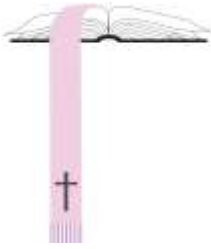


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Rhonda's Reflections



It was during the week of snow and shoveling that I stopped to reflect on how truly blessed we are. We enjoy a life of such luxury and wealth that many people could not even imagine it. And we take it for granted most of

the time.

Here is what I was thinking..... After shoveling the sidewalk and driveway with my husband, I was sweaty, and my muscles were sore. So, what did I do? I ran a hot bath with Epsom salts. That tub held enough fresh, drinkable water (until I got in) to sustain a village in a drought ravaged country. The water was warm, a luxury many in our country cannot enjoy.

Now I am hot and thirsty, so I go to the kitchen and turn on the tap. Out comes an endless supply of fresh, drinkable, wonderfully refreshing water. How many people, need to boil their water today, every day? Then I move to the refrigerator where I find an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, cheese, and the list goes on. If nothing catches my eye there, I move to the pantry, where there are snacks and staples all mixed together. David and I tease that we have enough food in that cupboard to feed us for a month. It just might.

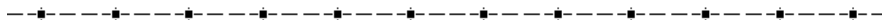
When it was time to head to my office – I jump into the car and drive the 10 minutes, 5 miles to our church building. How many people in the world today have never been in a private automobile, nor could they comprehend why we would drive such a short distance. But we do because that is life in St. Marys.

I could go on, but I am sure you know what I mean when I say we are truly blessed. The big question is, **what do we do with our blessings?** In **1 John 3:17** we are challenged with this thought: “If you see a brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing,

what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear."

I do not think that means stop having baths, or enjoying the tap water, or walk everywhere. But it does cause us to ask, "**How can I help those who are not so blessed?**" It might be an offering. It might be a shared sandwich. It might be a missions trip. It might be a cup of coffee to someone in the cold. Made me think...

See you on Sunday,
Rhonda

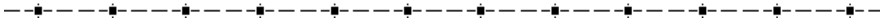


Worship Service March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Plan now to attend the service of worship offered for Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This will be a traditional worship service that will include a message by Pastor Rhonda and both the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. In the Ash Wednesday service, we are reminded of our mortality, we confess our sins, and we experience forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection. The "imposition of ashes" is a central part of the service. You are invited to come forward to receive the ashes on your forehead. In Scripture, ashes serve both as a symbol of mortality and as a sign of mourning and repentance. But neither sin nor death are the final word. We leave the service in confidence and gratitude: Christ has conquered death, and nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.



On February 6, 2022, the church welcomed through baptism Merritt Roth Burke into the church. Merritt is the son of Brittany and Tom Burke and the younger brother to Tripp Burke. Merritt is the grandson of Robert and Joyce Roth and great-grandson of Bernard and Marilyn Schroer. Welcome into our church family, Merritt!



AGAPE MISSION

Agape has asked us to switch over to buying these following products: *Cleaning supplies, toilet cleaner, spray cleaner, shampoo, body wash, small salt and pepper that come together in cardboard container, cooking oil, and brown sugar.*

Thank you supporting our Agape Mission.
Jane Nuss



Helping Each other Adjust to Loss

We can all agree this has been a difficult year, full of challenges and many losses. It has been especially painful for those who are grieving the death of a loved one or in a time of personal transition. **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 1:00 p.m. This group is confidential, and open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, and hope for a path forward. Next Meeting: March 17 at 1p.



Fundraising

As you know, our cherished 67-year-old church pipe organ is in need of being refurbished. In order to update and refurbish the organ, we will need to raise funds ranging from \$155,000 to \$225,000. To help with the cost, we are looking for tax deductible donations. We are also searching for someone to head up a Fundraising Committee. If you are interested in heading up/forming a committee, please let Pastor Rhonda know.

Won't you be an organ donor? Stay "tuned" as this project progresses.



Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 13th, before you go to bed. That way you'll be on time for worship!

DECORATE THE ALTAR FOR EASTER!

We are asking the congregation to help decorate the altar for Easter!! Donations of spring flowers for the altar need to be in Elevette Room by **NOON** on Saturday, April 16th.

Open House For Leroy Kogge's 90th Birthday

Express your congratulations to Leroy Kogge at an Open House in honor of his 90th birthday! Sunday, March 6, 2022, from 1p-4p in the church's Heritage Hall.

