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"Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Resolve to Love"

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang, Pastor



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Dee Schroer, Associate Pastor of
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Last week I attended a conference in North Carolina called Why Christian. The event was only three days long, but every single one of the speakers at the event answered the question, “Why am I a Christian?”

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah, this is a vital question to ask ourselves. What is it about Jesus that makes you a Christian? How do you follow Jesus on a daily basis? How do you share his love and forgiveness with others?

Poet Ann Weems has a gift for expressing the joy we experience in the risen Christ. I share with you her piece “Lord of the Dance.”

When they ask what happened here,
We'll simply say
Christ came by and we learned his dance.

The Lord does his dance on the temple floor
And the Pharisees are properly shocked:
A mad man,
Dangerous,
Unfit to guide our youth,
A heretic!
And they flee to the public
Where their praying can be seen.

The Lord does his dance with a tax collector
And the Sadducees scream: Now!
Now do you see who he is? He dines with sinners
While we, we have all this work to do.
The man's a winebibber!
The Lord does his dance with a woman of the streets
And the church people rub their hands together gleefully.
Aha! Now we've got you!
But he looked into them
And they crept away,
Unable to throw the first stone.

The Lord does his dance with all the wrong people:
With slaves and lepers and tax collectors,
With cursing fishermen and adulterers and thieves,
With outcasts and castoffs.
He dances with the unclean, with the orphan, with the displaced, with the un-whole
And he won't dance with us,
No matter how plaintively we call
Lord, Lord...
He won't dance with us
Until we become
(Of all things)
As little children;

Until we admit that we are the needy,
 We are the outcasts,
 We are the orphans.
Then he says to us:
 Come unto me!
 And we become accepted unacceptable,
 Our brokenness is bound,
 And we are able to follow the dance.

The music is never-ending
And if we miss a step or two,
Or if we fall exhausted,
The Lord is always there to pull us to our feet.

So come now, let's dance in the temple!
Let's dance in the city!
Let's dance in the sanctuary and in the streets!
The music leads us,
For the Lord's dance is never ending.
The Music goes on forever!

Friends: Jesus invites us to dance with him with the joy of resurrection!

Blessings, Becky

The tomb is empty! Alleluia!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

MAUNDY THURSDAY HEALING SERVICE March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Service will include Holy Communion, healing prayers/washing of hands, and lighting of candles for healing.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Service of Shadows will include music, scripture, and lights extinguished.

HOLY SATURDAY No worship

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

April 1 at 8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

YOUTH-SPONSORED EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

April 1 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Donations will go to the Youth activity fund.

EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

April 1 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MAUNDY THURSDAY HEALING SERVICE

Traditionally, Maundy Thursday service is for remembering Christ's Last Supper and the foot washing of the Disciples. All are invited to worship on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. for Holy Communion and Healing: lighting of candles, washing of hands, and healing prayers. This service is led by the Called to Care Team.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF SHADOWS

You are invited to St. Paul's Good Friday Tenebrae worship at 7:00 p.m. March 30. Service will include readings for Holy Week, the extinguishing of candles, and music. You are invited to join us for this solemn service.

EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICES!

On Sunday morning, April 1, we will gather to worship God through our Risen Lord at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion will be served at both services.

Come, let us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together!

EASTER HOME COMMUNIONS

Throughout the month of April, Pastor Becky will take the Sacrament of Holy Communion to our many homebound members and friends. If you would like to accompany her, please contact Barb Holdren at the church office.

CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS

Pastors Dee and Becky will wrap up our six-week series on Christianity and World Religions on Thursday April 5 (Judaism) and Thursday April 12 (Christianity). We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

HOLY HUMOR WEEKEND

For centuries, Christians the world over have celebrated Holy Humor Weekend—the weekend immediately following Easter as a reminder that God played a joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Saturday and Sunday worship services April 7 and 8 will be filled with laughter, jokes, and fun.

HEALTH SEMINAR: LIVING WITH DEPRESSION

The Discipleship Team is hosting two health seminars about Living with Depression on Thursday April 19. Kevin Rigg, MS, LPCC, LICDC, SAP will lead the class in the Theatre Room at 10:30 a.m. Linda Ruane, MS, LACC-S, LICDC-CS, SAP will lead the class in the Theatre Room at 7:00 p.m.

If you are living with depression or have a loved one who is, this workshop is for you.

BECKY'S BOOK CLUB

Pastor Becky will host dinner and discussion on Adam Hamilton's *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. We will meet on Sunday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parsonage. Copies of the book are available in the church office.

