

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang, Pastor



Dee Schroer, Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, Youth & Family Life Ministries

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# FROM OUR PASTOR

The liturgical calendar for 2018 has some interesting dates. Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day and Easter is on April Fools' Day. While that might seem odd, I believe these dates are fitting.

We will enter the Lenten Season on the day we celebrate the gift of love in our lives. Indeed, it is the love Jesus has for us that models for us how to be people of love and mercy. When the ashes are placed on our foreheads, we are reminded nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

An April Fools' Easter is also appropriate. As we journey with Jesus throughout Lent to Jerusalem and his death, we are joyfully surprised that, through God's great love, death is never the end. Indeed, as Christians, we are called to be fools for Christ.

We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. (1 Corinthians 4:10)

Peace, Becky

# OUTLIVE YOUR LIFE: THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Beginning Thursday February 1 at 7:00 p.m. Pastors Becky and Dee will lead a four-week class on Max Lucado's <u>Outlive Your Life</u>. This class is open to youth and adults. We will meet in the Library. You can pick up a book for this class in the church office.

# **CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS**

Beginning Thursday March 1 at 7:00 p.m. Pastors Becky and Dee will lead a six-week class on Adam Hamilton's <u>Christianity and World Religions</u>. In our six weeks together, we will cover Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. This class is open to youth and adults. We will meet in the Library. Books can be picked up in the church office.

# ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 14

All are invited to St. Paul for Ash Wednesday worship on February 14 at 7:00 p.m. Service will include communion and imposition of ashes. All are welcome!

# **COFFEE SHOP HOURS**

Throughout the month of February, Pastor Becky will be at New Bremen Coffee Company from 2:00-4:00 p.m. each Monday. Come: join in the conversation! All are welcome!

# NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship will be led at Heritage Center in Minster on Thursday February 1 at 10:15 a.m. We will gather in Pastor Becky's office at 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion will be held at Elmwood Assisted Living on Tuesday February 6 at 2:30 p.m. We will gather at Elmwood at 2:10 p.m.

# **DISCIPLESHIP TEAM**

The Discipleship Team will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. in our Fourth/Fifth Grade Sunday school room. The Discipleship Team's mission is to grow Disciples of Christ by providing programs, meals, and events for the St. Paul Family and the wider community. All are welcome to join this dynamic group.

# WELLNESS EVENT: HEART HEALTH

In collaboration with Joint Township Hospital, the Discipleship Team is hosting two Heart Health Education classes on Thursday, February 15. Classes will be offered from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and again from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Classes are identical, but offered twice to work around schedules.

# **BECKY'S BOOK CLUB: FEBRUARY 18**

All are invited to the parsonage at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18 for dinner and discussion of Rob Bell's <u>How to Be Here</u>. Copies of the book can be picked up at the church office.

# **SENIOR LUNCHEON: FEBRUARY 15**

All are invited to the Senior Luncheon on Thursday, February 15 at noon. February's meal will be cooked and served by the Discipleship Team. Please call the church office to let us know you can attend. All are welcome!

# SENIOR LUNCHEON: A BIG THANK YOU!

The Senior Luncheon committee, after ten years of dedicated service, is stepping aside to make room for new leadership. Many thanks to all who have made the Senior Luncheon a huge success for the past decade. A special thanks to Sandy Thieman, Sally Dicke and Kathy Topp. If you would like to be part of the new Senior Luncheon Team, please talk to Pastors Becky or Dee.

# DISCIPLESHIP NEWS CAN YOU HELP?

Are you thinking that perhaps you might be able to do something to help your church? NO chairperson or leadership position...just a pair of helping hands! The Community Meal, held the third Monday of each month, could use your helping hands. There are so many small things that need to be done before and after each meal. Just call the church office and Barb will have a member of the Discipleship Team contact you with the wish list of helpers needed.

# **OPEN TABLE COMMUNITY MEAL**

The Discipleship Team wishes to thank the TLC-OCCL for cooking and serving the January Open Table meal. Despite the snowy weather we had a good turnout, food was delicious and free chair massages delightful. February's meal will be Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing everyone. If you can't make it out but would like a meal, please call the church office at <u>419-629-2502</u> and let us know. We will gladly deliver.

# **BLESSING CABINET**

Thank you to all who help keep the Blessing Cabinet stocked with supplies. This valuable resource is used weekly, if not daily. Without you we would not be able to keep this ministry going. Thank you!

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE GRANT

The Discipleship Team has received \$1700.00 from the UCC's <u>Make</u> <u>a Difference Grant</u> to fund a mental health first aid course for the wider community. We will have more information in the next few months.

# **MISSION NEWS**

During the month of December, \$960 was contributed to the "Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross". This money will be used to help retired clergy, and lay employees of the church, with unexpected financial needs, monthly pension supplements and "Thank You" Christmas gift checks. The donations you made to this fund will provide help to those who have served the church faithfully over the years. Thank you!

The Mission Team

# **MISSION TRIP**

# TO EL SALVADOR

(Articles Needed)

A delegation from St. Paul UCC New Bremen, traveling to El Salvador, will be leaving from the Dayton Airport on February 21 and will return on March 1, 2018. A total of eight reservations are available for this trip. Amy Scheer, Sharon Fiely, John and Joyce Gilberg will be representing St. Paul with four additional reservations available.

Two suitcases, per traveler, weighing up to fifty pounds each can be checked in at the airport. The hope is that all luggage will be filled with articles that the people of El Salvador need so very much.

We plan to pack these suitcases in the assembly room on February 16 at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please come.

