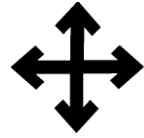




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"Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Resolve to Love"

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang, Pastor



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FROM OUR PASTOR

When the day of Pentecost had come, the believers were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:1-4a

Every year in Confirmation, we read the Pentecost story in Acts of the Apostles several times throughout the year. My prayer is that our young people will, by the time they are confirmed, have a sense of the Holy Spirit working in their lives.

St. Paul United Church of Christ will celebrate Pentecost—the coming of the Holy Spirit—on the weekend of May 19-20. Because the liturgical color for Pentecost is red, I encourage you to wear red to worship that weekend.

What does it mean for us to be filled with the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to be led by the Spirit? How can we live as Spirit People?

This I believe: when we are open to God's gentle breath and God's gale-force winds, our lives will change. We will be on fire—wanting to share God's love in new ways. We will be people of prayer—offering our lives to God. We will allow ourselves to be shaped and molded by God's grace.

Truly, the month of May is a Spirit-filled month at St. Paul UCC. We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on the weekend of May 5 and 6. Our Sunday school children will lead worship on May 13. We will also celebrate a baptism that weekend. Indeed, the Holy Spirit will be joyfully dancing among us!

So, come to church! The Spirit is alive! Come and be filled!

CELEBRATING ST. PAUL'S 185TH ANNIVERSARY

This summer we will begin celebrating our 185th anniversary with Confirmation Reunion Celebrations during Sunday worship services.

June 3 - Confirmation Reunion 1930's-1940's

Rev. Jim Egbert will preach

June 10 - Confirmation Reunion 1950's

Rev. John Tostrick will preach

Rev. Linda Marshall will give the Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Ralph Quellhorst will share memories

June 17 - Confirmation Reunion 1960's

Pastor Becky preaching

Tom Braun sharing New Bremen/St. Paul history

June 24 - Confirmation Reunion 1970's

Pastor Becky preaching

Tom Braun sharing New Bremen/St. Paul history

July 15 - Confirmation Reunion 1980's

Pastor Becky preaching

Tom Braun sharing New Bremen/St. Paul history

July 22 - Confirmation Reunion 1990's

Pastor Becky preaching

Tom Braun sharing New Bremen/St. Paul history

August 12 - Confirmation Reunion 2000's

Pastor Becky preaching

August 19 - Confirmation Reunion 2010's

Pastor Becky preaching

September 9 - 185th Anniversary Celebration with picnic

Dedication of restored German Bibles during worship

September 15 & 16 - Rev. John Dorhauer preaching

General Minister & President of the United Church of Christ

SEEKING: CONFIRMATION CLASS PICTURES

This summer to celebrate St. Paul's 185th anniversary, we are celebrating our many confirmation classes. The Anniversary Team will be publishing a book of all our confirmation classes. We have most of the class photos, but are still missing these classes:

1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1923, 1937, 1940, 1943, 1953, 1956, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1986, 1993, 1995, 2008, 2011.

If you have a class confirmation picture for one of these years, please bring it to the church office so we can electronically scan it for our records and for the Confirmation Book. Thank you!

ELMWOOD WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

St. Paul church folk will lead worship with Holy Communion at Elmwood Community on Tuesday, May 1 at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to assist, please plan to arrive by 2:10. All are welcome!

SENIOR LUNCHEON: MAY 17

Everyone is invited to St. Paul's Assembly Room at noon on Thursday, May 17 for our final meal of the year. The Discipleship Team will prepare a picnic meal: fried chicken, sloppy joes, baked beans, potato salad, salad and an assortment of desserts. Please contact the church office to let us know you can attend.

ART CAMP: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

St. Paul is hosting our second annual Art Camp for children and youth preschool through eighth grade. Art Camp will take place during the evenings of June 4-7. This will be provided at no cost to all participants and t-shirts will be included. Registration forms can be picked up (and turned in) at the church office. Deadline for registration is Monday, May 14.

There will be an Art Camp Volunteer Meeting on Tuesday May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to attend.