2017 DEFICIT EXPLAINED

A couple of people have asked about how the deficit in our 2017 budget was covered. As a reminder: \$20,000 was given from two New Bremen Foundation accounts and \$4493.17 of the Tomhafe Gift we were given in 2015.

If you have any questions, please see Art Barnes, Mike Holdren or Jeff Quellhorst.

SEEKING: YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

Immediately after Easter, Pastor Becky will begin sending weekly email updates on activities and mission opportunities at St. Paul.

Please email your address to berbstrang@stpaulnb.org or write your email address in the Red Friendship Pads.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to Cathy Barnes for staffing the Nursery full time for the past few years! Cathy is retiring, so we are in need of volunteers to staff the Nursery each week. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this much needed ministry. Contact Pastor Dee or the church office if you are willing to help. Thank you

MEETINGS

THE WORSHIP TEAM will meet on Sunday, April 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Library. We will look at worship services through October 2018.

BUSY TWELVE will meet for lunch at Bolly's at 11:30, then go to the St. Paul Assembly Room for meeting on Tuesday, April 3.

SATURDAY EVENING ACCOMPANISTS

April 7	Bev Plattner
April 14	Katie Brautigam
April 21	Dick Hudson
April 28	Bev Plattner

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 1	Tim Nevels / Terri & Jim Mullins
April 8	Cindy & Jerry Newman
April 15	Bev & Ralph Plattner
April 22	Ann & Dick Hudson
April 29	Lori Winner, Kim Hemmelgarn & Pam Simon

(Altar Flowers @ \$30.00 per Sunday, with September 16 open.)

APRIL GREETERS

April 1	East: John & Nancy Knost
8:00am	North: George & Karen Voress
Easter Sunrise	South: Llyod Schroer

April 1	East: Larry & Ann Kuhn
10:15am	North: Don & Jan Dammeyer
Easter	South: David & Kelly Muether & family

April 8	East: Dennis Dicke & Gen Conradi
	North: Randy & Melinda Clark
	South: Bob & Mary Finke

April 15	East: Dan & Michelle Voress & family
	North: Greg & Kathy Maurer
	South: Roland Dicke

April 22	East: Mark & Lori Likens
	North: Dan Chamberlain
	South: Sue Shockney

April 29	East: Jerry & Cindy Newman
	North: Karl & Ethel Mesloh
	South: Lori, Jacob, Nathan & Owen Rindler

MY TRIP TO EL SALVADOR

After hearing the stories of El Salvador for so many years, this year I decided to go and meet the people and hear their stories for myself.

First of all, the people are very loving. They always greet you with a hug and a smile.

We visited several schools. The children are beautiful with their dark hair and big black eyes. They were excited to see us and presented us with little craft projects they had made. We were able to leave them school supplies and new volleyballs. I am sure they will enjoy the volleyballs more than the pencils and paper.

When we visited Rosales Hospital we were able to give them two huge bags of medical supplies. The doctors were thrilled. They said they now would be able to perform many more surgeries. When asked what they most needed, they said pacemakers and a larger Emergency Room. We were able to visit their Emergency Room.

I would guess there were 100 or more people waiting there. If you ever have to visit the Emergency Room and have to wait as much as an hour, be thankful. The waiting time there could be two to three days. And if you have to be admitted you won't have a private room. You will either be in the women's ward or the men's ward.

We had the opportunity to attend two church services. The first service, on Friday, was in the small village of Calderetis. Christian Chavaria is the pastor there. The church was filled to overflowing. We were so happy to see so many teenagers in attendance.

On Saturday we helped the people of Resurrection Church move into their new building. Not all of the walls are complete but they do have a roof. They held their first service in the new structure on Sunday, February 25. Reverend Dan Busch preached the sermon. At the end

of the service Christian Chavaria introduced all of us, and said because of our "Raise the Roof" project last year, they now had a roof over their heads. They gave us a big "thank you".

While I was there I learned about El Salvador history from the Mayas to the Civil War that took place from 1980 to 1992.

The poor people of El Salvador have had a hard life, but they are happy people with a strong faith and they are trying to make their country a better place.

I am glad I made the trip this year. I want to thank all who donated school and medical supplies, toys and clothes that we were able to take to the people of El Salvador. Thanks to your donations to the 2017 "Raise the Roof" project of the year, they are now able to worship in their new church with a roof over their heads.

Amy Scheer

P.S. We had very nice accommodations and the food was delicious!

