



Alton United Methodist Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church

**Friends,**

At both of our churches we will be entering times of discernment and refocusing of our ministries. We are seeking to better carry out the mandate from Jesus to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20, *Common English Bible*). Everything we do ought to be focused on that command.

To help us in this endeavor, St. Paul UMC will begin the Small Church Initiative process in September. It consists of two workshops, one on September 12th and one on October 24th. Those participating in this directly will need to read the book, *The Healthy Small Church* by Dennis Bickers before the September meeting. We need a minimum of 5 persons to commit to this process of study and workshops, but more are welcome. Anyone from St. Paul UMC is welcome to participate. Just let me know so we can order the books soon.

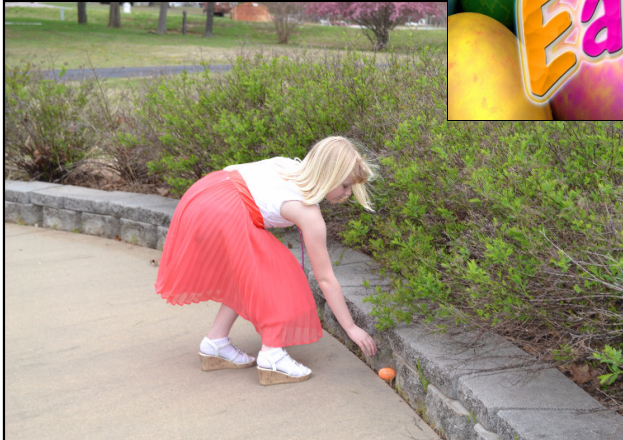
At Alton UMC, we are hosting a basic course of the Lay Servant training. We need at least 10 people to sign up for this to be able to do it. These 10 can come from Alton, St. Paul, or other United Methodist Churches. We would like as many from Alton to take this course as possible. It will be a one day workshop on a Saturday (date yet to be determined). There may be pre-reading to complete before the workshop, but I will keep you posted.

Descriptions of both of these events can be found on the back of the calendar in this month's newsletter. Please pray and see if God might want you to participate in one or both of these wonderful discipleship opportunities.

In Christ,  
Pastor Denzil



**HAPPY EASTER**  
**A WONDERFUL EASTER EGG**  
**HUNT WAS HELD**  
**AFTER SERVICE ON EASTER**  
**AT THE ST. PAUL UMC.**



**Congratulations**  
**to all our local Graduates!**



St. Paul  
 UMC is  
 looking for  
 a person or  
 persons in-

terested in the custodian  
 position at the church  
 beginning June 1, 2015.  
 Please see Pastor Denzil for  
 more details.

  
**DONATIONS**  
**GRATEFULLY**

**ACCEPTED**

**Relay-for-Life fund-**  
**raising dinner at Thayer**  
**on May 3rd at 12pm.**

**Alton R-IV**

**Baccalaureate**-Wednesday, May 6 @ 7pm  
 High School Gym

**Graduation**-Friday, May 8 @ 7pm High  
 School Gym

**Couch R-1**

**Baccalaureate**-Sunday, May 10 @ 2pm High  
 School Gym

**Graduation**-Monday, May 11 @ 7pm  
 High School Gym

**Thayer R-II**

**Baccalaureate**—Wednesday, May 13 @ 7pm  
 at the First Baptist Church

**Graduation**-Saturday, May 16 @ 5pm High  
 School Gym

***St. Paul UMW Adopt a Family***  
*Check the Narthex for a new list of items*  
*to donate for May.*



**May 30, 2015 ~ 2:00-10:00pm**  
**Thayer High School Football Field**







**National Day of Prayer**  
Thursday, May 7, 2015  
12 pm (Noon) at the  
Oregon County  
Courthouse  
Hamburgers and Hotdogs  
will be provided by the Al-  
ton Ministerial Alliance.  
A flag ceremony will be led  
by Alton's Boy Scout Troop.



**Teens and Tweens on a Mission:** Due to generous donations, good weather and enthusiastic youth, the TnT Bake Sale on April 11th was a success! Maranda, Savanah and Marian baked cookies the night before and several church members and friends brought a variety of sweets Saturday morning. The youth (Maranda, her younger sister Amy, Savanah, Cynthia, and Aaron) collected nearly \$480, which included recent cookbook sales. Thank you to all who have supported-in various ways-TnT this school year!



### Alton UMC Adopt-a-Families

Bathroom & Toilet Cleaner  
Hamburger  
Hamburger Helper; Manwich  
Canned Biscuits; Butter  
Carrots; Celery; Broccoli  
Bananas  
Cake Mix/Icing  
Orange Juice

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

### May Meal of the Month

Spaghetti  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Applesauce

Bonus Item: Deodorant



Alton / Thayer Newsletter

Alton & St. Paul United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 241  
Thayer, MO. 65791  
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**Last Day of School: Alton—May 14th   Couch—May 21st   Thayer—May 27th**

**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  
**Choir Practice** every Wednesday at 6 pm  
**Exercise Group**  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 am

**Alton Monthly Calendar**

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



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