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**Monthly News of Saint Paul United Methodist Church**

June, 2016



This is my last "pastor's" article for the Inspiration. Over the past eight years I have had the opportunity to share with you through the front page of our newsletter. Your new pastor, Rev. Scott Shreve will be here on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

As I prepare for the transition of leadership here at Saint Paul, and for my moving on into a new stage in life I have been reading various author's advice on retirement! There is one article written by Fran Ayres that I have displayed on my desk, it is entitled "Retirement." Here it is:

**The decision**

Lord you are present helping me discern...

**The announcement**

Lord you are present calming my anxiety...

**The last days working**

Lord you are present consoling me  
in my fear of loss relevancy...

**The first days not working**

Lord you are present rejoicing with me in my freedom...

**The call**

Lord you are present inspiring me  
to feed your lambs with my remaining energy.

... ..

This article shows the progression of life and what I have experienced so far and what I have yet to experience as I transition into retirement. When I read "The call" it reminds me that my ministry will not stop but change and continue. I ask for your prayer support as I go through the transition. And I will keep praying for the Saint Paul congregation and your new lead pastor, Rev. Scott Shreve. May God bless you as you begin your journey together as congregation and pastor. I thank God for the eight years of ministry we have shared.

Grace and Peace,  
Dr. Keith W. Johnson, Lead Pastor



**Worship Times You Need to Know**

Saturday service	5:00 p.m. every week
Sunday, May 29	One service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Sundays in June	9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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**A "Thank You" to those who have responded to the letter from Stewardship & Finance. Your "second mile" giving is helping to get our debt!**

## Commit or Commitment

To commit to serving our church is something we all at one time or another have been asked to do. It started when we joined the church where we promised to "Be faithful in our witness as well as support the church with our **PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS and SERVICE.**"

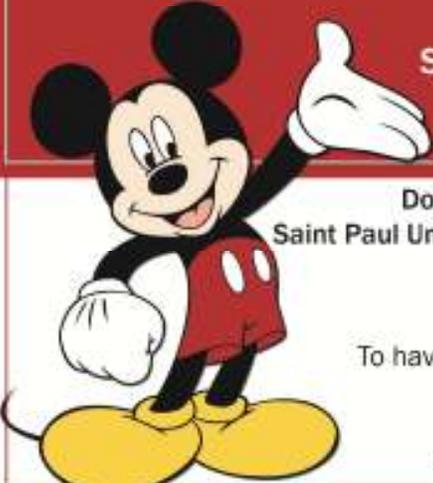
Since joining this church back in the 70's I have experienced it all. My wife and I served the youth for about 17 years as our children moved through the youth groups. I started driving the church van for the youth and have been driving for the church for 35+ years now. This is my "Van Ministry" that I refer to. Also at the present time I am on 3 teams of the church, one of which is the Lay Leadership team where we try to get members of the church to **COMMIT** to serving on a team of the church.

Now you see where I am going.....PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS and **SERVICE.** When we call upon members we hear "no, I can't give a day a month" or "it would cut into my time on other days when I want/need to do other things" or "I'm just too busy." The church can't function year after year with just the same group of members moving from team to team; they get burnt out and we are getting older. There are so many necessary areas of the church to serve: Trustees, Worship, SPRC, Scholarship, Communication, Van Drivers and many more. Just contact our pastors and they will get you connected.

A church where nobody wants to COMMIT will surely be set to fade away into the sunset.....I for one don't want to see that happen.....but I am getting tired (older) also but I continue to be committed!

Larry Baasch

Please Join Us as We Celebrate the Retirement of  
**REV. DR. KEITH JOHNSON**  
after 44 Years of Service to the United Methodist Church  
Sunday, June 12 • 3:00 - 5:00  
Program at 3:00  
Saint Paul United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
54th & Corby Streets, Omaha



Donations in Keith's Honor May Be Given to the  
Saint Paul United Methodist Foundation Scholarship Fund  
Photos, stories and mementos are being  
assembled in a **Memory Book** for Keith.  
To have an item included, please send by June 5 to:  
Sue Bacon  
Saint Paul United Methodist Church  
5410 Corby Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68104

## May 29 Worship

First, a reminder that the third **Single Sunday Service** will be celebrated Memorial Day weekend with worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m., **May 29**. Bells, brass, strings and voices will stir our hearts in worship for this beginning of summer holiday. There will be no children's or youth Sunday school, so plan to worship with the entire family as you enjoy this extended weekend. As always, the Saturday evening service will be held in Roth Chapel at 5:00 p.m.

