

INDEX

	<u>Page</u>
Rhonda's Reflections	2
Helping Each Other Adjust to Loss	5
Neighbors In Need Offering	5
Becoming a member	6
Agape Mission/Warm Winter Coat Drive	6
Birth Announcements/Baptism	7
In the Spotlight	8
Breaking Bread	9
The Family Room/The Family Room Event	10-11
Christian Education	11
High School Youth Group	13
Women's Ministry	15
Thank You notes	18
Memorial Gifts	23
Bulletin Board	23
Staff	24
Church Officials	26
Financial Info	26
Consistory Minutes	28
October Newsletter deadline	39
Word search	39
Hidden picture puzzle	40

Rhonda's Reflections



Back to School Stewardship



Recently I was speaking with a clergy friend of mine and he had some powerful thoughts on Stewardship I'd like to share with you. He reported that "As of yesterday, all of my children are now back at school. I have one college student that started a few weeks ago, a middle schooler that started last week, and a high schooler that started yesterday. *Wow, is my home office a lot quieter!* All this quiet allowed me to think a bit about whether or not my children see Christian stewardship as playing any role in their school lives. I would say that a sense of being a good steward in school comes and goes for them. They are, of course, still maturing. So, if I could get them to really take stewardship seriously in their school lives, what principles would I want them to cling to? Well, here's a list of 10 for my children and all the children out there starting back to school. Of course, children will probably never read this, so this is for parents to try to instill in their own children."

Ten Points for Good School Stewardship

1. **God has given you the gift of intellect and it should be used wisely.** Do not try to just get by in your classes. Offer your best effort and cultivate your intellect so you can become the best student possible.
2. **The work you do in class is your gift to God.** At this time in your life, you are called to be a student. What you do in class is your unique offering to God.

3. **Don't waste the gift of time.** For generations students have put off studying or class projects until the last-minute. That is being a poor steward of one of God's greatest gifts: time. Learn to manage this precious resource.
4. **Always remember you are a part of a community, even if you don't feel like it.** Unless you are home-schooled, you are surrounded by others trying to make sense of growing up and the need for school, and at that, even home-schoolers have communities that they see periodically. You are never alone in the *jungle of school* and there are peers and school staff that are willing to help you discern what is best for you.
5. **Be grateful for the chance to be in school.** Millions of children all around the globe have had the chance to attend school taken from them. Their futures are severely compromised because they are missing the chance to learn basic knowledge that will allow them to prosper in the world. Never take your ability to attend school for granted.
6. **God is calling you today in your classroom.** Perhaps it is through a classmate, a teacher, or a circumstance, but somehow God is asking something of you each day. Be aware and mindful of all that crosses your path daily for something that is very important just might not cross your path again.
7. **Hold yourself accountable.** Don't fall into the temptation of slacking off, not doing your work, or even worse, cheating. Integrity is a precious gift that should never be tossed away. No one else is responsible for your actions besides YOU.

8. **Embrace the entirety of your life as a student.** Growth in school is about more than books and subjects. God has filled this world with people to meet, sports to play, and moments to rejoice in life. Don't let this time pass you by and get involved.
9. **Begin and end each school day with prayer.** When you awake, offer the day and all your efforts of the day to God, and then when the day is over, spend time with God reflecting on how you succeeded and how you failed as a good steward and disciple of Jesus. Allow God to walk with you throughout your day by creating *bookends* of prayer for your day.
10. **Stay committed.** The school year can be long. Make a commitment to stay focused and not fall behind. The good thing about the times we fail in that commitment is that we can recommit ourselves and begin again.

Have an awesome school year and always keep God as the main thing!

See you in Church,
Rev. Rhonda

ALTAR COMMUNION CHANGE **IN SEPTEMBER**

Because of the Labor Day weekend, altar communion will be offered after worship on September 12th (the second Sunday in September, rather than the first).