Lenten Breakfast

Saturday, March 26th, 9:30 a.m.

at Wayne Street UMC
130 N. Wayne Street, St. Marys, Ohio
Guest Speaker: Julie Jacobs from JTD MH

Everyone is welcome! It's Free!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

March 13th

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, we are planting seeds of new life.

Together, we are investing in communities worldwide: providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all.

These are just a few ways the OGHS offering touches God's children, in addition to disaster relief and refugee initiatives.

Through your generosity, the world is a better place. But more is needed. Today, you have an opportunity to plant seeds into the lives of others. Be a co-worker with God. Building, planting, watering...and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your generosity.



Please pray for the team heading to Back Bay in March from St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys:

Jeanette Tangeman	Karen James
Ralph and Marsha Heckler	Amy Keller
Kevin and Carol Gehres	Diane Gayer
Ed and Claudia Kargas	Janet Gibson
Jill and Tom Dickman	Jim Huckemeyer
DeWayne and Billie Marsee	Marsha Landers
Lori Now	

These folks will have the opportunity to serve in three of the Mission's Ministries: Housing rehabilitation, the food pantry, and the Micah Day Center. A Service of Commissioning for the team will be during worship on March 13. Please keep our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

Jim's Musical Notes



Softly and Tenderly

Will L. Thompson

The author of this hymn, Will Lamartine Thompson, was born on November 7, 1847, in East Liverpool, Ohio, a small town on the Ohio River across from Kentucky. His father was a local merchant and a member of the Ohio State Legislature. Will attended Mt. Union College in nearby Alliance, Ohio. His musical abilities took

him to the Boston Conservatory of Music and to Leipzig, Germany, to study with the greats.

Will was interested in writing secular and patriotic songs; but when he traveled to Cleveland to sell his manuscripts, he was offered only twenty-five dollars. Feeling slighted, Will rolled up his music, returned to East Liverpool, and prayed about what to do next.

When his father sent him to New York on business, Will took his songs to a printer, intent on publishing and selling them himself. "My Home in the Old Ohio," and "Gathering Shells from the Sea" were hits and Will soon became known as the "Bard of Ohio." He became a millionaire.

The young man credited the Lord with his success, and, wanting to return thanks, he dedicated himself to writing Christian songs - and Christian songs only. He established Will L. Thompson & Co. with offices in East Liverpool and Chicago, and his quartet numbers sold two million copies.

In 1880, this hymn, "Softly and Tenderly" appeared in a book entitled *Sparkling Gems, Nos 1 and 2 Combined, published by Thompson & Co.*

Despite his success and wealth, Will was known as a simple and sincere man. He felt concerned that while famous musicians traveled to the great cities to perform before large crowds, people in the rural areas and small towns seldom had anyone to come and minister to them in like fashion. So he loaded an upright piano on his two-horse wagon and drove into the country to sing and play his own songs in small churches throughout the Midwest.

In the late 1890's, he paid a visit to evangelist D. L. Moody, who was very ill and near death. Most visitors had been turned away, but when Moody heard that Thompson was downstairs, he called for him. "Will," he said, "I would rather have written 'Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling,' than anything I have been able to do in my whole life."

From *"Then Sings My Soul, Book 2"* by Robert J. Morgan. 2004.

"Softly and Tenderly" is Hymn #348 in the *Worship and Rejoice* Hymnal

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The Family Room Event

"TOGETHER IS A GOOD PLACE TO BE"

Join your church family for an evening of food, fellowship and fun!

Pot Luck Dinner - Theme: Family Favorite

Sunday March 13th

5:00-7:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dish to share that is a favorite dish at your family gatherings! Table service provided. You won't want to miss the game for all ages to follow our meal...HINT: Your answers must be in the form of a question....and it rhymes with leopardy.

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BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY MEAL

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.

- March 10
- March 17
- March 24

BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER

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!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 – Tyler Birt
2 – Bradyn Dicke
6 – Carsen Long
7 – Henry Klosterman
10 – Chloe Tangeman
13 – Ava Winget

14 - Sam Wheeler
16 – Nickales Dieringer
20 – Piper Marsee
20 – Henry Topp
20 – Grant Powell
24 – Rylee Dieringer



The Nursery to 7th grade children did a fantastic job on singing a new version of “Jesus Loves Me” on Sunday, February 13 during worship service. They also did sign language with the song. We also taught the congregation sign language to the song. Thank you to the children for singing and for the parents for always bringing your children to Sunday School. All of the teachers enjoy working with the youth.

Our next singing gig is Palm Sunday, April 17 during the worship service. After that gig, then we sing again in May, with a date to be determined.