MISSION NEWS

Clean up buckets and personal care kits will again be collected in the month of April. Instructions for what is needed will be placed in each bucket. Also, Personal Care instructions will be available in specified buckets. Buckets will then be taken to the Northwest Ohio Association meeting the last Saturday of April.

There will be empty buckets placed in front of the church starting the week after Easter. Thank you St Paul members for all you do for others in need.

The Mission Team

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS



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

Joann Freeman
Duane Hegemier
Lois Moeller

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

Thomas Goodwin
Jill May
Mary Mohrman
Jean Waterman
Mary Ellen White

The Gardens, 505 Walnut, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Louise Kettler (Room 222)

The Gardens, 1301 Myers Rd., Celina, OH 45822

Harold Dammeyer

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

Rosie Heitkamp
Annabelle Wenning

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

Doris Blanke
Dan Chamberlain (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

Sycamore Glen Retirement Community

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

Dot Ouwerkerk

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Adam Lesher

12421 Liverpool Lane Apt. 102
Chester, VA 23836-2773

Dan Chamberlain

11710 Kingfisher Lane
St. Marys, OH 45885-9334
Phone: 419-778-3466

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM

The Discipleship Team will meet on Monday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. This growing team is constantly looking for new ways to live as followers of Jesus in this community and beyond. We invite you to join us.

THURSDAY LUNCHEON FOR ALL AGES

Join us Thursday, April 19 @ 12 noon. Menu: Meatloaf, roasted red potatoes, southern bacon fried cabbage, fresh fruit and assorted cheesecake. Please call the church office @ [419-629-2502](tel:419-629-2502) to let us know you can join us. Thanks!

SPECIAL EVENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

You know the feeling you get when something that seems quite foreign, suddenly feels less intimidating or frightening when you see a familiar face? Well, that is exactly what happened in our family. Thanks to the workshop, Adult On-Set Diabetes, provided by the Discipleship Team, and hosted by Joint Township, my family was put at ease, when Krissy Mullenhour, Diabetes Education Director, came to our rescue on a recent visit to the hospital with our mother. As soon as I recognized her I was immediately comforted, as were my sisters when they saw my reaction. Our mother is receiving new medications because Krissy listened to our concerns and conveyed them to the hospital physician. Thank you Discipleship Team & Krissy for providing this positive step forward in regard to our Mother's health and well-being.

Terri McCullough Goodwin & family

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jeff Quellhorst with 15 council members including: Dee Schroer, Andrea Huber, John Gilberg, Myra Hanenkratt, Terri Mullins, Elyssa Mullins, Tracy Oldiges, Betty Dietrich, Brad Holdren, Kathy Topp, Jim Mullins, John Mohrman, Barb Holdren, Tom Brandewie. Devotions were provided by Elyssa Mullins. Guest: Mike Holdren

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report reviewed. John Gilberg moved to accept the minutes as read. Jim Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of February 2018 was reviewed. Report shows year to date balance of (\$5,046.93) in General Fund. Brad Holdren moved to accept Treasurer's report as read. Terri Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission: March's mission is the Flint, MI water issue. Woodside Church is distributing filtered water. The city is still claiming the water is safe it is not. Roland Dicke joined this team and we are up to 11 members.

Worship: Team will meet after Easter holiday.

Discipleship: Started promoting Dayton Dragons game on June 12. The team is Hosting Senior Luncheon through May. We are hosting a training on Diabetes for March. April's training will be on the topic of Depression. These trainings are set for the 3rd Thursday of the month. The team will also be hosting a prom meal for the New Bremen Junior class.

Stewardship: We will be introducing an App for giving to the congregation on Palm Sunday. The team has also purchased ideas for stewardship to get more involved in the service each weekend.

Audit: The team has been formed and includes John Wierwille, Chris Imwalle, and Lisa Thobe.

Playground: Meeting is Tuesday, March 20, @ 7pm. Any interest in lending a hand on this project, please contact Lisa Weigandt.

Art Camp: Next Meeting is March 26. Any interest in helping with this team, please contact Dee Schroer, Becky, or Lisa Weigandt.

185th Anniversary: Met on March 6. We are brainstorming ideas on how and what we want to do to celebrate this milestone through the summer leading up to the main event on September 8. We will continue to update our progress.

OTHER REPORTS

Deacon's Report: On track for Ash Wednesday and Easter services. Still looking for an additional deacon. If interested, please contact Jim Mullins or the church office.

