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## Rhonda's Reflections



The Resurrection story in the Gospels extends well beyond an empty tomb. The Risen Jesus appears to his disciples and is fully present to them. Jesus speaks with them, touches them, and eats with them. During this season of Easter,

we are given opportunity to dwell in these stories, and we are given opportunity to notice where the Risen Jesus appears and is fully present to us still.

I invite you, during this Easter season, which continues through May, to keep your eyes peeled and your ears open for the ways Jesus graciously intrudes into our lives. What did you hear in the scripture readings for Sunday or in your daily readings or time apart to pray? What provoked you in the sermon? What did you hear as you listened or sang the hymns that brought about wonder or delight? What was confusing or displeasing? What stirred within you during our weekly prayer time in worship?

One of the richest Easter narratives is found in Luke, chapter 24. The Risen Jesus appears to disciples on the Emmaus Road. They don't recognize him at the time, but only later when he sits down to share a meal with them, and they recognize him in the breaking of the bread. Later, they reflect upon the way he opened their eyes and stirred their hearts with new understanding of the scriptures and with astonishment remarked: "Did not our hearts burn within us?"

This Easter, take notice of what you see or hear or feel. Let the "alleluias" of Easter lead you to the newness God so richly provides. I wonder how the Risen Jesus will move our hearts.

Christ is risen indeed! 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

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. 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.

## 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 <a href="Sunday, June">Sunday, June</a>
<a href="Modes 26th">26th</a> and following worship there will be a luncheon for those members and their spouses/significant others/or your guest.</a>
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

| <br>Yes, I/we will attend the worship and luncheon. |
|---|
| <br>_# attending                                    |
| <br>  |

## Mark your calendar for June 5th

<u>PENTECOST</u>: Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH:** On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

# 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.

#### Jim's Musical Notes

## Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Psalm 100:2

Many of our "adult" hymns were originally written for children. "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," is a good example. So is Isaac Watts' great hymn, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," which first appeared in his *Divine and Moral Songs for Children*. The rousing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" was written for the youngsters of Horbury, England, to sing on a Monday morning in 1865 as they marched to a nearby village to establish a Sunday School. Even the great anthem, "All Creatures of Our God and King," by Saint Francis of Assisi, was first translated into English and set to music for a 1919 children's festival in Leeds, England.

Here's another instance: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" first appeared in *Sacred Melodies for Children*, published in Edinburgh in 1843. The original words said, "Come, Children, Join to Sing..."

Its author, Christian Henry Bateman, a pastor in Edinburgh, was committed to developing a Sunday School in which children sang the great truths of the Christian faith. Bateman had begun his ministry as a Moravian pastor, but moved to Edinburgh and became a Congregational minister and the pastor of Richmond Place Congregational Church, where he wrote "Come Christians, Join to Sing." He was later ordained in the Church of England and ministered in that communion until his retirement in 1884. He passed away five years later.

"Come Christians, Join to Sing" originally had five stanzas, but Bateman reduced the hymn to its present form in the 1854 edition of his hymnal, *Sacred Melodies for Sabbath Schools and Families*. This book became one of the best-selling songbooks in Scottish history, selling more than six million copies by 1881 and becoming the standard hymn book for Scottish Sunday schools for a generation.

The tune, Madrid, was a popular Spanish folk melody arranged for this hymn by Benjamin Carr, who was born in London in 1769 and died in Philadelphia in 1831. In England, Carr was a well-known singer with the London Ancient Concerts. Immigrating to America, he joined his father and brother in a music publishing enterprise, with stores in Philadelphia, New York, and Baltimore. He also served as a church organist and music director in Philadelphia for many years. Benjamin Carr is best known as the first American publisher of "Yankee Doodle" -- and for arranging the music to "Come Christians, Join to Sing."

From: Then Sings My Soul, Book 2, Robert J Morgan. W Publishing Group. 2004

#### Thank You for helping decorate the altar for Easter

- In Memory of Clark and Gene Weadock by Ken and Susan Braun
- In Memory of Loved Ones from Bernie and Marilyn Schroer
- ♦ In Memory of Loved ones from Wilma Heil
- ♦ In Memory of Loved Ones from Kirk and Becky Anderson
- In Loving Memory of Lee Clausing from family
- ♦ Fred and Pam Scheer
- ♦ Lori Scheer
- Bob and Sue Schumacher
- ♦ Marsha Landers
- Mary McDonald



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.

May 12

May 26

May 19

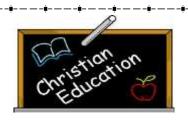
#### **BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS**

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, <u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED.</u> Thank you.



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.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS!

