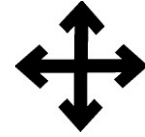




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“Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Resolve to Love”

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FROM OUR PASTOR

While we do not focus on him much, King Herod is a major player in our Christmas and Epiphany stories. And, because we are using the Narrative Lectionary, the stories of Herod loom large this season. A ruthless leader who adopted Judaism, but was not trusted by the Jews due to his loyalty to Rome, Herod sought to kill Jesus while he was still a baby. This caused Jesus and his family to flee to Egypt—refugees in their own right.

While we typically do not focus much on King Herod, we cannot forget his impact. For here is the truth: even today, our world is full of Herods — ruthless men and women who would use terrorism and violence, fear and war to maintain and expand their power. And, we as Christians can easily get sucked into that terror and fear. All we have to do is turn on the TV or click on social media to see fellow Christians calling for blood, calling for revenge, and turning their backs on homeless children and families.

How do we welcome the Prince of Peace in the midst of all this?

Yet, we must welcome Jesus who calls us not to violence, not to revenge, but to a life of forgiveness, love, and mercy. The world will always have its Herods, but at Epiphany we seek a different kind of King—one who welcomes all to his table of grace.

We are called to do the same.

Blessings, Becky

JANUARY BOOK CLUB: JANUARY 27

All are invited to Pastor Becky's home at 6:00pm on Sunday, January 27 for dinner and conversation around Jim Dicke II's [Alzheimer's With My Mother, Eileen](#). Pastor Becky will provide the main dish and dessert. Participants are asked to bring a side dish to share. You can pick up your copy of the book in the church office. All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY/ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: **GOSPEL OF LUKE**

Beginning Sunday, January 6 at 9:00am and Thursday, January 10 at 7:00pm, Pastors Becky and Dee will continue to lead classes focusing on the Gospel of Luke. Class meets in the Library. All are welcome!

COFFEE SHOP HOURS

Throughout January, Pastor Becky will be at New Bremen Coffee Company from 2-4:00pm on Mondays for fellowship and conversations. All are welcome!

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Church Council members will be formally installed into their respective offices during worship services January 5 and 6. Council members are asked to make plans to be at one of the worship services that weekend.

ELMWOOD WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

On Tuesday, January 8, you are invited to join us in worship at Elmwood Community at 2:30pm. If you would like to join us, plan to meet us at Elmwood by 2:15pm. All are welcome!

FROM PASTOR DEE

I would like to thank Sunday school teachers, students, parents and all volunteers who helped prepare our students for the Children's Christmas program and worship service. A Great Big Thank You to Emily Langenkamp, Leah Gilberg and Morgan Felver for selecting and overseeing the Christmas program. It was a wonderful service!

I would also like to thank all who donated hats and gloves to our blessing cabinet. The donations have been well used!

On December 9 from 4-6:00pm we held our Advent Family Workshop. Everyone had a great time crafting together and enjoying other activities going on around the building that afternoon. A huge thank you to all who volunteered your time, talents and cooking skills.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday December 23 & 30 – 9:00am Sunday school

- One room Christmas lessons and celebrations with Pastor Dee
Teachers Christmas break

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

- Wednesday December 26
No Youth Group - Christmas Break
- Wednesday January 2
No Youth Group - Christmas Break
- **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9**
ALL YOUTH GROUPS RESUME

Tuesday January 8, at 11:30am, I will meet with the Church and Ministry Group to complete my licensure process.

I will resume Lay School classes February 5.

MEETINGS

Busy Twelve will not meet, again, until April.

Discipleship Team will meet on Monday, January 14 in the 4th-5th Grade Classroom at 6:30pm to plan upcoming community and spiritual-growth events. You are invited to join us!

Men's Club will meet at Speedway Lanes at 8:00am on Saturday, January 5.

The Women's Service Group will meet at 1pm on Thursday, January 10 in the Assembly Room.

Worship Team will meet on Sunday, January 27, at 11:30am in the Library.

