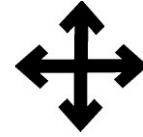




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"Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Resolve to Love"

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

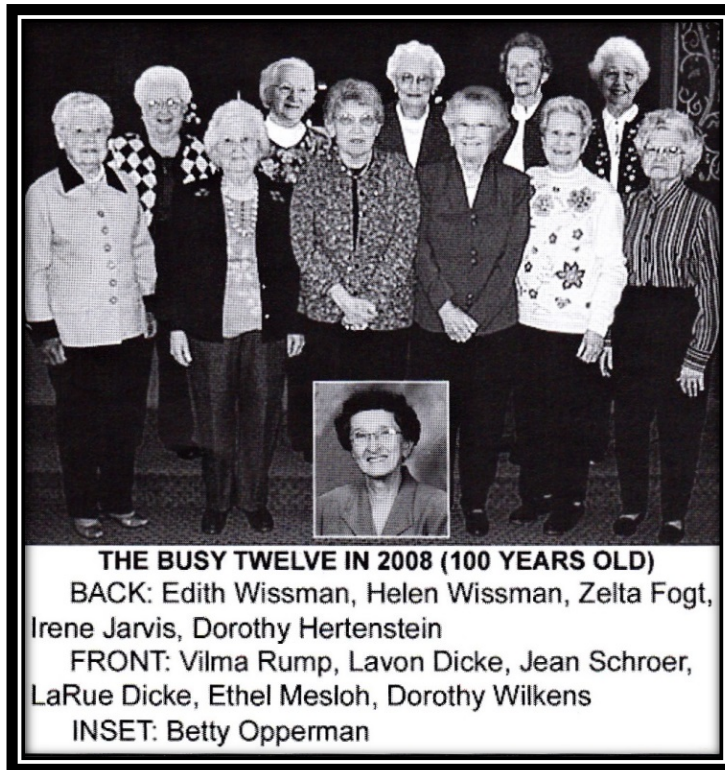


Dee Schroer Associate Pastor
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FROM OUR PASTOR

As St. Paul Church begins to ramp up its ministry programs for the fall, it is important to remember the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr:

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You need only a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

There are so many ways you can serve God through St. Paul United Church of Christ. You can teach Sunday School. You can join the Bell Choir. You can purchase items for the Blessing Cabinet. You can help with playground construction. You can pray for family, friends, strangers and enemies. You can join the Chancel Choir. You can assist with youth groups. You can join a men's, women's or Bible study group. You can become a Deacon or Trustee. You can cook meals for funerals and the wider community. You can deliver meals.

With your heart full of grace and your soul powered by love, I encourage you to find new ways to serve God this autumn!

Blessings,
Becky

185TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!!!

On Sunday, September 9 at our 10:15am worship service, we will celebrate our 185 years of ministry in the community. The celebration will include Bible presentations for our youth, consecration of our Sunday school and youth leaders, Chancel Choir, and the dedication of two German-language Bibles.

Immediately following worship, we will spill out of the East sanctuary doors for an all-church photo to mark the date. Then all are welcome to stay for a picnic cookout celebration hosted by the Anniversary and Discipleship Teams. Food, games, face-painting, bouncy house, corn hole, and fun for all ages. (And homemade ice cream!) Plan to come to worship on September 9, then stay for the celebration that follows.

On September 15 and 16, the Rev. John Dorhauer, President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ will preach at 5:00pm on Saturday and 10:15am on Sunday. On Sunday, September 16 we will celebrate the 110th anniversary of the Busy 12! All are welcome!

ELMWOOD COMMUNION WORSHIP

On Tuesday, September 4, members of St. Paul Church will lead worship with Holy Communion at Elmwood Community in New Bremen. Worship begins at 2:30pm. If you would like to assist, please plan to meet us at Elmwood at 2:15pm. All are welcome!

COFFEE SHOP HOURS

Pastor Becky will be holding Coffee Shop Hours at New Bremen Coffee Company on Mondays from 2-4:00pm beginning September 10. You are welcome to drop in or stay the full time. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The next Stewardship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00pm in the Assembly Room. All are invited to join this dynamic ministry!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation will take place this fall in conjunction with the Junior High Youth Group. We will eat a meal together each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Class and youth group combined will go from 7-8:30pm. Typically, our confirmands are in eighth grade, but high school students are also welcome. Classes begin Wednesday September 12. Please contact Pastor Becky or Pastor Dee if you have any questions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL/THURSDAY BIBLE STUDIES

This academic year, the Adult Sunday School Class and the Thursday evening Bible Study will follow the same curriculum. This way, if you miss a Sunday morning, you can catch up on the next Thursday night. Beginning on Sunday September 30 at 9:00am and Thursday October 4 at 7:00pm, we will begin a five-week series following Bob Goff's Everybody Always. We will meet in the Library each week. After the first five week session, we will spend late fall and winter on the Gospel of Luke. Have any questions? See Pastors Becky or Dee. All are welcome!!

2018 – 2019 SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH LEADERS

Pre-K Teachers:

Haley Dicke, Kristen Nelson

K-1 Teacher:

Elyssa Mullins, Terri Mullins

2 & 3 Teachers:

Leah Gilberg, Emily Langenkamp

4 & 5 Teachers:

Morgan Felver, Amy Opperman

Jr. High Teachers:

Katie Deitrich

Michelle Voress, Neal Voress

Confirmation Leaders:

Jeff Paul

Shelly Smart

Lisa Weigandt

Junior High Youth Leaders:

Emily Langenkamp

Mimi Messick

Michelle Voress

Neal Voress

Senior High Youth Leader:

Kim Hemmelgarn

ART CAMP: JUNE 10-13, 2019

We are already in the early stages of planning for Art Camp 2019. If you would like to be part of the planning team, there will be an Art Camp Team meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30pm. This past June, we offered Art Camp free of charge for 165 campers with the assistance of 95 volunteers. Let's make 2019's Art Camp the best yet!

