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Rhonda's Reflections



I'd like to share with you what has been on my heart regarding Stewardship and specifically Legacy Stewardship.

Stewardship teaches that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We are the stewards---not only of our financial resources, but also of this created earth, our time, our talents, our families, our relationships, life itself, but most importantly of God's word. Christian stewardship is using these gifts God has given us, to do the work God is calling us to do.

Legacy giving (planned giving) is the ultimate stewardship. It is the way in which you dispose of the assets you've accumulated during your lifetime-who will use your "stuff" when you no longer need it? It is the opportunity to leave a gift that constitutes a legacy to generations yet unborn and a final witness to those who you most hold dear. Ninety percent of these types of gifts are simple gifts made through wills. Frequently these gifts go to sustain missions and ministries that have blessed your life, or they may be intended to create a new mission or ministry.

I am inviting you to prayerfully consider adding St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys, as a beneficiary in your will. Thank you.

See you in church,

Rhonda



S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund

Many have asked if there is a way in addition to our prayers that we may provide aid to those who are suffering in Ukraine. The answer to that question is “yes”! The Heartland Conference [S.A.R.A. partnership](#) will serve as a conduit for aid to partners in Ukraine who are suffering as a result of the war. Daily, our partners are bringing food and water relief to displaced Ukrainians in Transcarpathia. Please know that your gifts of any size make a difference in this critical time. Those wishing to make a donation can send it to the following address:

Heartland Conference UCC
S.A.R.A. Ukrainian Emergency Fund
PO Box 1230
Worthington, OH 43085

Helping Each other Adjust to Loss

HEAL is the St. Paul’s grief support group led by Pastor Rhonda Hainer, who is trained to assist persons in times of loss, struggle, or crisis. The HEAL group meets on the third Thursday of each month in the church’s old library (next to the Sanctuary) at 1:30 p.m. This group is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, and hope for a path forward.

Baptism



On May 1, 2022, the church through baptism welcomed Zoey Louise Briggs, daughter of Michael Briggs and Heather Arnold.

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On May 1, 2022, the church through baptism welcomed Ollie Keith Chisholm, son of Justin and Audrey Chisholm.

Golden Sunday

We will celebrate Golden Sunday a little earlier this year on June 26th. Golden Sunday is a day in which we recognize those who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage, those who are 80 years 'young' or older and those who have been members of St. Paul's 50 years or more. This celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 26th** and following worship there will be a luncheon for those members and their **spouses/significant others/or your guest**. Below is an RSVP form for you to complete and send to or drop off at the church office, or you may place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. You may also call the office to let Carolyn know you are attending. **Carolyn does have a 'Master List' of the categories listed above; however, information on some of the members is missing. If this is your first year to be added, please contact Carolyn so that she can be sure you are included.**

RSVP FOR GOLDEN SUNDAY by JUNE 20th

_____ Yes, I/we will attend the worship and luncheon.

_____ # attending

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

One of our 5 for 5 offerings

On Sunday, June 5, Pentecost, we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. And it aids the God is Still Speaking Ministry to spread our message of inclusivity. An envelope for this special offering will be included in your bulletin on that Sunday. This offering is part of our 5 for 5 offering.

Mark your calendar for June 5th

PENTECOST: Sunday, June 5th, is the celebration of Pentecost (the birthday of the Christian Church). That Sunday is a day to ***wear red to worship***. Communion will be offered.

DECORATE THE ALTAR FOR PENTECOST

June 5, 2022

Everyone is welcome to donate RED flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost. We are going to widen the selection this year and use more than just geraniums! Have your flowers in the Elevette room on Saturday, June 4th by 12:00. The flowers that aren't picked up after church will be planted outside in the flowerbeds.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Please note that starting **June 5, 2022**, we will begin our summer worship with **TWO worship times**. Service times will be at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We will return to our regular worship time of 10:30 a.m. on "Rally Day" Sunday, September 11, 2022. Please

take note of the new Summer Worship Time as well as the date for Rally Sunday.