Questions? See Lisa Weigandt, Pastor Becky or Pastor Dee

COFFEE SHOP HOURS

On Mondays May 7, 14, 21 Pastor Becky will be at New Bremen Coffee Company from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for conversation and fellowship. All are welcome!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING

One of our homebound members is no longer able to care for their home. While a professional cleaning service will deep clean once a month, we are seeking volunteers willing to come in and touch up the bathroom and floors once or twice a month. Interested? See Pastor Becky for more details.

MEETINGS

The Busy Twelve will meet for lunch on May 1 at 11:30am at Dairy Queen, with meeting to follow in the St. Paul Assembly Room.

SATURDAY EVENING ACCOMPANISTS

May 5	Katie Brautigam
May 12	Katie Brautigam
May 19	Cheyenne Olt
May 26	Bev Plattner

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 6 Dennis & Gert Bushman
May 13 Allen Bushman
May 20 Deb Gibson & Gary Wehmeyer
May 27 Ann Young



MAY GREETERS

May 6 East: Jared Gilberg & Leah Gilberg
North: Burt & Jan Fiser
South: Wes, Julianne, & Xavier Wyatt

May 13 East: Tracy, Jason, Jack & Elise Oldiges
North: Sheryl Scherer & Ron Mueller
South: Sue Belton

May 20 East: Jim, Terri, Elyssa & Julia Mullins
North: Evelyn Wenning
South: Brad, Kim, Melissa & Jay Waterman

May 27 East: Jim Strang
North: John & Joyce Gilberg
South: Jill Borkowski

MISSION NEWS



The new church building in El Salvador is not finished, but the Roof is installed! The first worship service took place on Sunday, February 25 after the Ohio group helped to move into the building on Saturday February 24. The first picture is the front outside of the church. The second picture is the day we helped move into the new church. The walls are not all up, the windows are not installed and there is a lot of painting to be done but the ROOF IS ON and Bishop Gomez and all the members are thankful to the people of St Paul for their efforts towards paying for the roof. Amy Scheer was honored at this service for her many hours of work towards the fund raising effort for the "Raise the Roof" mission project in 2017.

MAY MISSION - STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4: 11-12

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering.

The **Strengthen the Church** offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

In 2017, your support made possible:

- 12 awards totaling almost \$350,000 through the New and Renewing Spiritual Communities grant program!
- The Adese Fellowship program launched its first class of 14 future church leaders!
- The addition of 24 new faith communities to the UCC!

This is in addition to the great ministry happening in your local conference and in our own local church! Pastor Becky applied for a grant through the "Make a Difference" initiative to teach up to 200 people in the community about a program for mental health crisis. Money received from "Strengthen the Church" also contributed to this grant. We received \$1700.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Called Home:

Dorothy Ouwerkerk died April 4, 2018 at the age of 85. Services were held in the sanctuary on April 7, 2018, and interment followed at German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen, OH.

Address Change:

Adam Bushman
3 Miami Erie Pl.
New Bremen, OH 45869-9684

Brandi Plotner
225 Harvard Ave.
Sidney, OH 45365-8264

Jeffrey Smart
1201 W High St.
St Marys, OH 45885-2031

Ashley Hirschfeld
4121 Bromley St.
Hilliard, OH 43026-1888

Kara Timm
910 St Andrews Dr. Apt. G9
Murfreesboro, TN 37128-6501

Matt Zirkle
1729 N Van Buren St.
Stoughton, WI 53589-1059

Sarah Barhorst
15 S Franklin St.
New Bremen, OH 45869-1403

Remove:

Dorothy Ouwerkerk – deceased
Bill & Alice Davis, Drew Davis - by request

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)

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 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

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

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM – UNITED TO SERVE

The Discipleship Team will meet Monday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. 4th and 5th grade Sunday school classroom. If you would like to join this dynamic and fun team, stop on by! Have an idea, event you'd like to plan/implement but don't know where to start? Join us! We would love to have you. We do not have a set meeting night or time so please call the church office (419-629-2502) for more info.

VISION BOARD CLASS

Are you trying to achieve an important life or career goal? You are invited to join us on Thursday May 17 as we create personal vision boards with Life and Career Coach Christy Shell. Christy has many years of expertise helping people turn dreams into realities.

Time: 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$10. Please RSVP at the church office. Sponsored by the Discipleship Team.