BECKY'S BOOK CLUB: THE RED TENT

On Sunday, September 30, you are invited to dinner and discussion at the Parsonage at 6:00pm. Following the homemade meal, we will discuss Anita Diamant's The Red Tent. You can pick up a copy of the book in the church office. All are welcome!

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team will meet on Sunday, September 30 at 11:30am. in the Library. We will evaluate summer worship and look toward Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. All are welcome!

DEMENTIA FRIENDS WORKSHOPS

Do you have a loved one in your life who lives with dementia? Are you a friend or caregiver to someone with memory loss? On Monday, September 17, the Area Council on Aging will lead two hour-long workshops for people who are family and friends of those with dementia. The course will be taught twice: at 3:00pm and again at 6:30pm in the Theatre Room. (Both workshops will have the same content.) These workshops are free and open to anyone in the community. All are welcome!

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Someone you know could be experiencing a mental illness or crisis. You can help them. You are more likely to encounter someone—friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, member of the community—in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social or self-help care.

In response to the two young adult suicides in our area last fall, the Discipleship Team applied for a Make a Difference Grant from the United Church of Christ. We were granted funds to host Mental Health First Aid courses.

One course will focus on adult leaders, teachers, youth workers, parents—anyone who works with youth. A second course will focus on the mental health of adults.

St. Paul United Church of Christ will host its first Youth Mental Health First Aid Course from 8:00am - 4:30pm on Saturday, October 13. All materials and lunch will be provided.

There is a limited amount of people who can register for this course. To register, go to www.mhfa.care Any questions? See Pastor Becky



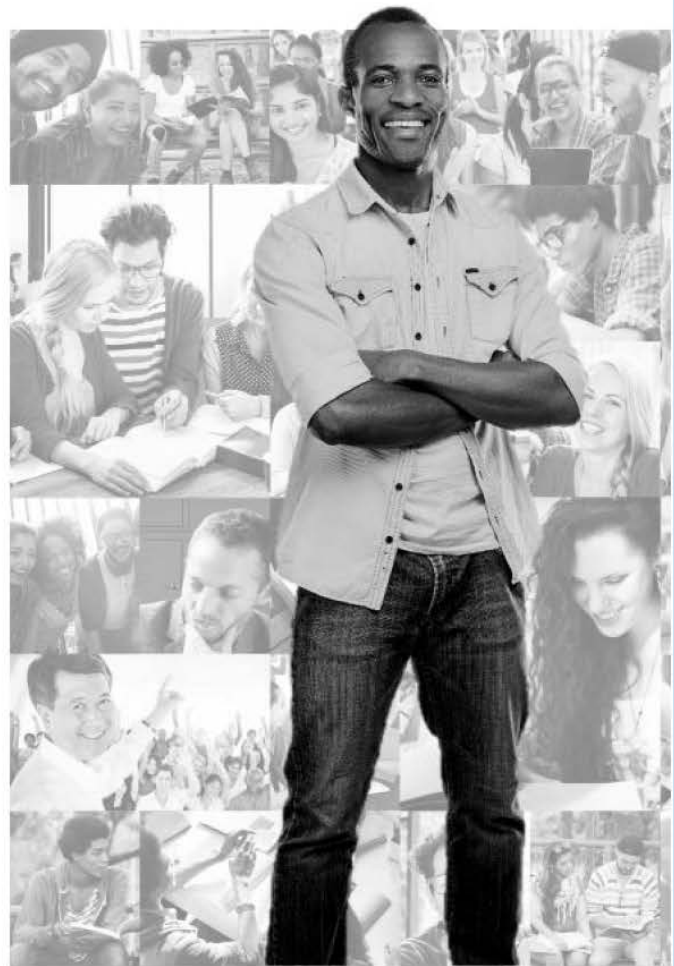
Sometimes, first aid isn't a **bandage**, or **CPR**, or the **Heimlich**, or calling **911**.

Sometimes, first aid is **YOU!**

Someone you know could be experiencing a mental illness or crisis. You can help them.

You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, or member of the community — in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid course — first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals, and caring citizens.

Sometimes, the best first aid is you. Take the course, save a life, strengthen your community.



Take a course. Save a life. Strengthen your community.



ALGEE, the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan

Youth Mental Health First Aid
October 13, 2018
8:00am – 4:30pm
St. Paul UCC
119 N Franklin St.
Enter through Herman St. door
New Bremen, Ohio

To Register: Go to mhfa.care
 Registration Fee: No Fee - Sponsored by OHMAS
 Lunch Provided by St. Paul UCC
 Questions ? Call Donna at 419-549-8530 x1
 This course is brought to you by:
 The Partnership for Violence Free Families





PROGRAM AIMS TO INCREASE DEMENTIA AWARENESS IN NEW BREMEN

A campaign to tackle the stigma and lack of understanding around dementia is underway with the support of St. Paul United Church of Christ.

St. Paul United Church of Christ is hosting two Dementia Friends Ohio Information Sessions on Monday, September 17 and invites the public to join in learning about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, how to best support individuals and families who are impacted, and much more. Programs will be presented by Marty Williman, BSN, RN, Program Director, Ohio Council for Cognitive Health.