Elder's Report: No Report

Trustees Report: We have received all quotes on fire alarm systems, and will report on consideration of quotes received, at the April Council meeting. Kirk Dicke is still working with quotes for the clock face and will share his findings next month, as well. The stove will cost \$2600 to repair.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

John Mohrman reports:

Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.

We have received confirmation that boiler combustion blowers, sent out for evaluation, are repairable. Repair costs are approximately \$380.00 each. New blowers, if purchased on-line, are at least \$665.00 each. The initial price paid was over \$900.00 each, plus installation, from a local repair service. Since boilers are nearly 14 years old and we had two fail this season, it was suggested we purchase one for stock. We need to make a decision on how to move forward. Tom Brandewie made a motion to approve the cost of repairing both blowers at approximately \$380 each. John Gilberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A new touchless faucet has been installed. One of the touchless faucet control boxes in the Ladies' restroom, in the Educational building, developed a leak. A new control box was purchased, but the electrical connection was not the same. After several emails, the company sent us a complete unit because they could not get the same control box we had.

Made and put up shelves for the speakers in the front of the chapel.

Set clocks and timers to Daylight Savings Time.

Took recycles to the recycle center.

Other small things taken care of as needed.

PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT

WORSHIP

March 25 - Palm Sunday and Rite of Confirmation

March 29 - Maundy Thursday Healing Service at 7:00 pm

March 30 - Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:00 pm

No Worship on Saturday March 31

Easter Worship with Holy Communion 8:00 am & 10:15am

April 3 - Elmwood Worship with Communion at 2:30 pm

April 5 - Heritage Center Worship (Minster) at 10:15 am

April 7 and 8 - Holy Humor Weekend

April 21/22 Worship - Rev. John Gantt, Ohio Conference Minister will preach

April 29 - Blessing of Animals at 3:00 pm

I will take communion to our homebound members in April, after Easter.

Pastor Dee and I are teaching a six week series on Christianity and World Religions. Two weeks in, we have had a tremendously good response.

We confirm 11 youth on Sunday, March 25. Plan to attend/participate with the Confirmation Dinner on Wednesday March 21 at 6:30 pm

PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

This month I have continued Lay School classes on preaching. I attended a workshop on Discipleship as Evangelism along with Pastor Becky and three members of our Discipleship Team. I have been moving forward with the process to become licensed. Along with my once-a-month preaching date and weekly services I also assisted with the Ash Wednesday service. Pastor Becky and I have been co-leading Bible study on Thursday evenings. I am currently active with the Discipleship Team and the Stewardship Team.

I have been assessing the Sunday school and youth curriculum, looking for better ways to sync our curriculums to reinforce learning along with understanding our beliefs, our services, and our traditions. I am gathering information on mission trips and service projects for the youth, as well as putting together summer activities and fundraisers to help fund them. I have also been meeting with Pastor Becky and Lisa Weigandt to help get Art Camp preparations in order.

Our Sr. High youth have been studying Psalms and working in our Bibles to find where we can turn when we are in need of guidance. We are also looking at the many versions of the Bible to see the differences and which version each student prefers. We are in the process of creating "found poems" from pages in our Bibles. I hope to display these when we are finished. We also enjoyed spending an afternoon doing a service project for a family in town this month.

Our Jr. High and Splash youth are in the midst of a six week study called "24 HOURS That Changed the World". This study is walking us through Holy Week one story at a time. We have been learning American Sign Language during this study. Please ask the Youth to show you what they have learned. We have also been having fun with the activities that go along with our lessons and games to help us burn off energy. We are looking forward to the springtime weather that will take us outside.

Our Sunday school classes are continuing with the Orange curriculum. Each room is moving through the curriculum at their own pace with plenty of lessons, activities and games. Sunday mornings are full of life and laughter in our Educational building. Please feel free to walk the building and experience the activity and energy of our youth.

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Worship - 0	Service Project with Youth - 1
Meetings with Teachers – 4	Notes Written - 13
Phone Calls - 1	Nursing Home Visits – 4

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Project of the Year – Clock face is getting quoted at this time.

Playground Equipment - Meeting on March 20

Sanctuary Revamp for Funeral Space - still being discussed

Kitchen Range Hood – Getting quotes now

Confirmation Dinner - Faith statement dinner Wednesday, March 22

NEW BUSINESS

Chamber Expo: March 25th 12-3 YMCA - We will be getting 25 radio spots on AM and FM with WCSM to share all the great things St Paul Church has going on.

Landscape beds - Weeding: Please contact the church office if you or your family would be interested in assisting with weeding all the flower beds at the church this spring through fall, or if you know of a group that would like to take this on as a service project.