The following is a list of articles that can be used in El Salvador. It is a very warm climate. The people there are of smaller stature than we are in the states. Cotton or cotton-blend clothing is recommended. <u>Women</u> (in small villages) dresses, skirts, or blouses; (In the city) capris or jeans, skirts and blouses

Men - lightweight shirts, pants, and men's sandals

Little girls – dresses and cotton t-shirts

Little boys - shorts or lightweight long pants & cotton t-shirts

Teen-aged boys - jeans or lightweight long pants

<u>Teen-aged girls</u> - capris or jeans (NO shorts)

Infants – Baby clothing, lightweight blankets & sweaters

Lightweight jackets and sweaters for all ages

<u>Medical Supplies:</u> Bandages, sterile gauze, thermometers, tongue blades, medical tape, rubber gloves, masks, band aids, tooth brushes (NO MEDICATIONS)

<u>Toys for Boys</u> Match box or small toys. Soccer balls, air pumps and needles to pump up the balls

<u>Toys for Girls</u> Hair ribbons, bracelets, small purses, small dolls, pretty accessories

Toys for Babies Stimulation toys, small soft toys

Ball Caps Must be clean and in good condition

<u>School Supplies</u> Spanish books, spiral notebooks, pencils with erasers, large erasers, blunt scissors, centimeter rulers, crayons, coloring books, puzzles

Small Sample Soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion (these are given at motels)

Household Items Towels, good sheets (twin & full sizes), shower curtains

<u>Sewing Supplies & Craft Items</u> Scissors, thread, & needles. At this time, no fabric is needed. A large donation was given.

All donations are received with grateful hearts! Thank you for supporting this mission.

Joyce & John Gilberg



## Washington United Church of Christ

2950 Sidney Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45225 Phone (513) 541-7757 Fax (513) 541-7579

December 2017

St. Paul United Church of Christ 119 North Franklin St., P.O. Box 6 New Bremen, OH 45869

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your very generous gift of \$913 to Washington UCC for Christmas AND all the clothes and toys the Barnes delivered to the church.

Here are just a few pictures from the Dec. 10 *Gifts to the Manger* ministry. More than 100 families, representing 375 children, were able to choose clothing and toys for their children for Christmas.

Food boxes also were provided for each family, and more were given to adults.

It was a wonderful day for so many needy families - made possible by YOU.

On behalf of Rev. Pam DeFusco and especially all those who benefitted from your gift, thank you.

#### Sincerely, Ann Osterfeld, Mission Outreach Chair Laurel Humes, Church Council President







# **DO YOU REMEMBER?**

Several months ago, I made a plea for the return of a cut glass platter that had been brought to the church for a funeral luncheon. As the weather has turned rather ugly, I found time on my hands. Cleaning the kitchen cupboards became a much needed project. Of course you can guess, the missing platter was deep, deep inside one cupboard, just waiting for its next trip the church kitchen. I hope this give you a laugh, as it did me! How could I have overlooked this beautiful dish? Could this be a sign of old age?

Ann Kuhn

# **BORED THIS WINTER?**

Come and learn the Art of Stain Glass on three consecutive nights in February. The class will meet from 7-8 p.m. Monday, February 19 through Wednesday, February 21. Thursday, February 22 will be reserved as a "catch-up" date if needed. Cost is \$10 per person. Class size will be limited to 12 adults. Please call the church office if interested.

Interested, but would prefer an afternoon class? Please leave a message with the church office and an additional class will be considered if enough interest is generated.

Larry Kuhn

# THANK YOU!

I sincerely wish to thank Pastor Becky for all her visits, prayers and phone calls during my recent surgery. I also wish to thank the congregation for their cards and prayers. All these are very uplifting and appreciated when you are feeling down. St. Paul, what a family! Thank you again!

Kohneita Lear



**February 4** Dave & Terri Goodwin

- **February 11** John & Gin, George & Karen & Judy Voress
- **February 18** Mim Donnerberg
- February 25 Mary Hespe

(Altar Flowers @ \$30.00 per week. Dates still available: April 8, 22, 29, May 27, June 17, July 1, September 9, 16, 23, October 14, 28. Please feel free to sign up as often as you wish.)

# LOCAL MISSION

Local Aid Expenditures, 12/22/18 – 1/21 /18		
Gift Cards Distributed		
4	\$50 Aldi	
1	\$100 Aldi	
19	\$25 Marathon	
3	\$10 Restaurant	
Other		
\$155.54	Utilities	
\$139.53	Christmas	



# **FEBRUARY GREETERS**

# February 4

East	John & Gin Voress
North	Sierra Schott
South	Bill & Barbara Tostrick

# February 11

East	Gary Wehmeyer
North	Connie Friemering
South	Tom & Sandy Thieman

# February 18

East	Lori Winner & Kim Hemmelgarn
North	Deb Klein
South	Larry & Bonnie Rismiller

# February 25

East	Cresta, Ashton & Megan Ritter
North	Art & Cathy Barnes
South	Ken Dicke & Dale Schaefer



# CHURCH RECORD BOOK

## Called Home:

<u>Ruth Topp</u> died January 12, 2018 at the age of 87. A service to celebrate her life was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at Cisco Funeral Home in St. Marys and interment followed at German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen.





Ash Wednesday & Valentine's Day share the same day? What a powerful love story!

LOVED, BLESSED, REDEEMED!