Sunday School children will be singing during the 10:30am church service on April 10 (Palm Sunday).

ATTENTION PARENTS/CAMPERS

Please inform Jane Nuss and Joni Leffel if you are going to church camp by **May 1st**, so that the church has time to submit funds towards your camp fees. Please email us, or text/call us. Email: jnjl2021@gmail.com or cell numbers: Joni Leffel 419-305-5610, Jane Nuss 419-305-9629. It is easier for us if you email, call or text us instead of leaving a message for us at the church office. There will also be a signup list in the gathering room.



Church camp info has arrived! Jane and Joni have information in the Gathering Room. If you would like to attend church camp and

have yet to register online, please stop in the Gathering Room for camp information.

Grands and Family Camp June 12 to June 15, 2022 (first session)
July 13 to July 15, 2022 (second session)

*This camp is grandparent and grandchild (age 4-12)

*Cost: \$245 per adult; \$170 per child.

MMADD Camp (Music, Mime, Art, Dance and Drama: (Ages 7-18)

*June 19 to June 25, 2022, Cost \$485.00 each

Just Camp! (Ages 7-18) *June 19 to June 25, 2022, Cost \$485 each.

Sports Camp June 26, 2022 to July 2, 2022

(Ages 7-9); (Ages 10-12); (Ages 13-15); (Ages 16-18)

*Cost \$485.00 each

Registration is done online and the parent will have to make a deposit.

Please email Jane & Joni jnj12021@gmail.com if you are attending camp, or text us Joni 419-305-5610 or Jane 419-305-9629 that your child is going so that we may compile the list for the money that the church applies to each camper attending from our church, before April 15. Before May 1st, the church will need to send our camp sponsorship to church camp and the balance will need to be paid by the parent by May 15.

We are a very caring church, if there is anyone that cannot attend a church camp due to financial hardship; please reach out to Jane or Joni. We have members who have mentioned they would be willing to help a camper experience church camp



- **THANK YOU** to Kevin Gehres for our Feb. 6th stewardship moment with the Nursery to High School. He can interact with kids at a whole new level and made for a great pirate for his steward-SHIP of time, talent and treasure.
- **THANK YOU** to Greg Leffel on Jan. 30th for being a guest storyteller for our Sunday School.
- **THANK YOU** to Marsha Heckler on Feb. 27th for being a guest storyteller for our Sunday School.
- **THANK YOU** to Becky Anderson for being our pianist Feb. 13th for the children to sing Jesus Loves Me.

If reading a story from our lesson plans (we furnish everything) is something that you think would interest you, please let Jane or Joni know. Anytime we can have guests give a new spin on a traditional Bible story and interact with all generations of the church is a blessing for all.

High School
YOUTH GROUP
St. Paul's UCC

Love was the theme of the Youth Group's focus last month. We learned about the four kinds of love found in the Bible, and then had a lesson and games about the origins of Valentine's Day.

This month the Youth will be planning and preparing for the upcoming Easter Breakfast in April. Also, if any senior members of

the church needs assistance with snow removal in the future, please call or text (252) 903-8914 or send an email to youth.stpaulsucc@gmail.com and I will arrange for some volunteers to come and help.

With Agape,

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.



Thank you to all who baked cookies and donated socks and underwear for Crossroad. Billie and Dewayne Marsee delivered 50 dozen cookies and almost 200 items of socks and underwear. On average, Crossroad serves 250 children in their residential and non-residential programs combined.



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Valentine bags filled with cards and goodies were delivered to 42 college, military, and senior members. Thank you to all who helped fill these bags and to those who delivered them personally.

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Soup and Sandwich was held on Sunday, February 13th before the annual meeting. Chili, hot dogs, and desserts were served to 45 before the annual meeting. Thanks to all for attending, and thank you for your donations!

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SAVE THE DATE!! On Wednesday, **May 4**, the Women's Guild will be sponsoring a yoga evening. More details to follow in April!

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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)



Our sympathy to the family and friends of the following member(s) who have passed away since the last newsletter:

- Marvalee Rupert – February 5, 2022



- **To the Organ Refurbishing Fund in memory of Dick Hudson: Sue Stead.**



Thank you to the St. Paul's UCC for your contribution. Please know that your contribution helps make what we do possible. We continue to operate on gifts and donations for this community. What we do is because of you!

With Sincere Appreciation,
Joe and Bev Hurlburt
Resource and Opportunity Center, Inc. (The ROC)

Dear members of St. Paul's,
Thank you for your contribution to Crossroad. Your gift is a blessing
that makes a difference in the lives of children.