SUMMER PORCH PARTIES: LOOKING FOR HOST HOMES

The Discipleship Team is seeking hosts for Summer Porch Parties for the summer. Host families typically provide the main dish and the drinks. However, the Discipleship Team can provide both, if need be. Porch Party attendees bring side dishes and desserts to share along with lawn chairs. Please see Barb Holdren or Pastor Becky to let us know you can host.

PROGRAMS IN THE WORKS

Summer Pool Party, Bremenfest Parade Float, Community Picnic w/AC Swing, 185th Anniversary Celebration (Kick-Off Sunday) September 9, Community Thanksgiving Worship - November 19, CPR Class, Honoring First Responders - October, Mental Health First Aid, Dayton Dragon's Game, Community Fruit Garden

OPEN TABLE COMMUNITY MEAL

The Discipleship Team wishes to thank the County Crossroads 4H group for serving the April Open Table meal. Despite the snowy/bluistry/cold weather we had a great turnout, food was delicious and free chair massages delightful. May's meal, Monday, May 21 will be cooked by the Discipleship team and the menu is Beef or Turkey Manhattan's, Peas, Salad, & Dessert. June's meal, Monday, June 18 will be cooked by Rob Ashman & Jim Kronenberger. Menu will be picnic foods-Hamburgers, Brats, Grilled Chicken Breasts and assorted side dishes (definite decisions next month). We look forward to seeing everyone. If you can't make it out but would like a meal, please call the church office at 419-629-2502 and let us know. We will gladly deliver. Want to help with this great ministry? Give us a call!

THE BLESSING CABINET continues to be used on a daily basis. It has proven to be wonderful asset to our wider community. Thank you all for keeping the cabinet stocked so this ministry can continue.



90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Edith Blanke Wissman will celebrate her 90th birthday with a celebration on Sunday, May 6, 2018, from 1-3 P.M. at the St. Paul United Church of Christ Assembly Room in New Bremen.

Friends and family are invited to visit during this celebration of 90 years! Those who are unable to attend are encouraged to send her a card.

Edith was born to Lester and Lorraine "Toots" Blanke on May 2, 1928. On August 6, 1950, she married John Wissman. He passed away on October 8, 2007.

Surviving are her two children Chris and Bill Poepelman of Anna and Cindy and Jerry Newman of New Bremen. She is also blessed with three grandchildren (one deceased) and five great-grandchildren.

Edith is a member of the St. Paul United Church of Christ in New Bremen and many organizations in the area.

Please omit gifts.



St. Paul Confirmation Class of 2018:

Front Row (L-R): Jordan Weigandt, Jared Weigandt, Kanyen Moon, Mallory Messick, Xavier Wyatt. Back Row (L-R): Tanner Howell, Nick Alig, Nathan Rindler, Colten Muether, Chloe Bornhorst, Melisa Waterman

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Art Barnes with 17 council members including: Jeff Quellhorst, Dee Schroer, Rev. Becky Strang, Andrea Huber, Kirk Dicke, 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 Andrea Huber.

Guest: Mike Holdren

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report reviewed. Brad Holdren moved to accept the minutes as read. Terri Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of March.2018 was reviewed. Report shows year to date balance of (\$8,269.67) in General Fund. Kirk Dicke moved to accept Treasurer's report as read. Tom Brandewie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission: April mission is local aid

Worship: No report

Discipleship: Discussing a float in the Bremenfest parade

Stewardship: No report

Audit: Examination complete, found it to be correct.

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

Art Camp: A lot of excitement was generated from the Home Show, so we are looking for even bigger numbers this summer. The team has decided to offer something new giving the guest a choice, either choose 1- 3day class, or 3- 1 day class. Snacks are lined up, music is lined up and the t-shirt is ready. We had \$2,300 donation. Registration will go out next week.

185th Anniversary: Planning Team: John Gilberg, Jeff Quellhorst, Andrea Huber, Sue Maxson, Gen Conradi, Tom Braun, Mike Holdren, Dee Schroer, Becky Erb Strang

Summer Worship Services: Confirmation Reunions recognized during worship by decade beginning Sunday, June 3. (One week for those confirmed in 1940's; One week for those confirmed in 1950's, etc) We will ask one person in each class to serve as invitation/point people for the services. We will have St. Paul history vignettes at least four of those weeks given by Tom Braun.

