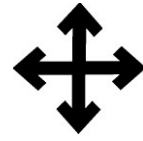




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"Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Resolve to Love"

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang  
Senior Pastor

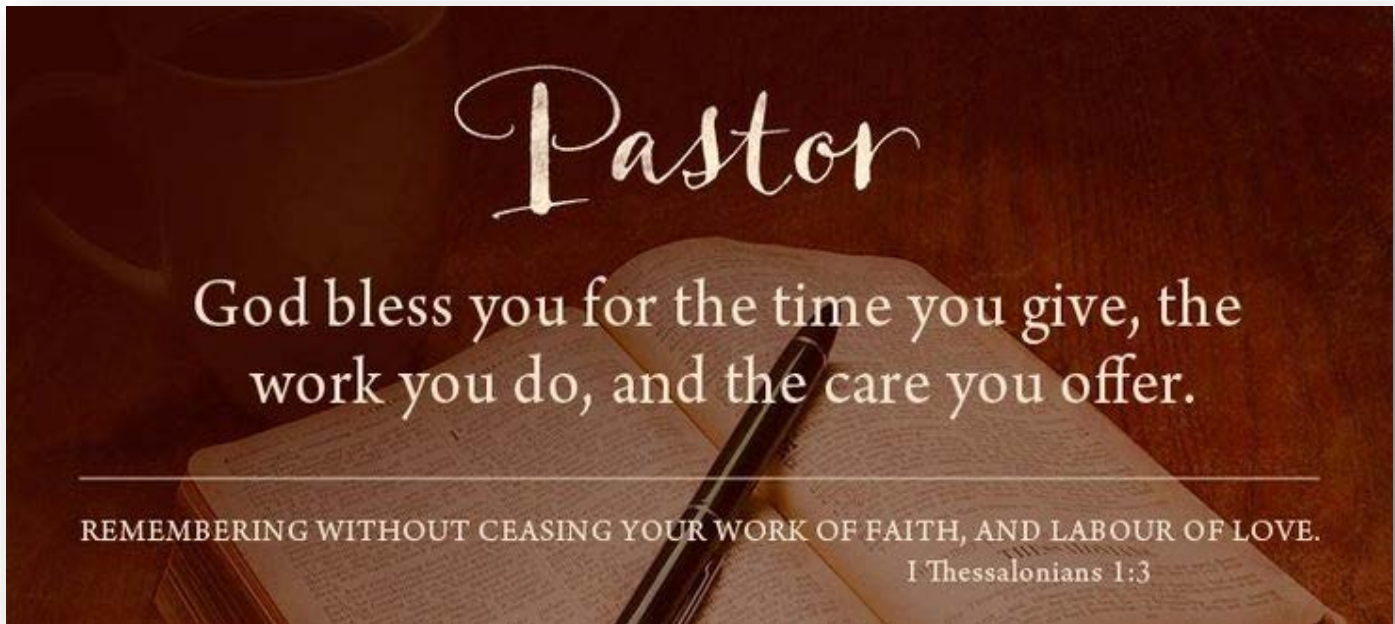


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### **FROM PASTOR BECKY ERB STRANG**

We didn't make it to Tennessee this summer, but most years Jim and I travel to the Cumberland Plateau part of the state for a week of relaxation. We typically take back roads to get there. And, deep in a "holler" with no cell reception we drive by the Friendly Welcome Missionary Baptist Church.

I can't think of a better name for a church. Friendly Welcome. Hospitality is a hallmark of Christian discipleship. Over and over in the scriptures—Old and New Testament—we are given a glimpse of what hospitality can and should look like. From care to the widows and orphans, care for the sick and hungry, care for the foreigner/refugee in our land, our biblical heritage reminds us that we are called to welcome all of God's children (that means everyone) with open arms.

St. Paul United Church of Christ is a church of friendly welcome and extravagant hospitality. Our playground is in constant use by neighborhood children and families. People throughout the region drive to our village for our Blessing Pantry. The Golden Harvest Community Orchard is flourishing—inviting our neighbors to harvest what they need. As we gear up for fall activities, St. Paul will continue to fling our doors wide open for our members, guests, youth, adults and children. Sunday School for all ages begins. Youth programs and Confirmation ramp up. Bell and Chancel Choirs will lead worship. The Men's Club, Women's Service Group and Busy 12 will nurture relationships. Our Open Table Community Meals will feed families and individuals.

A daytime Bible study will be an added opportunity for growth. During the month of September, I encourage you to continue to be the Friendly Welcome Church—welcoming all who come our way with the extravagant love of Jesus.

Blessings, Pastor Becky

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### **KICK-OFF SUNDAY**

On Sunday, September 8, the many programs, missions and ministries "kick-off" at St. Paul UCC. Our Sunday School classes begin. We return to the sanctuary for Sunday worship. The Chancel Choir will share its music during worship. Bibles will be presented to our children. Teachers, youth leaders and nursery volunteers will be dedicated.

Then, following worship that day, we will spill out onto the front lawn for a picnic hosted by the Discipleship Team. All food will be provided and the meal is free. Games, activities and face painting for all ages will be available. We will have live polka music. All are welcome!

### **COFFEE SHOP HOURS**

Pastor Becky will be holding Coffee Shop Hours at New Bremen Coffee Company on Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00pm beginning September 9. You are welcome to drop in or stay the full time. All are welcome!

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation will take place this fall in conjunction with the Junior/Senior High Youth Group. We will eat a meal together each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Class and youth group combined will go from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Typically our confirmands are in eighth grade, but high school students are also welcome.

Classes begin Wednesday September 11. Please contact Pastor Becky or Pastor Dee if you have any questions.

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: BOOK OF ROMANS**

Pastors Becky and Dee will lead Tuesday afternoon Bible Studies on the book of Romans. We will meet in the Library from 2:00-3:00pm.

September 17	Class One on Romans
September 24	Class Two on Romans
October 1	Worship at Elmwood
October 8	Class Three on Romans
October 15	Class Four on Romans
October 22	Class Five on Romans
October 29	Class Six on Romans
November 5	Worship at Elmwood
November 12	Class Seven on Romans
November 19	Class Eight on Romans

If this format goes well, we will continue studying Romans at the first of the year. All are welcome!