CHURCH DIRECTORY & RECORDS

Address Changes:

Sarah Barhorst
2240 Flicker Dr. Apt. 178
Hebron, KY 41048

Kelsey Kuenning
5471 New Knoxville Avenue
New Bremen, OH 45869

THANK YOU

To the many friends and organizations of St. Paul UCC,
I can not begin to thank you enough for the many cards, thoughts and prayers I have received throughout the past year. They have been very much appreciated. God bless each and everyone of you. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers also.
Lois Moeller

FROM THE EDITOR

If you currently receive the BEACON via United States Postal Service, and have an active Email address, please consider the option to receive your BEACON electronically. All you need do is contact me, and I will take care of making the change. Email your request to goodwin91876@gmail.com. Thank you, Terri Goodwin

LOCAL AID EXPENDITURES - NOVEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 21	
GIFT CARDS DISTRIBUTED	
23	\$25 MARATHON
4	\$50 ALDI
4	\$100 ALDI
OTHER	
\$83.40	BLESSING CABINET
\$60.00	BUDGETING HELP
\$556.74	CHRISTMAS FAMILIES
\$25.00	CUSTODIAL – FUNERAL RECEPTION
\$15.39	FOOD
\$125.00	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS
\$252.41	UTILITIES

JANUARY GREETERS

January 6

East Phyllis and Josh Fledderjohann
North Brice and Brook Schmitmeyer & family
South Keith and Dana Bornhorst & family

January 13

East Don Scheer
North John and Ginny Voress
South Shelly Smart

January 20

East Mike and Nikki, Kaitlyn & Zachary Tontrup
North Dennis and Ann Nelson
South Bill and Cindy Young

January 27

East Vernon and Julie Paul
North Dan Chamberlin
South Tom and Michelle Ziegenbusch

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 6 Alice Hartwig
January 13 Lloyd Schroer
January 20 Dave & Terri Goodwin
January 27 Anna Hoelscher

EL SALVADOR TRIP-ARTICLES NEEDED

Once again a trip is planned to El Salvador on February 25 to March 5. We have room for two more travelers. Contact John Gilberg at 419-230-8177, if interested. There are twelve going now. We will each be bringing two large suitcases, and are hoping to fill them with items needed by the residents of two small villages.

We, currently, have enough children and baby clothing but are in need of women and men's clothing. Because this country has a very warm climate, clothing made with cotton or cotton blend is preferred. We cannot use large sizes because the people of El Salvador are of a smaller stature than most living in the United States.

Light weight baby blankets and cloth diapers are needed. Light weight jackets and sweaters are needed for the older youth and adults, as it does get chilly in the upper levels and sometimes in the evenings.

Other Items:

- Medical supplies: Bandages, sterile gauze, thermometers, tongue blades, medical tape, rubber gloves. (No medications)
- Maybe your doctor would have a used but good otoscope, sphygmometer, stethoscope, sterile surgical packets, etc.
- Toys for Boys: Match box or small toys. No toys that denote violence.
- Ball caps: All sizes – will accept used, if clean, and in good condition.
- School supplies: Note books, pencils, crayons, erasers, metric rulers, small pencil sharpeners, coloring books and Spanish books.
- Small samples of soap, shampoos and lotions like those provided in hotels.
- Yarns, thread, sewing supplies, material, craft items, towels, good sheets (twin and full sizes).
- Soccer balls and/or basketballs with air removed from these items. Needles and/or pumps for the balls.
- Puzzles, crafts, Legos (large and small sizes), games.