Kick-Off Sunday: September 9.

Picnic on front lawn/Franklin Street following worship

Dedication of two restored German bibles

OTHER REPORTS

Deacon's Report: All is going smooth. Schedule is made through August.

Elder's Report: No Report

Trustees Report: Quotes came back \$2500-\$2600 for the stove hood replacement. This quote does not include the wiring into the alarm system. The trustees are planning on reaching out to Andy Bushman as a possible option to assist in the wiring. This item is tabled for the next month.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

John Mohrman reports:

- Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.
- Placed repair order for both boiler combustion blowers per council vote.
- Bled air from heating line for kitchen to get heat working.
- Wasps have been getting into the sanctuary and we are trying to solve problem. I have sprayed a number of possible entry points, knocked down nests that I could find and looking for more nests. If anyone sees where the wasps are coming in, please contact the office or myself.
- Met with trustees.
- Took recycles to the recycle center.
- Other small things taken care of as needed.

PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT

Holy Week Evaluation

Palm Sunday Attendance:

2011/279; 2012/272; 2013/193; 2014/290; 2015/248; 2016/256; 2017(Both Saturday & Sunday)/319; 2018/278

Maundy Thursday Attendance:

2011/65; 2012/56; 2013/62; 2014/59; 2015/48; 2016/66; 2017/49; 2018/49

Good Friday Attendance:

2015/65; 2016/66; 2017/64; 2018/67

Easter Attendance:

2011/432; 2012/400; 2013/347; 2014/356; 2015/336; 2016/331; 2017/318; 2018/279

Worship

I would like Saturday Deacons to run Media Shout. I will have it ready to run each week - the parts of worship simply need to be forwarded as the service progresses.

- April 21/22 Worship - Rev. John Gantt, Ohio Conference Minister will preach. Owen Aumick Baptism on Sunday, April 22
- May 19/20 - Pentecost Weekend. Baptism of Henry Willrath on Sunday.

- June 2/3 - Confirmation Reunion Celebration - 1930's-1940's Rev. Jim Egbert to preach
- June 9/10 - Confirmation Reunion Celebration - 1950's - Rev. John Tostrick to preach.
- September 15/16 - Rev. John Dorhauer, President and General Minister of UCC to preach.
- I am taking communion to our homebound members throughout April.
- Pastor Dee and I finish teaching Christianity and World Religions on Thursday. We have averaged about 20 people per class.
- Playground construction is resuming. Due to family illness, we will not dedicate the park in May. We are needing volunteers to help finish construction. This Saturday, April 14 we are doing a huge blitz on the playground beginning at 8:30.
- Discipleship Team is hosting two depression classes. Thursday April 19 at 10:30 and 7:00. We are also hosting Senior Luncheons through May.
- Becky's Book Club - 6:00 p.m. at Parsonage with dinner and discussion Sunday April 22 - Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton.
- Blessing of Animals has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. as a follow up from Art Camp
- I keep gingersnaps in the cookie jar in the church office. All are welcome to stop in!
- I am trying to take Thursday mornings as professional reading time. I take Fridays off for personal time. I will return calls on Saturday or Monday.
- I am serving on the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Board. I am a facilitator for the Ohio Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

Pastoral Care March 13 - April 9, 2018

Hospital Visits: 1	Phone Calls: 20
Office Visits: 2	Nursing Home Visits: 14
Weddings: 1	Home Communion: 30
Baptism: 1	Funeral: 1
Home Visit: 5	Coffee Shop Attendees: 26
Continuing Ed: 1	

Preliminary Ideas for 185th Anniversary of St. Paul

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PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

Many things are happening as we begin to look at wrapping up our Sunday school and Youth Groups for the Year. The Lent and Easter season have been full of lessons about Jesus and Holy Week. We have had many special services. Our Junior High and High School Youth hosted the Easter Pancake Breakfast. All of our Youth Groups will be busy around the building for the next two weekends with the Mom-2-Mom sale April 14 and the Rummage Sale April 19-21. We will be helping the Playground Team by cleaning up around the new playground area. The Senior High is planning a Car Wash fundraiser for May 12. Our last day of Splash and Jr. High Youth Group is April 25. Our Senior High Youth Group will meet for their final gathering on Sunday May 6.

