

June 2015

United Methodist Newsletter

Alton United Methodist Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

Has church life become kind of humdrum? Do you find yourself wishing there was more to being the church than just attending church? Are you feeling a call from God to do something more or something different from what you are doing right now? Or maybe you just feel a need for some help in improving your work in the church that you are currently doing. Maybe you just want to know more about the Church and your role in the church.

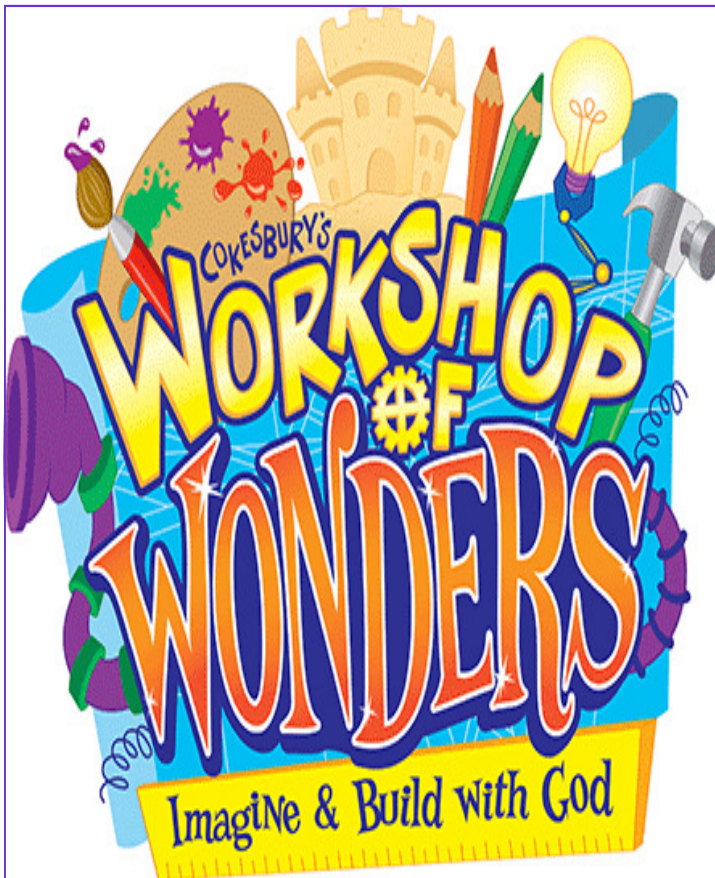
We have an opportunity for you to do that coming up this fall. At Alton UMC we will be hosting a basic class of Lay Servant training. The purpose of the workshop is to help lay persons in the churches learn more about serving. Here's the official purpose taken from the conference website:

"Leading, Caring, Communicating: Lay Servant Ministries offer opportunities for laity who desire to use their witness, leadership, and service to inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. In past years, the primary task of lay servants was pulpit supply, however now Lay Servant Ministries encompasses much more. To participate in Lay Servant Ministries, a person need not commit to preaching. Lay servant training areas include evangelism, stewardship, devotional life, missions, caring ministries, Christian education, Christian leadership, administration, United Methodist heritage, as well as preaching and worship planning."

The date and time have not been finalized yet, but it will be announced later. This is open to persons in both of our churches and we will make it available to other churches. Our goal is to have 10 people from each of our churches. I believe it will be a one day workshop on a Saturday. I invite as many of you from both churches as possible to take part in this discipleship training event.

**In Christ,
Pastor Denzil**





ST. PAUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The VBS dates for “Workshop of Wonders” have been set for Wednesday through Friday, July 8-10, 5:30 to 8:30 pm each evening. Your team is excited to get started after being forced to cancel VBS last year. We hope everyone will consider this an important mission of our church to young people. There will be classes for pre-school through sixth grade. You can help it succeed in many different ways.

- Pray!
- Look around you for kids to invite. Do you have a neighbor that is “un”churched? Would someone in your own family attend if asked? We can provide transportation if needed.
- We need plastic lids to use for a craft—the flat kind with a lip, like comes on sour cream or shortening. Save some for us.
- We need to borrow 2 or 3 pop rivet tools. (Talk to Nancy Alford.)
- Provide food when requested. We need a light meal and snacks for all three evenings. (Talk to Betty Garrison.)
- Consider volunteering to help. These kids need to see adults that care. We can use your help for all three days or for one activity on one evening. It isn’t complicated, and you won’t be abandoned. (Talk to Nancy Alford.)

St. Paul UMW Adopt a Family

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



June Potluck

The June Potluck at St. Paul UMC will be held at the regular time on Sunday June 7th immediately following church. The theme will be to honor June as the “wedding” month. Please bring photos, cake toppers, or whatever mementos you have of your own wedding or someone else’s that is close to you. We will have an area set up where you can display your items and share your memories. Hosts are Allan and Gene Ninness and Don and Nancy Alford.

St. Paul Yard Sale

**June 5th (8-4pm) & June 6th (8-Noon)
Church Basement**

**Do you have “stuff” you need to get rid of?
Please consider donating it to the church
yard sale. Bring items to the church base-
ment June 1st-4th (9-4pm) Contact Bob
Cicigoi for more information!**

Come see Pastor Denzil’s new office at St. Paul UMC!



*The greatest gift
I ever had
came from God
I call him Dad*



TNT group delivering items to Christos House. These items were purchased from money raised from cookbook sales. We are proud of you and all of your hard work!

Alton UMC June Adopt-a-Family

- Sunscreen/Chap Stick
- Lunchmeat
- Cheese/Kraft Singles
- Bread
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Grapes
- Apples
- Apple Sauce
- Muffin Mix

Sign-up Sheet 1st Sunday,
return items, 2nd Sunday.
Cash donations will buy
additional fresh produce.

Scout News

The Cub Scouts ended their school year with a cross-over ceremony and cookout for thirteen Cubs. Alexander Rogers crossed over to Boy Scouts. June 15-17 the Cubs will enjoy Day Camp at Willow Springs. In July they will have a swim party at the Alton Pool and in August they plan to Bowl! Camping and a trip to Twin Pines Conservation District will round out their summer programs! Lots of fun activities to keep our youth active and engaged throughout the summer! **GO CUB SCOUTS!**



**"In God we live, move, and exist."
Acts 17:28a, CEB**

Alton UMC Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday June 24th
8-5pm**

At Alton City Park

Bring Swimsuit!!

All church members are invited to lunch with us at 11:30am at the park pavilion.

We still need adult volunteers—please contact Anne Oesch if you would like to help!

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"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."
~Billy Graham

St. Paul Monthly Calendar

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Carry-In Dinner 1st Sunday at 12 pm
Leadership Mtg. 1st Sunday at 1 pm
UMM Breakfast 2nd Sunday at 7:00 am
Trustees Mtg. 2nd Sunday at 12 pm
UMW Meeting 3rd Thursday @ 6:00 pm
Piecemakers every Thursday at 9 am
Exercise Group
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am

UMM Breakfast 1st Sunday at 7 am
Leadership Mtg. 2nd Sunday at 7 pm
Stitches & Prayers every Tuesday at 9 am
VBS: June 24th 8:00am—5:00pm
At Alton City Park



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