Grounds Keeping: Mike Holdren has agreed to do the mowing, mulching and edging for the church, replacing retired Ralph Plattner. Kathy Topp made a motion to accept Mike as the new Groundskeeper and Betty Dietrich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Next meeting – April 10, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Devotions – Andrea Huber

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

Andrea Huber, Secretary

Art Barnes, President

SERVING ST. PAUL

STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Associate Pastor: Dee Schroer

Lay Minister of Visitation: Anna Hoelscher

Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Barb Holdren

Financial Secretary: Janet Eilerman

Organists: Dick Hudson & Cheyenne Olt

Director of Music: Tim Olt

Bell Choir Director: Jack Hansbrough

Educational Building Custodians: Dennis & Linda Hainline

Sanctuary Custodian: Greg Hainline

Groundskeeper: Mike Holdren

Building Maintenance Technician: John Mohrman

Beacon Editor: Terri Goodwin

Webmaster: Open Position

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Pastor Dee Schroer, John Gilberg, Haley Dicke, Katie Dietrich, Morgan Felver, Leah Gilberg, Myra Hanenkratt, Kelli Muether, Elyssa Mullins, Kristen Nelson, Amy Opperman, Michelle Voress, Neal Voress

MISSION TEAM

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)

Art Barnes, John Gilberg (chair), Joyce Gilberg, Connie Friemering, Kim Hemmelgarn, Jeff Paul, Bev Poppe, Gary Wehmeyer, Lori Winner

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

(Meets 2nd Tuesday; Transacts routine business of the church)

President: Art Barnes

Vice President: Jeff Quellhorst

Recording Secretary: Andrea Huber, 1st Year

Treasurer: Myra Hanenkratt, 2nd Year

Sr. Elder: Terri Mullins; Jr. Elder: John Gilberg

Trustees: Tom Brandewie, 3rd Year; Kirk Dicke, 2nd Year; Tim Bowers, 1st Year

2nd Year Deacons: Betty Dietrich, Theresa Hemmelgarn, Brad Holdren, Kathy Manbeck, Kathy Topp & Jim Mullins - Head Deacon

1st Year Deacons: Dana Bornhorst, Elyssa Mullins, Tracy Oldiges, Jeff Paul, Shelly Zeller, Open Position

STEWARDSHIP BOARD

(Secures pledges; promotes stewardship programs)

Church Council President: Art Barnes

Church Council Vice President: Jeff Quellhorst

Church Council Senior Trustee: Tom Brandewie

Senior Pastor: Becky Erb Strang

Church Council Treasurer: Myra Hanenkratt

Financial Secretary: Janet Eilerman

Representatives: Roland Dicke, 3rd Year; Open Position, 2nd Year; Open Position, 1st Year

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

(Sounding board for future worship service opportunities)

President: Art Barnes; Vice President: Jeff Quellhorst

Senior Pastor: Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Associate Pastor: Dee Schroer

Senior Elder (Chair): Terri Mullins

Director of Music: Tim Olt; Organists: Dick Hudson & Cheyenne Olt;

Bell Choir Director: Jack Hansbrough

Head Deacon: Jim Mullins; Members: Brenda Haynes,

Anna Hoelscher, Ann Kuhn, Bev Plattner, Gary Wehmeyer

FINANCIAL ADVISORY TEAM

(Consults with bookkeeper regarding church investments)

Church Council President: Art Barnes

Church Council Vice President: Jeff Quellhorst

Church Council Sr. Trustee: Tom Brandewie

Senior Pastor: Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Barb Holdren

Church Council Treasurer: Myra Hanenkratt

Members: Don Scheer, John Voress & John Wierwille

BUDGET COMMITTEE

(Meets in August; prepares church budget for following year)

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

OTHER WAYS TO SERVE

Bell Choir – Wednesdays @ 7pm
Chancel Choir – Wednesdays @ 8pm
Community Meal – 3rd Monday
Discipleship Team - TBA
Men's Club – 1st Saturday @ 8am-Speedway Lanes
Mission Team – 1st Sunday @ 11:30am
St. Paul Funeral Luncheon Committee
The Busy Twelve – 1st Tuesday
The Women's Service Group – 2nd Thursday
Thursday Luncheon Team – 3rd Thursday, September – May
Worship Team – TBA

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.

LOCAL MISSION	
Local Aid Expenditures, 2/21/18 – 3/20/18	
Gift Cards Distributed	
2	\$50 Aldi
1	\$50 Kroger
3	\$25 Marathon
Other	
\$29.10	Blessing Cabinet



New Bremen St. Paul's UCC

Saturday, April 14th 2018

Early Bird shopping @ 8am for \$5

9am - 12pm \$1 admission!