Dementia Friends is the biggest ever global initiative to change public perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way we think, talk and act about the disease. The Dementia Friends session helps you learn about dementia and the small ways you can help. From telling friends about the program to visiting someone you know living with dementia, every action counts.

Two 45-minute sessions will be offered on Monday, September 17 to accommodate busy schedules. The first session will begin at 3:00 p.m. and a repeat of this session will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Both sessions will take place at the church, 119 North Franklin St., New Bremen.

Anyone interested in attending the Dementia Friends Session should contact Pastor Becky Strang by calling 419-629-2502 or emailing **berbstrang@stpaulnb.org**

Ohio Council for Cognitive Health is a growing network of care partners, health partners and community members dedicated to transforming life for those living with dementia, their loved ones and their communities. Anyone interested in learning more about Ohio Council for Cognitive Health and becoming involved with Dementia Friends Ohio should visit www.ocfch.org or contact Marty Williman, BSN, RN, Program Director, Ohio Council for Cognitive Health at 419-348-0493 or email mwilliman@ocfch.org.

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM-UNITED TO SERVE

We would like to extend an extra big thank you to the Willrath, Zeller and Klein families for designing and constructing our float for the Bremenfest parade. Thanks also to those who rode and walked, we couldn't have done it without you! We had so much fun we may participate in the Octoberfest parade. Thanks again!

Thank you to Larry Kuhn for grilling the 300+ hotdogs for the community picnic at the Crown Pavilion on Sunday, August 26. AC Swing performed after the picnic. It was a rousing success and a good time was had by all.

September sees us gearing up for a busy fall. On Sunday, September 9 we will assist the 185th Anniversary Team with an all church picnic on the lawn right after 10:15am worship. Join us for food, fellowship, Polka music, bouncy house, corn hole, and face painting!

Pumpkin people will be appearing on the front lawn mid-September.

Open Table Community Meal resumes Monday, September 17. Serving time from 4-6:00pm. Carry-outs and deliveries available. This meal is free and for everyone. We serve the 3rd Monday of the month September-June. Looking forward to seeing you!

September's Wellness workshop is Dementia Friends. This workshop will be offered twice on Monday, September 17th at 3:00pm and 6:30pm. October's is Youth Mental Health First Aid.

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. And on this note, Taylor Paul has chosen to enhance our blessing cabinet by adding a non-perishable food pantry. Taylor is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award and this is one aspect of her service project.

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.

LOCAL AID EXPENDITURES July 21-August 20	
Gift Cards Distributed	
4	\$10 Restaurant
5	\$50 Kroger
10	\$25 Marathon
Other	
\$129.95	Household Products
\$53.10	Blessing Cabinet
\$205.96	Pharmacy
Restocked Cards	
\$1000	Aldi
\$1000	Kroger
\$1000	Marathon
\$400	Restaurant

MEETINGS

The Men's Club will meet at 8:00am at Speedway Lanes on Saturday, September 1.

The Busy Twelve will meet at Bolly's for lunch at 11:30am and move to the Assembly Room for their meeting as usual on September 4.

Discipleship Team will meet Monday, September 10 at 6:30pm.

The Women's Service Group will begin their 2018-2019 year on Thursday, September 13 @ 1:00pm in the Theater Room. Vicki Quellhorst will be doing a presentation on her recent trips to Africa and sharing her stories about teaching the African women to learn a profession by sewing and selling their projects to support their families. Vicki is the daughter of Bev Plattner and has made numerous trips to Africa to work on this E4 project. All women of the church & community are invited to attend. If you are able to attend please call or text Bev Plattner @ 419-629-3694 or 419-236-1558 (cell). Hope to see many of you there. Bev

THANK YOU

The family of Larry Rismiller would like to extend a special "thank you" to Pastor Dee for providing a meaningful service, the beautiful music played on the piano, the ladies and members of the church for the luncheon, and especially the thoughts and prayers for our family. Sincerely, Bonnie Rismiller & family

Thank you so much to all for the prayers, cards, hugs, love and caring shown to us during Duane's illness and since his passing. A special thanks to Pastor Becky, Pastor Dee, Ann and Terri for all your blessings and time serving. Thank you to all who set up, cleaned up and served and donated food for our meal at church. We can never thank all of you enough. Blessings to all, Alice Hartwig & family

CHURCH DIRECTORY & RECORDS

Called Home:

Larry J. Rismiller died Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 70 years of age. Services were held in the sanctuary on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at St. Paul United Church of Christ. Inurnment will be held at a later date in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery near North Star.

Sally J. Meckstroth died Friday, August 17, 2018 at 83 years of age.

Private family services will be held. Inurnment will take place in the German Protestant Cemetery in New Bremen at a later date.

Remove:

Larry J. Rismiller – deceased

Sally J. Meckstroth - deceased

Address Changes & Additions:

Cassie Albers & Chris Albers

1426 Constitution Avenue
Sidney, OH 45365

Levi Lesher

355 Lock Two Rd.
New Bremen, OH 45869

Alec Fox

500 W North Street
Sidney, OH 45365

Jenna Miller & Lauren Miller

650 Liette Lane
St. Marys, OH 45885

Karen Fox

2345 Collins Dr. Apt C
Sidney, OH 45365

Anna Paul

805 N. Blackhoof St.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Leslie Humphries

2608 Coleman Lane NE
Washington DC 20018

Matthew Longfellow

422 S. Walnut St.
New Bremen, OH 45869

Birth Candle:Bailey Diane Langenkamp was born Saturday, July 28, 2018. She is the daughter of Emily & Jacob, granddaughter of Diane & James Gilberg, and great granddaughter of Joyce & John Gilberg and Allen Bushman. Welcome Bailey!