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. Many are longing to be heard, to have their pain acknowledged. They have a need to tell their stories, to be assured that someone is listening and cares, without advice or criticism. 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. **HEAL or Helping Each other Adjust to Loss** meets once a month, in the church lounge on September 16th at 1:00 p.m. and is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, hope for a path forward.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Interested in becoming a member? Contact Pastor Rhonda to set up a time to learn the process for formally joining St. Paul's UCC. You'll learn more about who we are, our beliefs, and our mission. You'll also get to hear the story of our church and discuss what it means to be a member of this congregation through serving, growing in your faith journey, moving toward generosity, and more. You'll have the opportunity to join the church at the end of the class if you choose. If you have any questions, contact rhainer@bright.net or 563-210-3508.

AGAPE MISSION: Our *goal again this year is 2000*. Let's get rolling early this year and put the rolls in the Elevette Room. Currently, our totals are 1494 rolls of toilet paper and 803 bars of soap. If you would like for me to purchase rolls for you, I can do this. Just give your donation to me or the office. I will be glad to help out. So, let's just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support of Agape projects. Jane Nuss.

AGAPE WARM WINTER COAT DRIVE

**NEW & GENTLY USED ADULT & CHILDRENS
WINTER COATS & NEW WINTER WATER PROOF GLOVES.**

Coat Drive Dates: September 19 – October 30th

Drop off Coats to the Agape Client Services Building from 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

If dropping off at AGAPE THRIFT STORE, you must specify it is for the Warm Winter Coat Drive.

St. Paul's will have a barrel set up at the rear/center of the sanctuary for drop off of coats and gloves as well.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Don't forget that we now have online giving! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" the download is free. We also have a button on our website that will also take you to the Vanco site. This service is available for your convenience!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brynlee Mae Kilgore was born on July 21, 2021. Brynlee weighed 8 lbs 8 oz. and 19.5" long. Brynlee is the daughter of Hailee (McGee) and Justin Kilgore. Proud grandparents are Shawn and Kathy McGee. Congratulations.

~~*~*~*~*~*

Carson Lee Schamp was born on August 1, 2021. Carson weighed 8 lbs 10 oz. and 21" long. Carson is the son of Calen and Madison (Ginter) Schamp. Proud grandparents are Steve and Jennifer Ginter, Great-Grandparents are Sandra Clausing and the late Lee Clausing, and Aunt Natalie Ginter. Congratulations!



On July 18, 2021, the church welcomed through baptism Asher William Lemmerman into the church. Asher is the son of Matthew and Leah Lemmerman, and the grandson of Daniel and Heidi Lemmerman. Asher's big brother is Oliver Lemmerman. Sponsors were Zach Lemmerman and Rachael Elking. Welcome into our church family!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUCY SPENCER

Lucy Spencer (middle) was named the 2021 Summerfest Queen. Lucy was also named the 2021 Auglaize County Fair Queen. Congratulations!!!



In the Spotlight

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER.....Margaret Hunter

We thank Margaret Hunter for being a volunteer with Busy Needles since 2000.

Busy Needles began in 1980 by Dorothy Armstrong and Helen Eschenbrenner (Margaret Hunter's mother) who met on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 9 am-2pm and were joined by past and present church family and friends, including Margaret Hunter and Linda Hall. Margaret was proud to continue on her mother's "labor of love" and said that over the last 42 years over 9000 lap robes have been sewn and were donated to charities such as: Dayton VA, Lexington and Cincinnati Shriners Hospital, Otterbein, Council On Aging, Hand to Hand Ministry in West Milton, Easter Basket Extravaganza of New Bremen, any shut in, those who lost

their home to fire, Back Bay Mission, TLC, Ronald McDonald House in Dayton and Columbus, Spencerville UCC for Hospice care, St. Mary's Living Center (nka Grande Lake Living Center) and Valley Nursing Home (nka Vancrest).

