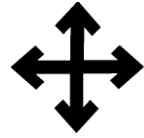




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"Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Resolve to Love"

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang, Pastor



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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

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2 Corinthians 5: "One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat."

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FROM OUR PASTOR

A poem by Ann Weems:

WHERE IS THE CHURCH?

The church of Jesus Christ
is where a child of God brings a balloon
is where old women come to dance
is where young men see visions and old men dream dreams

The church of Jesus Christ
is where lepers come to be touched
is where the blind see and the deaf hear
is where the lame run and the dying live

The church of Jesus Christ
is where daisies bloom out of barren land
is where children lead and wise men follow
is where mountains are moved and walls come tumbling down

The church of Jesus Christ

is where loaves of bread are stacked in the sanctuary
to feed the hungry

is where coats are taken off and put on the backs of the naked

is where shackles are discarded and kings and shepherds
sit down to life together

The church of Jesus Christ

is where barefoot children run giggling in procession

is where the minister is ministered unto

is where the anthem is the laughter of the congregation and
the offering plates are full of people.

The church of Jesus Christ

is where people go when they skin their knees or their hearts

is where frogs become princes and Cinderella dances
beyond midnight

is where judges don't judge and each child of God is
beautiful and precious

The church of Jesus Christ

is where the sea divides for the exiles

is where the ark floats and the lamb lies down with the lion

is where people can disagree and hold hands at the same time

The church of Jesus Christ

is where night is day

is where trumpets and drums and tambourines declare
God's goodness

is where lost lambs are found

The church of Jesus Christ
is where people write thank-you notes to God
is where work is a holiday
is where seeds are scattered and miracles are grown

The church of Jesus Christ
is where home is
is where heaven is
is where a picnic is communion and people break bread
together on their knees.

The church of Jesus Christ
is where we live responsively toward God's coming.
Even on Monday morning the world will hear
An abundance of alleluias!

My dear friends: this summer enjoy being the church of Jesus
Christ in our community and beyond.

Blessings, Becky

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



There is a children's song that goes like this:

All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low; some sing higher
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
And some just clap their hands or toes or
Any thing they've got now!

On Saturday, June 9, we will have a Blessing of Animals on St. Paul's front lawn at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Becky will lead a brief service and blessing of all pets and farm animals present. This event will be followed by snacks for humans and critters alike. All are welcome!

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 & Alice Hegemier 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

Confirmation Reunion 1990's. Rev. Dan Busch, Association Minister of Northwest Ohio Association 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,

polka music, bouncy house, face painting following worship.
Dedication of restored German Bibles during worship.

September 15 & 16 - Rev. John Dorhauer preaching

General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ
Celebration of the Busy 12's 110th Anniversary!

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. Questions? See Lisa Weigandt, Pastor Becky or Pastor Dee

NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

St. Paul will be leading worship at Elmwood Community on Tuesday, June 5 at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to assist, plan to arrive at Elmwood by 2:10.

St. Paul folk will be leading worship at Heritage Center on Thursday, June 7 at 10:15. We will meet in Pastor Becky's office at 9:30 and drive there together.

COFFEE SHOP HOURS

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

COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICES IN JULY

Due to Pastor Becky's vacation schedule, weekend worship communion in July will be Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8.

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.

THANK YOU

A special 'Thank You' to those who have sent cards, stopped to visit and said prayers during my recent illness and hospitalization. I have been fortunate to never have been the patient until now, but until you become the patient, you have no idea how much others thoughts and prayers can mean! My recovery is going well. Your continued prayers are appreciated as my treatment continues.

Sandy Thieman

MEETINGS

The Busy Twelve will meet for lunch on June 5 at 11:30am at New Bremen Coffee Co., with meeting to follow in the St. Paul Assembly Room.

The Discipleship Team will meet Monday, June 11 at 6:30pm in the 4th & 5th grade Sunday school classroom. If you would like to join this dynamic and fun team, stop on by!

The Stewardship Team will meet on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. prior to Church Council. All are welcome to join this important ministry team.

Women's Service Group will hold their June luncheon and planning meeting for 2018-2019 at the church park on June 14th at noon. New faces and fresh ideas would be most welcome. RSVP to Sandy Watcke at 419 629-7419 or dswatcke@nktelco.net

APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES: STEWARDSHIP

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange. It is neither inherently good nor evil. But a wrong view of money can become a problem for Christians.