## Summer Worship Schedule

Many metro churches alter their worship schedules during the summer to make it more convenient for their congregants. So, be a supportive participant in this **three** month alteration of worship times beginning **June 05** and running through the Sundays of **July** and **August** (July 03 and September 04 not included!). Choose between the service in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 or in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. (or enjoy both!), and bring a guest to enjoy the heartwarming experience that is summer worship at St. Paul. If Sundays don't work, we'll continue to look for you Saturday evening at 5:00!

## June M&M Service

Our mid-month M & M service will be held Wednesday, **June 15** at 7:00 p.m., but the theme of the *laity* reminding us of "how St. Paul has helped me on my spiritual journey" has been suspended, and for great cause! This month we hear from The Rev. Dr. Keith Johnson as he retires from a 42+ year ministry, the last eight years spent with us. We will observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion as part of our time together in the Roth Chapel. As always, there will be M & M's a plenty!

## Dr. Johnson's Last Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, **June 18** and **19** we will be celebrating the retirement of The Rev. Dr. Keith Johnson in all services. This will be the last weekend Keith preaches and special rituals that honor his ministry with and among us are planned for each hour of worship.

## Independence Day Weekend

The fourth **Single Sunday Service** will be celebrated Independence Day weekend with worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m., **July 03**. This service will be reflective of the meaning of this "fire cracker" of a national holiday in the life of our country, but also what it means to strive to live in the kin-dom of God. Our morning worship will include music from the members of the Folk Gospel and Chancel Choirs; David Schack, organist; Gail Carpenter Johnson, flute; and Anita Clark Jaynes, harp. Will we officially welcome and install The Rev. Scott Shreve as the twelfth senior/lead pastor of St. Paul Church since its beginnings in 1932. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated for the first time by Rev. Shreve. There will be no children's or youth Sunday school, so plan to worship with the entire family as you enjoy this extended weekend. As always, the Saturday evening service will be held in Roth Chapel at 5:00 p.m.

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**Hike, Bike, Run, Fun**  
**Saturday, June 18, Keystone Trail**  
**Brunch at 10:00 a.m. at Esther Pilster Park**  
**(4008 N. 88th Ave. (about 88th & Spaulding))**

# Save the Date 2016 CROP Walk October 9, at 2:00 p.m.

Three things you can do NOW:

*Add the Walk to your calendar!*

*Visit [crophungerwalk.org/omahane](http://crophungerwalk.org/omahane)*

*Like us on Facebook:*

*[facebook.com/omahacrophungerwalk](https://facebook.com/omahacrophungerwalk)*

## Habitat for Humanity House

Saint Paul UMC members will be helping to build a Habitat for Humanity house starting in August. The Mercy & Justice team will be coordinating the meals for the workers one weekend in August. Watch the July and August inspirations for more information.

## Thank You from UMCOR

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift to support the following missionaries and ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries:

Project/Missionary Name	Country/State	Amount
Disaster Response, United State	United States	\$ 10.00
Stove Builders of Guatemala	Guatemala	\$2,709.90
The Big Garden	Nebraska	\$ 50.00

When giving through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church, 100 percent of your contribution is applied to the designated project(s) or to missionary support. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer

Emily Miller, Associate General Secretary



**May Special Offering for Peace with Justice**

**\$760.00**

## Big Garden

The garden has been planted, just outside the Chapel entrance. We have planted tomatoes, squash, peppers, carrots, radishes, beets, beans, peas and zucchini! And a lot of love! Let's watch the garden grow.

Adult Ministry Team

## Two Childcare Teachers Graduate

Congratulations to two of our Saint Paul United Methodist Church Childcare & Preschool teachers on their recent graduations with degrees in Early Childhood Education. Kristyn Dandeneau graduated from Iowa Western with an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Educations in December 2015. Shelly Chavez graduated from Metro Community Collage with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood in May 2016.



Kristyn Dandeneau



Shelly Chavez

## Stephen Caregivers

New things are happening in the Stephen Caregivers ministry. We now meet monthly for continuing education and support of one another. Kathy Rice has been in conversation with a Stephen Leader from Westhills Church (United Church of Christ) to begin our next training for new caregivers on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Summer will be ended and school will have begun. This will enable us to have more people and to share more experiences in the training. In Omaha we have a Stephen Leaders group that meets quarterly. There are some in that group who have indicated an interest in coming together with us.