Jim's Musical Notes

"Lord Speak to Me"

(1872)

Frances Ridley Havergal came by her love of hymnology naturally. Her father, Rev William Henry Havergal, was an Anglican clergyman who devoted his life to improving the music of the Church of England, writing over 100 hymns himself.

Frances, born in the rectory at Astley, Worcestershire, on December 14, 1836, was a delightful child who began reading and memorizing the Bible at age four. By age seven, she was already writing poems. At age nine her family moved to the rectory of St. Nicholas, Worcester, and there she had her own room. "Dear child, "her mother told her, "you have your own little bedroom now, it ought to be a little Bethel."

"I could not then make head or tail of what she meant," Frances later wrote, "and often wondered, until some months later, when in Genesis, I came to the chapter; and then I understood it. Having that small room to myself developed memmuch as a child; it was mine, and to me, it was the coziest little nest in the world."

A deep sadness fell on her at age eleven, however, when her mother became ill. Calling Frances to her bedside, she said, "You are my youngest little girl, and I feel more anxious about you than the rest. I do pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you. And remember, nothing but the blood of Christ can make you clean and lovely in God's sight."

"Oh, mamma, I am sure you will get better and go to church again."

"No, dear child; the church mamma is going to is the general assembly and the church of the Firstborn in heaven. How glorious to know I shall soon see my Savior face to face! Now go and play and sing some of your little hymns for me."

When her mother died shortly afterward, Frances crept again and again into the room when no one was near, drawing aside the curtain, looking at the stilled form. But she never forgot her mother's last words to her, and soon thereafter she gained assurance of her salvation.

Frances Ridley Havergal went on to become a deeply spiritual writer of hymns and devotional books. This hymn, originally entitled "A Worker's Prayer," was written on April 28, 1872, at Winterdyne, Bewdley, England, for the use of lay helpers in the church.

From Then Sings My Soul, Robert J. Morgan. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2003.



Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to help with our shut-ins and those in the nursing home? We are searching for additional volunteers, **BOTH MEN AND WOMEN**, to help with either personal visits, calling or just sending a card. Currently, our volunteers have an assignment of approximately once a month. We would like to get more volunteers to extend that duty to possibly every-other-month. If you are interested, please call the church office at 419-3940-3811 option 3.



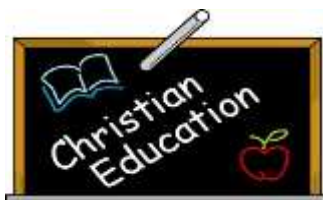
Breaking Bread will be serving from **4:30 to 5:15pm** (unless food is all gone before this). **Grab and Go from your car only.** Looking forward to providing delicious free meals to our community. Every Thursday except the first Thursday of the month.

- June 9
- June 16
- June 23
- June 30

BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly community dinner, these will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please be sure to indicate your name on the envelope if you would like to receive credit on your giving statement. Contributions of #10 canned food are also accepted.

Due to how Breaking Bread is having to serve their meals in a drive-thru fashion, they are unable to use the plastic containers that people have been saving for them. Until Breaking Bread is back serving meals inside, PLASTIC CONTAINERS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. Thank you.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

5 – Jaxson Collins	11 – Arianna Ickes
6 – Madison Milner	13 – Kenny Briggs
8 – Audra Clark	14 – Emrie Powell
9 – Asher Lemmerman	20 – Jebediah McGee
10 – Hunter Winget	20 – Evelyn Wale
10 – Avery Dieringer	23 – Haley Anderson
10 – Ben McChesney- McDonald	



The month of MAY always bring the beginning of spring and summer vibes, but brings the end of school and Sunday School. The Sunday School department and the Christian Education Committee have been busy, busy. We made Mother’s Day and Father’s Day gifts, we’ve made butterflies, we painted 8 clay pots for flowers around the entrances of the church for the summer. We honored teachers, college students and high school seniors.

