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From the Pastor's Study

The Power of Resurrection

I drove home on a Friday afternoon in February, and I spotted a green plant sprouted under the tree in the parsonage yard. It was a winter day and snow still covered the land after the second snow storm hit our area. I stopped to look at it closely. It was a daffodil that had started growing and it was a good contrast between the green plant and white snow around it. I felt a sense of mystery in life there. Life hibernates during the cold winter in the frozen soil. When the time comes and the sun melts the snow and frozen soil, life comes out of it. I meditated on the mystery of the life of the resurrection.

Jesus became the first fruit of the resurrection when God raised him from death in three days. Jesus conquered the power of death. He said, "I am the Living One. I was dead, and behold, I am alive for ever and ever." (Revelation 1:18, NIV). The message of Jesus' resurrection is the good news for all believers and it gives hope. Though we are living still under the power of death in and around us, like living in the cold winter covered with snow and in the frozen soil, our hope, the hope of new life in us never dies. The God who raised Jesus will raise us also. Therefore we declare the victory of God over the power of death here and now,

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?.... Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:55-56, NIV).

Living in the power of the resurrection is living in the hope of God's life in us, the life alive in us. Apostle Paul calls it

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treasure in a clay jar and he puts it this way, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all surpassing power is from God and not from us,

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;

Perplexed, but not in despair;

Persecuted, but not abandoned;

Struck down, but not destroyed;

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body." (2 Corinthians 4:7-10, NIV).

May the risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

Happy Easter!

Paul

REMINDER

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13th.

My Easter Prayer

May you walk a little surer

On the path that lies before,

May you see a little clearer

May you trust a little more.

May you come a little closer

To the Lord of Love Divine,

That your heart may sing for gladness,

Is this Easter prayer of mine.

March Birthdays

Lois Basham—2

Kay Porter—3

John Bowler—3

Brenda Ross—4

Margaret Ann Peyton - 6

Daniel Song—7

Caroline Clark—7

Melissa Akers—8

Scott Weaver—8

Hayley Tucker—8

George East—11

Alex Cooper—11

Dan Rhudy—12

Sarah Fitch—13

Joyce Bishop—15

Sydney Duncan—16

Kitty Byrd—18

Betty Jones—18

Wayne Elliott - 21

Perry Cox—22

Connie Bell—23

Reese Ann Altizer—23

Dawn Marie Cornish-23

Kellen Mitchell—24

Michele Klawitter-24

Cindy Koziol—25

Taylor Newman—26

Jennifer Cooper—29

Chip Warren—31

***Happy
Birthday***

*He's
Risen!*

*But the angel said to the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know that
you seek Jesus who was
crucified. He is not here;
for He has risen..." Matthew 28:5-6*

Birthday Celebration

The family of Bernadine Lester invites the congregation of St. Paul United Methodist Church to a reception to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Sunday, April 17th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Paul Activities Building.

(No gifts, just your presence)

Happy Birthday



CUB SCOUTING

EVENTS AT PACK 145

Sunday, March 5th – Tiger Den #4

Saturday, March 12th – Pinewood Derby Check-In

Sunday, March 13th – Pinewood Derby Race

Sunday, March 13th – Wolf Den #7 & Webelos 1s Den #6

Sunday, March 20 – Bear Den #1

Tuesday, March 22nd – Pack Meeting “Scout Law Painting Fun”

Sunday, April 3rd – Tiger Den #4

Sunday, April 10th - Wolf Den #7 & Webelos 1s Den #6

Sunday, April 17th – Bear Den #1

Tuesday, April 26th – Pack Meeting

Saturday, May 7th – Pack 145 Cass Railroad Steam Train Ride



Pack 145 Yard Sale in April!



Spring Recruitment – Starts April 1st

No foolin'! Cub Scouting is where the fun is! A balanced program of outdoor, citizenship, and sportsmanship adventures await boys ages 5-10 years old. Current Kindergartners can join in the spring to take part in summer activities. Know of a friend or family member very interested in the adventures that Cub Scouts and Pack 145 can offer? Please encourage him to join! Visit www.CubPack145.com and the "JOIN TODAY" webpage.



St Paul UMC Preschool

- Registration is STILL open for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Please help advertise our Preschool mission so we can have a full enrollment next year and start 3-4 year old children on a solid path of life-long learning.
- Preschoolers are planning an Easter celebration.
- A new outdoor sign advertising our Preschool mission at St. Paul is being designed.
- The Preschool Committee is attempting to collect historical information about the St. Paul Preschool and seeking the following:
 - ◆ Names of former teachers and years taught
 - ◆ Name of church members or their children who attended St. Paul Preschool along with the year.
 - ◆ Any photos of our Preschool over the years
 - ◆ Dates of when the preschool opened
 - ◆ Any literature about our Preschool before 2000.
- Please contact Lisa Bass or any member of the Preschool Committee to share Preschool history information.

April Birthdays

Ruth Boothe—1

Mia Bravo—7

Anna Burns—10

Joyce Lester—13

Bryce Wade—15

Anne Lawson—17

Bob Cornish—22

Hamp Akers—30

Betty Semones—1

Mark Bamman—8

Sarah Bravo—11

Carol Cornish—14

Todd Altizer—16

Justin Bowler—19

Matthew Jordan—26

Gary Sparks—6

Polly McMillan—8

Annell Winbery—12

Bernadine Lester—15

Tina Sheppard—16

Bob Chapin—19

Daniel Warren—28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alta Mons News

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION: Online Registration for Summer Camp 2016 is officially OPEN! Our theme for the summer is "Mysteries of Faith" and we are already hard at work planning for the summer! Paper brochures will be mailed in the coming weeks, but go ahead and check out the camp schedule & register online TODAY by visiting our website at: <http://www.altamons.org/summer-camp>



PAUL BUNYAN DAY: Mark your calendar for March 19th! Alta Mons will host its annual Paul Bunyan Day, complete with a baked potato & chili lunch for all volunteers. Families & individuals of all ages are welcome-- there will be tasks for everyone! Start time is 9 AM-- bring work gloves, chain saws, log splitters, rakes, etc. We look forward to seeing you there! <http://www.altamons.org/events-at-alta-mons>

We will be putting tulips in the church on Easter Sunday, March 27th in memory or honor of loved ones. The cost is \$10.00 per lily plant and all orders must be in by March 20th.

