



September 2015

United Methodist Newsletter

Alton United Methodist Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Friends,

It is that time of year again. We (the Nominations and Leadership Development committee and I) have started looking for people to fill available positions on the various committees of the church. We are working to fill at least two three year terms on each committee. These committees are: Pastor-Parish Relations, Trustees, Nominations, and Finance. These four are required by our Book of Discipline. Pastor-Parish Relations Committee is kind of like a Personnel Committee for the staff of the church. This is the committee where concerns and praises regarding the pastor should be presented. They also help promote unity in the church. This group has the big job each year of evaluating the work of the pastor and the church and preparing the pastor's salary package to be taken before the Leadership teams and the Charge Conference.

The Trustees oversee the maintenance of the church buildings and grounds. They also work with the Finance Committee to help the church be prepared for expenses such as a new roof, new air conditioning or major remodeling that they see needs to be done. They also have the final say in approving any gifts or bequests to the church, with the idea of making sure they fill a need to facilitate the church fulfilling its mission and vision. The Nominations Committee I have already touched on, but they are charged with helping to identify and develop leadership for the church. The Finance Committee sets budgets and monitors the church's income and expenses to make sure we are meeting the needs of the church. This committee should periodically keep the membership informed of the church's financial state and suggest corrections as needed.

Other committees we are looking at are Witness and Outreach, Worship, Education, Hospitality, and others. Witness and Outreach plans and oversees the church's mission efforts, both local and beyond as well as the church's plan for reaching the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ. The Worship Committee works with the pastor on planning special music, planning and providing for any special needs for the appearance of the worship space and plans special services. Also helps with planning and preparing the congregation for any changes that might be necessary in our worship to help us meet the mission of the church. Education Committee is fairly self-explanatory: it is responsible for the overall educational programs of the church from Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and special Bible studies. At Alton we are looking at re-establishing the Hospitality Committee to oversee church dinners and funeral dinners. At St. Paul, that work has been placed with the United Methodist Women organization.

The Nominations Committee is also charged with ensuring that other offices are filled, such as the chairs of each committee as well as Chair of the Leadership Team and Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference and Lay Leader. All of these offices and committee chairs make up the Leadership Team for the church. The Leadership Team guides the mission of the church and receives reports on the church's ongoing work. We are seeking to match the right person with each position. We are not just trying to fill a blank with a name just to get the job done. We want servants who really have heart and a desire to do the work in each area. Please pray that the search will go well.

**In Christ,
Pastor Denzil**



Eagle Project Completed

With the help of his fellow Boy Scouts and leaders, Will Fraley completed his Eagle Project this summer! He built and installed a tree bench on the new Couch Elementary Playground. A big THANK YOU to the Alton United Methodist Men for their monetary donation to the project.
Way to go Will and Troop 102!

"YouthFest"



Youthfest is open to all youth from both churches, Alton UMC and St. Paul UMC. Festival of Sharing will be on Saturday, October 17th at the Missouri State

Fairgrounds in Sedalia. Youth and accompanying adults will attend YouthFest which begins at 6 pm on Friday the 16th. Registration is \$30 per person if registering before September 9. Up to five youth (grades 6-12) must be accompanied by one adult (Safe Sanctuaries certification is not required as this is a multi-denominational event). YouthFest participants attend worship on Friday night and Saturday morning, then work all day Saturday, receiving donations, bagging rice and beans, checking kits and cleaning up. For this, they each receive a Festival T-shirt and make a wonderful difference for someone, somewhere. Festival of Sharing packs from both churches will be sent with the YouthFest group. Please have your donations to the Alton UMC by noon on October 16th - and understand that you will be making a positive difference for someone, somewhere.



Choir Practice

Alton Choir practice starts on Sunday, September 13th at 8:15am.

St. Paul Choir practice starts on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00pm.

BINGO									
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7	22	44	●	71					
10	28	●	56	63					
13	●	45	48	75					
●	18	31	46	65					

St. Paul UMW Bingo at Shady Oaks on the second Tuesday of each month.

Both charges are collecting for 2015 "Festival of Sharing" during September. Please see the back of the calendar insert for specific collections and dates for each church.



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

Scout News

The Cub Scout Recruitment Game Night was held on August 20th at Alton with 19 new boys signing up for Scouts! Booths for archery, BB guns, fishing, sling-shots and other games were available for the boys to try out. Weekly Scout meetings resume the first week in September. The Boy Scouts continue to remain very active and are currently working on a Genealogy Merit Badge with Ed Roberts.



Alton UMC collected 75 pounds of school materials for the Alton and Couch School districts. Thank you church family!!



Shoe & Clothing Fund

The Alton UMW is collecting funds for a Shoe & Clothing Fund for the Alton & Couch School Districts. We currently do not have an adopted family and according to counselors at both schools there is a need for shoes and clothing items throughout the year, so we have decided to address this need in our community. As the school sees a need they will contact the UMW to purchase those items for students; five student shoe needs have already been met this year!! Please see Dottie Lockard if you would like to donate to this local and worthy cause.

ALTON UMW

New Meeting Time!

Alton UMW will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 4pm in the church sanctuary. All ladies are invited to attend!

TNT

Meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00pm at the Alton UMC and is for students grades 7th—12th.

All kids are welcome. Snack sign-up sheets are on the back table.



Youth Sunday School classes resume at Alton UMC on Sunday September 6th after church services at 10am!

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**He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely,
But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully. Proverbs 10:5**

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
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
Choir Practice every Sunday at 8:15 am
Stitches & Prayers every Tuesdays at 9 am
TNT every Wednesday 3:30 –5
UMW 3rdThursday at 4:00 pm



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