27 students attended Scholarship Sunday for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Out of the 27 students, 8 of them were high school seniors. The current youth group also had breakfast with them. During worship service, the scholarship committee recognized the scholarship recipients and the 8 high school seniors. Good luck to all!

May 15 the Sunday School youth sang two songs they absolutely love during the worship service. This Little Light of Mine, which is an upbeat toe tapping version, and Awesome God, which is part of our Vacation Bible School songs. They did an impressive job, and we are looking forward to singing again on September 11 for Rally Day during the worship service, which will be songs they already know from Vacation Bible School.

And, that's a wrap for the Sunday School department until Sept. 11 Rally Day! Have a safe summer, enjoy your summer, and you'll hear from us later (after we've rested a bit!)

Jane & Joni



We thank God for each of you. You shared yourself and your love for God with our children and youth and YOU yourself have been a gift to St. Paul's. When you volunteer to teach Sunday School, you are faithful to the promise that each of us makes at baptism to help raise our children in the Christian faith.

Karen Bower

Andrea Clark

Allison Craft

Jill Dickman

Marsha Landers

Jane Laird

Sherrie Keighley

Linda McDonald

Nancy Mauter

Aimee Opperman

Kim Opperman

Joyce Roth

Susan Spencer

Sarah Walter, Middle School Teacher

Nick Frankenhauser, HS Youth Teacher

Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher

Tracy Winget, Nursery Supervisor

David Hainer, Adult Forum Teacher

Maddy Frankenhauser, Youth Music

Director



Church Camp

Our kids love church camp! The list below proves that. Please pray for these campers when they attend church camp. Please send them a postcard while they are at church camp. They love getting mail, and mail from your church camp is a plus!

Templed Hills
Attn: (add the name of the camper)
5734 Durbin Rd.
Bellville, OH 44813

Sports camp campers June 26th to July 2nd:

A.J. Dieringer
Kendall Dieringer
Avery Dieringer
Brian Speckman
Joey Vanderhorst
Karlie Lucas
Henry Klosterman
Amelia Klosterman
Zoe Marsee
Piper Marsee
Wyatt Marsee

Mini Just Camp July 10th-16th

Nolan Frankenhauser
Ethan Frankenhauser

Camp Counselors: Diane and Kalie Gayer, Kate Lucas, Carly and Clare Caywood, Allison Vanderhorst.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 1, seven of our young people became confirmed, and are the newest members of our congregation. They are Riley Anderson, Zoey Briggs, Ollie Chisholm, Audra Clark, Reece Long, Madilyn Mauter, and Hunter Winget.

Through confirmation, we are confirming the fact that the candidates' parents have kept their vows to, "...teach...(their children)...that...(they)...may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior..." a covenant signed and sealed through the confirmand's baptism. Upon their confirmation and profession of Jesus as their Savior, they each will be received into full membership and take part in communion with the rest of our members for the first time as a member of the church.

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"OUR GRADUATES - CLASS OF 2022"

- ◆ **Calvin Caywood** has been training in precision machining for the past two years and was recently awarded the AMBE Alliance 20 under 20 award. He is currently employed part time at Pax Machine Works and will transition into full time employment there after graduation.
- ◆ **Kendall Dieringer** will be attending Ohio Wesleyan University and majoring in Nursing and playing basketball.
- ◆ **Ava Gottschalk** will be attending The University of Toledo. Ava intends to major in Exercise Science, with focus on Occupational Therapy.
- ◆ **Caroline Leffel** is planning to attend Wright State Lake Campus and major in middle school education.
- ◆ **Rebecca Leffel** is planning to attend Wright State Lake Campus, majoring in graphic design.
- ◆ **Connor Milner** plans to attend The Ohio State University in Columbus, where he got accepted into the Honors Program. His major is currently undecided.