## **BECKY'S BOOK CLUB**

### **SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY: LOVING, LEAVING AND FINDING THE CHURCH**

On Sunday, September 22, you are invited to dinner and discussion at the Parsonage at 6:00pm. Following the meal, we will discuss Rachel Held Evans' Searching for Sunday.

Participants are asked to bring a side dish to share. Pastor Becky will provide the main dish and the dessert. You can pick up a copy of the book in the church office. All are welcome!

## **ELMWOOD COMMUNION WORSHIP: SEPTEMBER 3**

On Tuesday, September 3, 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!

## **LECTIONARY SUNDAY SCHOOL/THURSDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

This academic year, the Lectionary Sunday School Class and the Thursday evening Bible Study will follow the same scripture passages. These passages will be the ones shared and preached during the upcoming weekend worship services.

If you miss a Thursday night you can catch up on the following Sunday morning. Classes will begin on Sunday September 8 at 9:00am and Thursday September 12 at 7:00pm. Have any questions? See Pastors Becky or Dee. All are welcome!!

## **GOLDEN HARVEST COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

In early August, St. Paul United Church of Christ and the Southwestern Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce dedicated the Golden Harvest Community Orchard.

Creating this orchard was part of Taylor Paul's Girl Scout Gold Award. Taylor raised funds for the orchard and coordinated the planning and implementation of the fruit beds and trees. Funding for the orchard was also provided by a United Church of Christ Neighbors in Need grant. The pears in the garden are ready for you to harvest. Enjoy!



## **CELEBRATION OF PASTOR BECKY ON SEPTEMBER 14/15**

Please join us in recognizing and celebrating Pastor Becky's 25 years of Ordination and 10 great years at St Paul UCC. This celebration will take place during the Saturday evening service as well as the Sunday morning service. There will be cookies, snacks, and beverages provided for all to visit and thank Becky for her dedication to the United Church of Christ.

Jeff Quellhorst – Council President



## **FROM PASTOR DEE SCHROER**

The School year has begun, I am looking forward to getting the life and energy of our students back in our educational building!

Sunday, September 8 - Kickoff Sunday

- 9:00am - Sunday School begins a new year
- 11:30am - Kickoff Sunday - picnic following worship

Wednesday, September 11 - Fall youth programming begins

- 3:00 – 5:00pm - Splash for 4 & 5 grade students
- 6:30 – 8:30pm - Jr. / Sr. High and Confirmation youth meet for dinner, lessons, activities and large group game time.

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews! Encourage them to bring their friends! ALL ARE WELCOME!

With that being said, there are many ways to be involved in youth programs; providing meals and transportation, leading or teaching and chaperons. We are in need of game leaders, set-up and clean-up crews, special event and special event coordinators and volunteers for craft preparation.

This year I would like to introduce our students to a more in-depth look at church history here at St. Paul, and how personal beliefs and faith work in the lives of our members and community.

I am in need of one Sunday school teacher for the 1-3 grade room on Sunday mornings and one adult to assist me with our Splash program on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 5:00pm.

If you enjoy cooking, I would love to have someone help me prepare food for our 10-12 Splash youth on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00pm. We also feed our Jr. High, Sr. High, and Confirmation Youth, which is usually 40-50 people, at 6:30pm on Wednesdays. If you are interested in cooking or donating meals, please contact me @ 419-733-8760 or Mimi Messick @ 937-477- 6724.

If you have gifts and talents, or a powerful story of faith to share with our youth, there are many ways to get involved. Please see me or message me if you would like to get connected!

I would like to thank volunteers who worked the Bremenfest food tent with the youth on Saturday August 17. The youth had a great time getting to know, and serving alongside, adults in the wider community.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Dee

### MEETINGS

Busy Twelve will be eating lunch at Bolly's, and then heading to the Assembly Room for fellowship and work on Tuesday, September 3 at 11:30am.

Many years ago a group of ladies organized a group of girls hoping to teach them to sew. The group was called THE SEWING CIRCLE. Later the name was changed to THE BUSY TWELVE. These ladies worked at different church projects among them, serving dinners, working food stands at sales and giving gifts to newborns in the congregation. Bonnets made of handkerchiefs were given and it was later decided to give knotted quilts as gifts. This project has continued, but the gift is given at baptism. The group has gotten smaller over the years and we are all a little older and find it more difficult to do the quilts. We have wonderful helpers, namely; Kathy Nedderman, Rose Johnson, and Melinda Clark. We thank them for all their help, but we need more help in assembling and knotting the quilts. In addition to baptism gifts we give lap covers to nursing homes and at Christmas, gifts to needy families. We get together the first Tuesday of selected months, starting with lunch at 11:30 at nearby restaurants. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US! WE NEED YOU!!! Questions please contact Ethel Mesloh or Edith Wissman.

Mission Team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 11:30am.

Women's Service Group - Program: El Salvador

A program of slides and information on the recent trip to El Salvador, by John and Joyce Gilberg, will be presented at 1:00pm in the theater room of the education building of St. Paul on Thursday, September 12. All are welcome!



# MISSION AND OUTREACH



## Washington United Church of Christ

2950 Sidney Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45225

Phone (513) 541-7757 Fax (513) 541-7579

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July 30, 2019

St. Paul UCC  
Franklin & Second St.  
New Bremen, OH 45869

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the many and wonderful outfits and books you gave to the children in our Summer Youth Program, with encouraging notes and in lovely gift bags. Your generosity is overwhelming.

Because we were able to get the clothes on July 22 (thanks to Jeff Paul for meeting me halfway), the children received them the next day. Notes went home in the bags, stating that your wonderful church members were the givers.

Many of the children proudly wore their new outfits to graduation on Thursday, July 25, the last day of our 8-week, Monday-Thursday program. I wanted you to see several of their pictures.

Thank you again, on behalf of the children, their families, and Washington UCC.