On March 25 & 26 I spent two days in Columbus for an evaluation for licensure. I plan to keep moving forward with the steps to complete this process. I have been attending Lay School class in Tiffin with my final two classes being April 17 and April 24. I will be attending the NWOA Annual Meeting in Genoa, Ohio on April 28. I am planning to take vacation May 21-27.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS REPORT

Preschool

This past month we have been focusing on following Jesus and learning about Easter! We shouted to the Heavens, letting Jesus know we follow him.

Kindergarten & First Grade

The kindergarten and first grade classes talked about how things aren't always fair and also how to make a good choice versus a bad choice. We ended the month by talking about Jesus' last week leading up to his crucifixion, and how he rose from the dead to save us.

Second and Third Grade

The Second and Third grade class learned about patience and what to do when they are impatient. They can talk to God in those times. We also prepared for Holy Week.

Fourth and Fifth Grade

During the month of March we read bible stories that taught us the importance of being peacemakers. We learned that sometimes situations will not always be fair. We discussed how sometimes we just need to let things go and walk away. We spent time preparing for Easter. We prepared a children's message about the Golden Rule for worship.

Jr. High

The past few weeks the Junior High have been studying "Reality Show" and talking about family dynamics and how God has the ability to use a family for his greater good. In the coming weeks they will study "Best Seller", which will look at navigating the Bible, understanding the Bible, and using it as a tool to live a better life.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

Sunday April 15 - Preschool class will lead the children's moment during our 10:15 worship service.

Sunday May 13 - Sunday school and youth will lead the 10:15 Mother's Day worship service.

Sunday May 20 - Last day of Sunday school until Fall

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Project of the Year – 3 quotes are in for the clock face. 16k, 26k, 28k. We will be asking for 20k for the project of the year to cover the clock upgrades including the tower face and steeple repair, everything above the round window. Additional items could be fixed at additional cost. Any questions on the quotes please contact a St. Paul trustee. We move to accept the Midwest Maintenance quote. We will be looking for help from the mission team to help us promote the Project of the Year. We will ask a trustee to attend the Mission Team meetings that are held the 2nd Sunday of the month after church. Kirk Dicke has been appointed to do this.

Sanctuary Revamp for Space - We are asking that a pew, in the back of the sanctuary, be removed by June 3. This will allow space for a table to be set up for refreshments, when hosting Confirmation reunions this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Landscape beds - Over the next couple weeks we plan to remove all unwanted mulch, edge, and find a safe spray to use on the onion grass. We will evaluate what to keep and what to get rid of. All of this will be done before flowers are planted. We have found a gentleman who has agreed to do the ongoing maintenance of the beds each weekend this spring/summer for gas cards. We appreciate you!

Thank you Art Barnes for your service as Council President! We wish you all the best on your new journey.

WISH LIST:

Auditorium (flooring and window rework - \$8,500
Carpet Chapel, Assembly RM
New computers for offices \$3,000
AC – Youth Rm - \$3,600 Laminator - \$2,900-3,000

Announcements: Next meeting – May 8, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Devotions: Terri Mullins
Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Andrea Huber, Secretary