9 – Lucy Klosterman

18 - Ellie McCord

24 - Merritt Burke

31 - Sophie James



It is hard to imagine that we only have three Sundays left of Sunday School until summer break. May 15th is our last Sunday School until we resume in the fall on Sept. 11th. Jane and Joni have enjoyed our Sunday School year and are looking forward to the fall. We truly do have unique, funny, huggable, smiley and awesome youth in all ages of our church family. Their smiles, their laughter and they are always willing to go along with whatever we give them have made this an educational and fun Sunday School year. Thanks to the kids, and thanks to the parents for bringing your kids to Sunday School!

With only three Sundays left, we have a lot planned to finish out our spring lessons. We will also be singing two songs during worship service on May 15th. There MAY or MAY NOT be congregation participation....but more than likely there will be! You won't want to miss it!

On behalf of the church, Jane and Joni sat in front of Hudson's Jewelry store on Saturday, April 16th for the Bunny Trail. We gave out 300 filled eggs, an Easter slap bracelet, and then an additional 200 pieces of candy. The weather was perfect (if you were sitting in the sun) and it was very well attended.

As of April 17th, we have a combination of 18 church campers and counselors attending. When we have a completed list of campers, we will submit that for the June newsletter. We hope that you will pray for our campers and counselors while they are at church camp. St. Paul's UCC is well represented at church camp.

This summer, you should notice the flower pots at points of entry around the church. The Sunday School children painted the pots and planted them. We did flower pots this year instead of planting in the landscape, to save time in watering the flowers and to do

something different. Flower pots will be at the High Street entrances, Perry Street entrances (by the rose window doors), at the parking lot door to enter the church and also at the elevator door.

Thank you to our teachers for teaching the kids this year. We appreciate all that you do for us and taking the time to educate our youth on Bible stories. We also want to thank Maddy Frankenhauser for leading us in music. We are blessed with teachers, music leader, youth leaders in our church. Enjoy your summer and see you in the fall!

Lastly, thank you to our husbands. Bill and Greg have helped us in many things this year and even when we get the "eye roll and a shake of their heads" they still helped us out. Trust us when we say there has been more than one or two eye rolls in the year.

Jane Nuss and Joni Leffel

#### **TAKE NOTE**

\*\*CE&N Meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6p in Heritage Hall.

\*\*\*Sunday School children will be singing

during the 10:30am church service on May 15<sup>th</sup>!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation Bible School is three evenings this year and will be held on May 31, June 1 and June 2 from 6p-7:30 pm. *See registration form insert!* 



April was a busy month for the Youth Group; we hosted the eighth graders of the confirmation class while Amy Keller was on the Back Bay Mission trip, and that time was used for fun and fellowship with our future members. Several of our youth traveled to Orlando with the St. Marys High School band, while others assisted with the Palm Sunday children's music. The Youth Group also continued its tradition of hosting Easter breakfast after the sunrise service, and this one was a great success, which was a relief since it was my first time trying to feed so many people. The group's focus will now shift to preparing for the Youth Sunday service and the end of the school year, and then enjoying summer break.

Christ is Risen!

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.



# Graduation/College/Scholarship Sunday <a href="mailto:Breakfast">Breakfast and Recognition</a>

On Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 there will be a breakfast in Fellowship Hall for the 2022 graduates, college students, and those receiving scholarships.

Then at the 10:30 a.m. service we will be honoring those graduating from high school; those home from college; and those who'll be receiving scholarships this year from our congregation. It will be great to hear from each one about her or his plans for the future and news about their progress in their studies.

Come to worship and support of all these young ones, of whom we all are so proud.

Please let the church office know if you will be attending by May 13. We look forward to seeing you all.

#### **2022 GRADUATES**

Calvin Caywood Kendall Dieringer Ava Gottschalk Caroline Leffel Rebecca Leffel Brett Speckman Joey Vanderhorst

Come to worship and support of all these young people of whom we all are so proud of!



## <u>FREE YOGA CLASS</u>

When: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Where: Fellowship Hall Times: 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 pm

Calling all women of the church. Women's Guild would like to honor you with a FREE yoga class! Lori Now will be the instructor. There will be chair yoga or mat yoga. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board near the soundboard in the sanctuary. Please join us in this free session of yoga. It is such a great way to decompress from the days stress!!

We will have snacks after each class. Hope you can join us!! Any questions, please call Billie Kay at 419-305-3578 on behalf of Our Women's Guild.



#### **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)

## Thank you Women's Guild

Thanks so much for the gas card. It is much appreciated and a great feeling to know the church family is here for us.