*Laurel*

Laurel Humes, Church Council, and Rev. Aaron Saari, Interim Pastor



## DISCIPLESHIP TEAM NEWS

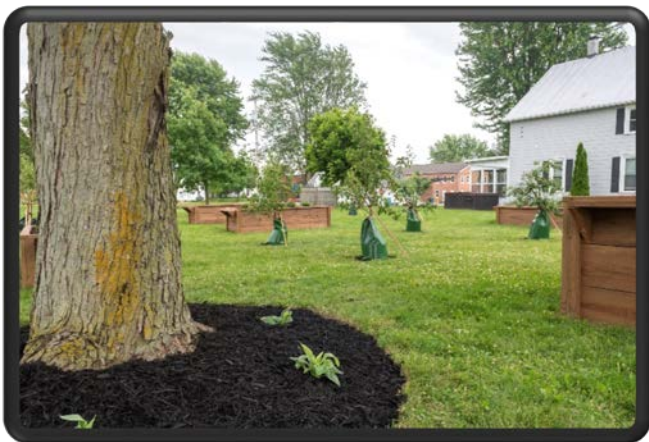
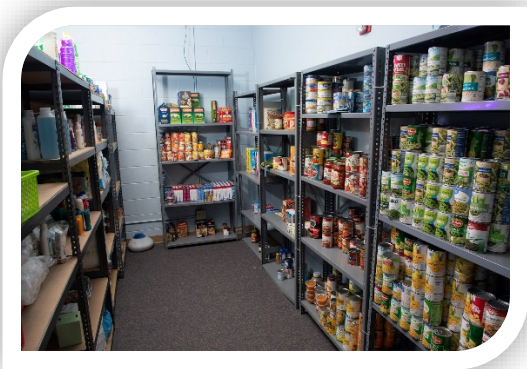
Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

89.5 pounds of candy!!!! Donated, distributed and enjoyed during the Bremenfest parade. Thanks to your generosity we were able to generously hand out candy from start to finish of the parade route. Special Thanks to Dr. Jeff Paul for taking charge of the banners on the float. From taking the pictures, designing, ordering, to picking them up---he did it all. Thank you to Tatum Temple for painting the lettering on our sign. And lastly to those who walked and rode handing out the 89.5 pounds of candy.

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

To all who have helped keep the Blessing Cabinet stocked through monetary or item donations. The Blessing Cabinet has morphed into the Blessing Pantry. The pantry has grown from just having everyday necessities to including nonperishable food items thanks to Taylor Paul's Girl Scout Gold award project. Taylor has groups/organizations arranged monthly to help keep the food stocked. We will keep items like Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Diapers stocked. Unfortunately, we cannot accept over-the-counter medications, vitamins or mouth wash that contain alcohol.

Open Table, the free community meal, begins again on Monday, September 16. We serve from 4:00-6:00pm and you can either dine in or carryout. St Paul's Mission Team will be cooking and hosting the September meal. All donations will go towards Project of the Year - Crossroad Child & Family Services.





When: September 16, 2019  
Who: Everyone  
Where: St. Paul Assembly Room  
Serving: 4:00pm-6:00pm  
Menu: Marinated Chicken, Rice & Beans, Seasonal Vegetables, Dessert

Carryouts Available, Free Chair Massages, Cooked & Hosted by St. Paul Mission Team, Donations benefit CrossRoad of Ft. Wayne

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY & RECORDS**

#### **Address Changes/Additions:**

Cassandra Albers  
1288 E. Hoewisher Rd.  
Sidney, OH 45365

Brandi Plotner  
625 Saint Marys Ave.  
Sidney, OH 45365

Kerri Loney  
309 W. Main St.  
Van Wert, OH 45891

Brian Tontrup  
9708 Augusta Lane  
Piqua, OH 45356

#### **Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:**

Tyson Thomas Thobe, born December 24, 2018, son of Benjamin and Allison Thobe, grandson of Lisa Thobe and the late Gregg Thobe, was baptized Sunday, August 25, 2019. Tyson's sponsors are Todd and Heather Thobe.

### **SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS**

Aug 31/Sept 1	John & Ginny, George & Karen and Judy Voress
Sept 7/8	Anna Hoelscher
Sept 14/15	Vernon & Julia Paul
Sept 21/22	Mary Hesper
Sept 28/29	Peggy Henschen & Kathy Manbeck

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](mailto:stpaulnb@nktelco.net)



## SEPTEMBER GREETERS

Sept 1 (Chapel)	North:	Linda Rempe
	South:	Dick & Sandy Watcke
Sept 8 (Sanctuary)	East:	Kenneth & Regina Sudman
	North:	Dan & Kathy Nedderman
	South:	Regan Miller
Sept 15	East:	John, Shelly, Hayden & Sieanna Zellar
	North:	Mike & Nikki, Kaitlyn & Zach Tontrup
	South:	Carol Wilson
Sept 22	East:	Tom Thieman
	North:	Mark & Paula Topp
	South:	Jim & Terri Mullins
Sept 29	East:	Rob & Diane Paul
	North:	Greg Paul
	South:	David & Kelly Muether

## ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

### Chapel Hill Community, 12200 Strausser St. N.W., Canal Fulton, OH 44614

Jean Schroer

### Elmwood Assisted Living, 711 S. Walnut, New Bremen, OH 45869

Joann Freeman  
Alice Hegemier  
Lois Moeller  
Stanley Quellhorst

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

Thomas Goodwin  
Jean Waterman  
Mary Ellen White

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

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

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

Mary Lou Campbell

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

Rosie Heitkamp  
Annabelle Wenning

### The Gardens, 505 Walnut, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Louise Kettler (Room 222)

## ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Quellhorst with council members including: Roland Dicke, Dee Schroer, Andrea Huber, John Mohrman, Tom Brandewie, John Gilberg, Kirk Dicke, Myra Hanenkratt, Tracy Oldiges, Rev. Becky Strang, Erin Topp, and Barb Holdren. Devotions were provided by Rev. Becky Strang.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report reviewed. Barb Holdren's name was not included in last month's report. Roland Dicke made a motion to accept report as corrected. John Gilberg seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report, as of July 2019, was reviewed with a (-10,515.49) in the General fund. Tom Brandewie moved to accept Treasurer's Report as read. Kirk Dicke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission: Met and planned events for remainder of the year. Upcoming events to include Coffee and Canvas and Community Meal to support the Project of the Year.

