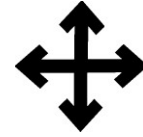




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Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

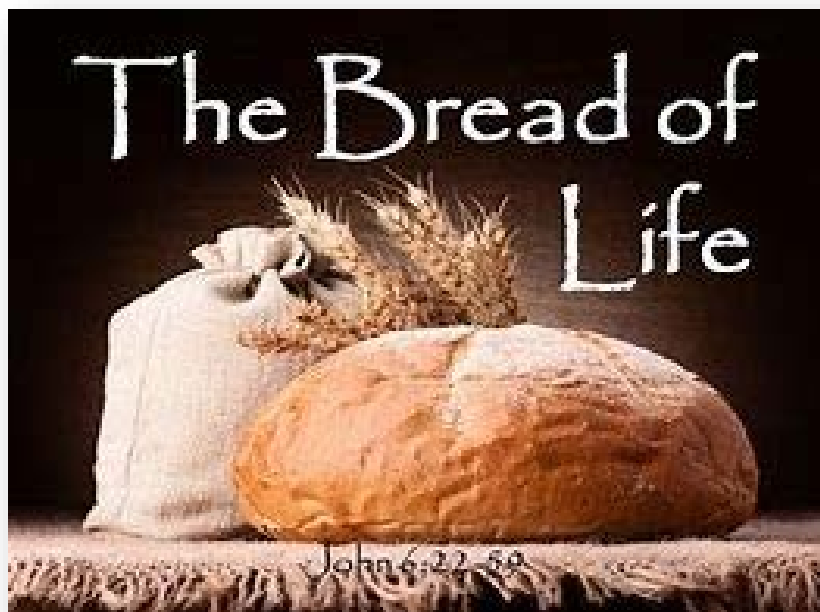


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FROM OUR PASTOR

“How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.”

--Annie Dillard, novelist, poet, painter

As our summertime days lengthen and the summertime heat strengthens, we as Christians move more fully into the liturgical season called “Ordinary Time.” This season, which will stretch until Advent, is a time of living day-in-day-out. It is a season without holiday dinners, special decorations, or candles lit. Yet, it is the longest season of the liturgical year—a reminder that most of our Christian living happens in ordinary everyday ways.

As a farming community, it is particularly significant that the liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. It is in this season in which the seeds of hope are planted, the plants of grace are nurtured, and bountiful love is harvested. The green of the season mirrors the growth we experience in our fields, our gardens, and in our lives.

St. Paul United Church of Christ thrives during the ordinary seasons of our lives. Worship remains an anchor and foundation for our faith. Our youth gather each week for Open Gym. Our Prayer Chain continues its quiet, powerful ministry. The Mission Team and Discipleship Team remind us to care for those within our community and beyond. Our Council works diligently on your behalf.

During the month of August, I encourage you to seek out ways to find the Holy within your everyday living. Perhaps you will hear God’s voice in the song of the trees. Perhaps you will recognize God in the laughter of children. Perhaps Christ will visit you at the grocery store. Perhaps the Spirit will capture your heart in a moment of silence. God seeks us out and loves us unconditionally.

May your ordinary moments be extraordinarily blessed.

Peace, Becky

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER BY ANN WEEMS

O Lord, forgive our fears
that so stifle our stewardship.
Forgive our giving in and our giving up
instead of giving ourselves
to Christ's mission of love.
Remind us that our hope
is in standing up and risking,
in taking our stewardship seriously.
Help us to remember, O Lord, that
the stewardship question is not really,
How much will we give?
The stewardship question is,
How will we spend what we have been given?
We pray it will be faithfully
and cheerfully. Amen!

WORSHIP AT HERITAGE CENTER: AUGUST 3

St. Paul will lead worship at Heritage Center in Minster on Thursday August 2 at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome to share in worship with our friends and neighbors!

COMMUNION WORSHIP AT ELMWOOD

St. Paul will lead worship with Holy Communion at Elmwood Community on Tuesday, August 7 at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to assist with this service, please arrive at Elmwood by 2:15 p.m. All are welcome to share in worship with our friends and neighbors!

