

# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JUNE 2023



## THE COMMUNICATOR

### *Rhonda's Reflections*

***"Your life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be opened."***

***---Wayne Muller, in Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives***

The Season After Pentecost – Ordinary Time

We have now entered the Season after Pentecost. The liturgical color stays green, and we are in what is referred to as "ordinary time" which is the longest season of the church year, reflecting that most of our life is spent in the "in between" times—in between the big, exciting events of life. For the most part, our life consists of ordinary, everyday stuff.

Yet, the Season after Pentecost invites us to look within instead of looking around, to find the extraordinary in the ordinary, and to allow our ordinary everyday life to become our prayer. To discover that every moment is sacred. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to discovering and living the sacrament of the moment is the busyness of the moment.

St. Augustine said that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. "Resting in God" sounds like a great idea, but many of us think we are too busy to take time to rest in God. And if we can just do or schedule a little bit more, then maybe that restless feeling will go away. My experience, however, is that it never completely goes away. That restless feeling is God calling to us.

We may not have "resting in God" written on our calendar, yet during this Season after Pentecost, God is calling us to rest in God's presence. It is a reminder of and a time to acknowledge and experience God's presence and God's faithfulness in the mundane day-to-day stuff of our lives.

We gather every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. beginning June 4<sup>th</sup> to worship God and be refreshed for the week ahead. Join us. Invite someone to join you. All are welcome at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, St. Marys.

See you in church,  
Rhonda

## SPECIAL TIMES

Sunday School and Adult  
Forum 9:15 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Summer Worship June 4th-  
September 10th 10:00 am

Sunday Service Live  
Streamed on Facebook and  
YouTube

• **Televised Service -**  
**TSCCable, Channel 2 ,**  
**Digital Channel 1**

• **Sunday @ 10:30 am**  
**(1 week delay)**

• **Monday @ 7:00 pm**





## FAQ About Restoring the 1954 Schantz Organ

### What will happen to the organ during the renovation?

The following is a quote from Luke Tegtmeier from Schantz Organ Company:

*"Your organ's mechanism is full of leather to control the flow of air to the nearly 800 pipes. To replace the leather, we would remove all of the pipes to allow us to bring most of the organ's mechanism back to our shop. The metal pipes would be stored on-site if possible, while the stoppered metal pipes would also come back to our shop to allow us to replace the leather stoppers."*

By having an updated organ with 21st-century technology, the instrument will be greatly expanded in flexibility and usability making it more inviting to recruit and retain future organists.



### BE AN ORGAN DONOR

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*... when the mechanisms (leather) fail, the organ has holes in its sound production.*

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## Our two cents worth

### From the Stewardship Committee

In February we began leaving colored notecards in the pews. Please take a minute before church to answer the monthly "Stewardship Reflecting Question" that will be printed in the bulletin. Write your response on your notecard and drop it in the offering plate! Either include

## Prayer and Care Ministry

**Prayer Team:** Prayer requests are welcome for any concern or thanksgiving. Requests are kept confidential and not included in public worship screen unless specifically requested. Contact Carol Schmidt with a prayer request at [cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com), Carol's cell (419) 305-6164, or the church office.

**You are invited** to the "Caregiving from the Heart Support Group" which is held at St. Paul's, **which meets on the first Monday each month at 7p in the church Chapel**. The gathering is for any caregivers (and others who are involved) whether you are doing it within your home, within your loved one's home or if your loved one resides in a care facility. The session will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman or Ruth Knous in Jeanette's absence. The purpose of the gathering is to support each other, learn from each other, and find helpful resources. Please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935, or Ruth Knous at 419-953-6274 if any questions.



Join us for our "Third Sunday Membership Opportunity" on the third Sunday of the month

Sunday, June 18th at 11:45 am

Following the 10:30 am Worship Service

Interested in learning more about becoming a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ? We invite you to our "Third Sunday" membership opportunity. Pastor Rhonda will be available following the worship services on the Third Sunday of each month. If you would like to join, you will be received into membership at that time. New members will then be recognized during worship the following Sunday (or the next Sunday you will be in attendance).

We meet in the Chapel (fka Library).

Please contact Pastor Rhonda with any questions at 563-210-3508.