Kyle Zanker
Chief Development Officer

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Dear St. Paul's:
It is my sincere pleasure to thank you for your recent gift to
Heidelberg University. The university is indeed grateful to be the
recipient of such a kind and thoughtful gift.

Thank you again.
Cheryl Staib-Lewis, Director of Advancement Services

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Dear St. Paul's UCC,
Thank you to the members of your church for the kind gift to
Defiance College. We are always grateful to be remembered by St.
Paul's!

Sincerely,
Sheri McCoy
Advancement Services Specialist

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Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the cookies, candy, cards and visits. They are very
much appreciated.

Janet Hoge



The Bulletin Board

- ☎ 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 web site 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.

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**
... ***Vacant*, 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**

EYEGASSES 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 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.**

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

Elders:	Janet Gibson	Jim Huckemeyer
	Joan Leffel	Bill Nuss

	Kevin Gehres	Lori Now
Deacons:	Vicke Roode	Fred Scheer
	Carol Waesch	Tom Dickman
	Susan Braun	Linda McDonald
	Jennifer Ginter	Susan Spencer
	Becky Anderson	Jill Dickman
	Carol Schmidt	Jen Lucas
Trustees:	Larry Kill, DeWayne Marsee and Tim Hirschfeld	

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2021:

Current Fund:

- Budgeted through January 31, 2022 = \$ 22,259.42
- Received through January 31, 2022 = \$ 14,561.38
- Expenses through January 31, 2022 = \$ 16,770.56
- Received through January 31, 2021 = \$ 15,995.00

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through January 31, 2022 = \$ 1,250.00
- Received through January 31, 2022 = \$ 1,254.00
- Received through January 31, 2020 = \$ 682.00

Status of 2022 Budget:

Current Fund:

- Budgeted through February 28, 2022 = \$ 44,518.84
- Budgeted through February 13, 2022 = \$ 27,824.27
- Received through February 13, 2022 = \$ 25,269.39

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through February 28, 2022 = \$ 2,500.00
 - Budgeted through February 13, 2022 = \$ 1,875.00
 - Received through February 13, 2022 = \$ 1,764.00
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2022 CONSISTORY MEETING

The regular meeting of St. Paul's UCC Consistory was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Susan Braun. Pastor Rhonda opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the installation of Deacon, Vicke Roode.

Present: *Elders:* Lori Now, Kevin Gehres, Joan Leffel, Janet Gibson and Jim Huckemeyer; *Trustees:* Larry Kill, DeWayne Marsee, and Tim Hirschfeld; *Deacons:* Susan Braun, Carol Schmidt, Linda McDonald, Becky Anderson, Jill Dickman, Jen Lucas, Vicke Roode, Fred Scheer, Carol Waesch and Tom Dickman. Also present were, Pastor Rhonda, Treasurer, David Dickman, Administrative Assistant Carolyn Garrison and guest, Ann Vogel.

Guest Ann Vogel was in attendance to discuss/review the letter received from Schantz Organ regarding the refurbishing of the organ and the cost if we were to have them clean the pipes, which is an optional task. Ann suggested not to have the pipes cleaned at this time as Schantz would have to take the pipes back to their shop (in Orville, Ohio) to do the work. If we do want the pipes cleaned at a later time, we could always have Lima Pipe Organ clean them as they are closer. After some discussion, it was agreed to wait to have the pipes cleaned. Ann will report that information back to Schantz.

Minutes:

- Minutes from the January 12, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Lori Now made a motion to approve the minutes. Larry Kill seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: David Dickman

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

President's Report: Susan Braun

- No Report

Pastor's Report: Rhonda Hainer

- Due to an increase in COVID numbers, Pastor Rhonda has limited her in home visiting during January. She brought communion to some of our home bound and made many visits via the telephone. She also made hospital visits and in office counseling with folks.
- The HEAL Bereavement group met for their monthly meeting.
- We commissioned Jeanette Tangeman before she left for Back Bay Mission. Several other St. Paul's members will be joining her in March.
- Youth Director Nick invited Pastor Rhonda to teach a unit of Judaism, which was well received by the senior high Sunday School class. He may invite her to teach on Islam and other world religions in the future.
- The Consistory Meet and Greet went well last month as we thanked the outgoing members, installed two who were unable to attend worship the day we installed officers, and welcomed all newly installed members to their various committee positions.
- Worship attendance has been on the rise, which is wonderful. Rich Spencer reported to Rhonda that the delay to go livestream is not on our part. We are ready to go live. The delay is coming from TSC as they do not currently have the proper equipment to make this happen.
- Pastor Rhonda baptized Merritt Roth Burke on Sunday, Feb. 6th.
- February 20th, Pastor Rhonda will be leaving for vacation immediately following worship. Her husband, Rev. David Hainer, will fill in for her on February 27th. Any pastoral emergencies will be covered by Rev. Becky Erb Strang.