In 1 Timothy 6:9-10, scripture warns about the dangers of a determination to get rich: People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

When we have a consuming desire to get rich, when we are obsessed with money so that it becomes the focus of our time and attention, then we have made it the number one priority in our lives.

In that spot, it replaces everything, including God. We begin to find our security in money and not in God and in God alone.

However, when our view of God is right and our view of money is right, we will realize that money cannot buy security; money cannot purchase happiness; money cannot guarantee peace or joy or contentment. God alone can provide these essentials.

In his book *The Gift of Giving*, Wayne Watts said this: “God always lovingly instructs us in the path that is on our best interest and which will bring us the greatest happiness in life. Therefore, for our good, God instructs us to put him first in all things, and this includes how we use our money.”

How do you view money? Is it at the center of your life, thereby perhaps replacing God’s rightful role? And equally important, are you using the money God has given you to advance his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven? -The Stewardship Team

NWOA 55TH ANNUAL MEETING

On April 28th the NWOA held its annual meeting at St. John’s United Church of Christ in Genoa, Ohio. I attended both as a representative of St. Paul and also as a member of the NWOA Lay School. Myself, and other participants from the Lay School class, presented a forum called Faith Formation, More than Sunday School. Each of us presented our final required assignment, which was developing an “outside the box” way to build faith. I also attended a forum called “Alternate Track to Ordination: Where are we?” In this forum they were updating and collecting information about how they may move forward with this process. No firm decisions have been made.

John and Joyce Gilberg, also attended, bringing with them the disaster kits that were collected here at St. Paul. The total number of kits collected from all churches in our association were 470 clean-up kits, 12 CWS buckets and 255 personal care kits.

John and Joyce, who are also El Salvador mission trip coordinators, presented a forum called "Revisiting El Salvador, Our Global Partner". They showed pictures of the progress of the new Lutheran church building and updated information about the schools, clinic, soup kitchen and Rosales Hospital.

St. Paul United Church of Christ, New Bremen, was recognized for being a 5 for 5 mission giving church, and for our upcoming 185th anniversary.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Dee

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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How do the St. Paul Youth end their Year???



(Note. These are pictures of our Splash Youth making rooster calls during our Lent lesson about Jesus life.)

Splash, With a Pizza and Bowling Party at Speedway Lanes!



Jr. High, Making Their own Pizzas and Playing Games at Church!



Confirmands, Playing Cards and Games on their Phones



Sr. High, Playing Games and Going to Escape Wapak!!!

SATURDAY EVENING ACCOMPANISTS

June 2 Cheyenne Olt
June 9 Bev Plattner
June 16 Katie Brautigam
June 23 Katie Brautigam
June 30 Bev Plattner

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 3 Bev & Ralph Plattner
June 10 Mark & Paula Topp
June 17 Mike & Joyce Topp
June 24 June Oaks

JUNE GREETERS

June 3 East: John & Ginny Voress
 North: Don Scheer
 South: Dan & Kathy Nedderman

June 10 East: Karla, Brianna & Zachary Wiedman
 North: Craig & Brenda Seifring
 South: Wade & Johanna Schroer

June 17 East: Dick & Ann Hudson
 North: Larry & Ann Kuhn
 South: Dick & Sandy Watke

June 24 East: Vern & Julia Paul
 North: Don & Shelly Smart
 South: Deb Gibson & Gary Wehmeyer

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)

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Mary Lou Campbell

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Rosie Heitkamp
Annabelle Wenning

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Dan Chamberlin (11710 Kingfisher Lane)
LaRue Dicke
Miriam Donnerberg (11314 Bobwhite Lane)
Virginia Kuenning (11807 Mallard Lane)
Dorothy Wilkens (Room 330)

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM – UNITED TO SERVE

The Discipleship Team will not be meeting during July & August. Regular monthly meetings will resume in September.

OPEN TABLE COMMUNITY MEAL

The June Open Table meal will be a picnic hosted by “Grill Masters” Rob Ashman & Jim Kronenberger.

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.

MISSION

Agape will be offering their Summer Feeding Program, again this year. Hard to believe this will be our twelfth year. Since we provide these bags to all students enrolled, in their respective schools, free and reduced breakfast and/or lunch feeding programs, we potentially could offer these bags to 1057 students each month. While this is a staggering number of students, we provide an average of 910-965 bags each month.

Each student will receive a total of 41 shelf stable items, six cold and frozen items and five soft and squishy items. These are packed into a total of three bags. The shelf stable items can be pre-packed but the cold and frozen, soft and squishy must be packed as needed. This requires a substantial amount of work. This is why we require volunteer groups to assist in these packing parties. If you have adults and children who have time during the day, evenings or Saturdays, please let us know so we can make arrangements to have them pack bags with us. Only an hour or so is needed and we can accommodate anywhere from 5-35 helpers at a time.