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 2	Judy, George & Karen, John & Gin Voress
September 9	Lloyd Schroer Family
September 16	Karl & Ethel Mesloh
September 23	Joyce & Mike Topp
September 30	Peg Henschen & Kathy Manbeck

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

September 2	East:	Marlene Ahlers
	North:	Roland Dicke
	South:	Ginny Braun
September 9	East:	Tom & Joyce Holdren
	North:	Brad & Amy Felver & family
	South:	Kim Hemmelgarn
September 16	East:	Brad & Linda Holdren
	North:	Chuck & Eileen Gambler
	South:	Jerry & Cindy Newman
September 23	East:	Mike & Nikki Tontrup & family
	North:	Sue Belton
	South:	Terri Goodwin
September 30	East:	Kirk Dicke
	North:	Sally Dicke
	South:	Beverly Poppe

Pastoral Care is very important! Please contact the church office when you, a family member or friend enter a hospital, or care facility, so Pastors & church family can be supportive.
Phone: 419-629-2502 Email: stpaulnb@nktelco.net

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

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

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)

ST PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by the Interim President, Mike Holdren with 15 members including: Dee Schroer, Rev' Becky Erb Strang, Mike Holden, Barb Holdren, Kirk Dicke, Myra Hanenkrafft, Terri Mullins, John Mohrman, Tom Brandewie, Theresa Hemmelgarn, Jim Mullins, Betty Dietrich, Kathy Topp, and Tracy Oldiges. Betty Dietrich read the devotion.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed. No revisions to last month's report needed. Betty Dietrich moved to accept the minutes as read. Kathy Topp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed. No revisions were needed. John Gilberg moved to accept the minutes as read. Myra Hanenkrafft seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions: July missions are Camp Washington and the Backpack Project. Deadline is Sunday, July 22. Starting to think about next year's project of the year. Next year is for the extended church clock renovation. John Mohrman will talk to the congregation on August 4 and 5 and Kirk Dicke will talk to the congregation on September 8 and 9 about the clock mission program.

Worship: No report

Discipleship: The discipleship team has not met. A spinoff crew is working a float for the Bremenfest parade.

Stewardship: Stewardship team will meet again next month before Council meeting.

Playground: Work on the playground will resume after the Auglaize County Fair.

Art Camp: Next year's Art Camp will be held on June 10-13, 2019.

185th Anniversary: The big kickoff celebration is September 9. 1980's is this week, 1990's will be July 22.

OTHER REPORTS

Deacon's Report: Searching for replacement deacons. Jeff Paul will be the next head deacon.

Elder's Report: No report

MAINTENANCE REPORT

John Mohrman reports:

Fire Repression System has been tested by NuWave. The new fine-blower motor for the boiler. Need to teach someone how to maintain it. The cost of a new boiler is \$823. Quality Assurance is a bit cheaper(?) (Sorry but my dog ate the corner of my paper and I cannot read what was discussed here.) Something about two have been replaced. Purchase December 2018 but none available. Something was purchased in April 2004?

They have started taking the tree down and will call to have the stump removed. (Cannot read who made the motion and who seconded the motion---SORRY)

Trustee's Report: The steps need to be replaced at the northwest exit door. Tim Bowers has a cement step that we can use. If the step will not work, a new step will be poured. The cost of having the fire extinguishers inspected and replaced will be \$140.

PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

Pastor Dee has been busy planning new committee's:

- Nursery committee and Bremenfest float committee.
- Senior High youth went to Kings Island on June 21 and 22. The kids and adults had a great time. They stayed at Camp Washington UCC.
- On Wednesdays through the month of July, there will be an open gym from 11am to 1 pm. Lunch will be provided and we are willing to pick up kids.
- Friday, July 13 will be movie night.
- Sunday, July 22 - Dinner and a movie showing The Greatest Showman
- August 6-10 - Dee will be on vacation.
- Saturday, August 18 - Workers are needed to work the Bremenfest food tent.
- Saturday, August 18 - Wayne Stock--There has not been much interest in this yet.
- Sunday, August 19 - Bremenfest float in the parade. Meeting at 11am for line up. If interested in riding on the float, be there by 12:45pm.

PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT

- Letters went out to confirmands. Originally we thought there would be 8 possible confirmands, but now there may be as many as 18. August 19 will be the meeting with students. It was asked to bring back the Adult Sunday school classes.
- Becky will be on vacation in Canada for 10 days.
- Jim and Becky will be attending Jim's 35th high school class reunion in September.
- Becky has timed off the rotary board.
- Becky took the Art Camp 2018 information to the rotary and they asked a lot of good questions. They may fund next year's Art Camp.

Old Business:

Range hood suppression is complete.

Flower beds - There is a donor in place to provide the mulch with free delivery. The focus is on mulching the park. The bushes have been spaced out and the dirt may need to be moved around. Becky has a donor for providing sand. We are waiting on a cost estimate.

New Business:

Jack Hansbrough has retired as bell choir director. Cheyenne would like to take over this position. It will pay \$1236 per year. John Gilberg motioned to hire Cheyenne. Terry Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcement by Mike Holdren: The cone in the south parking lot is covering a hole that was caused by an old clay tile that collapsed. A mini excavator will be needed. Buehler Paving has been contacted and we will be meeting with an estimator to have the hole fixed.