HOME COMMUNIONS IN AUGUST

Beginning August 7, Pastor Becky will bring communion to the homebound members of St. Paul. If you or a loved one would like to receive communion, please contact the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a joy or concern you would like lifted up in prayer, the Prayer Chain is ready and available. Please contact Pastor Becky at 419-953-1152 or berbstrang@stpaulnb.org with your prayer request. You are also invited to join this growing ministry. All are welcome!

PRAYER TAPESTRY

Sometimes prayers that weigh on our hearts and minds need to be expressed tangibly. A Prayer Tapestry is available in the sanctuary. You are invited to choose a ribbon or cloth from the basket that represents your prayer, weaving it into the tapestry. Together, our prayers are a thing of beauty!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: AUGUST 18 AND 19

All students are invited to bring your backpacks to worship services on August 19 and 20 for the blessing of backpacks. We will send our youth to school with our love and our prayers.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING: AUGUST 19

There will be a Confirmation Parent Meeting on August 20 at 11:30 a.m. All parents of incoming confirmands and their students need to plan to attend this important meeting in the Chapel. Questions? See Pastor Becky or Pastor Dee

LOOKING AHEAD: DEMENTIA WORKSHOPS

On Monday, September 17, the Discipleship Team is hosting two hour-long workshops on Dementia in the Theatre Room. Workshops will be offered at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.—tucked in around the September Open Table Community Meal. The workshops are free and will be led by the Area Council on Aging. All are welcome!

MEETINGS

The Busy Twelve will not meet August. Next meeting at Bolly's in September. Details to follow in September Beacon.

The Men's Club will be not meet in August.

GREETERS IN AUGUST

August 5	East:	John & Carol Mohrman
	North:	Dan & Sally Dicke
	South:	John & Sandra Wierwille
August 12	East:	Mark & Paula Topp
	North:	Tom & Peg Brandewie
	South:	Bill & Cindy Young
August 19	East:	Kenneth & Regina Sudman
	North:	Melvin & Phyllis Fledderjohann
	South:	Myra Hanenkratt
August 26	East:	Vernon & Julia Paul
	North:	Dick & Ann Hudson
	South:	Ralph & Bev Plattner



SATURDAY EVENING ACCOMPANISTS FOR AUGUST

August 4	Bev Plattner
August 11	Katie Brautigam
August 18	Cheyenne Ott
August 25	Cheyenne Ott



August 5 Ron Hittepole Family
 August 12 John & Ginny Voress
 August 19 Deb Gibson
 August 26 Ken Dicke

MISSION NEWS

Thank you St. Paul for all your donations to Agape. They are very grateful. In late summer and fall they will be packing food for weekend bags. They will be adding vegetable soup and cans of pasta to the usual mac & cheese, soup and Ramon noodles. They are very grateful for all donations. Blessings to all.

Ann Hudson

LOCAL MISSION	
Local Aid Expenditures June 21 – July 20	
Gift Cards Distributed	
1	\$50 Aldi
1	\$100 Aldi
8	\$10 Restaurant
3	\$50 Kroger
26	\$25 Marathon
Other	
\$75	Counseling
\$125	Funeral
\$37.44	Transportation

A big “Thank You” to all who supported the Missions of St. Paul in the past two months. In May you gave \$1088 for Strengthen the Church and in June, you gave \$881 for One Great Hour of Sharing, both 5 for 5 Missions in the United Church of Christ. We, the members of the Mission Team, wish to thank you for your continued generous support.

THANK YOU



CHURCH DIRECTORY & RECORDS

New Member:

Matthew Longfellow joins the family of St. Paul by Reaffirmation of Faith. Matthew lives in New Bremen with his two children, Matthew Jr. and Lily. Welcome!

Called Home:

Duane Hartwig died Monday, July 16, 2018 at the age of 84. Services were held at Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Inurnment to follow at the German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen, Ohio at a later date.

Remove:

Duane Hartwig – Deceased

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

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

Joann Freeman
Anna Mae Hudson
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)

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

Mary Lou Campbell

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

Rosie Heitkamp
Annabelle Wenning

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

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

FROM PASTOR DEE

What a beautiful summer we are having this year! In the midst of all the activity around town, I have begun to hear the locust buzzing on the wind which tells me it is time to prepare for all of our upcoming fall activities.