Art Barnes, President

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 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	22,535.25	64,664.77			61,616.10
	Rent-Nursery School	300.00	900.00	2,850.00	1,950.00	900.00
	Rent-Misc. Building	49.00	124.00			0.00
	Contributions-Beacon	0.00	30.00			0.00
	Contributions-Misc.	173.00	275.00			70.00
	Stewardship	15.00	260.00			370.00
	Office Supplies	14.25	41.90			16.20
	Easter Offering	25.00	50.00			0.00
	Interest-Checking	6.08	17.71			13.63
	Sr. Minister Endow Transfer	530.00	1,590.00	6,360.00	4,770.00	1,590.00
	Visitation Ministry Endow Transfer	444.60	1,380.60	5,382.00	4,001.40	1,305.00
	Youth Ministry Endow Transfer	1,772.72	6,545.44	22,500.00	15,954.56	1,500.00
	Total Income	\$25,864.90	\$75,879.42	\$37,092.00		\$67,380.93
Expense						
	Senior Pastor Salary	5,133.44	15,400.32	61,601.00	46,200.68	14,951.76
	Senior Pastor Insurance	2,094.71	3,987.51	13,500.00	9,512.49	4,813.41
	Senior Pastor Pension	2,721.22	5,523.97	11,211.00	5,687.03	5,442.38
	Senior Pastor Disability/Life	291.56	591.86	1,550.00	958.14	583.12
	Senior Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	150.00	600.00	450.00	150.00
	Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed	86.81	493.77	1,000.00	506.23	1,114.52
	Senior Pastor Business Ex	82.28	188.39	1,000.00	811.61	164.57
	Associate Pastor Salary	2,750.00	8,250.00	33,000.00	24,750.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Housing	833.34	2,500.02	10,000.00	7,499.98	0.00
	Associate Pastor Pension	1,505.00	3,010.00	6,020.00	3,010.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Insurance	0.00	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	479.78	639.78	1,000.00	360.22	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Business Ex	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	150.00	600.00	450.00	0.00
	Youth Ministry Endowment	0.00	0.00			1,500.00
	Organist Salary	618.00	1,545.00	6,386.00	4,841.00	1,400.00
	Music Director Salary	60.00	180.00	780.00	600.00	195.00
	Chancel Choir Director	200.00	550.00	2,200.00	1,650.00	550.00
	Chancel Choir Accompanist	50.00	125.00	375.00	250.00	0.00
	Beacon Editor Salary	224.00	672.00	2,688.00	2,016.00	652.50
	Visitation Ministry Salary	448.50	1,345.50	5,382.00	4,036.50	1,306.26
	Bell Choir Director Salary	103.00	309.00	1,236.00	927.00	300.00
	Web Page Editor Salary	0.00	0.00	1,854.00	1,854.00	450.00
	Office Administrator Salary	2,461.58	7,287.4	29,539.00	22,154.26	7,169.76
	Financial Secretary Salary	430.67	1,292.01	5,168.00	3,875.99	1,254.24
	Education Bldg Custodian Salary	1,108.58	3,325.74	13,303.00	9,977.26	3,229.02
	Sanctuary Custodian Salary	643.42	1,930.26	7,721.00	5,790.74	1,873.98
	Lawn Care Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Maintenance Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,681.28
	Substitute Salary (All Positions)	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	802.25

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
Expense	(continued)					
	Telephone	114.37	343.77	1,500.00	1,156.23	336.87
	Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	50.00	150.00	600.00	450.00	150.00
	Internet Services	159.95	479.85	2,000.00	1,520.15	482.85
	Natural Gas-Church	1,015.42	4,169.46	7,500.00	3,330.54	2,787.73
	Natural Gas-Parsonage	109.64	444.20	1,000.00	555.80	310.03
	Electric/Water/Sewage	588.98	2,298.39	8,000.00	5,701.61	1,884.69
	Trash/Dumpster	60.77	182.24	750.00	567.76	173.38
	Worship Materials/Supplies	136.99	250.57	3,000.00	2,749.43	550.50
	Worship-Saturday	230.00	630.00	3,120.00	2,490.00	670.00
	Pastoral Care	0.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	304.20
	Music	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	147.92
	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	127.89	559.79	2,500.00	1,940.21	558.02
	Church Growth & Development	122.67	1,697.10	3,500.00	1,802.90	421.61
	Postage	567.93	1,062.45	3,500.00	2,437.55	763.20
	Shipping	41.85	85.05	500.00	415.95	108.14
	Mileage/Travel	511.45	1,192.00	10,000.00	8,808.00	1,699.87
	Payroll Services	0.00	125.00	650.00	525.00	249.47
	Office Supplies	233.78	1,158.81	4,000.00	2,841.19	1,249.99
	Custodial Supplies	0.00	424.12	1,500.00	1,075.88	218.54
	Office Equipment Maintenance	656.49	2,472.27	8,000.00	5,527.73	1,970.39
	Miscellaneous Expenses	75.82	249.46	1,200.00	950.54	50.00
	Sunday School/Youth Programs	236.33	769.16	7,000.00	6,230.84	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	471.46
	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	136.11
	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	160.55
	Confirmation	493.02	506.02	1,000.00	493.98	44.85
	SALT Programing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	FICA/FIT (Employer)	1,139.79	3,419.42	15,000.00	11,580.58	2,773.69
	Worker's Compensation	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Total Expenses	\$29,123.89	\$84,159.80	\$324,829.00	\$240,669.20	\$69,845.45
	Difference	(\$3,258.99)	(\$8,280.38)			(\$2,464.52)