- Ash Wednesday Service on March 2nd at 7pm with communion. The remaining Wednesday night Lenten Services will also be at 7pm without communion.
- Pastor Rhonda has been invited by the Association Minister, Daniel Busch, to be a nominee for the Church and Ministry Team. The election will be held on April 30th at the NWOA Annual Meeting (held virtually again this year). This committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month (generally via ZOOM) and the position holds a three-year term.
- Please note the terminology change on the 2022 Communion list. The verbiage has changed to Communion During the Service (formerly Pew) and Communion after the service (formerly Altar)

Loose Offering:

- President Susan asked about which month (April or May) to do the Loose offering for The Hirschfeld Foundation Scholarship. After much discussion, Jen Lucas made a motion for the April loose offering (on Palm Sunday) to go to the Current fund and that the loose offering for the second Sunday in May (Mother's Day) be designated to The Hirschfeld Foundation. If not enough money is received, the remaining amount to be donated will come from budgeted Local Committed Mission and Outreach-Evangelism. Tim Hirschfeld second the motion. Motion carried

Budget and Finance: David Dickman

- David reminded everyone that if they have any questions about the Financial Report, to please drop him an email or give him a call with their question(s).

Trustees: Larry Kill

- All Temp has ordered the new furnace. Endowment Fund has agreed to help with some of the financing. All Temp will receive payments in "thirds."
- Trustees have been busy with snow removal.

Elders: Joan Leffel

- 15 people attended the after-service communion

Deacons: Susan Braun/Carol Schmidt/Pastor Rhonda

- Remember to take attendance AFTER the first hymn, as we sometimes have late arrivals.
- Deacons, please monitor the Perry Street doors and be available to help members coming and going from those entrances.
- Just a friendly reminder to watch the posted schedule for assigned times. Feel free to contact Linda or myself if you need assistance. We both respond to texts.

Christian Education and Nurture: Joan Leffel

- Children are singing on Feb. 13 and again on Palm Sunday.
- Attendance is steady at all grade levels.
- Looking at curriculum for Vacation Bible School, we will know dates later.
- Church camp information packets has been given to all families.
- We have a steady supply of teachers signing up to teach each Sunday.
- Sarah Walter has inquired about the youth taking a trip to Back Bay Mission in late June 2023. The spot is reserved for 20, we have 16 college students. There would be four chaperones. The estimate cost is \$7,000.00 plus food and gas. Sarah estimates that each student reserve their spot for \$150. Jane and Joan will get with Nick Frankenhauser and Sarah Walter. Consistory requested that Sarah/Nick present a written plan/proposal.

Christian Mission and Outreach: Jill Dickman

- No Report

Personnel: Jen Lucas

- There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night. We have a Custodian candidate to review. Trustees should be in attendance.

Stewardship: Kevin Gehres

- No Report

Old Business:


- No old business.

New Business:

- Request made for the Elders to prep the baptismal font when there is a baptism.
- Pastor Rhonda announced that August 13th is Summerfest Sunday. The St. Marys Ministerial Association plans to hold their service in the park. Pastor Rhonda suggests that we still offer worship here at St. Paul's as well for those not wanting to go to the park.
- The St. Marys Ministerial Association has put out a notice that any church or approved organization who would like to put up a "Blessing Box" (like the one on High Street at Wayne Street UMC) can get the plans from SMMA and funding will be available to pay for it. Discussion among Consistory members thought that since WSUMC was doing canned/dry goods, maybe we could do, soap, feminine products, etc.
- 2023 is the Bicentennial celebration for the City of St. Marys. The SMMA will make plans to be a part of that celebration.
- The March 9th meeting will be at our regular 6pm time. Please keep reports shortened so as to complete the meeting prior to the 7pm Lenten service.
- It was asked that when the children sing, will we be passing the plate. This weekend we will try having the plates at the entrances to the sanctuary (with moving them inside once worship commences) and see how that goes.

There being no further matters to discuss, Jill Dickman made the motion to adjourn and Larry Kill seconded. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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

<p>DON'T FORGET</p> 	<p><i>Deadline</i> for articles, announcements, etc. for the <i>April 2022 issue</i> of <i>The Communicator</i> will be <i>March 18th</i>.</p>
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