Remember, all Stephen relationships are kept confidential. Sometimes even the pastor does not know who has a Stephen caregiver already. The only records kept are the numbers of people and the duration of the relationship. At the end of the relationship and notes or records are shredded so your privacy is protected. If you are at a time in your life where you just need to have someone to talk to and share your concerns, please contact Kathy Rice, 402-556-2433.

If you think you have the gifts to be a caregiver, please contact Kathy Rice.

## Helping with Youth Outreach via Tzadakahs

Tzadakah is a Hebrew word that means *justice* or *righteousness*. It refers to the religious obligation to do what is right and just, which are considered important parts of living a spiritual life.

We will join 92 other churches that have used Tzadakahs. During the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>, the giving boxes will be placed in each worship area in order to have a designated place to regularly give to Youth Emergency Services. Among items to consider giving are food (especially protein bars, jerky, cheese sticks, nuts, small cans of fruit, water, peanut butter crackers), baby wipes, \$5-\$10 vouchers for Walgreens or CVS, clean socks and underwear, diapers, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bus tickets, blankets, and deodorant.

Saint Paul Youth **thank you** for remembering homeless teens in the Omaha metro area by bringing needed items to fill the Tzadakahs.



## Book Club

"Marriage for Opposites" by Alice Hoffman is the book the Book Club will be discussing at their June meeting. The Book Club meets at Immanuel Village on Saturday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. For directions, call Dee Maycock at 402-571-5599.

The Dinner Group will meet on Saturday, June 25, at Danny's. Meet outside the chapel after the 5:00 p.m. worship service, or meet the group at Danny's, 2007 North 72nd Street, at approximately 6:30 p.m. All adults are welcome.



## Learning, Praying, Serving, Playing

Fourteen St. Paul Omaha youth and sponsors were part of nearly 100 participants in Box City on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The youth set up their neighborhood of boxes, decorating them and even writing 'addresses' on each one. It was incredible to watch them play and interact with the new friends made on this beautiful evening and into the night. We heard 5 young people speak about difficulties at home and the ways Y.E.S. has helped them grow into responsible adults.



It has been good to be back at the church for two Sunday evenings in May to weave a new cloth for the Communion Table at The Roof and catch up with one another's lives, always thinking about the ways we see God in our daily lives.

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the youth will be recognized for their service at the worship services they attend. As you can see, this group has the collective heart of a servant!

During the first week of June the youth will be leading the games at VBS and also helping with Rev. Keith Johnson's Farewell on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

We will be traveling to Cozad, NE on June 28<sup>th</sup> and the youth will receive leadership training before working with children at the Little Lambs Camp until July 1st.

During the week of July 18<sup>th</sup> we will do Omaha Outreach at the Open Door Mission, Y.E.S., and at Rose Hill Elementary School. Please consider helping out if asked. We may need you on the July 20<sup>th</sup> at Rose Hill Elementary School!

We also plan to celebrate and go to Worlds of Fun!

*Thank you very much for your support and prayers!*

***Rev. Marta Wheeler***

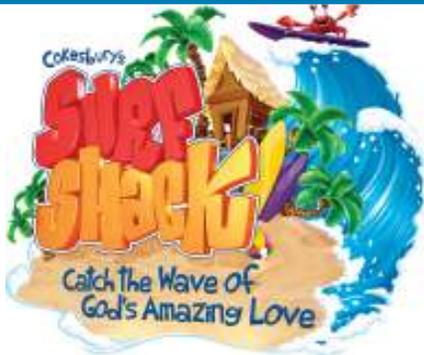
## Notable Nineties

Members of Saint Paul UMC who are almost ninety years old or older followed "the yellow brick road" to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 21, for brunch. Entertainment, songs from the "Wizard of Oz", was provided by Jerry Brabec, Kim Alger and Shawn Ammon. Dorothy Taylor clicked her heels three times and found herself in the midst of the party.