Worship: No report

Finance: Next meeting - Date pending

Playground: Trash cans arrived. Wrap-up date is soon approaching.

Art Camp: The theme for next year is Peace. Camp will be extended from four days to five days.

### OTHER REPORTS

Deacons: No report

Elders: No report

### MAINTENANCE REPORT

John Mohrman reports:

- Performed weekly and monthly preventative maintenance checks.
- Getting bids for AC for the sanctuary. Still waiting for more bids.
- Upgraded to LED bulbs, in two sanctuary fixtures, where most of the bulbs were burned out.
- Cleaned water condensation drain tube in the large refrigerator in the kitchen. Refrigerator compartment was filling with water.
- The lower hinge pin of the west door in the north entrance to the educational building was broken. Moeller Door fixed it and I learned a lot about the door.
- Sealed a small leak between the parsonage and garage roof.
- Put an outlet in the sanctuary and access for sound system connections.
- Took recycles to the recycle center.
- Other small things taken care of as needed.

Trustees Report: We did get a new ladder. It works!

## PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT

Vital Vintage Church (Chapters Eleven and Epilogue)

August: Chapter 11 and Epilogue

Chapter Eleven: Evangelism is NOT a Four-Letter Word

If your church is to have a future, you must have new people join you on this adventure of faith and to do that you MUST:

Get them to come.

Get them to come back

Get them to stay. (141)

Because our church is located in an area with a good bit of traffic, we have used corrugated plastic yard signs to announce special events, like the blessing of the animals and other special services. We put them up for a couple of weeks, and then they disappear. (145)

We have found that the best possible marketing of the church is our activism...Wearing T-shirts and carrying signs that identify your church is a powerful witness that there is a place of welcome for people who might hold values different from the majority. (145)

Create an atmosphere where (guests) are expected. (146)

Make the service so relevant or contemporary that when people are having "watercooler conversations" what they heard or did at church naturally comes up. (146)

Encourage people to check-in on social media when they come to church. The average person has 358 friends on Facebook. If 100 people checked in at church that would mean that the possibility of 35,800 people seeing your church mentioned with a personal endorsement of someone they know. That kind of advertising cannot be bought. Perhaps you send people out at the end of every service with a question or an event they can post to Facebook or Twitter. (146-147)

Churches too often are managed, led, and oriented to generations that are passing and are not prepared to use technology to respond to the "young families with children" that they all say they want to attract. That generation expects you to WANT their information, look them up on social media, and respond to them accordingly if you really want them to come back. (148)

If someone is going to make their spiritual home with you, then you must give them a friend and you must give them a job. (148)

No church wants to be unfriendly, but in few churches do members understand that they are hosts. (149)

A church worth saving is a church worth sharing. Let's roll up our sleeves and do both. (150)

Epilogue: Michael's Crystal Ball

There will be fewer mainline churches and they will be smaller, but the traditional/Vintage Church will not die. This actually is a return to what might be considered "normal." In 1776 about 17 percent of Americans attended church. By 1876 that figure had doubled to 34 percent. What we are experiencing now is a return to these norms. The church did not die then, and it is not dying now. It is changing, but there is a great deal we can do to determine the shape of that change. (152)

Pastoring must become an improvisational art form...Entrepreneurial leaders can reinvent church just as they have every other area of life in the past 50 years. (152)

The Vintage Churches that grow will be those who have externally-focused compelling missions. (153)

Online participation in church governance will allow us to reclaim an authentic form of congregationalism that includes more than the same people simply switching hats every year. (155)

The music and worship of the church will be preserved, but the beat and rhythm and pace will change. (156)

Frequency of attendance in worship will continue to decline. (156)

Spiritual formation must replace Christian education. (157)

The Vintage Churches that survive and flourish will be the ones who find their prophetic voice. (158)

### Worship

- July 25 - Tyson Thobe Baptism
- August 31/September 1 - Last full weekend to worship in the Chapel
- September 7/8 - Kick-Off Weekend. Festivities to be announced.
- October 5/6 - World Communion Weekend.
- November 10 - Children's Worship

Folk from St. Paul will walk in the Bremenfest Parade on Sunday distributing fliers about our community outreach projects and LOTS of candy!

The Community-Wide Picnic is Sunday, August 24. This takes place at the Crown Pavilion prior to the AC Swing Concert.

Financial Peace University begins at St. Paul on Sunday September 8 at 6:30pm.

Discipleship Team is hosting an Older Adult Mental Health First Aid Class on the afternoons of September 10 and September 12.

Confirmation Classes begin Wednesday September 11. Pastor Dee and I will rotate Wednesday nights between youth group and confirmation. Our regular confirmation teachers are Lisa Weigandt, Jeff Paul and Shelly Smart.

Pastor Dee and I are still working out how Adult Sunday School/Bible Study will unfold this fall. Will keep you posted.

I attended a Faithful Innovation Summit in Minneapolis in late July. VERY good information. I'd love if a contingent from St. Paul could go to next year's conference. Dates set for it are June 24-26, 2020.

SALT: Summer Adult Leadership Training. Morgan Felver, Katie Paulus and Tatum Temple gave St. Paul church an outstanding summer.

Art Camp 2019: We hosted approximately 230 campers and 100 volunteers. Art Camp 2020 tentatively set for June 7-11: First two nights for elementary age students. Second two nights for preschool students. Final night for Community Festival.

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 2019 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends)

March 21 - March 26 - Washington DC (5 days; one weekend)

Thank you for the gift of a 6-week sabbatical this summer. I will take the second six weeks during summer 2020.

I am a facilitator for the Ohio Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

I am also on-call at Joint Township Hospital as an emergency chaplain.

### Pastoral Care June 3 - August 11, 2019

Baptism – 1

Coffee Shop Attendees – 17

Funerals – 1

Home Communion – 40

Home Visits - 8

Hospital Visits - 10

Notes written - 1

Nursing Home Visits - 11

Nursing Home Worship - 1

Office Visits- 9

Phone Calls - 20

## PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that the kids are starting school this week! Our summer youth students have enjoyed many lessons, guest leaders, activities and outings throughout June and July. It was a joy to have such a great group each week.