Bill and Jane Nuss



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

- Norma Lhamon March 25, 2022\*
- Harold McCune March 25, 2022\*

\*Indicates Pastor Rhonda conducted services



- To the Endowment Fund in memory of Norma Lhamon: Greg and Joan Leffel.
- To the St. Paul's UCC Scholarship Fund in memory of Norma Lhamon: Cal and Dianne Caywood.
- To the Building Fund in memory of Norma Lhamon: Lynn and Carol Schmidt
- To the Organ Refurbishing Fund in memory of Norma Lhamon: Robert and Barb Longfellow, Ron and Margaret Hunter, Steve and Leslie Hullinger, Janet Gibson, Stan and Tami Sanford, Mary Alice Stoner (Celina), Tim and Nancy Gross, Steve and Kathy Frankenberg, Julia Graves, and St. Paul's UCC Rebecca Circle.
- To the Organ Refurbishing Fund in memory of Harold McCune: Virginia Hesse



#### Dear Friends,

Your recent work camp time spent at the Back Bay Mission was a blessed event for many! Undoubtedly, there was a good impact on both our client's lives as well as yours. We trust whenever you reflect on that time, it will summon a smile. It surely does for those you helped. Your selfless acts of kindness and service restore a comfort and are a breath of hope for many in need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Every one of us at Back Bay Mission extends its deepest gratitude for your support of our mission. Regardless of which program you chose to give your time and service to, you aligned with and helped support its vision to "do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

We look forward to the day you can join us again and continue the giving. May God bless your journey of faith.

**Back Bay Mission Staff** 

Dear Church Family:

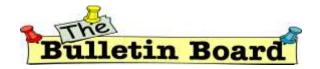
I just wanted to say thank you so much for the wonderful Valentine package. Opening up all those cards and valentines from my church family meant so much to me.

Thank you!! Kalie Gayer

~\*~\*~\*~\*~

Thank you for participating in The Bunny Trail and helping make it a great success!

Amy Lauth
Plus One Professionals Realty



#### 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!!
- <u>CALL-EM-ALL</u> Please let the church office know if you are experiencing any problems with the Call-Em-All phone messages. <u>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!</u>
- Cell phone # for Pastor Rhonda (563) 210-3508
- "hainer@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.
- ➤ 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: <a href="https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com">www.krogercommunityrewards.com</a> to sign up & register your Kroger Plus card. <a href="https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com">NPO# is SK5720</a>. If you do not use the internet, but would like to sign up, please contact Jane Nuss or Kris Vanderhorst.
  - ➤ <u>LIFT CHAIR</u> 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.
  - ➤ <u>WALKERS</u> 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.
- <u>RESTROOM ITEMS:</u> 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.
- ➤ <u>LAMINATOR</u> 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 (<u>NOTE: maximum size we can laminate is 8 ½ x 11 inches</u>).
- 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.
- <u>COPIES</u> 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 CongregationDarren CaywoodVice-president of CongregationChad LamonPresident of Consistory 2022Susan BraunVice-president of Consistory 2022Kevin 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
Susan Braun
Jennifer Ginter
Becky Anderson
Carol Schmidt

Tom Dickman
Susan Spencer
Jill Dickman
Jen Lucas

Trustees: Larry Kill, DeWayne Marsee and Tim Hirschfeld

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### March 2022:

#### **Current Fund:**

| • | Budgeted through March 31, 2022 | = \$ 66,778.26 |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------|
| • | Received through March 31, 2022 | = \$ 54,581.62 |
| • | Expenses through March 31, 2022 | = \$ 52,505.58 |
| • | Received through March 31, 2021 | = \$ 54,011.04 |

#### **Mission Fund**:

| • | Budgeted through March 31, 2022 | = \$ | 3,750.00 |
|---|---------------------------------|------|----------|
| • | Received through March 31, 2022 | = \$ | 2,148.09 |
| • | Received through March 31, 2021 | = \$ | 2,313.00 |

#### Status of 2022 Budget:

#### **Current Fund:**

| • | Budgeted through April 30, 2022 | = \$ 89,037.68 |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------|
| • | Budgeted through April 17, 2022 | = \$ 83,472.81 |
| • | Received through April 17, 2022 | = \$ 80,581.52 |

#### **Mission Fund:**

| • | Budgeted through April 30, 2022 | = \$ 5,000.00 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| • | Budgeted through April 17, 2022 | = \$ 4,687.50 |
| • | Received through April 17, 2022 | = \$ 4,222.00 |

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 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 an invitation to consider the in-between pause of Holy Saturday before Easter, followed by an opening prayer.

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

#### **Guest, Ann Vogel:**

 Ann was in attendance to discuss the March Consistory decision to table the raising of funds for the organ refurbishing. Ann asked that Consistory take control of the fundraising for the organ. Jill Dickman spoke up and apologized for Consistory not handling the matter in the manner that Ann had requested. Consistory to discuss under Old Business.