Please give us a call at 419-394-8700 or send an email at agape@bright.net. We can certainly use any help you are able to offer. We have a great time working together. Children can decorate small snack bags and pack with goodies, and adults can pack the bags.

Thank you St. Paul New Bremen for your continued support in this much needed community program!

Ann Hudson

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| <p style="text-align: center;">ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING May 8, 2018</p> |
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The meeting was called to order by the Interim President Mike Holdren with 17 council members including: Jeff Quellhorst, Dee Schroer, Rev. Becky Strang, Andrea Huber, Kirk Dicke, Myra Hanenkratt, Terri Mullins, Tracy Oldiges, Betty Dietrich, Brad Holdren, Kathy Topp, Jim Mullins, John Mohrman, Barb Holdren, Tom Brandewie and John Gilberg. Devotions were provided by Terri Mullins.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report reviewed. John Gilberg 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 \$1,722.31 in General Fund. Tom Brandewie moved to accept Treasurer's report as read. Kirk Dicke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission: Successful trip to El Salvador. Roof complete. Clinic moved to the new church building. New worship service in new sanctuary. Monthly mission raised \$1,000. April \$848, March \$1,019. Strengthening the church is the theme in May.

Worship: Asked if we can move communion to July 8th as Pastor Becky is out of town on July 1st. Everyone is ok with moving the date. The team is also discussing gluten free options for communion as well.

Discipleship: Discussing having a float in the Bremenfest parade this year. Working with the 185th Birthday committee also.

Stewardship: No report

Art Camp: 70 currently enrolled. Registration ends on 5/14/18. Earthworm apartment's most popular choice so far. Forms went to NB, Minster, Ft. Loramie and New Knoxville schools.

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 each service. We will have St. Paul history vignettes for 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

Deacons Report: No report

Elders Report: No report

Trustees Report:

Quotes came in at \$2500-\$2600 for the stove hood replacement. This quote does not include 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. Looked into getting a quote on new spouting on the education building. The current spouting is believed to have been installed in the 1950's. Looking into seamless spouting. There are many locations of overflow when it rains especially in entrance locations which are causing a long term problem. We agreed to let Van Wert Fire maintenance our fire extinguishers once a year for \$99. Jeff Quellhorst made a motion and John Mohrman 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

John Mohrman reports:

- Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.
- Replaced door lock plunger in office door.
- Repaired a wheel chair.
- Contacted the company that was to repair our boiler blower motors and they informed me that they would not be able to repair them.
- Installed new light bulbs where needed and one new ballast.
- Continued repair of basement windows and frames, started last year.

- Met with trustees.
- Turned off boilers and circulating pumps.
- Took recycles to the recycle center.

Other small things taken care of as needed.

PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT

Worship

*Saturday Deacons have been doing a GREAT job with Media Shout! Thank you!

- May 19/20. Pentecost Weekend. Baptism of Henry Willrath on Sunday.
- June 3 - Confirmation Celebration. 1930's-1940's. Rev. Jim Egbert to preach.
- June 10 - Confirmation Celebration. 1950's. Rev. John Tostrick to preach. Rev. Linda Marshall will lead the Pastoral Prayer. Rev. Ralph Quellhorst will offer greetings. Alice Hegemier will share memories of teaching Confirmation in the 1950's.
- June 17 - Confirmation Celebration 1960's. Pastor Becky Preaching. Tom Braun sharing St. Paul/New Bremen history
- June 24 - Confirmation Celebration 1970's. Pastor Becky Preaching. Tom Braun sharing. Rev. Joyce Schroer to send words of greeting.
- July 15 - Confirmation Celebration 1980's Pastor Becky Preaching. Tom Braun Sharing
- July 22 - Confirmation Celebration 1990's. Pastor Becky Preaching. Tom Braun Sharing
- August 12 - Confirmation Celebration 2000's. Pastor Becky Preaching

- August 19 - Confirmation Celebration 2010's. Pastor Becky Preaching.
- September 9 - 185th Anniversary Celebration in worship with picnic following. Dedication of restored German-language Bibles.
- September 15/16 - Rev. John Dorhauer, President and General Minister of UCC to preach.
- Celebration of Busy 12's 110th Anniversary in worship

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

Playground construction is nearing completion. We will dedicate the park on Sunday, May 27 during worship.