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

## Address Changes:

Robb Clark 306 E 4th St Apt 2 Newport, KY 41071 Larry Opperman 1291 Fairway Dr. Williamston, NC 27892-8682

Jacob Lesher 20 Apache Ct Tipp City, OH 45371-1501

## Remove:

Ruth Topp - deceased

<u>Andrew Hudson</u> 805 Arrowhead Dr Apt J Sidney, OH 45365-1841



Pastoral Care is very important! Please contact the church office when you or 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

Duane Hegemier Stan Kuenning Lois Moeller Joann Freeman

<u>Heritage Center</u> 24 N. Hamilton, Minster, OH 45865

Thomas Goodwin Jill May Mary Mohrman Jean Waterman Mary Ellen White

<u>The Gardens</u> 505 Walnut, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 Louise Kettler (Room 222) <u>St. Marys Living Center</u> <u>1209 Indiana Ave., St. Marys, OH 45885</u>

Rosie Heitkamp

Otterbein 11300 Yost Circle, St. Marys, OH 45885

Doris Blanke Dan Chamberlain (11410 Bobwhite Lane) LaRue Dicke Miriam Donnerberg (11314 Bobwhite Lane) Dorothy Wilkens (Room 330)

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

Mary Lou Campbell

Sycamore Glen Retirement Community 317 Sycamore Glen Dr., #417 Miamisburg, OH 45342

Dot Ouwerkerk

## OFFICE NEWS

Just a reminder to let the church office know of any life changes, such as name, address, phone numbers, emails, etc. We will greatly appreciate it, as it will help us to keep things up to date.

If our college-age members would keep their physical and email address updated with us, and how they would prefer to receive The Beacon, we would appreciate it as well. Info may be phoned to the church office at 419-629-2502 or emailed to stpaulnb@nktelco.net.

# ST. PAUL UCC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2017

Council President, Art Barnes called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. He also expressed thanks to the Sunday school children and staff for a very meaningful Christmas Program this am. No agenda presented for this meeting. The purpose of the meeting as follows:

- Voting on changes made by committee of council members regarding By-Laws and Constitution.
- Voting on new members of council for 2018
- Voting on Budget for 2018

<u>Constitution and By-Laws</u> – Church members present were presented with the changes that the committee had made. Art Barnes mentioned several of the more major changes in the Constitution and By-Laws that were made by the committee of council members and discussed by council. There was discussion and questions by congregation. Amy Scheer moved that one of the "Standing Committees of the Church Council" in section 5 should also be the "Discipleship Team". This should be added to By-Laws with amendment. Marlene Ahlers seconded this motion. This motion carried by "aye" vote. Vote was then taken to accept the changes made to the Constitution and By-Laws as amended. Motion carried by "aye" vote.

Acceptance of nominated Council members for 2018 - Council members nominated to date were listed in bulletin for the morning and presented to congregation. A vote was taken by "aye" vote and motion carried.

<u>COUNCIL NOMINEES</u> – President – Art Barnes, Vice President – Jeff Quellhorst, Recording Secretary – Andrea Huber, Treasurer – Myra Hanenkratt, Senior Elder – Terri Mullins, Junior Elder – John Gilberg, 3rd Year Trustee – Tom Brandewie, 2nd Year Trustee – Kirk Dicke, 1st Year Trustee – Tim Bowers, 2nd Year Deacons– Betty Dietrich, Theresa Hemmelgarn, Brad Holdren, Kathy Manbeck, Jim Mullins, Kathy Topp , 1st Year Deacons – Dana Bornhorst, Elyssa Mullins, Jeff Paul, Tracy Oldiges, Shelly Zeller, (one open position)

Budget for 2018 - Myra Hanenkratt presented the 2018 Budget proposal to the congregation. Members were provided with a written budget proposal.

- Total proposed budget \$375,153.00 with endowment income reducing the total to **\$332,911.00.**
- Total proposed budget with endowment income reflects a 7.32% increase from last year.

There was much question and answer. Concerns were regarding Sr. Pastor medical insurance coverage, Office Administrator Insurance and Pension, SALT program expense, and to overall find areas to cut expenses considering our added expenses of Associate Pastor. Concerns voiced regarding expenses vs. income\giving. Art Barnes did bring the budget to vote. At that time a motion was made by Tom Thieman to suspend the vote on the budget to allow Council and Budget committee to further consider the concerns that were voiced today. Vicki May seconded the motion. Motion carried by "aye" vote.

With this, the congregational meeting was adjourned with Benediction by Pastor Becky.

Lori Likens, Secretary

Art Barnes, President

# ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Barnes with 15 council members including: Dee Schroer, Andrea Huber, Myra Hanenkratt, Terri Mullins, Jeff Quellhorst, Tracy Oldiges, Betty Dietrich, Brad Holdren, Kathy Topp, Jim Mullins, John Mohrman, Barb Holdren, Tom Brandewie and Rev. Becky Strang. Devotions were provided by Betty Dietrich. Guests: Mike Holdren, Lori Likens

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Secretary's Report reviewed. Jim Mullins moved to accept the minutes as read. Jeff Quellhorst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Treasurer's report as of December 2017 was reviewed. Report shows year to date balance of (\$24,873.24) in General Fund as of December 2017. Terri Mullins moved to accept Treasurer's report as read. Brad Holdren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

<u>Mission:</u> January mission is Best gifts, formerly Blankets Plus, Church World Mission. John Gilberg shared they were able to raise \$16,000 for the project of the year in 2017.

Worship: Will be meeting on January 21, 2018

Stewardship: Will be meeting very soon.

<u>Discipleship:</u> There was a New Year's Eve Dinner at 6:00 pm prepared by Kuhn's and Mohrman's., 4 full round tables were served. This event continues to grow and patrons encouraged us to continue this discipleship. The community meal will be provided by the TLC-OCCL for January. On January 18 the Team will be sponsoring Health oriented workshops.