I am excited to begin another season with our Sunday school and Wednesday youth programs. We are looking forward to beginning new curriculum stories, faith building lessons and discussions.

I am looking for members who would like to share their personal faith journey with our Wednesday night Jr./Sr. High youth. Please contact me if you would like to share your knowledge of town or church history, or any type of amazing stories of faith that would help our youth grow and understand their faith.

There are many ways to plug into youth programming! We can always use help with lesson and activity preparation, game leaders, meals, clean up, transportation, special events, chaperoning and babysitting! Please see me if you have any gifts or talents to share with our students.

It has been a great experience to fill in for Pastor Becky while she has been on sabbatical; I have grown in many ways this summer.

I thank the SALT leaders, Tatum, Katie and Morgan, for taking on a wide variety of tasks and duties to fill in the gaps while Becky was gone! They have done a wonderful job working together and in their individual tasks.

Thank you for all the love and support following my overnight in the hospital! I appreciate all the love and support. I am feeling good and look forward to taking care of the cause of what sent me into A-Fib.

- Saturday August 17 from 1:00 - 3:00pm - a group of youth and adults have volunteered to work the Food Tent at Bremenfest.
- Sunday August 18 @ 1:00pm – A group of St. Paul youth and adults will walk in the Bremenfest Parade
- Tuesday, September 3 - I will begin Lay School classes covering the Old Testament.
- Sunday, September 8 – Kickoff Sunday – Sunday School begins from 8:00-9:00am, Bible presentation during 10:15am worship, teacher dedication during worship, and kick-off picnic following worship on Franklin Street.
- Wednesday, September 11 – 3:00 - 5:00pm - Splash for 4th and 5th grade students, 6:30pm dinner for Jr. High, confirmation and Sr. High youth groups and lessons, activities and games from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

### Pastoral Care July 10 – August 11, 2019

Coffee Shop - 1	Notes Written - 1
Funerals - 1	Office Visits - 1
Graveside Service – 1	Pastoral Care - 3
Home Visits - 4	Phone Calls - 39
Messages Sent - 10	

## OLD BUSINESS

Taylor Paul - Pantry is finished. All kinds of donations have been received from the community. It is stocked full! Thank you to the community.

Technology assistance needed: Still looking for assistance at worship services. Please contact church office if interested. Anyone going to Tri Star for IT or Media that is interested?

Church Website and Online Giving: Temporary site is up and running. [Stpaul.nb.org/givingfire](http://Stpaul.nb.org/givingfire)

Brick repair - detailed brick repair is being looked into. John Moorman is collecting quotes. He will report back on findings at next meeting.

Sanctuary AC - Pending quotes



SALT – The Summer Salt Program has come to an end. All three girls did a fantastic job. They worked very hard. We appreciate everything they were able to assist with. Each shared how the experience helped them grow.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fence/Sign: We took a short field trip to the orchard to see the proposed sign for the orchard. Taylor Paul came to the meeting to present her ideas on the sign, for the orchard, as well.

Technology: Jim Strang shared with us the new updates on the sound equipment in the church.

Vision Team: We had a small discussion on the idea of creating a vision team. The idea included choosing a representative from each committee and do a meeting vs. a council as we continue to struggle to get a quorum. This idea may help with attracting new deacons as it would limit the amount of meetings they would have to attend with the new concept. Also discussed was ushers vs. deacons....we will continue this conversation through the fall.

**WISH LIST**

- Flooring and window rework in auditorium
- New carpet in chapel & assembly room
- Air conditioning in youth room
- Complete stain glass window project

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements: Next meeting – September 10, 2019 @ 7:00pm Devotions – Myra Hanenkraat  
 Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer.

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Andrea Huber, Secretary

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Jeff Quellhorst, President

If you currently receive the BEACON, via United States Postal Service, and have an active Email address, please consider the option to receive your BEACON electronically. Email your request to goodwin91876@gmail.com.

<b>LOCAL AID EXPENDITURES 07/20/19 – 8/20/2019</b>	
<b>GIFT CARDS DISTRIBUTED</b>	
6	\$10 FAST FOOD CARDS
3	\$50 ALDI
6	\$100 ALDI
1	\$25 KROGER
2	\$50 KROGER
28	\$25 MARATHON
<b>OTHER</b>	
\$339.20	BLESSING PANTRY
\$204.95	CLOTHING
\$49.59	FOOD
\$250.00	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS
\$1000.00	MORTGAGE/RENT
\$50.00	THERAPY SUPPLIES
\$110.00	UTILITIES

**St. Paul United Church of Christ - New Bremen OH**

**Treasurer's Report as of July 2019 for BMPCF**

Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
<b><i>Income</i></b>					
Contributions-BMPCF	1,727.00	10,009.00			16,237.50
Maintenace endow income/change value	1,545.56	9,252.71			757.22
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,272.56</b>	<b>\$19,261.71</b>			<b>\$16,994.72</b>
<b><i>Expense</i></b>					
Lawn Care Salary	383.87	1,535.48	3,071.00	1,535.52	1,535.49
Maintenace Salary	752.92	5,270.44	9,035.00	3,764.56	5,270.44
New Lawn Equipment	0.00	0.00			849.00
Lawn Equipment Maintenance	0.00	492.20			1,044.41
Real Estate Taxes	0.00	2,865.46			0.00
Organ/Piano Expenses	0.00	450.00			180.00
Building/Property Expenses	2,295.82	2,295.82			0.00
BPCF/ Building Maintenance	1,554.55	6,942.53			8,825.53
Landscape Maint. Expenses	0.00	339.58			449.04
Elevator Maintance	78.25	78.25			0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$5,065.41</b>	<b>\$20,269.76</b>	<b>\$12,106.00</b>	<b>\$5,300.08</b>	<b>\$18,153.91</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b><u>(\$1,792.85)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$1,008.05)</u></b>	<b>-</b>		<b><u>(\$1,159.19)</u></b>