- ◆ **Brett Speckman** will be attending the University of Northwest Ohio, majoring in Automotive Technology
- ◆ **Joey Vanderhorst** will be attending Bowling Green State University in the fall, majoring in Finance

CHURCH GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Grant Committee met in April to determine the recipients of the 2022 Grants. Grants were awarded to the following members:

Joey Vanderhorst	Charlie Walter
Brett Speckman	Howie Spencer
Connor Milner	Katie Lucas
Kendall Dieringer	Kalie Gayer
Lindsay Clausing	Alex Mauter
Emma Birt	Reece Wheeler
Brad Speckman	Lucy Spencer
Leah Walter	Allie Vanderhorst
Kyle Lucas	Courtney Nuss

The committee congratulates this year’s recipients and wishes them the best of luck as they move toward attaining their educational goals. You make us proud.



Whew! I can't believe how fast this year has flown by, May probably more than any other month. With so many things going on, especially for the high schoolers, it became clear pretty early in May that there wouldn't be enough time to get a Youth Sunday service prepared before such an early graduation date. Therefore,

it was agreed that Youth Sunday would be pushed back until the start of the Sunday School year in the fall season. Not only will this give the Youth Group more time to prepare a phenomenal service, but it will be a good way for us to get to know the teens in the 2022 confirmation class as they join us.

In other news, the Youth Group donated donuts for the 2022 Senior Graduate Breakfast that was put on by the Christian Ed. department. Six seniors from our church participated and were granted scholarships, along with several past Youth Group members who returned. All told, 27 past and current Youth Group members were fed at the event.

In closing, I want to say that it has been a humbling and eye-opening experience for me in this first year as my role of Youth Director. I appreciate all the support that the staff and congregation have given me, and it was truly a pleasure to get to know such fine young men and women here at St. Paul's UCC. I look forward to serving them and the church again next year. Have a blessed and safe summer, everyone!

In God's Love,

Nick Frankenhauser
Youth Director

Aluminum Can Recycling for the Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who is saving aluminum cans for the **YOUTH GROUP**. We will continue to save, collect, and recycle cans. Cans need to be **rinsed out** and brought to St. Paul's - **just leave them behind the curtain under the stairs of the Creation Station door**. If you have a lot of cans and would like to take them on to recycling and donate the money, it may be just as easy once they are in your vehicle. Thank you for your support.



WOMEN'S YOGA NIGHT SUCCESS

Thank you to Billie Marsee and Lori Now for hosting Yoga Night for the ladies on May 4TH. Over twenty women enjoyed either chair or floor yoga with snacks served after each work-out.

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KROGER REWARDS UPDATE: Thanks for supporting this program! Our supporters (36 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **2-1-2022** and **4-30-2022** have contributed to our **\$130.41** total donation. Thank you for your continued support of your local Kroger store.

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QUILTERS

Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to ??? in the sewing room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at 419-733-4332. *(Note: We don't meet in the summer months)*



- **To the Organ Refurbishing Fund in memory of Norma Lhamon:** Betty Elsass, and Shirley Huckeriede
- **To the Organ Refurbishing Fund in memory of Harold McCune:** Shirley Huckeriede



Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you for always letting us (the Japanese students) use the room for our English as a Second Language (ESL) class! I am always grateful for the comfortable space that you provide. I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Manami Arakawa

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Dear St Paul's Grant Committee,

I wanted to express my thanks for awarding me a grant. I truly appreciate everything the church has given me. I have grown and changed and St Paul's has truly been a large part of the person I have become. I have completed my first year at Bowling Green State University where I am studying Business and intend to specialize in Supply Chain Management. I was able to receive the honor of the Dean's List my first semester in the program.

During my second semester at Bowling Green I joined the Sigma Chi Fraternity, where I have met many new people and have signed an agreement to live in the Greek Village in the fall of 2022. I will live with my "brothers" and participate in community service as a member of the Fraternity. I am proud to also be a Dean's Scholar where I also complete community service that supports new and incoming students at the University.