## CREATING OUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our church is embarking on a strategic planning process to create a long-range plan for our future. We anticipate a 5-month planning process, with one, 2-hour meeting each month beginning this fall. We are looking for a group of 6–9 volunteers who are willing to serve as the task force for the planning process, and ask that you give consideration to participating. If interested, or would like to learn more about what is needed, please contact Ruth Knous, who is facilitating the process. She can be reached at [rknous@ohioymcas.org](mailto:rknous@ohioymcas.org) or by call/text at (419) 953-6274.



## Helping Each other Adjust to Loss H.E.A.L.

**HEAL** is St. Paul's grief group of people who gather monthly on the **third Thursday at 1:30** to Help Each other Adjust to Loss. Pastor Rhonda is a trained bereavement counselor, and leads this group for anyone who has recently or long ago experienced a loss of a loved one and would like a safe place to share their feelings. **HEAL** grief group is open to all faiths. The next meeting is **June 15, 2023, 1:30 p.m.** in the Chapel (fka the old library).



## Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal

The news continues to unfold about the devastating earthquake on the border of Turkey and Syria. The UCC has issued an appeal to help in the recovery efforts in that area. Amid this uncertainty, you can be certain that with your financial donation, the UCC will be there helping those in need. When making your check out, write the check to St. Paul's UCC, and be sure to write Turkey and Syria in the memo line so that your money goes in the correct account. Thank you.



Breaking Bread will be serving from **4:30 to 5:15pm**, unless food is all gone. **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 8
- June 15
- June 22
- June 29

#### **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 may be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office.

## **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

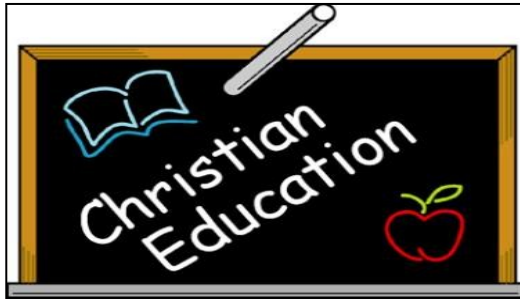
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### **Golden Sunday**

We will celebrate Golden Sunday a little earlier this year on **June 11th**. 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 11th** and following worship there will be a luncheon for those members and their **spouses/significant others/or your guest**. Please complete the RSVP form and send to or drop off at the church office, or place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. You may also call the office to let Carolyn know you are attending. **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 8th**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I/we will attend the worship and luncheon.**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **# attending**



8—Audra Clark	13—Kenny Briggs
10—Avery Dieringer	19—Amani Howell
10—Ben McDonald	19—Amara Howell
10—Hunter Winget	20—Jeb McGee
11—Arianna Ickes	23—Haley Anderson

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS!



### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

April showers brought May flower pot planting. The month of May also brought the end of the school year, the beginning summer sports programs, graduation for our seniors, and the end of Sunday School until September. Sunday School ended on May 14. Jane and Joni made pancakes and sausage for Nursery to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and we had a fun Sunday. We appreciate the parents bringing their children to Sunday School. We thank the kids for coming to Sunday School, and the teachers who are dedicated to our youth. Without parents, kids, and teachers, we wouldn't have a Sunday School. Don't forget that we have our church's Vacation Bible School Tuesday May 30, Wednesday May 31 and Thursday June 1.

Sunday School will resume on Sept. 10th, on Rally Day! Have a safe summer, and watch for your monthly summer postcards from Joni and Jane!



### 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.

### **THANK YOU TEACHERS!**

We thank God for each of you. You shared yourself and your love for God with our children and youth, and your participation has been a gift to St. Paul's. Volunteering to teach Sunday School, means that 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  
Marsha Landers  
Linda McDonald  
Aimee Opperman  
Kim Opperman  
Joyce Roth

Pam Scheer  
Sarah Walter  
Nick Frankenhauser  
Amy Keller  
Tracy Winget, Nursery Supervisor  
David Hainer, Adult Forum Teacher,  
Maddy Frankenhauser, Youth Music Director





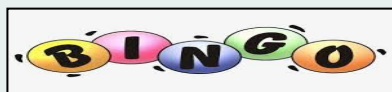
### **KROGER REWARDS UPDATE:**

Thanks for supporting this program! Our supporters (37 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **2-1-2023** and **4-30-2023** have contributed to our **\$123.05** total donation. Thank you for your continued support of your local Kroger store.