Announcements: The next council meeting will be on August 14, 2018 @ 7:00pm. Devotions: Kathy Topp

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

Theresa Hemmelgarn

Mike Holdren President

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

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
Income						
	Contributions	23,749.31	145,205.01			144,195.66
	Rent-Nursery School	0.00	1,650.00	2,850.00	1,200.00	1,550.00
	Rent-Misc. Building	0.00	124.00			200.00
	Contributions-Beacon	0.00	530.00			350.00
	Contributions-Misc.	0.00	275.00			1,902.03
	Stewardship	0.00	285.00			410.00
	Office Supplies	0.00	126.75			40.45
	Easter Offering	0.00	4,936.00			0.00
	Anniversary Gift	2,233.00	2,233.00			0.00
	Art Camp-VBS	0.00	0.00			2,014.00
	Interest-Checking	5.24	42.79			29.79
	Sr. Minister Endow Transfer	530.00	3,710.00	6,360.00	2,650.00	3,710.00
	Visitation Ministry Endow Transfer	444.60	3,159.00	5,382.00	2,223.00	3,045.00
	Youth Ministry Endow Transfer	1,772.72	13,636.32	22,500.00	8,863.68	3,000.00
	Total Income	\$28,734.87	\$175,912.87	\$37,092.00		\$160,446.93
Expense						
	Senior Pastor Salary	5,133.44	35,934.08	61,601.00	25,666.92	35,036.94
	Senior Pastor Insurance	946.40	8,768.00	13,500.00	4,732.00	10,085.83
	Senior Pastor Pension	0.00	8,408.52	11,211.00	2,802.48	8,163.60
	Senior Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	1,090.93	1,550.00	459.07	1,064.68
	Senior Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	350.00	600.00	250.00	350.00
	Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	493.77	1,000.00	506.23	1,114.52
	Senior Pastor Business Ex	0.00	368.01	1,000.00	631.99	402.94
	Associate Pastor Salary	2,750.00	19,250.00	33,000.00	13,750.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Housing	833.34	5,833.38	10,000.00	4,166.62	0.00
	Associate Pastor Pension	0.00	4,515.00	6,020.00	1,505.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Insurance	918.83	5,285.52	12,000.00	6,714.48	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	161.25	645.00	483.75	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	815.64	1,000.00	184.36	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Business Ex	0.00	306.12	1,000.00	693.88	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	350.00	600.00	250.00	0.00

Youth Ministry Endowment	0.00	0.00				3,000.00
Organist Salary	515.00	3,496.00	6,386.00	2,890.00		3,620.00
Music Director Salary	75.00	450.00	780.00	330.00		478.95
Chancel Choir Director	50.00	1,100.00	2,200.00	1,100.00		1,049.00
Chancel Choir Accompanist	0.00	275.00	375.00	100.00		0.00
Beacon Editor Salary	224.00	1,568.00	2,688.00	1,120.00		1,529.00
Visitation Ministry Salary	448.50	3,139.50	5,382.00	2,242.50		3,061.02
Bell Choir Director Salary	0.00	618.00	1,236.00	618.00		721.00
Web Page Editor Salary	225.00	675.00	1,854.00	1,179.00		900.00
Office Admin Salary	2,461.58	17,231.06	29,539.00	12,307.94		16,801.10
Financial Secretary Salary	430.67	3,014.69	5,168.00	2,153.31		2,926.56
Ed Bldg Custodian Salary	1,108.58	7,432.91	13,303.00	5,870.09		7,566.62
Sanctuary Custodian Salary	643.42	4,503.94	7,721.00	3,217.06		4,391.38
Lawn Care Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,754.84
Maintenance Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		6,283.14
Sub Salary (All Positions)	131.25	450.00	4,000.00	3,550.00		2,098.00
Telephone	193.59	879.99	1,500.00	620.01		790.76
Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	50.00	350.00	600.00	250.00		350.00
Internet Services	159.95	1,119.65	2,000.00	880.35		1,126.65
Natural Gas-Church	105.74	5,949.13	7,500.00	1,550.87		4,626.55
Natural Gas-Parsonage	27.58	670.69	1,000.00	329.31		551.98
Electric/Water/Sewage	682.73	4,782.12	8,000.00	3,217.88		4,158.54
Trash/Dumpster	61.29	426.67	750.00	323.33		404.76
Worship Materials/Supplies	389.25	1,750.32	3,000.00	1,264.53		1,918.44
Worship-Saturday	290.00	1,640.00	3,120.00	1,480.00		1,620.00
Pastoral Care	304.20	364.20	800.00	435.80		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	225.00	375.00	500.00	125.00		317.61
Stewardship Material	141.64	1,114.93	2,500.00	1,385.07		854.50
Church Growth & Development	204.51	2,389.19	3,500.00	1,110.81		1,910.21
Postage	347.53	2,950.53	3,500.00	549.47		1,830.58
Shipping	24.34	173.77	500.00	326.23		183.66
Mileage/Travel	402.71	7,730.87	10,000.00	5,269.13		4,315.88
Payroll Services	0.00	252.47	650.00	397.53		499.47
Office Supplies	259.96	2,194.46	4,000.00	1,805.54		2,362.39
Custodial Supplies	119.98	722.92	1,500.00	777.08		827.30
Office Equipment Maintenance	701.50	5,799.82	8,000.00	2,200.18		4,991.19

Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	425.28	1,200.00	774.72	76.00
Sunday School/Youth Programs	30.89	1,635.10	7,000.00	5,364.90	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	0.00	783.86	1,000.00	216.14	828.03
Library	0.00	24.53	0.00	0.00	0.00
SALT Programing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.72
FICA/FIT (Employer)	1,139.81	7,953.67	15,000.00	7,046.33	6,461.90
Worker's Compensation	0.00	700.00	1,000.00	300.00	940.00
Art Camp-VBS					2,381.21
Total Expenses	\$22,857.11	\$186,071.49	\$324,829.00	\$138,772.36	\$164,880.26
Difference	\$5,877.66	(\$10,158.62)			(\$4,433.33)

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by the Interim President Mike Holdren with 15 council members including: Dee Schroer, Rev. Becky Erb Strang, Andrea Huber, Kirk Dicke, Myra Hanenkratt, Terri Mullins, Teresa Hemmelgarn, Betty Dietrich, Brad Holdren, Kathy Topp, Jim Mullins, John Mohrman, Barb Holdren, Jeff Quellhorst and Tom Brandewie. Devotions were provided by Kathy Topp.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of May 2018 was reviewed. Report shows year to date balance of -\$10,158.62 in General Fund. Jeff Quellhorst moved to accept Treasurer's report as read. Jim Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission: Discussed the Project of the year for next year to be Ft. Wayne Children's home. They will provide a presentation later this fall. The Backpack Program went really well. \$1,196 was raised to help with school supplies and school related fees.

Worship: No report

Discipleship: Blessing cabinet has been restocked. Float for the Bremenfest parade is coming along nicely. It has been decided that in the fall we will have Health related workshops. September's topic will be dementia.

Stewardship: No report

Playground: Meet next week.

Art Camp: Start meeting in September

185th Anniversary: Currently finishing up the book of photos collected to share at the event.

OTHER REPORTS

Deacon's Report: No report

Elder's Report: No Report

Trustees Report: No Report

MAINTENANCE REPORT

John Mohrman reports:

- Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.
- A hinge on one of the doors of the North entrance broke. Moeller Door will fix. I secured broken door so it cannot be used, for now, and other door can be used without worrying about further damage to either.
- Tom Brandewie, Tim Bowers and I cut down the down the treeest of the educational building closet to the South parking lot. N. K. Stump removed at no cost.
- Put up new elevator certificate for wheel chair lift.
- Installed a new small dehumidifier in the boiler room.
- Put new boiler certificates in boiler room.
- Met with trustees.
- Took recycles to the recycle center.
- Other small things taken care of as needed.

PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

- This past month has moved everyone into high gear for the fall kickoff. This includes: Church, Youth and Sunday School, parents, students and school teachers.
- Preparations are being made to start up the new Sunday School and Youth year. Letters are being mailed out, supplies are being ordered, curriculum is being developed. Rooms have been moved and stocked, and meetings are in the works.
- I would like to thank Emily Willrath and Shelly Zeller for all their hard work developing ideas, painting and leading the construction of the St. Paul Bremenfest float. If anyone is interested in riding the float, riding your bike or walking along with our float this Sunday to show your support of St. Paul and our community, please see me.
- I have moved forward with my licensure process. I have finished and turned in all my paperwork and am currently waiting on a meeting date with the Licensure Committee.
- I have been cleaning up and putting away supplies from summer activities & events and searching and finding existing resources we have here at church for Sunday school and Youth.
- I enjoyed the fellowship of 5 people for my first "Dinner and a Movie" afternoon. And enjoyed some "Open Gym Days" with the Mullins girls. I led worship at the beginning and end of July. I attended a couple informational meetings, I sat in on a wedding planning meeting. I had a few significant hospital visits and a few home visits.
- I observed one funeral service then a week later I assisted in one funeral, led two funerals and led a graveside service, all in 9 days. I also squeezed in a quick vacation to Michigan. Tuesday, September 4, I will resume lay School classes. This session will be covering Worship and Liturgy.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday August 18 from 1-3pm ten St. Paul Sr. High and ten adults will be working the Bremenfest food tent as a fundraiser for the youth activities fund.
- Saturday August 18 - Waynestock Free Christian Concert at Skip Baughman stadium in St. Marys.
- Sunday August 19 – 11am float line up for Bremenfest parade. 12:45pm riders and walkers meet with float at the starting point.
- Sunday August 19 - 11:30am Confirmation parent/student meeting.
- Sunday August 26 - Community Picnic at the Pavilion, AC Swing playing.
- Sunday September 9 - Kickoff Sunday, Sunday School begins at 9:00am. 10:15am worship to include Bible presentation and teacher dedication. Kickoff picnic on the front lawn immediately following worship.
- Wednesday September 12 - Youth activities begin with Splash from 3:00-5:00pm, Jr. High youth group and Confirmation. Dinner for all youth is served at 6:30, with lessons and activities to follow from 7:00-8:30pm.
- (Sr. High Youth may be changing our time and day- I am beginning to get feedback on changing this group time to a more suitable time and day for our youth. Moving Sr. High to Wednesday Evenings with the Jr. High and Confirmation classes is being looked into.)