My intentions were to attend the Sunday service to speak to the congregation personally. One very important thing I have learned while being at Bowling Green is the importance of family. While I have always cherished time with my parents and my brother, being away from home adds a whole new meaning to the importance of family and setting an example for my younger

brother. I made the decision to leave town with my father on the day of the service and spend some well needed time alone with him. I know God would approve of the decision to put my family first. I also know St Paul's would do the same as I have also felt supported by the church family I grew up in.

Again, I appreciate your support as I move forward in my journey. It is a great feeling to know that St Paul's can always be a home base for me!

Sincerely,  
Reece Wheeler

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Dear Children's Ministry Coordinators (Jane & Joni)

Thank you for the candy and gas card for my graduation. I am so thankful to have you support me in my future plans.

Thank you!  
Brett Speckman

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Dear St. Paul's Grant Committee,

Thank you so much to the scholarship committee for awarding me the scholarships. It means so much to me to know that my church family is helping to aid me in the funding of my college education.

Thank you!!  
Kalie Gayer

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Dear St. Paul's Grant Committee,

Thank you for awarding me the grant money for college. I am so grateful for your support of my future education.

Brett Speckman

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Dear St. Paul's UCC,

Thank you for your generous gift to Back Bay Mission Micah Day Center. Your gift provides a safe and welcoming environment for our homeless guest to gather and receive services. Guests like Bradley was caught in a domestic situation. Bradley moved to the Gulf Coast, starting a new life while homeless. But, Bradley came to the Micah Day Center, and we have been able to help him obtain an EBT card for food, a Lifeline cell phone for opportunity and security, and basic supplies like clothes, a sleeping bag, hygiene kits, and a backpack. Most importantly, Bradley has a safe and welcoming space where he can get the help he needs to start fresh. All of this thanks to the support of people just like you. Thank you!

James Pennington  
Executive Director, Back Bay Mission

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Dear St. Paul's UCC,

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Back Bay Mission Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program makes it possible for homeowners to remain in their homes. Homeowners Zaneta and Leroy were in the process of building a new home for themselves and their five children when Leroy was laid off from his job at the casino. While they lived in a ramshackle two-bedroom house nearby, they saw their own house sit unfinished. Even worse, they saw their unfinished house begin to deteriorate over three years, putting them at risk of losing what they had already invested. Today, Back Bay Mission is partnering with Lowes, Valspar Paint, and volunteers from across the country to complete Zaneta and Leroy's house. Soon, they and their children will live in the home

they began building three years ago. They know this is happening because of you. Thank you!

James Pennington  
Executive Director, Back Bay Mission










## **STAFF OF ST. PAUL'S UCC:**

- ... **Rev. Rhonda Hainer, Pastor**
- ... **Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant**
- ... **Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director**
- ... **Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music**
- ... **Maddy Frankenhauser, Director of Children's Music**
- ... **Andrea Spencer, Organist**
- ... **Ann Vogel, Organist**
- ... **Cynthia Hanover, Pianist**
- ... **Becky Anderson, Pianist**
- ... **Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian**
- ... **Rich Spencer, Audio and Video**
- ... **Carol Schmidt, Email Prayer Team Contact**
- ... **Jane Nuss & Joan Leffel, Christian Ministry Directors**
- ... **Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher**
- ... **Tracy Winget, Nursery Supervisor**

- ☎ If you will be going to the hospital or if someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office and let us know.
- ☎ Please call the church office with address corrections or if you do not see your **Birthday** or **Anniversary** listed during the correct month. Call 419-394-3811. Thank you!!
- ☎ **CALL-EM-ALL** - Please let the church office know if you are experiencing any problems with the Call-Em-All phone messages. **Also, if you would like to be removed from the calling list, listen to the broadcast and at the end follow their**

**directions to 'opt out' of any future broadcasts - this will remove your number from the calling list.** Thank you!

-  **Cell phone # for Pastor Rhonda** (563) 210-3508
-  **rhainer@bright.net** – Rev. Hainer's e-mail address.
-  **smucc@bright.net** - church e-mail address. Use this to e-mail articles for the newsletter/messages for the Sunday bulletin.
-  **jnjl2021@gmail.com**- Christian Ministry Directors email address.
-  **franken.nick@gmail.com**- High School Youth Director email address.
-  **cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com** to contact Carol Schmidt for the Email Prayer Team Requests.
-  **spmedia@bright.net** – to contact Jim Huckemeyer or Rich Spencer email address.
-  **www.stpaulsuccsm.com** - church website address and most current worship service videos can be seen here.
-  **Televised worship service**- our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on **TSC cable - Digital channel 1 OR non-digital channel 2,** every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is a one-week delay of the service shown.