**St. Paul United Church of Christ - New Bremen OH**  
**Treasurer's Report as of July 2019 for Operating Fund**

Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
<b><i>Income</i></b>					
Contributions	20,027.38	147,525.03			145,205.01
Rent - Nursery School	450.00	1,950.00			1,650.00
Rent - Misc. Building	0.00	425.00			124.00
Contributions-SS	0.00	239.50			0.00
Contributions-Beacon	0.00	0.00			530.00
Contributions-Misc	0.00	1,846.00			275.00
Enlistment	0.00	330.00			285.00
Office Sup	0.00	105.00			126.75
Easter Offering	0.00	1,658.00			4,936.00
Thanksgiving Offering	0.00	45.00			25.00
Christmas Envelope	0.00	95.00			30.00
Lenten Offering	0.00	2,641.70			0.00
Anniversary Gift	0.00	0.00			2,233.00
Advent Gift	0.00	50.00			0.00
Interest check acct	9.24	89.69			42.79
Sr Minister Endow Trans	550.00	3,850.00	6,600.00	2,750.00	3,710.00
Visit Ministry Endow Trans	448.50	3,139.50	5,382.00	2,242.50	3,159.00
Youth Ministry Endow Trans	2,100.00	14,700.00	25,200.00	10,500.00	13,636.32
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$23,585.12</b>	<b>\$178,689.42</b>	<b>\$37,182.00</b>	<b>\$15,492.50</b>	<b>\$175,967.87</b>
<b><i>Expense</i></b>					
Sr Pastor Base Salary	5,133.42	35,933.94	61,601.00	25,667.06	35,934.08
Sr Pastor Insurance	715.54	8,504.15	14,000.00	5,495.85	8,768.00
Sr Pastor Pension	0.00	6,539.96	11,211.00	4,671.04	8,408.52
Sr Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	890.77	1,550.00	659.23	1,090.93
Sr Pastor Cell Phone Stipend	50.00	350.00	600.00	250.00	350.00
Sr Pastor Continuing Ed	181.17	997.36	1,000.00	2.64	493.77
Sr Pastor Business Ex	117.95	614.64	1,000.00	385.36	368.01
AssocPastor Base Salary	2,750.00	19,250.00	33,000.00	13,750.00	19,250.00
Assoc Pastor Housing	833.34	5,833.38	10,000.00	4,166.62	5,833.38
Assoc Pastor Pension	0.00	3,511.69	6,020.00	2,508.31	4,515.00
Assoc Pastor Insurance	768.14	5,376.98	12,500.00	7,123.02	5,285.52
Assoc Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	0.00	645.00	645.00	161.25
Assoc Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	90.00	1,000.00	910.00	815.64
Assoc Pastor Business Ex	21.92	567.99	1,000.00	432.01	306.12
Assoc Pastor Cell Phone Stipend	50.00	350.00	600.00	250.00	350.00
Organist Salary	412.00	3,399.00	6,386.00	2,987.00	3,496.00
Music Director	60.00	450.00	780.00	330.00	450.00
Senior Choir Director	0.00	700.00	2,200.00	1,500.00	1,100.00

Chancel Choir Accompanist	0.00	200.00	375.00	175.00	275.00
Beacon Editor	224.00	1,568.00	2,688.00	1,120.00	1,568.00
Visitation Ministry Salary	448.50	3,139.50	5,382.00	2,242.50	3,139.50
Bell Choir Director Salary	103.00	721.00	1,236.00	515.00	618.00
Web Page Editor	0.00	772.50	1,854.00	1,081.50	675.00
Office Administrator	2,461.58	17,231.06	29,539.00	12,307.94	17,231.06
Financial Secretary Salary	430.67	3,014.69	5,168.00	2,153.31	3,014.69
Ed. Bldg Custodian Salary	1,108.58	7,760.06	13,303.00	5,542.94	7,432.91
Sanctuary Custodian Salary	643.42	4,503.94	7,721.00	3,217.06	4,503.94
Vacation Replacement	103.00	1,648.00	3,000.00	1,352.00	450.00
SALT Project Salary	1,250.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone-CHURCH	59.15	390.19	800.00	409.81	879.99
Staff Cell Phone Reimburse	50.00	350.00	600.00	250.00	350.00
Natural Gas-Church	109.82	6,037.38	7,500.00	1,462.62	5,949.13
Internet Service	159.95	1,119.65	2,000.00	880.35	1,119.65
Natural Gas-Parsonage	28.97	687.15	1,000.00	312.85	670.69
Electric Church/Parsonage	802.90	4,811.18	8,000.00	3,188.82	4,782.12
Trash-dumpster	66.17	461.35	800.00	338.65	426.67
Worship Materials & Supply	10.90	2,378.37	3,000.00	621.63	1,750.32
Worship Saturday Eve	290.00	1,800.00	3,120.00	1,320.00	1,640.00
Pastoral Care	8.00	471.08	800.00	328.92	364.20
Music	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Delegate's Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	28.00
Membership Dues	0.00	325.00	500.00	175.00	375.00
Enlistment Materials Exp.	103.99	873.74	2,500.00	1,626.26	1,114.93
Church Growth & Develop	25.29	3,139.58	3,500.00	360.42	2,389.19
Postage	57.96	3,604.05	4,000.00	395.95	2,950.53
Shipping	14.16	115.66	500.00	384.34	173.77
Mileage/Travel	351.46	6,559.54	10,000.00	3,440.46	4,730.87
Payroll Preparation	0.00	360.00	650.00	290.00	252.47
Office Supplies	254.11	1,684.49	3,500.00	1,815.51	2,194.46
Custodial Supplies	120.48	1,000.42	1,500.00	499.58	722.92
Office Equipment Maint	612.78	5,903.63	8,500.00	2,596.37	5,799.82
Miscellaneous Expenses	25.00	95.00	800.00	705.00	425.28
Sunday School/Youth Programs	183.71	831.93	5,500.00	4,668.07	1,635.10
Camperships	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Bible Expense	0.00	25.79	500.00	474.21	0.00
SALT Programs	214.65	214.65	300.00	85.35	0.00
FICA Taxes (Employer)	1,122.15	7,914.16	15,000.00	7,085.84	7,953.67
Worker's Compensation	113.00	818.00	1,000.00	182.00	700.00
Confirmation Expenses	0.00	814.31			783.86
Library Fund Expenses	0.00	0.00			24.53
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$22,650.83</b>	<b>\$189,204.91</b>	<b>\$324,829.00</b>	<b>\$136,438.40</b>	<b>\$186,071.49</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b><u>\$934.29</u></b>	<b><u>(\$10,515.49)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$287,647.00)</u></b>		<b><u>(\$10,103.62)</u></b>