<u>Financial Advisory:</u> Budget continues to be evaluated. Barb Holdren asked the question could the Building and Property Care and Building and Maintenance Fund be combined for the 2018 budget year. With discussion Tom Brandewie made a motion and Myra Hannekrat seconded. Motion Carried.

<u>Nominations:</u> Currently all positions have been filled except one Deacon's position. Without you we could not function. Thank You!

# **OTHER REPORTS**

<u>Deacon's Report</u>: Discussion of current needs.

Elder's Report: No Report.

Maintenance Report: John Mohrman reports:

- Performed weekly and monthly preventative maintenance checks.
- Picked up new circulating pump for part of educational building from Roessner Energy and installed it.
- Another boiler had a fan fail and Roessner Energy replaced it with a fan that works but will get the correct fan and change it then.
- Several sensors needed replaced for one boiler.
- Replaced the kitchen water heater pressure relief valve.
- Helped with clearing the sidewalks.
- Other small things taken care of as needed.

Trustees Report: Adopted snow removal during this time.

# PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

Wow the Christmas season was a blur this year with many awesome Services and events to bring in the New Year.

The next series of Lay school classes begin Tuesday January 16, these will cover preaching. I am considering summer events for youth and family faith formation opportunities. I will keep you posted on these as they come around. Please see me if you would like to be a chaperone or would like to observe or help during youth events. I would love for everyone to be involved and share in the excitement that comes with special youth events.

Our Sunday school teachers resumed regular classes Sunday January 7 after a 2-week break for Christmas. Thank you to all our teachers for the extra effort put forth for the Christmas season and for your commitment to our students each week!

Youth Groups resumed this week, Wednesday January 3 with SPLASH. Junior High youth began a 6-week study of "The life and Message of the Apostle Paul".

Sr. High will begin a 3-week lesson on the Bible. Lessons will include how we study the bible as a UCC church, how context makes things clearer, how to find what you need when you need it and how to use your bible as a tool for life. (we may need more than 3 weeks)

If you would like to get involved with the Youth, Sunday school or Family Formation, please contact me. It would be great to have more people on board!

DECEMBER 13 – JANUARY 9

- Nursing Home worship 0
- Phone call 4
- Notes written 23
- Nursing Home visits 20
- Meetings with teachers weekly
- Hospital visits 3

# PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT

Christmas Eve Worship Services Attendance:

2010 - 340, 2012 - 413, 2013 - 417, 2014 - 400, 2015 - 322, 2016 - 350, and 2017 - 359

2/1 Worship at Heritage Manor

2/6 Worship w/communion @ Elmwood

2/10 Barbershop Quartet during worship

2/14 Ash Wednesday Worship @ 7pm

2/18 Commissioning of El Salvador Travelers.

- Confirmation is going marvelously. Lisa Weigandt, Shelly Smart, and Jeff Paul are team teaching Confirmation this year. Pastor Dee and I will alternate weeks between Jr. High Youth Group and Confirmation. Confirmands begin writing their faith statements on February 21.
- Playground construction on Herman is on hold until after the holidays. A donation has been given to cover infrastructure: rebar, cement, electric. Playground equipment committee meets on January 15. NB/NK Rotary might donate a piece of equipment specially geared towards autistic children.
- Discipleship Team is hosting two healthy eating classes. Thursday January 18 at 10am and again at 7pm.
- Larry Kuhn will teach a stained-glass class in the evening of the week of February 19. Class size is limited so please sign up soon.
- I will be teaching two adult faith formation classes in the coming months:

Outlive Your Life on Thursdays February 1, 8,15,& 22 @ 7pm Christianity and the World's Religions March 1,8,15,22, & April 5, 12 @ 7pm

- For continuing education in 2018 I plan to attend the Why Christian conference in Durham, NC the week of March 12. This event is hosted by Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber and Rachel Held Evans.
- Pastor Dee and I will start coordinating Art Camp again soon.
- I am trying to take Thursdays as professional reading days. I take Fridays off for personal time. I will return calls on Saturday or Monday.
- I have not worked on vacation times for 2018.
- I am serving on the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Board and am a facilitator for the Ohio Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

# PASTORAL CARE IN DECEMBER

Hospital visits: 3 Funerals: 1 Nursing Home visits: 17 Home visits: 6 Phone calls: 8 Home Communion: 24 Baptisms: 0 Notes written: 0 Office visits: 2 Coffee Shop attendees: 7

OLD BUSINESS 2018 Project of the Year – John Gilberg made a motion to have the project of the year be "Clock Tower and Steeple Maintenance and then Church operations. Jim Mullins seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Sanctuary Revamp for Funeral Space - Still being discussed. Kitchen Range Hood – Still considering this.

# NEW BUSINESS

Congregational Meeting Follow-up – Will meet January 11, 2018

<u>Snow Removal</u> – Pastor Becky did make a contact with a young community member who agreed to clear sidewalks in exchange for gas cards.

<u>Constitution & Bylaws – Discipleship Team</u>: Discipleship Team-Helping the community grow spiritually by putting faith into action. There is no officer hierarchy. Discipleship Team is open to all. Tracy Oldiges made a motion to adopt this language and Brad Holdren seconded. Motion was carried.

<u>Thank You</u> - Staff members thanked the council for their Christmas Gifts.

Wish List

Flooring Auditorium, Chapel & Assembly Room - \$8000 New Clock Faces/Steeple - \$10,800 - \$21,500 (dependent upon method used to perform jobs and materials used) AC-Youth Room - \$3600, Basketball Hoop – (2) \$500, Laminator - \$3000

Announcements: Next meeting – February, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Devotions – John Gilberg

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Andrea Huber, Secretary

Art Barnes, President

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2018

Following the final hymn of worship Art Barnes, Council President, called the meeting to order with a prayer.