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- **EYEGLASSES FOR THE NEEDY** - collected by the church school classes. Donated glasses should be placed in the basket at the North entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Kroger Fund Raiser for the Women's Guild** – If you would like to support Women's Guild with the Kroger fundraiser, log on to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to sign up & register your Kroger Plus card. **NPO# is SK5720.** If you do not use the internet, but would like to sign up, please contact Jane Nuss or Kris Vanderhorst.
- **LIFT CHAIR** is available for 'loan' to anyone in the church who might have a need for it. Please call the church office for more information.

- **ATLAS 600 VISION MACHINE – QUANTITY OF 2** - to assist those who have vision problems with reading books, newspapers, prescription labels, writing personal checks or viewing family photographs - making this possible with video magnifiers.
  - **WALKERS** - If you have need of a walker for assistance in getting around, please call the church office. One of our church members has several different type walkers, which are available for loan.
  - **RESTROOM ITEMS:** If you have a need for shower chairs, toilet seat elevators and hand-held shower adapters, please call the church office. One of our church members has graciously donated a few of these items.
  - **LAMINATOR** - available in the church office. This is used by the Sunday School teachers for classroom projects and activities and by the office staff. We will also laminate items for church members for a fee of \$1.00 per item (**NOTE: maximum size we can laminate is 8 ½ x 11 inches**).
  - **OFFERING ENVELOPES** - are distributed by quarterly mailing. Please notify the church office if you are not receiving envelopes and would like to be added to this mailing list. Also, **PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**
  - **COPIES** - if you need copies made of any personal items, you may stop by the church office, and we will be glad to make them for you. If it is a large project, it is best to call ahead. **Cost for making copies for church members is 15 cents per copy if you use the office paper, or 10 cents per copy if you bring your own paper.**
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### **2022 CHURCH OFFICIALS**

**President of Congregation**

Darren Caywood

**Vice-president of Congregation**

Chad Lamon

**President of Consistory 2022**

Susan Braun

**Vice-president of Consistory 2022**

Kevin Gehres

**2022 Members of Consistory**

|                  |                                               |                |
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| <b>Elders:</b>   | Janet Gibson                                  | Jim Huckemeyer |
|                  | Joan Leffel                                   | Bill Nuss      |
|                  | Kevin Gehres                                  | Lori Now       |
| <b>Deacons:</b>  | Vicke Roode                                   | Fred Scheer    |
|                  | Carol Waesch                                  | Tom Dickman    |
|                  | Susan Braun                                   | Linda McDonald |
|                  | Jennifer Ginter                               | Susan Spencer  |
|                  | Becky Anderson                                | Jill Dickman   |
|                  | Carol Schmidt                                 | Jen Lucas      |
| <b>Trustees:</b> | Larry Kill, DeWayne Marsee and Tim Hirschfeld |                |

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**April 2022:**

**Current Fund:**

- Budgeted through April 30, 2022 = \$ 89,037.68
- Received through April 30, 2022 = \$ 82,220.27
- Expenses through April 30, 2022 = \$ 75,102.46
- Received through April 30, 2021 = \$ 81,363.61

**Mission Fund:**

- Budgeted through April 30, 2022 = \$ 5,000.00
- Received through April 30, 2022 = \$ 4,208.09
- Received through April 30, 2021 = \$ 3,798.00

**Status of 2022 Budget:**

**Current Fund:**

- Budgeted through May 31, 2022 = \$111,297.10
- Budgeted through May 15, 2022 = \$102,393.32
- Received through May 15, 2022 = \$ 92,436.46

**Mission Fund:**

- Budgeted through May 31, 2022 = \$ 6,250.00
  - Budgeted through May 15, 2022 = \$ 5,750.00
  - Received through May 15, 2022 = \$ 4,753.09
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**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2022  
CONSISTORY MEETING**

The regular meeting of St. Paul's UCC Consistory was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Susan Braun. Pastor Rhonda opened the meeting reading a quote from Harold Kushner and with prayer.