#### Minutes:

 Minutes from the March 9, 2022, meeting were reviewed.
 Lori Now made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin Gehres seconded. Motion carried.

#### Financial Report: David Dickman

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

<u>President's Report:</u> No Report <u>Pastor's Report:</u> Rhonda Hainer

- Since last month we received new members Ruth and Tom Knous Jr. and we have had more visitors.
- I conducted a funeral for Harold McCune and a memorial for Norma Lahmon.
- I have been making many home and nursing home visits.
- Wednesday evening Lenten services have been well attended and I received positive comments each week.
- Palm Sunday Service was wonderful with all the children who participated.
- Maundy Thursday will feature a brief dramatic monologue along with a meditation. Rhonda asked for volunteers to help with the "stripping" of the altar.
- Good Friday will be a meaningful service.
- Easter Sunday...you'll have to come and see!
- In addition to the Facebook postings from the Heartland Conference on ways to donate to Ukraine, we will be placing a weekly insert in the Maundy Thursday and Easter bulletins with information regarding how to donate money to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Pastor Rhonda reminded the Consistory that they had previously voted for the Mid-Week Lenten Services Loose Offerings to be designated to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. The Heartland Conference has reported that the National UCC office has already donated one million dollars. Rev. Jeanette Tangeman will make this announcement on Easter Sunday.

#### **Loose Offering:**

 April has been designated to the Current Fund and May has been designated to the Hirschfeld Foundation.

**Budget and Finance:** David Dickman

- In researching the various funds, it was noticed that the St. Paul's Scholarship Fund was started in 2010 and that the Scholarship Committee was to establish guidelines for said fund. Becky Anderson spoke up and stated that they will be discussing those guidelines at their April meeting later this month.
- President Susan asked Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Garrison if she had prepared a list of all of the funds as was requested of her at the March Consistory meeting. Carolyn advised that she has. The list has been given to the Stewardship Committee to review, and present to the Consistory for final approval. It was suggested that the Stewardship Committee highlight one fund per month during worship to help familiarize the congregation with opportunities to give to the various funds.

#### **Trustees:** Larry Kill

- A valve for the auto flush toilet for the men's restroom has been ordered.
- Boiler work is to start in June.

#### Elders: Joan Leffel

 Fourteen people participated in the After Service Communion.

#### Deacons: Carol Schmidt/Linda McDonald

- Please remember that the person who passes the plate toward the center must pass for both sides of the pews.
- Any Deacon is welcome to help count the offering in the office after the church service. Linda or I will open the safe.
   We want everyone to have an opportunity to know the process.
- In case it is decided to do full communion by serving the congregation during the service this coming Sunday, we will need a short walk-through practice after the meeting Wednesday evening.
- Thank you everyone for all that you do.

#### Christian Education: Joan Leffel

- Jane Nuss and Joan will be participating in the "Bunny Trail" downtown this Saturday. They will be located in front of Hudson Jewelers.
- A cross has been set up in the left-hand corner of the sanctuary with photos of our Sunday School children and teachers attached.
- There will be cookies and punch following Presentation Sunday worship service on April 24.

#### Christian Mission and Outreach: No report

**Personnel:** Jen Lucas

 Personnel has noticed that I-9 employment paperwork has not been completed for some of the employees. Jen will be getting with these employees and completing the paperwork and the ID copies that go with it so that we are up-to-date.

#### Stewardship: No report

#### **Old Business:**

- DeWayne Marsee read the portion of the March Consistory minutes regarding the organ refurbishing and the fact that the Consistory merely tabled the matter until there were enough funds to move forward. Becky Anderson mentioned that she is curious to know if we can have the repairs done in segments. Joan Leffel asked if Ann can check with Schantz on doing the repairs in segments. Tim Hirschfeld would like to see one large project completed at a time. This year is the church boilers. Kevin Gehres made a motion that an Organ Sub-Committee is established consisting of himself, Becky Anderson, Ann Vogel, and Susan Braun so that when Ann meets with Schantz at the June tuning, they can meet with Schantz as a group.
  DeWayne Marsee seconded this motion. Motion carried.
- Kevin Gehres asked that a member of the Endowment Committee needs to step up and explain to the

congregation about leaving a legacy (Bequeath) to the church.

#### **New Business:**

- Pastor Rhonda asked about setting up a Rally Day Committee for this year. An initial date will be set and a Call-Em-All will go out inviting those who want to be involved to attend. Rally Day is set for September 11, 2022.
- A reminder that there will be pew (during worship) communion practice following the meeting tonight.

There being no further matters to discuss, Tim Hirschfeld made the motion to adjourn and Carol Schmidt seconded. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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

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**Deadline** for articles, announcements, etc. for the **June 2022 issue** of The Communicator will be **May** 18<sup>th</sup>.





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