Come buy gently used baby equipment, toys, shoes, games, kids' items, and clothes of all sizes newborn to junior sizes as well as maternity wear. All items are labeled with prices on the clothing or look for signs and deals at each individual booth! Please bring small bills for great deals! This is a **CASH ONLY** sale!

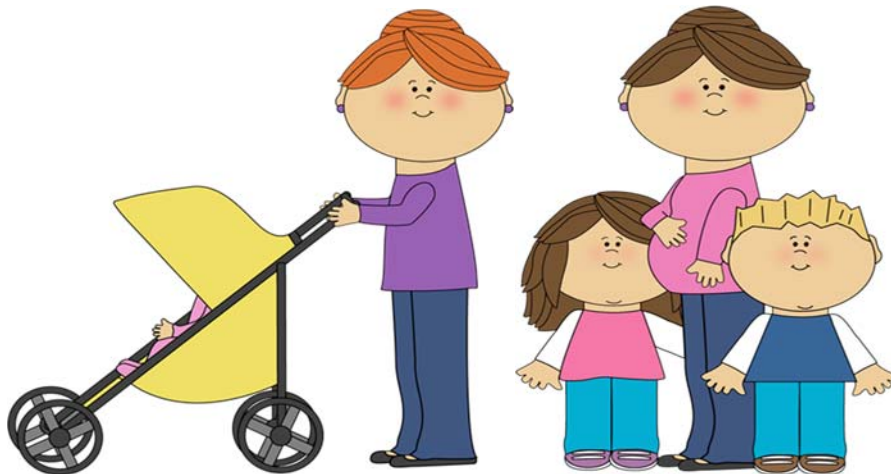
Church Office- 419-629-2502

Abby- 937-726-6446

Katie- 419-733-0919

Proceeds to benefit the Youth Activities Fund at St. Paul United Church of Christ

FREE BABYSITTING WHILE YOU SHOP!



Splash Youth Helping Sr. High decorate snack bags for Agape.



Splash Youth making "Rooster Calls" during lesson about Peter's Denial of Christ.



**Our Sr. High Helpers "Helping?"
set up for indoor park!!!**



Upcoming Youth fundraisers:

- April 1- Easter Breakfast
- April 14- Mom2Mom Sale
- April 19,20,21- Rummage Sale
- May 12- Car wash

Upcoming Sr. High Youth Events:

- April 7- Art Show in Lima
- May 6- Sr. High Youth last day Outing – Escape Wapak
- June 21-23- Spirit Song- Kings Island
- August 11- Newsboys Concert, Mercer Co. Fair
- August 18- Waynestock

April 2018 *Scheduled Meetings & Events*


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7-10am Pancake Breakfast 8am Easter Sunrise Service w/Communion 10:15am Easter Service w/Communion	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 Discipleship Team Meeting	11:30 Busy Twelve meets @ Bolly's 2:30pm Elmwood Worship Service w/Holy Communion	12:15-12:45pm Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8:30pm Jr. High Youth Group 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:15am Heritage Center Worship 7pm Christian & World Religions		8am Men's Club 5pm Worship
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30am Mission Team 6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 6:30pm St. Paul UCC "185th Anniversary" Planning Meeting	7pm Church Council	12:15-12:45pm Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8:30pm Jr. High Youth Group 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7pm Christian & World Religions		Mom2Mom Sale 9am-Noon 5pm Worship
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9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 4-6pm Community Meal		12:15-12:45pm Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8:30pm Jr. High Youth Group 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Rummage Sale in Auditorium 9am-4pm Health Workshop 10:30am & 7pm "Living with Depression"	Rummage Sale in Auditorium 9am-4pm	Rummage Sale in Auditorium 9am-Noon 5pm Worship 6:30 Jr. Prom Dinner
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6pm Becky's Book Club 6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch		12:15-12:45pm Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8:30pm Jr. High Youth Group 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			5pm Worship
29	30	Looking ahead to May: Sunday, May 6: Last day of Senior High Youth Programming Sunday, May 20: Last day of Sunday School Programming				
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Worship Team 6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch					

BIRTH CANDLE

Henry Lee Willrath, born Friday, March 9, 2018. Henry is the son of Emily & Kendall Willrath, little brother of Rylee & Hailey, grandson of Deb & Don Klein, and great grandson of Mary Klein. Welcome, Henry!