**Present:** *Elders:* Lori Now, Kevin Gehres, Bill Nuss, Joan Leffel and Janet Gibson; *Trustees:* Tim Hirschfeld, and Larry Kill; *Deacons:* Susan Spencer, Vicky Roode, Fred Scheer, Carol Waesch, Susan Braun, Jennifer Ginter, Carol Schmidt, Linda McDonald, Becky Anderson, and Jill Dickman. Also present were, Pastor Rhonda Hainer, Treasurer, David Dickman, and, Administrative Assistant Carolyn Garrison.

**Minutes:** Susan Braun

- Minutes from the April 13, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Jill Dickman made a motion to approve the minutes. Joan Leffel seconded. Motion carried

**Financial Report:** David Dickman

- David reviewed the Financial Report for the month of April 2022. There being no other questions, President Susan asked to file the financial report for review by the church Administrative Assistant.

**President's Report:** No report**Pastor's Report:** Rhonda Hainer

- On Easter Sunday, with both the sunrise service and the regular service, we had 300 in attendance.

- 14 youth, under the guidance of Nick Frankenhauser and table decor provided by Amy Keller, had an outstanding Easter breakfast and our attendance was wonderful.
- The HEAL bereavement group is growing, and bringing in new participants from the community.
- Presentation Sunday was led by the Confirmation Class, and they did a fantastic job. A lovely reception was held in the elevette room...thank you, Marsha Landers!
- We are in need of a chairperson for the Rally in the Alley committee and this year we plan to have it be a one day/afternoon on Sunday, Sept. 11. Due to the recognition of 911, we will not be having a Holy Humor Service that day. The Christian Education committee met and discussed details that will be shared with us.
- Via Zoom I attended the Heartland Conference Annual Meeting, as did Kevin Gehres, our church representative. Kevin gave an impressive presentation on the Disaster Ministries.
- Confirmation Sunday welcomed 7 new members into our membership and two were also baptized. It was a joy filled service and so many have shared with others how meaningful it was.
- I have met with Cara and Daryl Mabry who would like to join our church as members and have their two sons, Waylon and Owen, baptized on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- I participated in the Women's Guild Yoga class led by Lori Now.
- I attended the organ refurbishment meeting with Schantz and the committee.
- I have made several visits to the area senior living centers and doing follow-up visits with some of our frequent/infrequent guest attenders.
- Briefly discussed issues that the United Methodist Church is experiencing and will be voting on in 2024. Pastor Rhonda

suggested that if we hear anyone who is upset with the United Methodist Church, to invite them to our church or bring them as a guest. St. Paul's United Church of Christ welcomes All. All means All are welcome.

- St. Paul's is a 5 for 5 church. Carolyn is currently working on a flyer explaining what the 5 for 5 is. This flyer will be included in the next newsletter.

**Loose Offering:**

- The second Sunday of June, July and August will be designated for the Rally Day fund.
- Carol Schmidt asked about how we can know how much is donated to the various organizations. Carolyn is going to put a note under the Attendance section in the bulletin noting how much was received for the specified loose offerings.

**Budget and Finance:** No report

**Trustees:** Larry Kill

- We have received an invoice for the first financial installment for the new boilers.
- Mowed for John Hall last week. John was not available to mow due to a health issue. If John continues to have issues, the new Custodian will take over the mowing.