There is a large box marked with El Salvador setting on the stage for contributions. All gifts are greatly appreciated by the people living there. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

John and Joyce Gilberg

Pastoral Care is very important! Please contact the church office when you, a family member or friend enter a hospital, or care facility, so Pastors & church family can be supportive.
Phone: 419-629-2502 Email: stpaulnb@nktelco.net

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Elmwood Assisted Living, 711 Walnut, New Bremen, OH 45869

Joann Freeman

Lois Moeller

Heritage Center, 24 N. Hamilton, Minster, OH 45865

Thomas Goodwin

Jean Waterman

Mary Ellen White

Otterbein, 11300 Yost Circle, St. Marys, OH 45885

Doris Blanke

Dan Chamberlin (11710 Kingfisher Lane)

LaRue Dicke

Miriam Donnerberg (11314 Bobwhite Lane)

Virginia Kuenning (11807 Mallard Lane)

Dorothy Wilkens (Room 330)

Swiss Village, 1350 W. Main St., P.O. Box 284, Berne, IN 46711

Mary Lou Campbell

St. Marys Living Center, 1209 Indiana Ave., St. Marys, OH 45885

Rosie Heitkamp

Annabelle Wenning

The Gardens, 505 Walnut, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Louise Kettler (Room 222)

St. Paul United Church of Christ
Treasurer's Report October 2018 General Fund

Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
INCOME					
Contributions	25,524.71	218,937.93			209,061.70
Rent-Nursery School	0.00	2,250.00	2,850.00	600.00	2,450.00
Rent-Misc. Building	0.00	324.00			350.00
Contributions-Sunday School	74.27	242.62			0.00
Contributions-Beacon	0.00	540.00			480.00
Contributions-Misc.	0.00	275.00			1,919.92
Stewardship	15.00	300.00			710.00
Office Supplies	10.00	156.75			106.40
Easter Offering	0.00	4,936.00			0.00
Anniversary Gift	0.00	5,398.00			0.00
Art Camp-VBS	0.00	0.00			2,014.00
Thanksgiving Offering	265.00	290.00			0.00
Christmas Envelope	30.00	30.00			
Interest-Checking	5.64	61.75			36.43
Sr. Minister Endow Transfer	530.00	5,830.00	6,360.00	530.00	5,830.00
Visitation Ministry Endow Transfer	444.60	4,937.40	5,382.00	444.60	4,917.00
Youth Ministry Endow Transfer	1,772.72	20,727.20	22,500.00	1,772.80	15,000.00
Gift Fund Transfer(as per budget)	0.00	8,000.00			0.00
Total Income	\$28,641.94	\$273,236.65	\$37,092.00		\$242,875.45
EXPENSES					
Senior Pastor Salary	5,133.44	56,467.84	61,601.00	5133.16	56,243.34
Senior Pastor Insurance	946.40	12,553.60	13,500.00	946.40	14,103.84
Senior Pastor Pension	0.00	11,211.36	11,211.00	(0.36)	10,884.82
Senior Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	1,391.24	1,550.00	158.76	1,356.24
Senior Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	550.00	600.00	50.00	550.00
Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	493.77	1,000.00	506.23	1,114.52
Senior Pastor Business Ex	0.00	472.78	1,000.00	527.22	768.95
Associate Pastor Salary	2,750.00	30,250.00	33,000.00	2,750.00	11,000.00
Associate Pastor Housing	833.34	9,166.74	10,000.00	833.26	3,333.36
Associate Pastor Pension	0.00	6,020.00	6,020.00	0.00	0.00
Associate Pastor Insurance	957.83	8924.02	12,000.00	3,075.98	896.51
Assoc. Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	161.25	645.00	483.75	0.00
Assoc. Pastor Continuing Ed	150.00	965.64	1,000.00	34.36	121.80
Assoc. Pastor Business Ex	0.00	361.94	1,000.00	638.06	124.73
Assoc. Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	550.00	600.00	50.00	200.00
Youth Ministry Endowment	0.00	0.00			3,000.00
Organist Salary	409.00	5,241.00	6,386.00	1,145.00	5,365.00
Music Director Salary	60.00	705.00	780.00	75.00	733.95
Chancel Choir Director	75.00	1,675.00	2,200.00	525.00	1,649.00
Chancel Choir Accompanist	0.00	375.00	375.00	0.00	0.00
Beacon Editor Salary	224.00	4,464.00	2,688.00	224.00	2,688.00
Visitation Ministry Salary	448.50	4,933.50	5,382.00	448.50	4,913.88
Bell Choir Director Salary	103.00	1,030.00	1,236.00	206.00	1,133.00
Web Page Editor Salary	225.00	1,575.00	1,854.00	279.00	900.00
Office Administrator Salary	2,461.58	27,077.38	29,539.00	2,461.62	26,696.92