We have over 70 registrations for Art Camp!

Discipleship Team is hosting a Vision Board Class at 7:00 p.m. on May 17 led by Christy Shell.

I will be at New Bremen Coffee Company on Mondays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in May.

Blessing of Animals is scheduled for Saturday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. as a follow up from Art Camp.

Pastor Dee and I will take time in June to map out the year of Adult Bible Studies.

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.

Vacation 2018 (5 weeks' vacation; 5 weekends)

February 23-26. (4 days; one weekend). St. Louis for a concert with Jim.

March 14 (1 days; around Why Christian? Event)

July 1-7. (1 week). Tennessee with Jim.

July 24-August 2 (1 week and 3 days). Canada with Jim.

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 April 10 - May 8, 2018

Hospital Visits: 7

Phone Calls: 22

Office Visits: 5

Nursing Home Visits: 18

Home Communion: 41

Coffee Shop Attendees: 7

Home Visit: 6

PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

April has been a very productive month. On April 24th I completed the Lay School class covering preaching; we ended the course by writing and delivering a sermon for our classmates and instructors at St. Johns UCC in Tiffin. I have signed up for the fall classes that begin September 4th. This course will cover Worship and Liturgy. Lay School has been very rewarding and informative.

On April 28th I attended the NWOA Annual Meeting in Genoa Ohio, where St. Paul was recognized for our upcoming 185th anniversary

and that we are a 5 for 5 mission giving church. I attended an Alternate Paths to Ordination forum. I also, along with others from my Lay School Faith Formation class presented a forum consisting of our individual projects and ideas that we developed during that class, putting our ideas out there for others to use.

Youth Groups have been very busy this month! I would like to thank Abby Bushman for heading up the Mom-2-Mom Sale Fundraiser on April 14th! The Mom-2-Mom Sale raised \$1179.00 for our Youth Activities Fund. Thank you to our Splash and Jr. High youth and leaders for helping to set up tables during youth group. Thanks to Mimi and Mallory Messick and Ashley Bowers for staffing the nursery. Thanks to Morgan Felver, Elise and Jack Oldiges, Julia Mullins and Kyhra Sexton for working the doors. When it was time to clean up, Morgan, Julia, Jack and Elise stayed to help. Andy Bushman, Tracy Oldiges, The whole Quellhorst family Jeff, Lindsay, Gavin, Tyce and Kale along with James Nelson, Bryce Voress and Abby's New Knoxville Cheerleaders came in to take down and separate more than 90 tables. We also moved everything that is stored in the auditorium back into place, set up the assembly room and put the Chapel back together for the 5:00 service! This was all done between 12:00 and 2:00. This was a HUGE task to which all the people who helped deserve a HUGE THANK YOU!

The St. Paul Youth also hosted the Rummage Sale the very next week April 19-21, which meant another round of setup and teardown. The Rummage Sale brought in \$1114.60. I would like to thank everyone for the donations of their gently used items. Thank you to our Splash Youth for setting up tables AGAIN, and to our Jr. High and Sr. High Youth and leaders for doing a great job setting out and pricing items. This was all done during Youth Group hours. I also want to thank Kimberly Paul, Mimi Messick and Elise and Tracy Oldiges for sitting with me. On the clean-up end of the sale I would

like to thank John and Joyce Gilberg, Larry and Ann Kuhn, Tracy and Elise Oldiges and Pastor Becky for sticking around to help pack and load items. Finally, thanks to John Gilberg, Dean Middendorf, and Tracy Oldiges for use of their vehicles and time to transport items to Agape.

These fundraisers are a very important part of our youth programming and development of our Youth Mission Ministry. The more we contribute to the Youth Activities Fund, the more our youth can participate in activities outside our church and plan and carryout more significant mission related trips. I ask families to encourage your children to participate in our youth events and fundraisers; we really do have great fellowship time while we work! And we build community between our different age level youth groups uniting our youth to work together and get to know one another.

Our Wednesday evening Youth Groups ended April 25.

The Splash youth decided to have their year-end party at Speedway Lanes, where we had pizza and everyone bowled. Bryce Voress bowled his best score ever with a 183! It was awesome! After everyone was finished bowling we came back to church to burn off some energy by playing a few games, kickball, dodgeball and sardines. We had a GREAT year in Splash! Thanks to Morgan Felver for being my Co-Leader! I also thank Stephanie Dicke, Larry Kuhn and Jeff Quellhorst and Pastor Becky for helping to commute our Splash youth from school to church each week.