St. Paul Sr. High has been asked to work the Bremenfest food tent Saturday, August 18 from 1-3pm. They ask that 10 of the 20 workers be adults. Seeing that this is a very busy weekend for most New Bremen families, we are still in need of a hand full of volunteers. If you enjoy the energy of Bremenfest and the fellowship of working with our St. Paul youth, please see me. We would love to have you join us.

Construction is underway on our float for the Bremenfest Parade. If you would like to be a part of the construction crew or would like to be a representative of our congregation riding on the float Sunday August 19 at 12:30pm, please contact me for more information. It is the Discipleship Teams vision that we will show our love and support of all people and activities that happen in our church and community, we feel this is an important part of expressing our extravagant and wide welcome to all.

For Parents of St. Paul Youth,

Sunday September 9 is our Kickoff Sunday. Sunday school classes will begin at 9:00am, with Bible presentation during the 10:15am worship service for 3 year olds, 2nd grade and 4th grade students. Following worship, a congregational picture will be taken in front of the sanctuary. The Discipleship Team is hosting a picnic lunch on the front lawn with a bouncy house, music and face painting. Please plan to join the fellowship and fun!

Wednesday September 12 will be our kickoff day for our Splash, Jr. High and Confirmation Youth. Splash youth will be picked up from school at 3:00pm and dismissed at 5:00pm. Jr high and Confirmation youth gather at 6:30pm for dinner with Lessons and activities following from 7-8:30pm. Sr. High is tentatively set for Sunday evenings at 6:30pm, we are still conferring with the Sr. High students to see if there may be a better time or day to suit their schedules.

I am looking forward to a new season of learning, growing and activities with our youth. These times fill our building with life, energy and all the unique individual gifts God gives to each and every one of us. I look forward to seeing you all!

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Dee



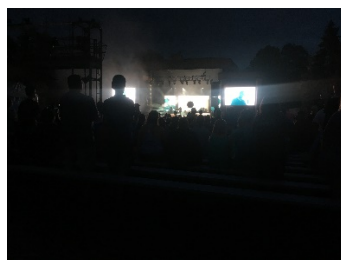
The Sr. High Youth threw
Sam Simon a Surprise
Party to congratulate him
on his 1st place finish at
the Special Olympics.

Way to Go Sam!



Spirit Song 2018





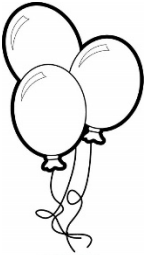
Sr. High Youth Trip



August Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Dennis Bushman Lindsay Nelson Jennifer Wolters
5	6	7	8
Sally Dicke John Goodwin Leah Schrader	Vicki Brackman Keith Hatfield David Jarvis Anna Paul Lydia Schweissguth Ashley Sudman	Stanley Quellhorst	Levi Grevenkamp
12	13	14	15
Brenda Siefiring	Robert Eilerman	Liam Blanton Carrie Buettner Thomas Moots	Emma Fledderjohann Kaitlyn Tontrup
19	20	21	22
Isaac Fairchild Carol Mohrman Kelli Schmitmeyer	David Fiely Kevin Paul Caden Thobe Allison Trego	Gavin Dicke Linda Hainline Jody Schaefer	Dominic Topp
26	27	28	29
Wayne Gruebmeier Brenan Knuever	Daryl Dammeyer James Dicke III Timothy May	Luke Davidson Tammy Greber Chandee Suchland	Louise Erhardt Amiyah Schwable

& Anniversaries

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	<i>Happy Wedding Anniversary !</i>
2	3	4	
Anderson Reed	Mimi Messick	Ron Greber Maci Lammers	Randy & Melinda Clark 8/1
			
9	10	11	
MacKenzie Miller Daniel Voress	Rosemary Heitkamp Ruby Topp Sandy Watcke	John Gilberg Louise Kettler Ragan Miller	Troy & Taylor Williams 8/6 Ron & Brigid Hegemier 8/7 Guy & Becky Waterman 8/8 Gary & Sheree Topp 8/11
			
16	17	18	
Diane Paul Jacob Schwable		Robert Davis Garrett Doherty Cassandra Fiely Tricia Schemmel Lilyann Schweissguth George Weiss	Kurtis & Angela Dammeyer 8/12 Todd & Rebecca Dicke 8/15 Norm & Jan Holcomb 8/16
			