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
	Financial Secretary Salary	430.67	4,737.37	5,168.00	430.63	4,718.44
	Education Bldg Custodian	1,108.58	11,432.94	13,303.00	1,870.06	12,146.02
	Sanctuary Custodian Salary	643.42	7,077.62	7,721.00	643.38	7,049.42
	Lawn Care Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,070.43
	Maintenance Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,086.12
	Substitute Salary (All Positions)	0.00	785.00	4,000.00	3,215.00	2,885.50
	EXPENSES (continued)					
	Telephone	57.98	1,332.86	1,500.00	167.14	1,246.90
	Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	50.00	550.00	600.00	50.00	550.00
	Internet Services	159.95	1,759.45	2,000.00	240.55	1,766.45
	Natural Gas-Church	560.42	6,839.63	7,500.00	660.37	5,248.79
	Natural Gas-Parsonage	58.58	813.71	1,000.00	186.29	684.23
	Electric/Water/Sewage	636.28	7,475.43	8,000.00	524.57	6,574.19
	Trash/Dumpster	61.87	672.77	750.00	77.23	638.43
	Worship Materials/Supplies	171.95	2,618.95	3,000.00	381.05	3,155.90
	Worship-Saturday	290.00	2,710.00	3,120.00	410.00	2,590.00
	Pastoral Care	0.00	364.20	800.00	435.80	1,269.65
	Music	0.00	100.00	500.00	400.00	175.71
	Delegate's Expense	0.00	28.00	100.00	72.00	0.00
	Membership Dues	0.00	450.00	500.00	50.00	752.61
	Stewardship Material	126.29	2,509.23	2,500.00	(9.23)	2,529.19
	Church Growth & Development	8.78	4,009.75	3,500.00	(509.75)	3,765.43
	Postage	534.51	4,362.15	3,500.00	(862.15)	2,906.24
	Shipping	0.00	310.24	500.00	189.76	467.22
	Mileage/Travel	1,123.50	8,034.05	10,000.00	1,965.95	7,671.27
	Payroll Services	125.00	502.47	650.00	147.53	624.47
	Office Supplies	508.73	3,239.01	4,000.00	760.99	3,458.46
	Custodial Supplies	0.00	1,197.13	1,500.00	302.87	1,293.39
	Office Equipment Maintenance	972.54	8,936.48	8,000.00	(936.48)	7,739.94
	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	455.28	1,200.00	744.72	131.00
	Sunday School/Youth Programs	288.98	2,666.05	7,000.00	4,333.95	0.00
	Sunday School Educational Material	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,771.94
	Sunday School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,664.05
	Camperships	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	600.00
	Bibles	0.00	388.42	250.00	(138.42)	649.50
	Program Materials-Grade School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	433.85
	Program Materials-Junior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.29
	Program materials-Senior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,057.05
	Confirmation	0.00	808.06	1,000.00	191.94	969.95
	Library	0.00	24.53	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SALT Programing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	193.18
	FICA/FIT (Employer)	1,139.82	12,470.52	15,000.00	2,529.48	11,118.38
	Worker's Compensation	0.00	713.00	1,000.00	287.00	940.00
	Art Camp-VBS					2,387.95
	Total Expenses	\$23,784.94	\$284,990.36	\$324,829.00	\$39,453.46	\$268,382.40
	Difference	\$4,857.00	(\$11,753.71)			(\$25,506.95)



JANUARY

When: Monday, January 21, 2019

Who: Everyone

Where: St. Paul Assembly Room

Serving: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Menu: Sausage & Sauerkraut

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

Cooked by Jim Kronenberger & Rob Ashman

Free Chair Massages & Indoor Park