The Jr. High Youth chose to stay here at church and make their own personal pizzas and play some of their favorite games of basketball, Gaga Ball, and flashlight hide and seek! Thanks to my Jr. High

Co-leaders Mimi Messick, Neal and Michelle Voress and Emily Langenkamp.

Our Sr. High went to the Escape Room in Wapakoneta Sunday May 6th as our last day of youth. We all had a blast! I thank Kim Hemmelgarn for her continued commitment to the Sr. High Youth as my Co-leader!

Future scheduled activities:

Saturday May 12 – Jr. /Sr. High Car Wash Fundraiser

Monday June 4 - Thursday June 7 – Art Camp

Thursday June 21 - Saturday June 23 –Sr. High outing to Spirit Song at Kings Island

Saturday August 11 - Jr. /Sr. High outing to Mercer County fair to see Newsboys concert (depending on feedback and availability of tickets)

Saturday August 18 - Waynestock Free Christian Concert at Skip Baughman stadium in St. Marys.

Many other summer activities are in the planning stages: Sr. High helping in the food tent at Bremenfest, design and construction of a Bremenfest float, St. Paul Youth “Rule The Roost” activity and game times, Saturday Matinee’s, Kickball/ Whiffle Ball/ Volley Ball Outdoor Days, and Campfire Sundays. I will be checking into scheduling to see what fits into our youth schedules the best. Any parental feedback is welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS REPORT

Preschool has been working on Paul. Started with Saul to Paul and continued his journey to jail and then helping a lame man. We’ve enjoyed making the stories hands on and memorable.

Kindergarten and First Grade have read different stories from the Bible and have made crafts to go along with each story we have read.

Second and Third Grades - We have been talking about the parts of a Prayer and having faith that God will take care of us!

Fourth and Fifth Grade spent the past month learning about patience and how the Lord rewards your patience. Several different games and activities were part of the lessons to demonstrate patience. Psalm 27: 14 "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope."

Jr. High Class has been finishing the Best Seller unit. We have spent time talking with each other and decorating our door for spring. For our Mother's Day Service, students will lead the 10:15 Worship on Sunday May 13 and are making gifts for their Mother's.

Upcoming Sunday school dates:

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

Sunday May 20 - will be our last day of Sunday school.

I am planning to take vacation May 21-27.

*It has been requested that the Kindergarten-First Grade Room be moved to the nursery room so they are near where all other Sunday School Classrooms are located.

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Project of the Year – Signed contract is complete. Vendor is Midwest Maintenance. Start date for the project is 9/10/18.

Landscape beds: Last week Mike Holdren went around and killed weeds and notice some bushes are on their last leg. Mike proposed getting a group together to decide what needs to go, clean, open areas with mulch look better than dead/woody bushes. Kathy Topp, Tom Brandewie, Kirk Dicke all volunteered in the meeting to lend a hand.

NEW BUSINESS

Banners: We have a mock up for new banners for the front entrance of the church for this summer to kick off the celebration of our 185th birthday. Quotes came in at \$350. Kathy Topp motioned to have them ordered. John Gilberg 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Hansbrough has resigned. Kathy Topp made a motion to accept his resignation. Terri Mullins 2nd the motion. Motion carried with regret.

Telephone: Proposed moving to NKTELCO from Frontier. Myra motioned to give them a try. Brad Holdren 2nd. Motion carried.

Push Mower: Mike Holdren proposed investing in a push mower. He has a quote for \$850 to purchase one from WOTVH. If put in an individual's name it will come with a 36 month warranty. Kathy Topp made a motion to approve the purchase. John Gilberg 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

WISH LIST:

Auditorium (flooring and window rework) - \$8,500

Carpet Chapel, Assembly RM

New computers for offices \$3,000

AC – Youth Rm - \$3,600

Announcements: Next meeting – June 12, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Devotions – Elyssa Mullins

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

Andrea Huber, Secretary

Mike Holdren, 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: Cindy Schemmel

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, Haley Dicke, Katie Dietrich, Morgan Felver, Leah Gilberg, Myra Hanenkratt, Emily Langenkamp, Kelli Muether, Elyssa Mullins, Terri Mullins, Kristen Nelson, Tracy Oldiges Amy Opperman, Michelle Voress, Neal Voress

MISSION TEAM

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)

John Gilberg (chair), Joyce Gilberg, Roland Dicke, 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