# 2019 September Events Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:15am - Worship w/holy Communion	2 Office Closed	3 11:30am - Busy Twelve 2:30pm - Elmwood Worship	4 7:00pm - Bell Choir	5 6:30pm - LGBTQ+ Youth Club	6	7 8:00am - Men's Club at Speedway Lanes
8 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Lectionary Bible Study	9	10 Office Closed	11 3:00-5:00pm - Splash 6:30-8:30pm Jr / Sr High & Confirmands	12 1:00pm - Women's Service Group - El Salvador 6:30pm - LGBTQ+ Youth Club	13	14 5:00pm - Worship
<i>KICK-OFF SUNDAY</i> 10:15am - Worship	2:00-4:00pm - Coffee Shop	7:00pm - Church Council	Dinner, Lessons, Activities 7:00pm - Bell Choir 8:00pm - Adult Choir	7:00pm Lectionary Bible Study		<i>25 YEAR ORDINATION</i> <i>CELEBRATE PASTOR BECKY</i> <i>10 YEARS @ ST. PAUL UCC</i>
11:30am - Kick-Off Picnic 6:30pm - Financial Peace						5:00pm - Worship
15 9:00am Sunday School	16 2:00-4:00pm - Coffee Shop	17 2:00pm - Bible Study Book of Romans	18 3:00-5:00pm - Splash 6:30-8:30pm Dinner, Lessons, Activities 7:00pm - Bell Choir 8:00pm - Adult Choir	19	20	21 5:00pm - Worship
9:00am Lectionary Bible Study 10:15am - Worship	4:00-6:00pm - Open Table Community Meal			6:30pm - LGBTQ+ Youth Club 7:00pm Lectionary Bible Study		5:00pm - Worship
<i>CELEBRATE PASTOR BECKY</i> <i>10 YEARS @ ST. PAUL UCC</i> 6:30pm - Financial Peace						
22 9:00am Sunday School	23	24	25 3:00-5:00pm - Splash 6:30-8:30pm Jr / Sr High & Confirmands Dinner, Lessons, Activities 7:00pm - Bell Choir 8:00pm - Adult Choir	26	27	28 5:00pm - Worship
9:00am Lectionary Bible Study 10:15am - Worship	2:00-4:00pm Coffee Shop	2:00pm - Bible Study Book of Romans		6:30pm - LGBTQ+ Youth Club 7:00pm Lectionary Bible Study		
6:00pm - Becky's Book Club "Searching for Sunday" 6:30pm - Financial Peace	6:30pm Discipleship Team					
29 9:00am Sunday School	30					
9:00am Lectionary Bible Study 10:15am - Worship						
6:30pm - Financial Peace	2:00-4:00pm Coffee Shop					







Saturday  
October 5, 2019  
8:00am - Noon



# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Happy  
Anniversary!*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Isaac Erb Ava Huber Ben Strang	2 Alexandra Dudas Dick Hudson Emily Willrath Cooper Regehdanz	3 Lauren Wolters Leanne Wolters	4 Leah Gilberg	5 Brema Shonk	6 Casey Hammond Lowell Quellhorst	7 9/1 - Daniel & Leeann Sherman 9/2 - Bryan & Janelle Callahan 9/2 - Jenny & Brandon Rehnman 9/3 - Don & Michelle Smart 9/6 - Shawn & Amy Sayers	
8 Kirk Dicke Myra Hanekratt Clare Jarvis Sophia MacKenzie Kayln Regehdanz	9 Rexford Fogt Thomas Goodwin	10 Kendall Hubbard Bart Maurer Jacob Rindler	11 Kathy Tontrup	12 Aubree Blair Charles McAdams Ethel Mesloh Vernon Paul Charlotte Schwabero	13 Alivia Danmeyer Amelia Danmeyer Scheryl Scherer Donna Schmitmeyer	14 Dan Dicke	9/8 - Michael & Monica Bushman 9/8 - David & Debra Hirschfeld 9/9 - David & Kelli Mueher 9/9 - Robert & Diane Paul 9/9 - Dusty & Tina Wallace 9/13 - Bryan & Sara Beth Bailin
15 Brian Alig Betty Dietrich Emma Howell James Moore Jeffrey Trego	16 Donald Kettler	17 Sue Belton Kathryn Cochrane Dean Egbert Doug Schaefer Shaun Voress	18 Jenna Miller	19 Sara Beth Bailin Robert Blake Jordan Gilbert Lauren Hohler	20 Kevin Goodwin Lynda Goodwin Betty Hatfield Steve Tostrick	21 Justin Blumhorst Allie Bornhorst Judy Danmeyer Robert Dietrich Ann Kuhn Ella Manbeck Molly Paul Jennifer Schemmel Brook Schmitmeyer Xavier Wyatt	9/15 - Robert & Betty Dietrich 9/17 - Norman & Donna Jacoby 9/17 - Lowell & Betty Quellhorst 9/18 - Dave & Terri Goodwin 9/19 - Thomas & Peggy Brandewie 9/21 - Todd & Mari Thieman
22 Dee Schroer Tyler Regehdanz	23 Beverly Poppe	24 Madison Clem	25 Melvin Fiedderjohann Jerry Koepfer Ben Rhinehart	26 Darlene Altman Travis Elsass Jayne Knost	27 Tony Holdren Teresa Leshner Sydney Nelson Adam Rhinehart	28 Jerry Bambauer Alec Fox Ashley Hirschfeld Linda Holdren Brian Quellhorst	9/22 - Travis & April Elsass 9/24 - Melvin & Phyllis Fiedderjohann 9/24 - Cody & Katie Manbeck 9/24 - Gary & Donna Schmitmeyer 9/24 - Cody & Sierra Schott 9/26 - Robert & Janet Eileman 9/28 - Mark & Belinda Hudson 9/29 - Erin & Carla Thobe
29 Jeff Meckstroh Brad Waterman	30 Barbara Koepfer						



Come sell your gently used baby equipment, toys, shoes, games, kids' items, and clothes of all sizes newborn to junior sizes as well as maternity wear.