23	24	25	
Sarah Barhorst Kelli Maurer Glenn Scheib	Rebecca Dicke Jared Gilberg Alice Hartwig Patrick MacKenzie Craig Waterman	Henry Nelson	Terry & Jenine Humphries 8/17 Steve & Jessica Tostrick 8/19 Kurt & Lori Rindler 8/23
			
30	31		
Kasey Haynes Ty Howell	Alice Hegemier Isabel Rhinehart Russ Wiedeman		Keith & Dana Bornhorst 8/26 Jack & BJ Hansbrough 8/27 Steve & Kris Imwalle 8/29 Larry & Ann Kuhn 8/29 Jason & Tracy Oldiges 8/29 John & Karen Tostrick 8/29 Mark & Charlotte Schwabero 8/30

2018 August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> Please contact Pastor Dee if you have any available time to assist at the Bremenfest...adults needed! Thank you! </div>		
Bremenfest Parade Float		
5	6	7
10:15am Worship w/Holy Communion		NO Busy Twelve in August
		2:30pm Elmwood Worship w/Holy Communion
		6:30pm Anniversary Team
12	13	14
10:15am Worship		
		6pm Stewardship Team
2000's Confirmation Reunion	6:30pm Discipleship Team	7pm Council Meeting
19	20	21
10:15am Worship		
2010's Confirmation Reunion		
11:3am Confirmation Mtg.		
1:00pm Bremenfest Parade		
26	27	28
10:15am Worship		
5:30pm Community Picnic 6:30pm AC Swing Concert		

Events Calendar

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4
	10:15am Worship @ Heritage Center		NO Men's Club in August
			5pm Worship w/Holy Communion
8	9	10	11
			5pm Worship
15	16	17	18
			5pm Worship
22	23	24	25
			5pm Worship
29	30	31	September 1
			5pm Worship

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

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
Income						
	Contributions	12,661.00	121,455.70			122,623.77
	Rent-Nursery School	450.00	1,650.00	2,850.00	1,200.00	1,550.00
	Rent-Misc. Building	0.00	124.00			150.00
	Contributions-Beacon	0.00	530.00			350.00
	Contributions-Misc.	0.00	275.00			820.00
	Stewardship	5.00	285.00			400.00
	Office Supplies	0.00	126.75			39.45
	Easter Offering	100.00	4,936.00			0.00
	Art Camp-VBS	0.00	0.00			2,014.00
	Interest-Checking	6.04	37.55			25.34
	Sr. Minister Endow Transfer	530.00	3,180.00	6,360.00	3,180.00	3,180.00
	Visitation Ministry Endow Transfer	444.60	2,714.40	5,382.00	2,667.60	2,610.00
	Youth Ministry Endow Transfer	1,772.72	11,863.60	22,500.00	10,636.40	3,000.00
	Total Income	15,969.36	\$147,178.00	\$37,092.00		\$136,563.08
Expense						
	Senior Pastor Salary	5,133.44	30,800.64	61,601.00	30,800.36	29,903.52
	Senior Pastor Insurance	1,437.54	7,821.60	13,500.00	5,678.40	9,189.67
	Senior Pastor Pension	2,884.55	8,408.52	11,211.00	2,802.48	8,163.60
	Sr Pastor Disability/Life	309.07	1,090.93	1,550.00	459.07	1,064.68
	Senior Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	300.00	600.00	300.00	300.00
	Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	493.77	1,000.00	506.23	1,114.52
	Sr. Pastor Business Ex	29.25	368.01	1,000.00	631.99	402.94
	Associate Pastor Salary	2,750.00	16,500.00	33,000.00	16,500.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Housing	833.34	5,000.04	10,000.00	4,999.96	0.00
	Associate Pastor Pension	1,505.00	4,515.00	6,020.00	1,505.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Insurance	918.83	4,366.69	12,000.00	7,633.31	0.00
	Asso. Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	161.25	645.00	483.75	0.00
	Asso. Pastor Cont. Ed	0.00	815.64	1,000.00	184.36	0.00
	Asso. Pastor Business Ex	0.00	306.12	1,000.00	693.88	0.00
	Asso. Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	300.00	600.00	300.00	0.00
	Youth Ministry Endow.	0.00	0.00			3,000.00
	Organist Salary	409.00	2,981.00	6,386.00	3,405.00	3,000.00
	Music Director Salary	60.00	375.00	780.00	405.00	390.00
	Chancel Choir Director	150.00	1,050.00	2,200.00	1,150.00	1,025.00
	Chancel Choir Accomp.	50.00	275.00	375.00	100.00	0.00
	Beacon Editor Salary	224.00	1,344.00	2,688.00	1,344.00	1,305.00
	Visitation Ministry Salary	448.50	2,691.00	5,382.00	2,691.00	2,612.52
	Bell Choir Director Salary	103.00	618.00	1,236.00	618.00	600.00
	Web Page Editor Salary	225.00	450.00	1,854.00	1,404.00	900.00
	Office Admin. Salary	2,461.58	14,769.48	29,539.00	14,769.52	14,339.52
	Financial Secretary Salary	430.67	2,584.02	5,168.00	2,583.98	2,508.48
	Ed. Bldg Custodian Salary	1,108.58	6,324.33	13,303.00	6,978.67	6,458.04
	Sanctuary Custodian Salary	643.42	3,860.52	7,721.00	3,860.48	3,747.96