Happy April Birthday!

"Happy Anniversary"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Ned Sudman	Kaye Anderson Brett Imwalle Domink Maurer Jennifer Quellhorst	Mary Finke Rene Hammond Brett Wierwille	John Altman Bob Finke Duane Hegemier Jacob Miller Cara Schemmel Justin Schott Josh Schwable Regina Sudman	Layla Dietrich Nancy McMaster Ray McMaster Michelle Vires	Mark Barhorst Darrin Hays Jenine Humphries Jayden Schott	Kent Henschen June Oaks Will Suchland Becky Waterman	Mark & Kelly Dicke - 3rd Michael & Judy Dammeyer - 4th Duane & Alice Hartwig - 4th Bill & Barbara Tostrick - 4th Jim & Terri Mullins - 6th
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Joseph Dicke Karen Tostrick	Robert Fontanini Jenna Wagner	Stephanie Alig Lisa Davidson Owen Rindler	John Nelson	Gertrude Bushman Julie Vogel Jay Waterman	Addison Kaylor Becky Kettler Jerry Maxson Amy Scheer Aaron Thieman	Doris Blanke Nikolay Buettner Troy Dammeyer Norman Jacoby Destiney Lockhart Erin Topp Kendall Willrath	Rodney & Abi Suchland - 8th Tony & Cresta Ritter - 10th
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Larry Busse Mitchell Hays Nicole Tontrup	Joyce Holdren	Lydia Blanchard Jill Mackenzie Jackson Suchland	Earl Dicke Lily Erb Marylee Hespe Bryan Hirschfeld Taylor Sudman Zachary Wiedeman	Karen Kuck Samantha Lee	Megan Hanenkraatt Robert Weinberg III	Nicholas Kramer Kristy Miller Ralph Plattner	Mark & Lori Winner - 15th Joe & Shannon Dicke - 16th Brad & Kim Waterman - 17th Michael & Myra Hanankraatt - 18th John & Shelly Zeller - 18th Duane & Alice Hegemier - 21st
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Steve Meyers Tyler Smart Dick Watcke Tom Wenning	Monica Bushman Keith Dicke Chase Timm	Nancy Conradi Darlene Gilberg Lexa Holdren Michael Hosterman Emmitt Maurer Kathy Naylor Kylie Naylor Shirley Tontrup	Dennis Hainline Sally Meckstroth Greg Paul Dale Quellhorst	Louise Dicke Rianna Paul	Ryan Scheib Hayden Snider Maxwell Whitten	Sadie Blake LaRue Dicke Edward Garcia III Kim Hemmelgarn	Dick & Ann Hudson - 26th
29	30						
Elsie Ahlers Tyler Hirschfeld Blake Knueve Katelyn Paul	Ashley Grevenkamp Emily Muether Zachary Nelson Amy Sayers						<p>COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. NAME THEM ONE BY ONE. COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.</p>

PROM MEAL: APRIL 21

We will be hosting a pre Prom meal on April 21 for New Bremen's Junior class. We are in need of volunteers to help with this event, please contact the church office if you can help.

