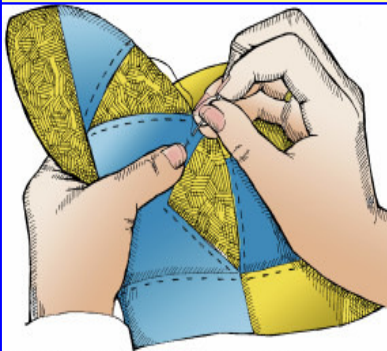


## WE NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

Alton UMC will be collecting school supplies for Alton and Couch Schools during the month of July. Every year many students arrive to school with no pencils, paper, crayons, or other supplies to start the school year. Please support our local students by bringing in any school supplies by Sunday August 2, 2015. Thank you for your support!!

## Quilting Circle

The Alton UMC host a quilting group every third Wednesday of the month in the basement of the church from 9am-3pm. Everyone is invited to come and stay an hour or all day. We have a potluck meal at noon (and snack the rest of the time). Come spend a great day with us!



QUILTING GROUP

## Alton UMC Emergency Food Pantry

Cleaning Supplies  
Dishwashing Liquid  
Laundry Detergent  
Diapers  
Sugar  
Flour  
Cornmeal  
Salt/Pepper  
Canned Meat  
Mac-n-cheese  
Rice

Any Food Staples

*This month we are collecting supplies for our emergency food pantry. Sign-up Sheet 1st Sunday, return items, 2nd Sunday. Cash donations are always welcome!*



## Scout News

Both the Alton Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts have been busy in June. The Cub Scouts attended Day Camp at Willow Springs and enjoyed three days of shooting BB guns, archery, sling shots, crafts and swimming during the "Knights of the Round Table" themed camp. The Boy Scouts held a Court of Honor on June 15th with many Scouts receiving merit badges from Merit Badge University. New officers were also recognized after their recent elections: Chris Church—Senior Patrol Leader, Paul Walker—Assist. Senior Patrol Leader, Blake Barton—Quartermaster, Historian, and Web Master, Will Fraley and Josh Roberts—Patrol Leaders, Aaron Roberts—Scribe, Tim Roberts—Librarian, and Mike Fraley—Chaplain's Aide.



July—Mike Luster  
August—Claude Malone  
September—Greg Goodwin  
October—Dianna Fraley  
November—Robin Goodwin

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**“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” ~ Thomas Jefferson**

### **St. Paul Monthly Calendar**

**Carry-In Dinner** 1st Sunday at 12 pm

**Leadership Mtg.** 1st Sunday at 1 pm

**UMM Breakfast** 2nd Sunday at 7 am

**Trustees Mtg.** 2nd Sunday at 12 pm

**Piecemakers** every Thursday at 9 am

#### **Exercise Group**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am

**VBS July 8-10; 5:30—8:30 pm**

### **Alton Monthly Calendar**

**UMM** 1st Sunday at 7 am

**Leadership Mtg.** 2nd Sunday at 7 pm

**Stitches & Prayers** every Tuesday at 9 am

**Quilting Circle** 3rd Wednesday from 9-3



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