LOCAL MISSION		OTHER	
Local Aid Expenditures March 21 – April 20		\$31.57	Blessing Cabinet
Gift Cards Distributed		\$225.00	Counseling
2	\$50 Aldi	\$51.10	Personal Care Kits
3	\$100 Aldi	\$359.47	Utilities
1	\$25 Kroger		RESTOCKED CARDS
1	\$50 Kroger	10	\$50 Aldi
14	\$25 Marathon	5	\$100 Aldi



Registration Form

Please fill out front and back & return to St Paul,
PO Box 6, New Bremen 45869-Thank you!

2018

St Paul UCC Art Camp

Monday, June 4—Thursday, June 7 from 6:00—8:00pm

St. Paul UCC St Paul United Church of Christ ♦ 119 N. Franklin St, New Bremen ♦ 419.629.2502

Additional registration forms available at www.stpaulnb.org, NB Coffee Shop, Topsy Turvy Toys, NB Library

All children (potty trained—entering 8th grade) are invited to attend.

Register by Monday, May 14th Walk-in's are Always Welcome!!! Free For Everyone!!!

Child's Name _____ Child's Preferred Name _____

Gender—M F Child's Age _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___ Last School Grade Completed _____

T-Shirt Size (No Charge) Youth sm ___ med ___ lg ___ Adult sm ___ med ___ lg ___ xl ___

There will be a family dinner on Thursday, starting at 6:00pm. _____ number attending.

We will have 2 & 3 year olds and 4 & 5 year olds in their own classes-They do not need to choose activities as they will be offered a variety of different Art Projects.

Classes Available

Please Choose One 3 day class:

- ___ Wood Wren Houses
- ___ Clay Toad Houses
- ___ Paper Animal Masks
- ___ Canvas Animal Painting
- ___ Paper Mache Cats & Dogs

Please Choose Three 1 day classes:

- ___ Church Library Time
- ___ Sparkle Fish
- ___ Pom Pom Animals
- ___ Friendship Bracelets
- ___ Earthworm Apartments
- ___ Animal Origami
- ___ Turtle Weaving
- ___ Pet Bandanas

Help and support would be appreciated. Please mark below the area in which you are able to assist us.

Volunteer Age: 13 through 102

- ___ Room Assistant (Assist teachers with art projects)
- ___ Guide (Assist kids to different areas)

- ___ Help with snacks
- ___ Childcare for fellow Volunteers

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Questions Contact

St Paul Church Office
419-629-2502

Lisa Weigandt
937-538-0275

Pastor Dee Schroer
419-733-8760

Rev. Becky Erb Strang
419-953-1152

Permission, Release and Medical Power of Attorney

Please fill out one form per child attending Art Camp

Child's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ work phone _____

Can we text you? Home Phone Y or N Cell Phone Y or N Work Phone Y or N

Email address _____

Emergency Contact (if parent can't be reached) _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____ Relationship to child _____

Does your child have allergies (Food, Medicine, etc?) Y N Please List (use extra sheet of paper, and attach—if necessary)

I give permission for my child to participate in the activity (Art Camp) and release from all liability and indemnify St Paul United Church of Christ, and their officers, agents, representatives, volunteers, and employees, from any and all liability, claims, judgements, cost or expenses, including attorney fees, arising out of any illness incurred by my child while participating in or traveling to or from the activity.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

I agree that Art Camp (St Paul United Church of Christ) may use my child's portrait or photograph for promotional purposes and office functions, in print, social media and/or on their website.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Please complete EITHER Part I or Part II below: Part I: Grant Consent In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by the previously-named doctor, or, in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist; and, (2) the transfer of the child to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery. Facts concerning the child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted:

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Part II: Refusal to consent (DO NOT COMPLETE IF YOU COMPLETED PART I). I do NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the church leaders to take the following action: (MUST BE COMPLETED IF REFUSING CONSENT FOR TREATMENT)

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

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: Mike Holdren
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: Mike Holdren

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: Mike Holdren; 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: Mike Holdren

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: Mike Holdren

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

Happy May Birthday!