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

| | Account Name | Period Activity | YTD Balance | Annual Budget | Annual Budget Remaining | Previous YTD |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| | Contributions | 25,507.83 | 90,172.60 | | | 97,302.10 |
| | Rent-Nursery School | 300.00 | 1,200.00 | 2,850.00 | 1,650.00 | 1,200.00 |
| | Rent-Misc. Building | 0.00 | 124.00 | | | 50.00 |
| | Contributions-Beacon | 500.00 | 530.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | Contributions-Misc. | 0.00 | 275.00 | | | 70.00 |
| | Stewardship | 20.00 | 280.00 | | | 390.00 |
| | Office Supplies | 83.35 | 125.25 | | | 37.45 |
| | Easter Offering | 4,786.00 | 4,836.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | Art Camp-VBS | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 800.00 |
| | Interest-Checking | 7.23 | 24.94 | | | 17.38 |
| | Sr. Minister Endow Transfer | 530.00 | 2,120.00 | 6,360.00 | 4,240.00 | 2,120.00 |
| | Visitation Ministry Endow Transfer | 444.60 | 1,825.20 | 5,382.00 | 3,556.80 | 1,740.00 |
| | Youth Ministry Endow Transfer | 1,772.72 | 8,318.16 | 22,500.00 | 14,181.84 | 3,000.00 |
| | Total Income | \$33,951.73 | \$109,831.15 | \$37,092.00 | | \$107,741.45 |
| Expense | | | | | | |
| | Senior Pastor Salary | 5,133.44 | 20,533.76 | 61,601.00 | 41,067.24 | 19,935.68 |
| | Senior Pastor Insurance | 1,350.70 | 5,338.21 | 13,500.00 | 8,161.79 | 6,308.10 |
| | Senior Pastor Pension | 0.00 | 5,523.97 | 11,211.00 | 5,687.03 | 5,442.38 |
| | Senior Pastor Disability/Life | 0.00 | 591.86 | 1,550.00 | 958.14 | 583.12 |
| | Senior Pastor Cell Phone | 50.00 | 200.00 | 600.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 |
| | Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed | 0.00 | 493.77 | 1,000.00 | 506.23 | 1,114.52 |
| | Senior Pastor Business Ex | 49.59 | 237.98 | 1,000.00 | 762.02 | 174.72 |
| | Associate Pastor Salary | 2,750.00 | 11,000.00 | 33,000.00 | 22,000.00 | 0.00 |
| | Associate Pastor Housing | 833.34 | 3,333.36 | 10,000.00 | 6,666.64 | 0.00 |
| | Associate Pastor Pension | 0.00 | 3,010.00 | 6,020.00 | 3,010.00 | 0.00 |
| | Associate Pastor Insurance | 843.01 | 2,529.03 | 12,000.00 | 9,470.97 | 0.00 |
| | Assoc. Pastor Disability/Life | 0.00 | 161.25 | 645.00 | 483.75 | 0.00 |
| | Assoc. Pastor Continuing Ed | 0.00 | 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 | 200.00 | 600.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 |
| | Youth Ministry Endowment | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 3,000.00 |
| | Organist Salary | 618.00 | 2,163.00 | 6,386.00 | 4,223.00 | 2,200.00 |
| | Music Director Salary | 75.00 | 255.00 | 780.00 | 525.00 | 270.00 |
| | Chancel Choir Director | 200.00 | 750.00 | 2,200.00 | 1,450.00 | 800.00 |
| | Chancel Choir Accompanist | 50.00 | 175.00 | 375.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| | Beacon Editor Salary | 224.00 | 896.00 | 2,688.00 | 1,792.00 | 870.00 |
| | Visitation Ministry Salary | 448.50 | 1,794.00 | 5,382.00 | 3,588.00 | 1,741.68 |
| | Bell Choir Director Salary | 103.00 | 412.00 | 1,236.00 | 824.00 | 400.00 |
| | Web Page Editor Salary | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,854.00 | 1,854.00 | 600.00 |
| | Office Administrator Salary | 2,461.58 | 9,846.32 | 29,539.00 | 19,692.68 | 9,559.68 |
| | Financial Secretary Salary | 430.67 | 1,722.68 | 5,168.00 | 3,445.32 | 1,672.32 |
| | Education Bldg Custodian Salary | 781.43 | 4,107.17 | 13,303.00 | 9,195.83 | 4,305.36 |
| | Sanctuary Custodian Salary | 643.42 | 2,573.68 | 7,721.00 | 5,147.32 | 2,498.64 |
| | Lawn Care Salary | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.26 |
| | Maintenance Salary | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,575.04 |
| | Substitute Salary (All Positions) | 318.75 | 318.75 | 4,000.00 | 3,681.25 | 1,342.25 |