Hospital visits- 8

Funerals- 3

Outside worship- 1

PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT

Worship:

- August 19 - Confirmation Celebration 2010's. Pastor Becky Preaching. Blessing of the Backpacks.
- 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.
- Currently I'm in the middle of a Home Communion blitz. Should be completed by the end of next week.
- All four New Bremen churches will have clergy participating in the opening prayer for Bremenfest this Friday night.
- Confirmation - We will have an introductory meeting on Sunday, August 19 at 11:30am in the Chapel. Confirmation Classes begin on September 12.
- Community Picnic and AC Swing Concert - Sunday August 26 at 5:30pm at Crown Pavilion. Food provided by St. Paul, Holy Redeemer and St. Peter's. Concert begins at 6:30pm.
- Pastor Dee and I will lead an adult Sunday school class AND a Thursday night Bible study, using the same curriculum for each of the two times. We will begin on Sunday September 30 and Thursday October 4 with Bob Goff's curriculum: Everybody Always for five weeks. Then we will start a six-week series on the Gospel of Luke.
- Working with the New Bremen Schools, I have arranged for the October 12 Teacher In-Service day to include a 2 hour presentation to faculty and staff about bullying and suicide. On Saturday October 13, St. Paul will host a Youth Mental Health First Aid Course from 8:00am - 4:30pm. We are able to offer this to the community at no cost due to grants given to the Partnership for Violence Free Families and a Make A Difference Grant St. Paul received from the United Church of Christ. I am working with the Chamber of Commerce to arrange an Adult Mental Health First Aid Course also.

- Art Camp Team meets next on Tuesday September 18 at 6:30pm.
- Worship Team is scheduled for Sunday, September 30 at 11:30am.
- Playground construction is nearing completion. Still need to finish swing set, volleyball court and electric.
- I will resume Coffee Shop Hours in September.
- 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)
- September 21-23 (1 weekend). Jim's High School Reunion in Chicago
- I am a facilitator for the Ohio Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

Pastoral Care July 10-August 14, 2018

Hospital Visits: 12	Phone Calls: 22
Office Visits: 9	Funerals: 2
Nursing Home Visits: 35	Notes Written: 10
Home Visit: 8	Weddings: 1
Home Communion: 44	

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Project of the Year: We are getting very close to reaching the goal.

Landscape beds: We are happy to report we are done with this project. The hardware store made a very nice donation toward this project with the mulch.

NEW BUSINESS

Taylor Paul - Girl Scout Gold Award: We were presented an idea of planting a raised garden and dwarf trees near the church. Kathy Topp made a motion. Myra Hanenkratt 2nd. The motion carried. More on this exciting addition to the St. Paul grounds will follow.

South Parking Lot Fix - Sink hole discovered - tile collapsed, quote \$3,700 to repair from Buehler Asphalt. Tom Brandewie made a motion to proceed with the repair. Brad Holdren 2nd. Motion carried.

WISH LIST

- Auditorium (flooring and window rework) Carpet Chapel, Assembly RM - \$8,500
- AC – Youth Rm - \$3,600
- AC - Sanctuary - ? cost unknown at this time

Announcements: Next meeting – September 11, 2018 @ 7:00pm Devotions – Jeff Quellhorst

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

Andrea Huber, Secretary

Mike Holdren, President

BUSY TWELVE NEWS

October 24, 1908

On the above date a group of children of the St. Paul Sunday School assembled in the Sunday School Building. The purpose of the gathering was to found a society to teach these little girls to quilt and sew and also become aware of mission work. Founders were: Mrs. C.G. Henninger, Mrs. Henry Luebkehan, Mrs. Adelia Froning, and Mrs. Wm. Klanke.

An explanation of plans and purposes of the society was made in English by pastor Henninger and Frau Luebkehan clarified it in Plattduetsch, whereupon an offering was lifted netting 97 cents.

The sewing circle grew in number and in 1923 Mrs. Froning suggested the name of the Busy 12 for the 12 teachers. By 1933 there were 96 children enrolled.

The children society was discontinued in 1953 due to lack of interest but the Busy 12 kept right on earning money to help missions. They served dinners and provided a lunch stand at house and farm sales.

Some of the Busy 12's special projects through the years were the purchase of the grand piano for the sanctuary in 1958 on their 50th anniversary (cost \$1844.50), purchase of refrigerator and stove for kitchen. A room was also furnished for the Auglaize School. In more recent years gifts are given to Agape, Crisis Center and Camp Washington at Christmas. Quilts are given to children who are baptized in our church. These quilts are made by our members. Members of our congregation residing in retirement homes are remembered with birthday, thinking of you and Christmas cards.

This year we celebrate our 110th anniversary. Meetings are still being held on the first Tuesday of the months September-May with devotions, lunch and sewing. Present members are: Sally Dicke, Diana Farno, Eileen Gamble, Ethel Mesloh, Cindy Newman, Eely Wenning, Dorothy Wilkins, Vernita Wellman and Edith Wissman. Honorary members are: Zelta Fogt and LaRue Dicke. Helpers include Kathy Nedderman, Rose Johnson and Melinda Clark. If interested in joining contact any of the above members.



Seated: Evelyn Wenning, Edith Wissman, Ethel Mesloh, Zelta Fogt

Standing: Cindy Newman, Dorothy Wilkens, Sally Dicke, Eileen Gamble

The Busy Twelve – 1908 & 1983



Mrs. William Kuest, Mrs. Rosina Laut, Mrs. Harry Nussmeyer, Mrs. Dona Herman Blanke, Mrs. Lizzie Schowe, Mrs. Adelia Fearing, Mrs. John (Alma) Scheer, Mrs. Wissman, unknown, Mrs. William Klanke, Mrs. Schrage, and on chair Mrs. Rev. Henninger (Minister's wife).