**Elders:** No report

**Deacons:** Carol Schmidt

- Now that the Confirmands are done being acolytes, the Deacons would like for the Elders to help with lighting the candles on Sunday mornings.
- Deacons asked about unlocking the office on Sundays so that they can get to the safe to lock up money. Carolyn Garrison stated that she will get in touch with the Custodian and ask him to unlock her office on Sundays when he comes in to unlock the building.

**Christian Education:** Joan Leffel

- Sang on Palm Sunday.

- During the month of May, we will continue with lessons and a variety of craft projects for the kids to take home. We are also decorating flower pots to put at entrance doors and planting flowers in the pots instead of planting the flowers in the flower beds. Flower pots will either be secured into the ground or bottom weighted enough that someone can't take them.
- Last day of Sunday School is May 15, and the children are singing that Sunday during worship service.
- Vacation Bible School will be May 31, June 1 and June 2 in the evenings.
- September 11 is Rally day, which is when we will restart Sunday School.
- Flower pots are done and have been placed next to entrances to the church.

**Rally Day:** Pastor Rhonda

- Christian Ed has set September 11<sup>th</sup> as Rally Day. Last year we did Holy Humor Sunday on that day; however, out of respect for September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will not have Holy Humor on that particular Sunday.
- Pastor Rhonda asked for someone to head up the committee. No volunteers stepped forward, but a discussion ensued about whether to have it as a two-day event like last year, or just one-day. The consensus was to just have events on Rally Day itself, to include possibly just a light meal provided by Women's Guild and ice cream provided by the HS Youth Group. Jill Dickman will discuss the light meal idea with Kris Vanderhorst and Jane Nuss. Rhonda will start making announcements about Rally Day during worship and will also discuss advertising with Jim Huckemeyer.

**Christian Mission and Outreach:** Jill Dickman

- No Report

**Personnel:** No report

**Stewardship:** Kevin Gehres

- The committee has met a couple of times and have reviewed the Special Funds. They find the various funds to be “complex,” and would like to keep things as simple as possible. Plans are to highlight one fund during worship, like what was done with the various committees earlier this year.
- The committee is also working with Pastor Rhonda about leaving a “legacy” in their Will and a financial legacy to the church.

**Scholarship Committee:** Becky Anderson

- The committee met in April to review all the scholarship/grant applications. This Sunday, we will be handing out checks to the grant recipients.
- The committee also discussed changing the name from St. Paul’s UCC Scholarship Fund. Becky made a motion to change the name to St. Paul’s Educational Grant Fund. Joan Leffel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Organ Committee:** Susan Braun

- The Organ Committee met May 4, 2022. We met with Luke from Schantz Organ Co. It would not be to our advantage to segment the refurbishing of the organ into two separate jobs. It would cost approximately \$15,000 more and take twice as long to complete the job. It would take three months for each segment, which means we would be without an organ for six months. The consensus was to proceed with the project as a whole and only be without the organ for approximately three months. Fundraising will be started soon, perhaps this summer. The project will not be done for three to five years. That gives us time to raise the needed funds. We can sign a contract with Schantz when we have a ten percent down payment, approximately \$20,000. Eighty percent will be paid as the project progresses. The remaining ten percent needs to be paid when the job is complete.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Discussion regarding summer worship time. What date do we want to start it? Do we keep it at 10:30 and just remain consistent year-around? Do we want to start at 10:00 just for the three months and possibly vote on moving our service time to 10:00 permanently? Joan Leffel made a motion to start services at 10:00. Tim Hirschfeld seconded the motion, motion carried. Suggestions for having two services were brought up, and the pros and cons of doing two services were discussed. After a lengthy discussion, Tim Hirschfeld made a motion to have two services during June, July and August, with the first service being at 8:30 and the second service at 10:00 a.m. starting June 5<sup>th</sup>. Joan Leffel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Due to the meeting running late, Pastor Rhonda asked that we table Kevin's presentation on Disaster Ministries.

There being no further matters to discuss, Tim Hirschfeld made the motion to adjourn and Larry Kill seconded. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Braun, 2022 Consistory President  
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant

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