| | Account Name | Period Activity | YTD Balance | Annual Budget | Annual Budget Remaining | Previous YTD |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Expense | (continued) | | | | | |
| | Telephone | 114.37 | 457.98 | 1,500.00 | 1,042.02 | 449.44 |
| | Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement | 50.00 | 200.00 | 600.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 |
| | Internet Services | 159.95 | 639.80 | 2,000.00 | 1,360.20 | 643.80 |
| | Natural Gas-Church | 994.72 | 5,164.18 | 7,500.00 | 2,335.82 | 3,857.18 |
| | Natural Gas-Parsonage | 106.59 | 550.79 | 1,000.00 | 449.21 | 433.86 |
| | Electric/Water/Sewage | 623.82 | 2,922.21 | 8,000.00 | 5,077.79 | 2,445.95 |
| | Trash/Dumpster | 60.57 | 242.81 | 750.00 | 507.19 | 231.18 |
| | Worship Materials/Supplies | 848.40 | 1,098.97 | 3,000.00 | 1,901.03 | 1,327.21 |
| | Worship-Saturday | 200.00 | 830.00 | 3,120.00 | 2,290.00 | 820.00 |
| | Pastoral Care | 73.00 | 73.00 | 800.00 | 727.00 | 304.20 |
| | Music | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 147.92 |
| | Delegate's Expense | 28.00 | 28.00 | 100.00 | 72.00 | 0.00 |
| | Membership Dues | 75.00 | 150.00 | 500.00 | 350.00 | 167.61 |
| | Stewardship Material | 112.96 | 672.75 | 2,500.00 | 1,827.25 | 636.03 |
| | Church Growth & Development | 112.16 | 1,809.26 | 3,500.00 | 1,690.74 | 995.08 |
| | Postage | 58.03 | 1,120.48 | 3,500.00 | 2,379.52 | 836.91 |
| | Shipping | 15.14 | 99.19 | 500.00 | 400.81 | 129.94 |
| | Mileage/Travel | 1,190.00 | 2,382.00 | 10,000.00 | 7,618.00 | 2,248.05 |
| | Payroll Services | 0.00 | 125.00 | 650.00 | 525.00 | 374.47 |
| | Office Supplies | 258.88 | 1,417.69 | 4,000.00 | 2,582.31 | 1,265.16 |
| | Custodial Supplies | 54.49 | 478.61 | 1,500.00 | 1,021.39 | 236.68 |
| | Office Equipment Maintenance | 1,024.82 | 3,497.09 | 8,000.00 | 4,502.91 | 2,793.68 |
| | Miscellaneous Expenses | 75.82 | 325.28 | 1,200.00 | 874.72 | 50.00 |
| | Sunday School/Youth Programs | 475.98 | 1,311.76 | 7,000.00 | 5,688.24 | 0.00 |
| | Sunday School Educational Material | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 563.64 |
| | Sunday School Supplies | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 510.12 |
| | Camperships | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 100.00 |
| | Bibles | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0.00 |
| | Program Materials-Grade School | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 206.06 |
| | Program Materials-Junior High | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 165.18 |
| | Program materials-Senior High | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 261.11 |
| | Confirmation | 19.84 | 525.86 | 1,000.00 | 474.14 | 571.13 |
| | Library | 0.00 | 24.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | SALT Programing | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | FICA/FIT (Employer) | 1,114.79 | 4,534.21 | 15,000.00 | 10,465.79 | 3,698.25 |
| | Worker's Compensation | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| | Art Camp-VBS | | | | | 109.70 |
| | Total Expenses | \$25,261.60 | \$109,488.02 | \$324,829.00 | \$215,340.98 | \$93,799.03 |
| | Difference | \$8,690.13 | \$343.13 | | | \$12,927.90 |

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 – 2nd Sunday @ 11:30am
St. Paul Funeral Luncheon Committee
The Busy Twelve – 1st Tuesday
The Women's Service Group – 2nd Thursday
Worship Team – TBA

| LOCAL MISSION | |
|--|--------------------|
| Local Aid Expenditures April 21 – May 18 | |
| Gift Cards Distributed | |
| 6 | \$50 Aldi |
| 3 | \$100 Aldi |
| 6 | \$10 Restaurant |
| 1 | \$50 Kroger |
| 21 | \$25 Marathon |
| Other | |
| \$450.00 | Rent |
| \$181.57 | Household Products |
| Restocked Cards | |
| 40 | \$25 Marathon |