NAME _____

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF _____

BY _____



A THOUGHT

He who died on Calvary,
Died to ransom you and me.

On the cross He bowed His head,
In the grave He made His bed.

Ever since, the lilies bloom
Round the portal of the tomb.

Ever since, o'er all our loss
Shines the glory of the cross.

-Margaret E. Sangster



Mission Continues

Thank you to all the participants of the February Sweetheart Dinner! It was a delightful time of good food, musical entertainment and merriment! Photos and a video are now posted on the St. Paul Facebook page for viewing and to show it was a terrific “can’t be missed” annual UMM event.

The UMM initiates spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. Men of different gifts, graces and areas of interest are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings on the third Thursday at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, March 17th

Thursday, April 21st

Thursday, May 19th

Please stay in communication through our church bulletin and emails on the dinner location. There are many opportunities for participation to continue the goals within St. Paul UMC and the community along with our charter with Cub Scout pack 145. Please invite a friend to our next UMM dinner!

Palm Sunday...

The adult choir is excited to share an Easter cantata on Palm Sunday, March 20th. They will be singing selections from Lee Dengler and Susan Naus Dengler's Prayers at the Cross and Jay Althouse and Sally K. Albrecht's What a Morning! during the 10:00 a.m. service. We are delighted that the handbell choir will be playing pieces throughout the service. The Children's Choir will lead the processional waving palms. They will sing "*Hurry, Jesus is Coming!*" and "*Hallelujah*" during the service. Music will be a big part of worship on Palm Sunday. Please join us as we worship together with music!



Easter Sunrise Service

The Easter Sunrise Service will be held at St Paul UMC on Sunday, March 27th. Gather at 7:00 am, and the Sunrise Service will begin at 7:15 am. Meet outside the kitchen, and if it is raining, the service will be inside in the fellowship Hall. Coffee, juice, donuts and fruit will be served after the service.

United Methodist Women

All Circles will meet in March for the first time since December. New members and others who have joined a different Circle are welcomed.

Activities among the Circles has continued without formal meetings. Naomi Circle supported the Baby Shop located in the basement of the Activities Building with \$100.00 worth of diapers and Safe Haven in Pulaski with \$100.00.

There are numerous projects going on through UMW where the St. Paul family is invited to participate with us: namely,

MCEAP Food Pantry - Boxes located at entrances to sanctuary

Women's Resource Center

Postage Stamps, Labels for Education and Boxtops - "Mailbox" and Can for Soup labels located in WW/UMW room

COMING SOON: "Free the Girls" project by contributing new or gently used bras..

Blue Plate Special Lunch served after a worship service as fund raiser for Missions.

More news next time!!!! Margaret Woolwine, President

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Prayer Group—9am Joy Singers-10am	<i>2</i> 10am-Study 6pm Dinner 6:30-Children's choir & handbells 7pm-Bible Study	<i>3</i> Sr Fellowship—11:45 am Prayer Shawl—10:00 am	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 9:00am— Sunday School 10:00am- Worship	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Prayer group -9am Joy Singers-10am Circle 4-2pm Circle 3-7pm	<i>9</i> Regular Wednesday Schedule	<i>10</i> 10am -Circle 5	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 9:00am- Sunday School 10:00am- Worship Daylight saving	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 9am Prayer Group 10am- Joy Singers	<i>16</i> Regular Wednesday Schedule	<i>17</i> Prayer Shawl- 10:00am UMM— 630pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 9:00am- Sunday School 10:00am- Worship PALM	<i>21</i> Church Council— 7:00 pm	<i>22</i> 9am- Prayer Group 10am—Joy Singers	<i>23</i> Regular Wednesday Schedule	<i>24</i> 7pm- Holy Thursday Service at Presbyterian Church	<i>25</i> Church Office Closed	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 7am— Sunrise Service 9am-Sunday School 10am-Worship	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 9am- Prayer Group 10am-Joy Singers	<i>30</i> Regular Wednesday Schedule	<i>31</i>		

April 2016

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3:00am— Sunday School 10:00am-Worship	4	5:00am- Prayer Group 10:00am-Joy Singers	6:10am-Study 6:00pm-Dinner 6:30pm-Children's Choir 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Choir	7:10am- Prayer Shawl 11:45am- Senior Fel- lowship	8	9
10:00am- Sunday School 10:00am-Worship	11	12:00am- Prayer group 10am-Joy Sing- ers 2pm-Circle 4 7pm-Circle 3	13 Regular Wednesday Schedule	14 10:00am- Circle 5	15	16
17:00am- Sunday School 10:00am-Worship	18	19:00am- Prayer Group 10:00am-Joy Singers	20 Regular Wednesday Schedule	21 10:00am -Prayer Shawl Minis- try 6:30pm-UMM	22	23
24:00am- Sunday School 10:00am-Worship	25	26:00am- Prayer Group 10:00am-Joy Singers	27 Regular Wednesday Schedule	28	29	30