Alton United Methodist Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

There are not too many constants in this life. One of them is God. God never changes. God's Word is forever. God's love is for forever. Jesus Christ is forever our only Savior. He is always the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No matter what else may change in this life, these things are true.

Speaking of change, that is another constant in this life. Change happens no matter how hard we try to keep it from happening. If we are not moving forward and progressing and changing in positive ways, then we are moving backwards. Even maintaining takes energy and time and effort.

Another way things change in the church is that, at some point, pastors move on to another church. And it is that time for us. As most of you know, Judy and I are leaving to take a different appointment. The bishop called and we accepted.

June 19 will be my last Sunday in the pulpit with you. Judy and I will miss you all as we move on to this new mission field. I know that good things, better things, await both of these congregations in the future. I look forward to hearing about what lies ahead for the people of Alton UMC and St. Paul UMC.

There are a couple of things we all need to keep in mind in terms of this change. First is that you have a new pastor coming in who will begin preaching June 26. She, Reverend Pam Ekey, will not do things the same way I did them. With this change, I cannot return to this charge in any official capacity after we leave and Pastor Pam begins without her consent and direct invitation. I cannot provide pastoral care by phone, text, email, Facebook or other media. But we value the friendships we have formed during our time here and would like for these to continue.

Thank you to each one for all we have accomplished together. Thank for good times.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your communities.

In Christ,
Pastor Denzil





There will be no PPR meeting in June!

The Thayer UMW will meet on Thursday, June 16, in the church library at 6:00 pm. A light meal will be served, and the program will be a Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

We will call this a renewal meeting, so please bring your ideas for "renewing" our group. What have you liked? What have you disliked? Let's have a large group and bounce around suggestions.

Thank you from the Sunday school to Joan Linson for the new Ten Commandment wall hangings that are now in the Fellowship Hall

The June Leadership Meeting has been moved to June 12th at 12:00pm

Bread Breakers

Bread Breakers will meet at St. Paul on June 22nd at 12:30p.m.

Alton Care Card Program 2016

To let members and friends of our congregation know that we are thinking of them when they're not with us, or to let someone know that we share their troubles or triumphs, we send greeting cards. To become involved, please pre-sign any of the cards in the sanctuary's

overflow area OR look for the addressed, ready to mail cards for specific individuals. All are welcome to contribute cards or stamps. You are also welcome to suggest other recipients; please include addresses.





VBS OLYMPICS

When: Wednesday, July 13th from 8-5 pm

Where: Alton City Park

Contact Amelia Crowder for more information!

June Meal of the Month



2 cans of soup Crackers Muffin Mix Bonus Item: Paper Towels







Alton June Liturgist: Sharon Fraley



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"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside." —Maud Hart Lovelace

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
UMW Meeting 3rd Thursday at 6 pm
Piecemakers every Thursday at 9 am
Exercise Group

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 am

Alton Monthly Calendar

UMM Breakfast 1st Sunday at 7 am

Leadership Mtg. 2nd Sunday at 7 pm

Stitches & Prayers every Tuesday at 9 am

UMW Meeting 3rd Thursday at 6 pm

Quilting Circle 3rd Wednesday 9-3 pm



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