### **ATTENTION** **LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S**

There will be a Ladies Luncheon at **Do Good Restaurant in Osgood, Ohio**, on Thursday, **June 1st** at 11:30 a.m. All of the ladies of the church are welcome. Please **RSVP to the church office or Jane Nuss by Noon on the Monday before the luncheon.**

**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)*



Bingo will be held on the following Tuesdays:

June 6th— Otterbein 5:30-6:30p

July 11th—Vancrest 6:15-7:15p

Aug. 1st— Otterbein 5:30-6:30p

### **We are in need of BINGO** **helpers and cookies**

*Please call Janice Katterheinrich at (419) 394-3264 to let her know if you can help in any way.*

## **CHURCH GRANT RECIPIENTS**

The Grant Committee met in April to determine the recipients of the 2023 Grants. Grants were awarded to the following members:

Karlie Lucas	Charley Spencer
Tyler Birt	Adam Dieringer
Brett Speckman	Kendall Dieringer
Joseph Vanderhorst	Katie Lucas
Emma Birt	Kalie Gayer
Lindsey Clausing	Allison Vanderhorst
Leah Walter	Reece Wheeler
Alex Mauter	Brooke Turner

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.

## **Breakfast held for graduates and scholarship recipients**

Breakfast for graduating seniors was held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 21st. College students receiving grant money and the high school youth group were also invited.

Gifts from Christian Education and Women's Guild were passed out. The students then shared their plans for the fall.

### **"OUR GRADUATES - CLASS OF 2023"**

- ♦ **Tyler Birt:** Tyler is the son of Dave and Kara Birt. Tyler's focus of study will be Supervision and Management.
- ♦ **Adam (AJ) Dieringer:** AJ is the son of Jeff and Sara Dieringer. AJ will be majoring in the field of Architectural Engineer.
- ♦ **Karlie Lucas:** Karlie is the daughter of Jerry and Jennifer Lucas. Karlie's focus of study will be in the field of Industrial Engineering Technology.
- ♦ **Charley Spencer:** Charley is the daughter of Doug and Andrea Spencer. Charley will be studying Pre-Occupational Therapy.
- ♦ **Brooke Turner:** Brooke is the daughter of Kevin and Amy Turner. Brooke's focus of study will be in the field of Veterinary Technician.



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

Elliot Bower  
Henry Klosterman  
Amelia Klosterman  
Lucy Klosterman

Avery Dieringer  
AJ Dieringer  
Karlie Lucas

Brian Speckman  
Wyatt Marsee  
Zoey Marsee

## Some of our Sunday School teachers and students



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**June 18th** following worship  
there will be a Pot-Luck  
Carry-In Luncheon  
Celebrating Rev. Jeanette's  
25th Anniversary of her  
Ordination!  
*(tableware, drinks and*



## SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Please note that starting **JUNE 4th**, we will begin our summer worship time of 10:00 a.m. We will return to our regular worship time of 10:30 a.m. on "Rally Day" Sunday, September 10th.

- ♦ **To the Organ fund in memory of Nellie Krauss:** Ruth Dustman, Connie Dennings, Janet Swartz, Bob McCune and family
- ♦ **To the Organ fund in memory of John Hall:** Betty Durnell, Virginia Burroughs, Janice Katterheinrich, David and Marilyn Dickman, Becky Rasaweher, Michael and Merrilee Kleinhenz, Anonymous Member, Fred and Pam Scheer, Ron and Margaret Hunter, Cal and Dianne Caywood, Anonymous friend, Tim and Claire Buschur
- ♦ **To the Organ fund in memory of Bill Eschenbrenner:** Margaret and Ron Hunter
- ♦ **To the Scholarship fund in memory of John Hall:** Bill and Jane Nuss



### **2023 CHURCH OFFICIALS**

**President of Congregation** Greg Leffel  
**Vice-president of Congregation** Bill Nuss  
**President of Consistory 2023** Kevin Gehres  
**VP of Consistory 2023** Susan Braun

### **2023 Members of Consistory**

<b>Elders:</b>	Janet Gibson	Susan Braun
	Kevin Gehres	Lori Now
	Diane Gayer	Marsha Heckler
<b>Deacons:</b>	Vicke Miller-McGee	Fred Scheer
	Carol Waesch	Tom Dickman
	Becky Anderson	Jill Dickman
	Carol Schmidt	Jen Lucas
	Carol Gehres	Marsha Landers
	Kelly Kill	Ruth Knous
<b>Trustees:</b>	DeWayne Marsee	Tim Hirschfeld





**Bake Sale Thank You:**

Many Thanks to all of you who supported the Easter Bake Sale. We saw **so many** of your smiling faces on Thursday and Friday. Whether you brought goodies for us to sell or came in to buy, your support is greatly appreciated. With your help, we were able to present the St Marys Tailgate for Cancer committee with a donation of \$3200.00. Thanks again and see you next year!!