Three ballot votes were taken.

- Constitutional Updates: 89-1 in Favor
- Revised Budget. Treasurer Myra Hanenkratt presented the budget. Lloyd Schroer commented on insurance: 87-5 in Favor
- New Officer Elections: 78-0 in Favor

Gary Wehmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Holdren seconded the motion. Unanimous call to adjourn. Pastor Dee gave the benediction.

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Erb Strang - Senior Pastor

# ST. PAUL YOUTH IN MOTION!

Sr. High Youth - Christmas cookie bakers for the December Open Table Community Meal







Sr. High Christmas party – Decorating our Christmas cookies and enjoying our White Elephant gifts!

Christmas break is over-Back to Lessons and Games





Splash Youth are ready for lessons and activities!





Join us for an exciting day at the ballpark. Dayton Dragons-Fifth Third Field Sunday, June 10-2:00pm Seats located Section 115, Rows 11, 12 & 13 Tickets are \$6.00 each Orders need placed by Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please make checks to St Paul. Thank you For more info call office (419) 629-2502

# ORDER FORM-EASTER LILIES 2018

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As preparations begin for Easter, you are invited to honor friends or loved ones by purchasing lilies to decorate the sanctuary. Lilies may be picked up after the 10:15a.m. service on Easter, March 27.

Please return your order form and payment to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than Sunday, March 19.

Checks should be payable to St. Paul UCC.

(Qty.) Lilies, white, foiled, w/bow @ \$13.50 /each

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_\_

A gift for

Purchaser's

name\_\_\_\_\_

Total payment \$\_\_\_\_\_

## STAFF

### **2018 CHURCH COUNCIL**

(Meets 2nd Tue) (Transacts routine business of the church)

Art BarnesPresident
Jeff QuellhorstVice President
Andrea Huber1st yr. Recording Secretary
Myra Hanenkratt2nd yr. Treasurer
Terri MullinsSr. Elder
John GilbergJr. Elder
Tom Brandewie3rd yr. Trustee
Kirk Dicke2nd yr. Trustee
Tim Bowers1st yr. Trustee
Jim MullinsHead Deacon, 2nd yr. Deacon
Betty Dietrich2nd yr. Deacon
Theresa Hemmelgarn2nd yr. Deacon
Brad Holdren2nd yr. Deacon
Kathy Manbeck2nd yr. Deacon
Kathy Topp2nd yr. Deacon
Dana Bornhorst1st yr. Deacon
Elyssa Mullins1st yr. Deacon
Tracy Oldiges1st yr. Deacon
Jeff Paul1st yr. Deacon
Shelly Zeller1st yr. Deacon
Open Position1st yr. Deacon

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

(Partnering with Families, the St. Paul UCC Board of Christian Education strives to guide children through weekly educational opportunities and ongoing mission outreach.)

Pastor Dee Schroer	
John Gilberg – Jr. Elder	Kelli Muether
Haley Dicke	Elyssa Mullins
Katie Dietrich	Kristen Nelson
Morgan Felver	Amy Opperman
Leah Gilberg	Michelle Voress
Myra Hanenkratt	Neal Voress
Emily Langenkamp	Emily Willrath

### **STEWARDSHIP BOARD**

(Secures pledges; promotes stewardship programs)

Roland Dicke	3rd yr.
Open Position	2nd yr.
Open Position	1st yr.
Art BarnesChu	rch Council President
Jeff QuellhorstChurch C	Council Vice President
Tom BrandewieChurc	h Council Sr. Trustee
Rev. Becky Erb Strang	Pastor
Myra Hanenkratt	2nd yr. Treasurer
Janet Eilerman	Financial Secretary

#### **MISSION TEAM**

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)		
Art Barnes	Jeff Paul	
Connie Friemering	Bev Poppe	
John Gilberg (chair)	Kim Hemmelgarn	
Joyce Gilberg	Gary Wehmeyer	
Lori Winner		

#### **OTHER WAYS TO SERVE**

Discipleship Team Chancel Choir Bell Choir Senior Lunch Team Women's Service Group Men's Club

#### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

(Sounding board for future worship service opportunities)

Art Barnes	President
Jeff Quellhorst	Vice President
Rev. Becky Erb Strang	Pastor
Dee Schroer	Associate Pastor
Terri Mullins	Chair, Sr. Elder
Dick Hudson	Organist
Cheyenne Olt	
Tim Olt	Director of Music
Jack Hansbrough	Bell Choir Director
Jim Mullins	Head Deacon
Brenda Haynes, Anna Ho	elscher, Ann Kuhn,
Bev Plattner, Gar	ry Wehmeyer

## FINANCIAL ADVISORY TEAM

(Consults with bookkeeper regarding church investments)

Art Barnes	Church Council President
Jeff QuellhorstC	hurch Council Vice President
Tom Brandewie	Church Council Sr. Trustee
Rev. Becky Erb S	trangPastor
Barb Holdren	Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Myra Hanenkratt.	2nd yr. Treasurer
Don Scheer	Member
John Voress	Member
John Wierwille	Member

#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

(Meets in August) (Prepares church budget for following year)

Art Barnes.....Church Council President Jeff Quellhorst...Church Council Vice President Andrea Huber.....Church Council Secretary Myra Hanenkratt.....Church Council Treasurer Terri Mullins.....Church Council Sr. Elder Tom Brandewie.....Church Council Sr. Trustee Roland Dicke....Stewardship Board