BUSY TWELVE


Seated: Louise Weinberg, Louise Wiedeman, Anna Topp, LaVon Dicke, Marie Fischbach, Delilah Braun

Standing: Carabelle Dicke, Irene Dicke, Louise Dicke, Katherine Schmieder, Annabel Scheer, Helen Froning

2018 September Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
110th Anniversary Busy Twelve	CELEBRATE!!! 185th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Paul United Church of Christ New Bremen Ohio 110th Anniversary of The Busy Twelve				German Bibles Restored	8:00am - Men's Club at Speedway Lanes 5pm Worship w/Holy Communion
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:15am Worship w/Holy Communion		11:30am Busy Twelve at Bolly's	Bell Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Times to be announced)			5pm Worship
		2:30pm Elmwood Worship w/Holy Communion				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00am - Sunday School 10:15am Worship 11:30am Celebrate!!! 185th Anniversary Group Photo & Picnic Food & Activities	2:00-4:00pm Coffee Shop	6:00pm Stewardship Team	3-5:00pm Splash 6:30-8:30pm Dinner - Confirmands Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Bell Choir Chancel Choir	1:00pm Women's Service Group / Theater Room African E4 Project Presentation by Vicki Quellhorst		5:00pm Worship Rev. John Dorhauer - Guest UCC President & General Minister
6:30pm Discipleship Team		7pm Council Meeting				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Rev. John Dorhauer - Guest UCC President & General Minister	2:00-4:00pm Coffee Shop 3:00pm - Dementia Friends 4-6:00pm - Open Table Community Meal 6:30pm - Dementia Friends	6:30pm Art Camp Team	3-5:00pm Splash 6:30-8:30pm Dinner - Confirmands Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Bell Choir Chancel Choir			5pm Worship
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	<u>Looking Ahead:</u> Youth Mental Health First Aid Course Saturday, October 13 8:00am - 4:30pm - Materials & Lunch provided Limited seating - Contact Pastor Becky Erb Strang					
9:00am - Youth & Adult SS 10:15am Worship 11:30am - Worship Team 6:30 - Becky's Book Club Dinner & Discussion "The Red Tent"						

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	<i>Happy Wedding Anniversary !</i>	
<h2>Happy Birthday Everyone!</h2>							1	
							Isaac Erb	9/1 - Daniel & Leeann Sherman
							Ava Huber	
							Ben Strang	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9/2 - Bryan & Janelle Callahan	
	Alexandra Dudas	James Reineke	Leah Gilberg	Brenna Shonk	Casey Hammond	Kirk Dicke	9/2 - Brandon & Jenny Rethman	
	Dick Hudson	Lauren Wolters			Lowell Quellhorst	Myra Hanenkraat	9/3 - Patrick & Jill MacKenzie	
	Emily Willrath	Leanne Wolters				Claire Jarvis	9/3 - Don & Michelle Smart	
						Sophia MacKenzie	9/6 - Shawn & Amy Sayers	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	9/8 - Michael & Monica Bushman	
Rexford Fogt	Kendall Hubbard	Kathy Tontrup	Aubree Blair	Alivia Dammeyer	Dan Dicke	Brian Alig	9/8 - David & Debra Hirschfeld	
Thomas Goodwin	Bart Maurer		Charles McAdams	Amelia Dammeyer		Betty Dietrich		
	Jacob Rindler		Ethel Mesloh	Scherly Scherer		Emma Howell		
			Vernon Paul	Donna Schmitmeyer		Brittany Kuhn		9/9 - David & Kelli Muehter
			Charlotte Schwabero			James Moore	9/9 - Robert & Diane Paul	
						Jeffrey Trego	9/9 - Dusty & Tina Wallace	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	9/13 - Bryan & Sara Beth Bailin	
Donald Kettler	Sue Belton	Jenna Miller	Sara Beth Bailin	Kevin Goodwin	Justin Blumhorst	Mary Mohrman	9/15 - Robert & Betty Dietrich	
Rylee Nelson	Kathryn Cochrane		Robert Blake	Lynda Goodwin	Allie Bornhorst	Dee Schroer		
	Dean Egbert		Jordan Gilberg	Betty Hatfield	Judy Dammeyer			
	Doug Schaefer		Lauren Hohler	Steve Tostrick	Robert Dietrich			9/17 - Norman & Donna Jacoby
	Shaun Voress				Ann Kuhn		9/17 - Lowell & Betty Quellhorst	
					Molly Paul		9/18 - Dave & Terri Goodwin	
					Jennifer Schemmel		9/19 - Thomas & Peggy Brandewie	
					Brook Schmitmeyer		9/21 - Todd & Mari Thieman	
					Xavier Wyatt			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
Beverly Poppe		Melvin Fledderjohann	Darlene Altman	Tony Holdren	Jerry Bambauer	Jeff Meckstroth	9/24 - Melvin & Phyllis Fledderjohann	
		Jerry Koeper	Travis Elsass	Terri Leshner	Alec Fox	Brad Waterman	9/24 - Cody & Katie Manbeck	
		Makena Pfenning	Tracy Jacoby	Sydney Nelson	Ashley Hirschfeld		9/24 - Gary & Donna Schmitmeyer	
		Ben Rhinehart	Jayne Knost	Adam Rhinehart	Linda Holdren		9/24 - Coy & Sierra Schott	
				Brian Quellhorst			9/26 - Robert & Janet Eilerman	
30	<h2>May God richly bless your special day in every way!</h2>							9/28 - Mark & Belinda Hudson
Barbara Koeper								9/29 - Aaron & Carla Topp
								