**Booth Request Form**

**When:** Set-up is Friday, October 4, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:00pm

Sale is Saturday, October 5, 2019. Check in by 7:30am

Doors open 8:00am - noon.

Early Bird sales begin at 8am (\$5 admission)

9am-noon (\$1 admission)

**Where:** St. Paul United Church of Christ

119 North Franklin Street, New Bremen

Enter double doors across from playground.

**Booth:** One Booth (3 tables) = \$25.00

Double Booth (5 tables) = \$40.00

**Make Checks payable to:**

**St. Paul U.C.C / memo: mom2mom sale**

**Mail Checks to:** Abby Bushman 01965 Amsterdam Road, Minster, OH 45865

Sellers must bring their own change/cash and need to provide two handled plastic bags for customers. Everything needs to be labeled with prices on the clothing and or signs at booths. Proceeds will go to benefit Youth Activities at St. Paul United Church of Christ in New Bremen. There will be donation boxes for Rustic Hope of any unsold items for anyone who wants to donate items at the end of the sale day. No refunds will be given if seller is not present on set up day/sale day. If you have any further questions please contact Abby at 937-726-6446 or email [abbyandybushman@gmail.com](mailto:abbyandybushman@gmail.com)

**PLEASE CUT OFF THE BOTTOM PART BELOW AND TURN IN WITH MONEY TO SAVE A SPOT FOR SALE**

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Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

List of items selling \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ (One Booth=3 tables/ \$25)      \_\_\_\_ (Double Booth=5 tables / \$40)

**Checks Payable to St. Paul UCC**

## SERVING ST. PAUL

\*Positions highlighted in yellow will need replacements for the 2020 calendar year.

\*\*Please prayerfully consider Serving St. Paul.

### STAFF

Senior Pastor	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Associate Pastor	Dee Schroer
Lay Minister of Visitation	Anna Hoelscher
Office Administrator	Barb Holdren
Financial Secretary	Janet Eilerman
Organists	Dick Hudson & Cheyenne Olt
Director of Music	Tim Olt
Bell Choir Director	Cheyenne Olt
Educational Building Custodians	Dennis & Linda Hainline
Sanctuary Custodian	Greg Hainline
Groundskeeper	Mike Holdren
Building Maintenance Technician	John Mohrman
Beacon Editor	Terri Goodwin

### SUNDAY SCHOOL / YOUTH TEAM

(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	Jeff Paul
Conner Barhorst	Kimberly Paul
Haley Dicke	Ashton Ritter
Katie Dietrich	Shelly Smart
Myra Hanenkrafft	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Austin Hemmelgarn	Michelle Voress
Kim Hemmelgarn	Neal Voress
Mimi Messick	Emily Willrath
Terri Mullins	Lisa Weigandt
Kristen Nelson	

### CHURCH COUNCIL

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

President	Jeff Quellhorst
Vice President	Roland Dicke
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Andrea Huber
1st Year Treasurer	Erin Topp
Senior Elder	John Gilberg
<b>Junior Elder</b>	Mimi Messick
<b>Trustee(s)</b>	Kirk Dicke, 3rd Year
	Tim Bowers, 2nd Year
	Tom Brandewie, 1st Year
2nd Year Deacons	Dana Bornhorst
	Elyssa Mullins
	Tracy Oldiges
<b>(8) Deacon Positions</b>	Dr. Jeff Paul – Head Deacon
	Gene Topp
	Shelly Zeller
1st Year Deacons	Myra Hanenkrafft
	Matt Longfellow
	Sheryl Scherer
	Brook Schmitmeyer
	Open
	Open

**MISSION TEAM**

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)

Connie Friemering	Jeff Paul
John Gilberg	Bev Poppe
Joyce Gilberg (secretary)	Sam Simon
Brenda Haynes	Gary Wehmeyer (chair)
Kim Hemmelgarn	Lori Winner
Matt Longfellow	Pastor Dee Schroer
Pastor Becky Erb Strang	

**WORSHIP TEAM**

(Sounding board for future worship service opportunities)

President	Jeff Quellhorst
Vice President	Roland Dicke
Senior Pastor	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Associate Pastor	Dee Schroer
Senior Elder	John Gilberg
Junior Elder	Mimi Messick
Director of Music	Tim Olt
Organists	Dick Hudson & Cheyenne Olt
Bell Choir Director	Cheyenne Olt
Head Deacon	Dr. Jeff Paul
<u>Members:</u>	Brenda Haynes
Anna Hoelscher	Ann Kuhn
Bev Plattner	Gary Wehmeyer

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

(Secures pledges; promotes stewardship programs)

Roland Dicke  
 Janet Eilerman  
 Dee Schroer  
 Rev. Becky Erb Strang  
 Gary Wehmeyer

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY TEAM**

(Church investments consultants)

President	Jeff Quellhorst
Vice President	Roland Dicke
Senior Trustee	Kirk Dicke
Senior Pastor	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Office Administrator	Barb Holdren
Treasurer	Erin Topp
<u>Members:</u>	Don Scheer
John Voress	John Wierwille

**BUDGET TEAM**

(Prepares church budget for following year)

President	Jeff Quellhorst
Vice President	Roland Dicke
Secretary	Andrea Huber
Treasurer	Erin Topp
Senior Elder	John Gilberg
Senior Trustee	Kirk Dicke
Stewardship Team Representative	

## **OTHER WAYS TO SERVE**

Bell Choir – Wednesdays @ 7pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays @ 8pm

Community Meal – 3rd Monday 4-6pm

Discipleship Team – Meeting dates vary @ 6:30pm

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 – Sundays @ 11:30am, approx. 4 times per year