# **CELEBRATIONS!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 3 Dennis Dicke & Genevieve Conradi   February 7 Tim & Vicki May   February 8 Kurt & Rachael Topp   February 14 Jordan & Ashley Fraley   February 24 James & Kathy Naylor   4 5 6   7 8   Aubrey Fairchild Amy Barhorst   Parker Bushman Sue Schnelle   Lairs Dicke Debra Gibson   James & Kettly Matthew Tontrup   Avery Rhinehart Chris Pfenning   Ron Tontrup Mark Winner   Larry Rismiller Charlie Vibbe   Kirk Greber Sierra Schott Phyllis Fledderjohann   Monica Sudman Lieleen Gamble Larry Kuhn Sarah Kramer   Monica Sudman Sue Parker Damble Larry Kuhn   Sierra Schott Phyllis Fledderjohann Jan Dammeyer Larry Kuhn Sarah Kramer   Monica Sudman Sue Sue Schaefer Trevor Schaefer   11 12 13 14 15 16   Kirk Greber Sierra Schott Phyllis Fledderjohann Jan Dammeyer Larry Kuhn <th>Catalogy</th>		Catalogy				
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	Chris Pfenning			Mark Winner		Charlie Vibbert
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	Monica Sudman			Evelyn Rupert		Kurt Topp
			Eileen Gamble			
					Trevor Schaefer	
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-	-	-			-	Gillian Grieve
Taylor Williams	Kathy Nedderman		Debra Kramer	Rodney Hainline	Morgan Felver	Jeffrey Dicke
-		Kayla Lear	Lucas Shrader			Michael Stuhlemme
Sherri Tontrup			Thieda Tontrup	Erica Hirschfeld	Jean Waterman	Robert Weinberg IV
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	F	ebru	lary 2	018				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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				10:15am Worship @		8am Men's Club		
				Heritage Center		5pm Worship		
						w/Holy Communic		
				7pm Book Study				
				Outlive Your Life				
				by Max Lucado				
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9am Sunday School	12:15-12:45 Pow er Lunch		12:15-12:45 Pow er Lunch			5pm Worship		
10:15 Worship	2-4pm Coffee Shop	2:30 Worship @	3-5pm SPLASH	1pm Women's Service				
w/Holy Communion	w/Pastor Becky	Elmw ood Asst. Living	6:30 Jr. High Dinner	Group				
		w/Holy Communion	7-8pm Jr. High Youth Group					
6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	6:30pm Stew ardship Team		7-8 Confirmation	7pm Book Study				
		6:30pm Discipleship Team		Outlive Your Life				
			8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	by Max Lucado				
11	12	13	14 12:15-12:45 Pow er Lunch	15	16			
9am Sunday School	12:15-12:45 Pow er Lunch	7pm Church Council		10:30-11:30am Heart Health		5pm Worship		
10:15 Worship	2-4pm Coffee Shop		3-5pm SPLASH	12pm Senior Luncheon				
11:30am Mission Team	w /Pastor Becky		6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7pm Ash Wednesday Service					
6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth			w /Holy Communion & Ashes	7pm Book Study				
			w/holy contraction & Ashes	Outlive Your Life	6pm El Salvador			
				by Max Lucado 7-8pm Heart Health	Mission Packing			
18	19	20	21	22	23			
9am Sunday School	12:15-12:45 Pow er Lunch	20	12:15-12:45 Pow er Lunch	7pm Book Study	23	5pm Worship		
10:15 Worship	2-4pm Coffee Shop		3-5pm SPLASH	Outlive Your Life		opini woronip		
	w /Pastor Becky		6:30 Jr. High Dinner	by Max Lucado				
6pm Dinner & book	7-8pm Stain Glass Class	7-8pm Stain Glass Class	7-8pm Stain Glass Class	7-8pm Stain Glass Class				
discussion of Rob Bell's			7-8pm Jr. High Youth Group	Catch up class if needed.				
How To Be Here	4-6pm Open Table		7-8 Confirmation					
	Community Meal		7pm Bell Choir					
6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	Chair Massages		8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal					
	Indoor Park		El Salvador Mission Trip					
25	26	27	28	SPECIAL EVENTS:				
9am Sunday School	12:15-12:45 Pow er Lunch		12:15-12:45 Pow er Lunch					
10:15 Worship	2-4pm Coffee Shop		3-5pm SPLASH	ASHW	EDNESDAY SERVICE			
	w /Pastor Becky		6:30 Jr. High Dinner	W/HOLY COMMU	NION & IMPOSITION	OF ASHES		
6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth			7-8pm Jr. High Youth Group					
			7-8 Confirmation	2/15/2018 - Senior Lunche	eon			
			7pm Bell Choir					
			8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2/19/2018 - OPEN TABLE -	Community Meal 4	l-6pm		