	Lawn Care Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,278.00
	Maintenance Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,362.56
	Substitute Salary (All Positions)	0.00	318.75	4,000.00	3,681.25	1,692.25
Expense	(continued)					
	Telephone	114.21	686.40	1,500.00	813.60	677.06
	Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	50.00	300.00	600.00	300.00	300.00
	Internet Services	159.95	959.70	2,000.00	1,040.30	965.70
	Natural Gas-Church	107.25	5,843.39	7,500.00	1,656.61	4,516.78
	Natural Gas-Parsonage	27.58	643.11	1,000.00	356.89	525.79
	Electric/Water/Sewage	660.43	4,099.39	8,000.00	3,900.61	3,589.61
	Trash/Dumpster	61.59	365.38	750.00	384.62	347.19
	Worship Materials/Supplies	218.03	1,361.07	3,000.00	1,638.93	1,784.43
	Worship-Saturday	250.00	1,350.00	3,120.00	1,770.00	1,340.00
	Pastoral Care	0.00	60.00	800.00	740.00	304.20
	Music	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	147.92
	Delegate's Expense	0.00	28.00	100.00	72.00	0.00
	Membership Dues	0.00	150.00	500.00	350.00	242.61
	Stewardship Material	179.96	973.29	2,500.00	1,526.71	775.95
	Church Growth & Development	102.36	2,184.68	3,500.00	1,315.32	1,791.21
	Postage	861.30	2,603.00	3,500.00	897.00	1,564.58
	Shipping	29.95	149.43	500.00	350.57	166.17
	Mileage/Travel	603.03	4,328.16	10,000.00	5,671.84	3,528.65
	Payroll Services	0.00	252.47	650.00	397.53	374.47
	Office Supplies	140.08	1,934.50	4,000.00	2,065.50	2,106.03
	Custodial Supplies	50.41	602.94	1,500.00	897.06	670.68
	Office Equipment Maintenance	798.70	5,098.32	8,000.00	2,901.68	4,285.52
	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	425.28	1,200.00	774.72	76.00
	Sunday School/Youth Programs	30.70	1,604.21	7,000.00	5,395.79	0.00
	Sunday School Educational Material	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,664.74
	Sunday School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	988.12
	Camperships	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	600.00
	Bibles	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
	Program Materials-Grade School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	260.60
	Program Materials-Junior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	780.18
	Program materials-Senior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	764.07
	Confirmation	258.00	783.86	1,000.00	216.14	614.03
	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)	1,139.80	6,813.86	15,000.00	8,186.14	5,524.43
	Worker's Compensation	700.00	700.00	1,000.00	300.00	940.00
	Art Camp-VBS					2,381.21
	Total Expenses	\$28,758.10	\$163,214.28	\$324,829.00	\$161,614.72	\$144,206.19
	Difference	(\$12,788.74)	(\$16,036.28)			(\$7,443.63)

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE



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How I Look Now.....How I Will Look!