JUNE Birthdays!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Heather McCoy | Rob Messick | Dana Bornhorst Ellen Paul Melisa Waterman | Leif Dietrich James Gilberg Anna Hoelscher |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 3 |
| Joseph Leshar Timothy Swackhamer | Cheryl Barlage | Gordon Fairchild | Kathleen Gruebmeier Michelle Imwalle Anthony Schott |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Scott Howell Kloie Knueve Tracy Oldiges Rachel Schrader | Robert Paul | Jill Borkowski Tim Maurer Dennis Sudman John Wierwille Landon Zimmerman | William Tostrick Quinci Voisard Rhesse Voisard |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Caleb Alig Sydney Holdren Marvin Topp | Donald Mohrman Rebecca Voress | Christopher Albers | Jacob Leshar Braylon Thobe |

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"Happy Anniversary"

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
|---|---|--|---|
| | 1 | 2 | John & Rachael Nelson - 1st Robert & Mary Finke - 4th Michael & Nicole Tontrup - 5th Ben & Barb Rhinehart - 8th Josh & Tracy Corbit - 10th Dan & Kathy Nedderman - 11th |
| | Grace Dicke Greg Meckstroth Rachael Nelson | Randall Clark Brett Maurer Amanda Schweissguth Tatum Temple | Tom & Ginny Braun - 12th John & Joyce Gilberg - 14th Dale & Stephanie Heitkamp - 14th Carla & Erin Topp - 14th Lafe & Amanda Schweissguth - 16th Jarvie & Brandi Plottner - 17th Ned & Nancy Conradi - 18th Kurt & Julie Ehemann - 21st Brett & Michelle Imwalle - 21st Levi & June Oaks - 23rd Gary & Staci Jones - 25th Vernon & Julia Paul - 25th |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | Andrew & Abby Bushman - 26th Michael & Kay Webb - 26th Dan & Sally Dicke - 27th Jeff & Kelsey Kuenning - 27th Don & Sue Kettler - 29th |
| Leslie Humphries Eric Kuenning FaithAnn Voress Shelly Zeller | Anthony Garcia | LeeAnne Hainline | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | |
| Robert Koeper Mason Kuenning Rylee Willrath | Jeffrey Smart Emma Weinberg | Josie Bornhorst Lois Moeller | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | |
| Michael Holdren Delores Steinecker | Mary Lou Campbell Keith Dicke Andrea Hanson | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| Dean Quellhorst | | | <i>"Always & Forever"</i> |

JUNE 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|---|---|--|
| ART CAMP: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR JUNE 4-7 Hours: 6pm-8pm | | JUNE 21-23 - YOUTH EVENT: SPIRIT SONG |
| SATURDAY, JUNE 9 - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS @ 2PM | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10:15 Worship w/Holy Communion | 2-4 Coffee Shop w/Becky | 11:30am Busy Twelve New Bremen Coffee Co. |
| 1930's-1940's Confirmation Celebration | 6pm-8pm ART CAMP: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR | 6pm-8pm ART CAMP: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR |
| | | 2:30pm Elmwood Worship Service w/Holy Communion |
| 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 10:15 Worship | | 6pm Stewardship Meeting |
| 1950's Confirmation Celebration | 2-4 Coffee Shop w/Becky | |
| 11:30 Mission Team | | 7pm Church Council Mtg. |
| | 6:30pm Discipleship Team | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 10:15 Worship | | |
| 1960's Confirmation Celebration | 2-4 Coffee Shop w/Becky | |
| HAPPY FATHER'S DAY | 4pm-6pm Open Table Community Meal | |
| | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 10:15 Worship | | |
| 1970's Confirmation Celebration | 2-4 Coffee Shop w/Becky | |
| | | |

Scheduled Meetings & Events

All are Welcome!

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | 8am Men's Club |
| | | | 5pm Worship w/Holy Communion |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | 10:15am Heritage Center Worship | | |
| 6pm-8pm ART CAMP: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR | 6pm-8pm ART CAMP: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR | | 2pm Blessing of the Animals |
| 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | | | 5pm Worship |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | | | |
| 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 12pm Women's Service Group | | 5pm Worship |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | YOUTH EVENT: Spirit Song | YOUTH EVENT: Spirit Song | YOUTH EVENT: Spirit Song |
| 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | | | 5pm Worship |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | | | |
| 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | | | 5pm Worship |

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