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

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
Income						
	Contributions	13,702.01	42,129.52			47,792.12
	Rent-Nursery School	300.00	600.00	2,850.00	2,250.00	600.00
	Rent-Misc. Building	0	75.00			0.00
	Contributions-Beacon	30.00	30.00			0.00
	Contributions-Misc.	102.00	102.00			0.00
	Stewardship	20.00	245.00			365.00
	Office Supplies	15.05	27.65			11.70
	Interest-Checking	6.06	11.63			9.17
	Sr. Minister Endow Transfer	530.00	1,060.00	6,360.00	5,300.00	1,060.00
	Visitation Ministry Endow Transfer	468.00	936.00	5,382.00	4,446.00	870.00
	Youth Ministry Endow Transfer	1,772.72	4,772.72	22,500.00	17,727.28	1,500.00
	Total Income	\$16,945.84	\$49,989.52	\$37,092.00		\$52,207.99
Expense						
	Senior Pastor Salary	5,133.44	10,266.88	61,601.00	51,334.12	9,967.84
	Senior Pastor Insurance	946.40	1,892.80	13,500.00	11,607.20	1,792.32
	Senior Pastor Pension	0.00	2,802.75	11,211.00	8,408.25	2,721.19
	Senior Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	300.30	1,550.00	1,249.70	291.56
	Senior Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	100.00	600.00	500.00	100.00
	Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	406.96	1,000.00	593.04	1,114.52
	Senior Pastor Business Ex	82.39	106.11	1,000.00	893.89	69.38
	Associate Pastor Salary	2,750.00	5,500.00	33,000.00	27,500.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Housing	833.34	1,666.68	10,000.00	8,333.32	0.00
	Associate Pastor Pension	0.00	1,505.00	6,020.00	4,515.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Insurance	843.01	1,686.02	12,000.00	10,313.98	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	161.25	645.00	483.75	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	160.00	1,000.00	840.00	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Business Ex	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	100.00	600.00	500.00	0.00
	Youth Ministry Endowment	0.00	0.00			1,500.00
	Organist Salary	515.00	927.00	6,386.00	5,459.00	900.00
	Music Director Salary	60.00	120.00	780.00	660.00	135.00
	Chancel Choir Director	175.00	350.00	2,200.00	1,850.00	325.00
	Chancel Choir Accompanist	50.00	75.00	375.00	300.00	0.00
	Beacon Editor Salary	224.00	448.00	2,688.00	2,240.00	435.00
	Visitation Ministry Salary	448.50	897.00	5,382.00	4,485.00	870.84
	Bell Choir Director Salary	103.00	206.00	1,236.00	1,030.00	200.00
	Web Page Editor Salary	0.00	0.00	1,854.00	1,854.00	300.00
	Office Administrator Salary	2,461.58	4,923.16	29,539.00	24,615.84	4,779.84
	Financial Secretary Salary	430.67	861.34	5,168.00	4,306.66	836.16
	Education Bldg Custodian Salary	1,108.58	2,217.16	13,303.00	11,085.84	2,152.68
	Sanctuary Custodian Salary	643.42	1,286.84	7,721.00	6,434.16	1,249.32
	Lawn Care Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Maintenance Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,787.52
	Substitute Salary (All Positions)	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	602.25

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
Expense	(continued)					
	Telephone	114.37	229.07	1,500.00	1,270.93	224.58
	Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	50.00	10.00	600.00	500.00	100.00
	Internet Services	159.95	319.90	2,000.00	1,680.10	321.90
	Natural Gas-Church	1,543.08	3,154.04	7,500.00	4,345.96	2,787.73
	Natural Gas-Parsonage	157.74	334.56	1,000.00	665.44	310.03
	Electric/Water/Sewage	900.50	1,709.41	8,000.00	6,290.59	1,353.26
	Trash/Dumpster	61.05	121.47	750.00	628.53	120.20
	Worship Materials/Supplies	113.58	113.58	3,000.00	2,886.42	358.14
	Worship-Saturday	200.00	400.00	3,120.00	2,720.00	410.00
	Pastoral Care	0.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	304.20
	Music	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	84.92
	Delegate's Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
	Membership Dues	0.00	75.00	500.00	425.00	75.00
	Stewardship Material	155.17	431.90	2,500.00	2,068.10	222.86
	Church Growth & Development	744.59	1,574.43	3,500.00	1,925.57	120.90
	Postage	229.08	494.52	3,500.00	3,005.48	586.86
	Shipping	9.90	42.20	500.00	457.80	68.88
	Mileage/Travel	299.06	680.55	10,000.00	9,319.45	944.22
	Payroll Services	0.00	125.00	650.00	525.00	249.47
	Office Supplies	76.27	925.03	4,000.00	3,074.97	1,074.53
	Custodial Supplies	424.12	424.12	1,500.00	1,075.88	218.54
	Office Equipment Maintenance	845.58	1,815.78	8,000.00	6,184.22	1,390.97
	Miscellaneous Expenses	97.82	173.64	1,200.00	1,026.36	0.00
	Sunday School/Youth Programs	184.36	532.83	7,000.00	6,467.17	0.00
	Sunday School Educational Material	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	488.61
	Sunday School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.11
	Camperships	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
	Bibles	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
	Program Materials-Grade School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.29
	Program Materials-Junior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.73
	Program materials-Senior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.65
	Confirmation	0.00	13.00	1,000.00	987.00	0.00
	SALT Programing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	FICA/FIT (Employer)	1,139.82	2,279.63	15,000.00	12,720.37	1,849.13
	Worker's Compensation	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Total Expenses	\$24,414.70	\$55,035.91	\$324,829.00	\$269,793.09	\$46,076.13
	Difference	(\$7,468.86)	(\$5,046.39)			\$6,131.86

WISH LIST:

Flooring Auditorium, Carpet Chapel, Assembly Room - \$8500

New Computers for Offices - \$3000

AC Youth Room - \$3600

Laminator - \$2900-3000

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