Sara and Lynda

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Dear Members of St. Paul's and ladies of the Women's Guild,

Thank you for your generous gifts to Back Bay Mission's 100 Year Capital Campaign and celebration, "Making Good Trouble on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for 100 Years".

We are grateful for you and our many generous supports for helping us continue to "Make Good Trouble" and expand our ability to support the unsheltered and those living in poverty in Biloxi and throughout the coast. You all are the key to ensuring that our mission of strengthening neighborhoods, seeking justice, and transforming lives, continues for the next century!

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. James Pennington, Executive Director

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To the ladies of St. Paul's UCC,

Thank you for the generous contribution of the breakfast pastries for the NWOA Annual Conference meeting on April 29th. They were much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Cindy Preston, Council President  
St. Paul UCC, Wapakoneta

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Thank you for all of the prayers, kindness, and memorial donations given on behalf of John Hall. Everything was greatly appreciated.

Linda Hall

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Dear St. Paul's,

On behalf of the Entire Heidelberg University community, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the gift from St. Paul's UCC to Heidelberg University. This gift provides a lasting legacy and makes a significant difference to the well-being of the institution.

Thank you again,

Jen Brickner, Senior Coordinator for Donor Relations

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **April 2023**

#### **Current Fund:**

Budgeted through April 30, 2023	= \$ 91,840.00
Received through April 30, 2023	= \$ 79,937.94
Expenses through April 30, 2023	= \$ 77,698.80
Received through April 30, 2022	= \$ 82,220.27

#### **Mission Fund:**

Budgeted through April 30, 2023	= \$ 5,000.00
Received through April 30, 2023	= \$ 4,191.00
Received through April 30, 2022	= \$ 4,208.09

### **STATUS OF 2023 BUDGET:**

#### **Current Fund:**

Budgeted through May 31, 2023	= \$114,800.00
Budgeted through May 14, 2023	= \$103,320.00
Received through May 14, 2023	= \$ 88,586.94

#### **Mission Fund:**

Budgeted through May 31, 2023	= \$ 6,250.00
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Our sympathy to the family and friends of the following member who passed away since the last newsletter:

Eileen Chiles – May 10, 2023\*

\*Indicates Pastor Rhonda



## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 10, 2023 CONSISTORY MEETING**

Pastor Rhonda reported that we had 4 representatives (Susan Braun, Janet Gibson, Kevin Gehres, Pastor Rhonda) to the Northwest Ohio Association annual meeting at St. Paul's, Wapak. Rev. Dan Busch, Association Minister, asked Pastor Rhonda to be a Heartland Conference Clergy Delegate to the UCC General Synod, June 30 -July 5 in Indianapolis.

- Trustees shared they have ordered a new 5 ton air conditioner for the sanctuary. They also have been working on the Phase 1 items on the approved Safety items for the church.
- Christian Education & Nurture reports we have 10 campers registered for church camp at Temples Hills for this summer. Registrations are still accepted, up until the individual camp events.
- Christian Mission & Outreach is working on a draft for a potential "Ride Share" program, offering transportation to church.
- Constitution Revision Committee shared recommendations to update the current Constitution. The Consistory will schedule a future Congregational meeting to present, and vote on these changes.
- A "Tour of Churches" is scheduled for July 9th, offering the community the opportunity of seeing the beauty, and uniqueness, of the St. Marys city churches.
- The Consistory discussed a Strategic Planning Process framework, as presented by facilitator, Ruth Knous. Volunteers are being sought for the committee, which will begin its work in the summer of 2023.

*Full Consistory Minutes are available upon request in the church office.*



- ♦ 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!
- ♦ **VANCO electronic giving** - Download Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for **"Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement"**. The download is free.
- ♦ **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**

## Father's Day

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**Deadline for articles, announcements,  
etc. for the *July and August 2023*  
*Double Issue Communicator*  
will be *June 19<sup>th</sup>***

Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor  
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assist.  
Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher  
Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director  
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor  
Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist  
Ann Vogel, Organist  
Andrea Spencer, Organist  
Maddy Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director  
Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodians  
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video  
Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary  
Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss,  
Children's Ministry Coordinators  
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and  
Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music

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