Front Row: Margaret Erts, Jane Ott, Glennis Stout, Joyce Black, David DeGroff, Jean Bailey (holding Dorothy Taylor), Jane Crannell, Estelle Potter

Back Row: Tom Zwink, Howard Roberts, Lew Klanderud, Frank Webber, Vance Taylor, Betty Edwards, Ralph Erts, Jean Schmid, Clyde Arnold, Marge McCary, Virginia Grove, Pauline Himes, Doris Ryan, Lois Corbaley, Lew Corbaley



## VBS 2016

### Sunday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 8

**Family Dinner from 5:00-5:50 p.m.**

**Sunday—Hot dogs**

**Monday—Nachos**

**Tuesday—Sandwiches**

**Wednesday—Breakfast**

**(Free Will Offering)**

## VBS

**Preschool age 4 through 5th grade**

**Join us for games, art projects, singing,  
Bible stories, science activities, and tasty snacks.  
Special four-legged visitors on Wednesday**

# UMW NEWS

Featuring the activities of the United Methodist Women of St. Paul UMC. June 2016

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**Remember...**

**Serving in  
June  
Ruth Circle**

**We do not meet  
In July and August.**

Your Campbell soup labels, and box tops from Betty Crocker products are still needed. Leave them in the envelope on the UMW bulletin board.

Thank you!

**Our own  
LINDA MEAD  
will present the program on  
June 1, 2016**

**Plan to join us for coffee at 9:30  
followed by our program at 10:00.**

**All women of the church are invited  
to attend this interesting presentation.**

**Reminder....**

**We will hold our annual  
BAKELESS BAKESALE  
July and August**

**A note of appreciation to  
all those persons...men and women ,  
who work behind the scenes to  
ensure that our luncheons are  
successful.**

**YOU ARE SPECIAL!**

## Recent Hospitalizations

Dorothy Sharp, Patti Griffiths

## Christian Sympathy

To Todd & Ann Parmenter & family in the death of Todd's mother.

To Chet Noerrlinger in the death of his wife, Betty.

To Gary & Carla Noerrlinger in the death of his mother, Betty.

To Brian & Jeffrey Anderson & families in the death of their mother, Deanna Anderson.

## Thank You

Sometimes we forget how much visits, phone calls, cards and especially prayers matter to someone who is ill.. Each gesture brings a ray of sunshine into the room and warms the heart of the patient. I have just experienced your thoughtfulness during my bout with pneumonia and I must express my gratitude to you. Thank you so much!

Jackie Pospisil

## Congratulations

To Katie Anderson on the baptism of her daughter, Lena Mae, on May 15.



## Memorials

For Rose Marie Hagerman—Richard Hagerman

For Scott, Kristine & Brian—Betty Johnson

For Stanley Parker—Norma J. Nordstrom Parker

For Larry Engelhardt—Doris Engelhardt

For Harley Newman—Dale & Cindy Harland; Stephen & Marilou Dohe

For Deanna Anderson—Jerry Brabec

## Honorariums

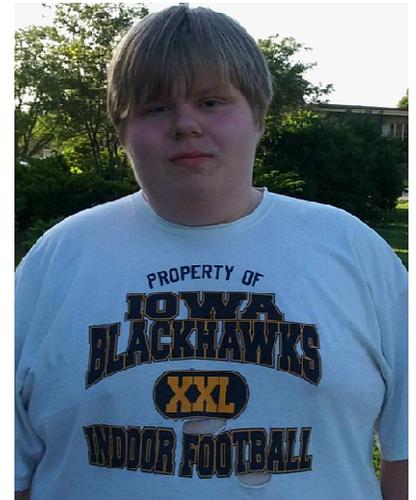
For Dr. Keith Johnson—Linda Mead

For Lena Anderson—Bobbie Aubuchon & Nip Mohler

## Congratulations

To Jason Evenson, 2016 recipient of the Saint Paul United Methodist Church Clarence Schoenhair scholarship.

Jason plans to go to Culinary Arts School at Metro Tech Community College.



## DEALING WITH ALLERGIES

Seasonal allergies are common reasons people miss work and school. Symptoms include itchy or watery eyes, runny nose and sneezing. Here are a few strategies to help protect yourself from outdoor allergies:

- wear a pollen mask while gardening or mowing the lawn,
- avoid touching your eyes and nose,
- keep the grass cut short, and
- shower and shampoo after spending time outdoors.

Here's to your good Health!  
Health Ministry Team



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## in *W*orship

### **Saturday Evening**

5:00 p.m. Roth Chapel

### **Sunday Morning**

8:15 and 11:05 a.m. Sanctuary

9:35 a.m. FUSION Fellowship Hall

12:30 p.m. African National Service



## in *O*ffice

**Monday - Friday:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

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