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	Tuesday, January 9, 2018	<u>St. Paul United Church of Christ - New Bremen OH</u> <u>Treasurer's Report as of December 2017 for General Fund</u>									
	Account Name	Period Activity		YTD Balance	Annual Budget	<u> </u>	nnual Budget Remaining	<u>P</u>	revious YTD		
<u>Income</u>											
		<b>•</b> •• •• ••		• • • • • • • • • • • • •		_		•			
	Contributions-General Fund	\$ 26,589.07	_	. ,	<b>•</b> • • • • • •			\$	251,875.32		
	Rent - Nursery School	\$ 300.00	-	. ,			100.00	\$	2,850.00		
	Rent - Misc Building	\$ -		\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	200.00		
	Contributions - Sunday School	\$ -	-	\$-		-		\$	-		
	Contributions - SALT Project	\$ -	-	\$-		-		\$	-		
	Contributions - BEACON	\$ 45.00		•		_		\$	875.00		
	Contributions - Misc - General Fund	\$ -	-	\$ 1,904.92		_		\$	11,438.58		
	Enlistment	\$ 30.00	9	\$ 740.00		_		\$	475.00		
	Office Supplies	\$ 52.00		•		_		\$	193.93		
	Confirmation Camp	\$ -	9	\$-		_		\$	-		
	PICTORIAL DIRECTORY	\$-	9	\$ 15.00		_		\$	-		
	Bible School Fund Inc	\$-	9	\$ 2,014.00				\$	702.61		
	Church Camp	\$-	9	\$-				\$	420.00		
	Gift-Library-Hulda Wiehe Fund	\$-	9	\$-				\$	-		
	Confirmation Donation	\$-	9	\$-				\$	-		
	Interest Income-Minister Acct	\$ 3.32	9	\$ 39.75				\$	18.98		
	St. Minister Endowment Transfer	\$ 530.00	9	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 6,360.00	)		\$	-		
	Visitation Ministry Endowment Transfer	\$ 468.00	9	\$ 5,385.00	\$ 5,225.00	) \$	(160.00)	\$	-		
	Youth Ministry Endowment Transfer	\$ 3,000.00	9	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		
	Total Income	\$ 31,017.39	9	\$ 273,892.84	\$ 14,435.00	) \$	(259,457.84)	\$	269,049.42		
Expense			Γ	• • • • • •	,,	-	( , <b>,</b>				
	Senior Pastor Base Salary	\$ 5,357.66	9	\$ 61,601.00	\$ 61,601.00	) \$	-	\$	59,807.04		
	Senior Pastor Insurance	\$ 896.16	_	. ,		_	-	\$	9,958.66		
	Senior Pastor Pension	\$ 326.18		. ,			_	\$	10,884.82		
	Senior Pastor Disability/Life	\$ -	-	\$ 1,356.24	. ,		193.76		1,356.24		
	Senior Pastor Cell Phone Stipend	\$ 50.00		. ,			-	\$	600.00		
	Senior Pastor Continuing Education	\$ 50.00		\$ 1,114.52			(114.52)		418.00		
	Senior Pastor Business Expense	\$ 128.81	-	• , -			102.24		712.13		
		\$ 120.01	-	\$	\$ 1,000.00	, , \$	102.24	\$ \$			
	TRANS FROM SR. MINISTER ENDOWMENT			•		- · ·	-		6,230.00		
	Associate Pastor Base Salary	, ,	_	. ,	. ,	_	19,250.00		-		
	Associate Pastor Housing	\$ 833.34	-	. ,		_	5,833.30		-		
	Associate Pastor Pension	\$ 1,204.00	_	. ,		_	4,816.00		-		
	Associate Pastor Insurance	\$ 918.46	-	. ,			3,185.03		-		
	Associate Pastor Disability/Life	\$ -	_	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 645.00		645.00		-		
	Associate Pastor Continuing Education	\$ 115.28	_		. ,	_	762.92		-		
	Associate Pastor Business Expense	\$ 175.00	_		. ,		700.27		-		
	Associate Pastor Cell Phone Stipend	\$ 50.00	9	\$ 250.00		) \$	350.00	\$	-		
	Youth Pastor Salary	\$-	9	\$-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	19,065.60		
	Youth Pastor Housing	\$-	9	\$-	\$-	\$	-	\$	1,950.00		
	Youth Pastor Health Insurance	\$-	9	\$-	\$-	\$	-	\$	4,697.50		
	Youth Pastor Continuing Education	\$-	9	\$-	\$-	\$	-	\$	1,000.00		
	Youth Pastor Pension	\$-	9	\$-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,739.25		
	Youth Pastor Disability/Life	\$-	9	\$-	\$-	\$	-	\$	342.94		
	Youth Director Cell Phone Stipend	\$-	9	\$-	\$-	\$	-	\$	375.00		
	Youth Minister Business Expense	\$ -	9	\$-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	467.34		
	Youth Minister Endowment Income	\$-	_	\$ 3,000.00		\$	-	\$	(22,500.00		
	Organist Salary	\$ 927.00	-	. ,			94.00		5,500.00		
	Music Director	\$ 75.00	_	. ,			(28.95)		780.00		
	Senior Choir Director	\$ 225.00	_			_	326.00		1,900.00		
	Saturday Evening Choir Director	\$ -	_	\$ <u>1,074.00</u>	\$ 625.00		625.00		208.32		
		\$ -	_	» - \$ -	\$ 625.00	, , , , \$	-	ֆ \$			
	Spirit Safari Director			•					6,533.32		
	BEACON Editor			. ,			(224.00)		2,610.00		
	Visitation Ministry Salary	\$ 468.12	_				468.12		5.04		
	Bell Choir Director Salary	\$ 103.00					103.00		1,200.00		
	Web Page Editor	\$ -	-	\$ 900.00		_	954.00		1,800.00		
	Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper	\$ 2,569.08					-	\$	25,500.00		
	Financial Secretary Salary	\$ 449.54	9	\$ 5,168.00	\$ 5,168.00	)   \$	0.02	\$	5,016.9		