"Happy Anniversary"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Melinda Clark Todd Dicke Julie Ehemann	James Mullins Matthew Quellhorst Lori Rindler Mia Schmitmeyer Don Smart Abigail Suchland Edith Wissman	Jessica Blair Nancy Busse Dennis Dicke Jill May Ethan Tinsley Carla Topp	Thomas Brandewie Delaney Davis Nancy Knost Cassie Maurer Susan Rengers Dale Schaefer	Mary Klein Rogan Muether Steven A. Topp
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Linda Rempe	Janice Howell Matt Zirkle	Tom Braun Loree Nedderman James Nelson	Stephanie Dicke Staci Jones Judith Martin Vernita Wellman	Bryce Voress		Michael Bushman Ann Hudson Vicki May Jared Weigandt Jordon Weigandt
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Janet Dicke Ryan Hainline	Lafe Schweissguth Carol Swackhamer Lindsay Thobe	Nathaniel Blake Noah Blake Rhonda Puthoff Amber Tontrup	David Dammeyer Christine Dicke Bradley Holdren Amanda Quellhorst		Teresa Bowers Kimberly Egbert Ed Hickerson Virginia Kuenning Ann Nelson Jason Oldiges Hunter Schaefer	Suzanne Simon Benjamin Thobe
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Brigid Hegemier Rebekkah Fry Terri Mullins Taylor Paul Grayson Tontrup	Shaun Imwalle Stan Tontrup	Jake Davidson Debra Hirschfeld Donna Jacoby Cindy Newman Tonya Temple	Haley Dicke Alivia Kaylor Ariyah Phenning Robert Rump Briana Wiedeman	Madeline Burch Levi Bushman Nathan Huber		Curtis Goodwin Bryson Hammond Amber Kaylor Brian Schemmel Sunni Voisard
27	28	29	30	31		
Susannah Davis Gary Goodwin Madison Howell Colten Muether	Kabeth Jarvis Christine Sharp	Sharon Fischbach John Koeper Sarah Pfenning Gavin Quellhorst Kimberly Wiehe-Kaylor	Kellen Toomey Amanda Blanton	Joe Borkowski Joel Hemmelgarn		



Dennis & Gertrude Bushman - 1st
James & Diane Gilberg - 6th
Jeff & Stephanie Dicke - 13th
David & Tracy Dammeyer - 16th
Matthew & Katie Deitrich - 17th
Jeff & Deborah Scheer - 20th
Lester & Sue Schmackers - 20th
Craig & Brenda Sieftring - 20th
Robert & Tina Fontanini - 21st
George & Karen Voress - 21st
Anton & Jill Clem - 22nd
Don & Janice Howell - 23rd
Tony & Lexa Holdren - 27th
Ralph & Beverly Plattner - 27th
Mark & Kristy Miller - 28th
Brian & Stephanie Alig - 31st

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

May 2018 *Scheduled Meetings & Events*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		11:30 Busy Twelve meets @ Dairy Queen	7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			8am Men's Club
		2:30pm Elmwood Worship Service w/Holy Communion				5pm Worship w/Holy Communion
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship w/Holy Communion	6:30pm Discipleship	7pm Church Council	7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal		1pm Women's Service Group	Sr. High Youth Car Wash 10am-1pm
11:30 Mission Team						5pm Worship
6:30pm Last Day of Senior High Youth						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship			7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12pm Senior Luncheon		
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!		6:30pm Anniversary Team		7pm Vision Board w/Christy Shell		5pm Worship
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Last Day of 9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship			7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			
PENTECOST HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!	4-6pm Community Meal	6:30pm Camp Volunteers				5pm Worship
27	28	29	30	31		
10:15 Worship	OFFICE CLOSED		7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			



Saturday May 12 from 10:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.
South Parking Lot

Sponsored by St. Paul Youth

Bring your car in for a Spring Cleaning!

Inside and out, Wash and Vacuum

Support St. Paul Youth Activities Fund

With your donations!

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