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	Account Name	Period Activit	by .	YTD Balance	Annua	al Budget		inual Budget	<u>P</u> I	evious YTD	
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zpense	(continued)	¢ 1.156.0	74	¢ 12.202.06	¢	12 202 00	¢	0.04	¢	10 277 01	
	Education Building Custodian Salary	\$ 1,156.9 \$ 671.5	-	\$ 13,302.96 \$ 7,700.06	\$	13,303.00	· ·	0.04		12,377.91	
	Sanctuary Custodian Salary		04	\$ 7,720.96 \$ 2,070.42	· ·	7,721.00	<u> </u>		· ·	7,495.92	
	Lawn Care Salary	\$ -	20	\$ 3,070.43		3,071.00	· ·	0.57		3,012.00	
	Maintenance Salary	\$ 960.8	-	\$ 11,046.92	1	11,047.00		0.08	· ·	10,725.12	
	Vacation Replacement	\$ 735.0	0	\$ 3,620.50	-	4,326.00	<u> </u>	705.50	L.	4,620.00	
	SALT Project Salary	\$ -	77	\$ 2,500.00		5,000.00	· ·	2,500.00		-	
	Telephone - CHURCH	\$ 114.3	-	\$ 1,361.27	· ·	2,000.00	<u> </u>	638.73	<u> </u>	1,340.8	
	Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 50.0	-	\$ 600.00		600.00	<u> </u>	-	\$	700.00	
	Natural Gas - CHURCH	\$ 828.8	-	\$ 6,077.67	1 .	10,000.00	<u> </u>	3,922.33	· ·	5,826.2	
	Internet Services	\$ 159.9	-	\$ 1,926.40		2,100.00	<u> </u>	173.60		1,931.4	
	Natural Gas - Parsonage	\$ 88.3		\$ 772.59	\$	1,500.00		727.41		796.60	
	Electric - CHURCH	\$ 633.4	-	\$ 7,207.37	\$	8,500.00		1,292.63	-	7,498.3	
	Trash-Dumpster	\$ 59.2		\$ 697.64	-	750.00	<u> </u>	52.36	+ ·	680.8	
	Worship Materials & Supplies	\$ 714.9	92	\$ 3,870.82		3,000.00	\$	(870.82)	\$	3,066.6	
	Worship Saturday Evening	\$ 340.0	00	\$ 2,930.00	\$	3,120.00	\$	190.00	\$	1,970.0	
	Pastoral Care	\$ -		\$ 1,269.65	\$	600.00	\$	(669.65)	\$	608.4	
	Music	\$ 300.0	00	\$ 475.71	\$	500.00	\$	24.29	\$	327.0	
	Delegate's Expense	\$ -		\$ -	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	62.0	
	Membership Dues	\$ -		\$ 752.61	\$	500.00	\$	(252.61)	\$	412.5	
	Enlistment Materials Expense	\$ 64.3	35	\$ 2,593.54	\$	3,000.00	\$	406.46	\$	2,929.6	
	Church Grow & Development	\$ 299.9	96	\$ 4,062.39	\$	3,500.00	\$	(562.39)	\$	4,227.9	
	Postage	\$ 617.2	23	\$ 3,523.47	\$	3,000.00	\$	(523.47)	\$	3,971.5	
	Shipping	\$ 72.7	78	\$ 540.00	\$	750.00	\$	210.00	\$	918.1	
	Mileage/Travel	\$ 1,378.9	96	\$ 9,050.23	\$	10,000.00	\$	949.77	\$	7,695.2	
	Payroll Preparation Services	\$ -		\$ 624.47	\$	650.00	\$	25.53	\$	622.0	
	Office Supplies	\$ 233.8	33	\$ 3,692.29	\$	4,500.00	\$	807.71	\$	3,299.6	
	Custodial Supplies	\$ 119.9	98	\$ 1,413.37	\$	1,500.00	\$	86.63	\$	1,569.9	
	Office Equipment Maintenance	\$ 902.8	39	\$ 8,642.83	\$	6,500.00		(2,142.83)	\$	8,175.7	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.0	-	\$ 631.00	\$	1,500.00	· ·	869.00		1,870.2	
	Pictorial Directory Expense	\$ -		•	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,984.0	
	Spirit Safari Club Education Materials	\$ -		\$ 1,771.94		1,000.00	· ·	(771.94)		2,142.8	
	Spirit Safari Club Supplies	\$ 61. <sup>4</sup>	16	\$ 1,725.21		2,000.00	· ·	274.79	1	2,518.7	
	Camperships	\$ -		\$ 600.00		4,000.00	<u> </u>	3,400.00	+ ·	1,631.0	
	Bible Expense	φ \$ -	-	\$ 649.50	· ·	750.00		100.50	<u>  ·</u>	401.9	
	Program Materials - Grade School		20	\$ 476.85		1,500.00	· ·	1,023.15	-	310.6	
	Program Materials - Jr. High	\$ 167.1		\$ 1,020.44 \$ 1,020.44		2,000.00	<u> </u>	979.56	· ·	504.5	
	Program Materials - Sr. High	\$ 89.7	12	\$ 1,146.77		2,000.00	· ·	853.23	-	1,409.9	
	SALT Programs	\$ -		\$ 193.18		600.00	· ·	406.82		-	
	FICA Taxes (Employer)	\$ 1,168.9	91	\$ 12,287.29		17,000.00		4,712.71	-	12,229.6	
	Worker's Compensation	\$ -	_	\$ 940.00		1,000.00		60.00		1,141.4	
	Confirmation Expenses	\$ 4.9	98	\$ 974.93		1,000.00		25.07	· ·	668.1	
	Bible School Expenses	\$ -		\$ 2,387.95		-	\$	-	\$	709.6	
	BEACON Expense	\$ -		\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
	Library Fund Expenses	\$ -		\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
	Total Expense	\$ 30,383.0	8	\$ 298,766.08	\$ 3	350,773.00	\$	52,006.92	\$	263,082.6	
	Difference	\$ 633.7	71	\$ (24,873.24)	<u>(</u> \$3	336,338.00)	\$	-	\$	5,966.7	
	If the accounts in the subtotals have changed or if ledger and subsidiary account attributes have changed, Previous YTD total represent a valid comparion.								s ma	y not	

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Thank you Terri Goodwin, Beacon Editor