While Margaret has recently retired from the Busy Needles, she wishes to thank St. Paul's UCC for supporting this mission for the past 42 years.



**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.

- September 9
- September 16
- September 23
- September 30

BREAKING BREAD' COMMUNITY DINNER - 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.





The Family Room

Have you ever had an epiphany? That moment when a light bulb turns on and you have an “Aha!” moment. Suddenly it makes sense. Let me share my “Aha!” moment with you. Several months ago, the Rally Day Committee met and started brainstorming ideas and making plans to gear up for Fall. It was so exciting to be a part of a group of 20 people that were so enthusiastic and creative. The energy at the meeting was contagious with so many creative ideas.

Prior to these meetings, Pastor Rhonda asked me to prayerfully consider leading fellowship time for our church family; Family Ministries Coordinator. After much consideration, I declined mostly because of time involved to do a good job, the same reason most of us say, “not at this time.” Pastor Rhonda graciously accepted my answer.

One morning after a Rally Day meeting my “Aha!” moment hit me like a ton of bricks! I said to myself, “After Rally Day, what are we going to do the next day...We are planning a two-day event, what are we going to do to keep this energy going.?” That is when I felt the calling to be our Family Ministries Coordinator. I look forward to working with the Christian Education department and interested volunteers. Stay tuned for a schedule of events and activities that will include our whole church family, singles, couples, empty nesters, families and friends. Hope to see you soon. Through Christ we will strengthen our church family bond!

In Christ’s love,
Amy Keller





The Family Room Event

Fall Harvest Festival
Sunday, October 31st at Bill and Jane Nuss' farm
Great food ~ Wagon Rides ~ Games
Stay tuned for details!!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 – Alyvia Schaaf 5 – Kyler Soloman 6 – Dean Tangeman 10 – Larra Lee Bower	11 – Liam Bradley 15 – Kaylee Clausing 28 – Andrew Leffel 29 – Charley Spencer
---	---

Good news! Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss have jointly accepted the Director of Children's Ministry position. Together they will team with Director of Children's Music, Maddie Frankenhauser; Youth Director, Nick Frankenhauser; Confirmation Teacher, Amy Keller; Middle School Teacher, Sarah Walter; Sunday School Superintendent, Kim Opperman and the Christian Education Committee to grow this important ministry. Please offer them your support and prayers in this exciting undertaking.

Christian Ed Committee news:

We can't wait to hear the footsteps and the laughter of our youth when Sunday School begins on Rally Day August 22! We have many educational fun things planned for Sunday School. Jane

and Joni have the lessons planned through December and the teachers lined up. We are ready to go! If you know of someone that you think would enjoy Sunday School from Nursery to Adult, please let us know! We'd love to have them!

We're kicking off the Sunday School with a HUGE two-day Rally in the Alley Day. The Rally Day Committee has been working hard to make this a fun intergenerational fellowship time. We're starting our celebration on Saturday night August 21 from 6pm to 9pm. Then we're letting you go home to rest for the Sunday portion of the celebration starting with Sunday School, worship and celebrating after worship until 2pm. (See related article for all the details!)

Volunteers of the church have been busy promoting the church and our Sunday School program through Facebook and having a secret surprise bag at the August 6 first Friday in downtown St. Marys. 220 surprise bags were handed out to children which included a registration form for Sunday School. We also had a float in the Summerfest parade promoting our church and Rally in the Alley. Volunteers have also distributed door hangers in several blocks within the church area promoting our church. When we all work together, we can grow our Sunday School program and our church!

Our curriculum is from Group Publishing and we are excited to start! We have teachers ready to go and lessons all planned out. Youth will start at the Gathering Room (and you really never know how crazy that might be this year...but we're gonna have FUN and learn about Jesus). Starting at the Gathering Room groups will rotate to Music (Music with Maddy), Art Room, Story/Science/Theatre Room.

We plan on keeping the congregation and the parents of the Sunday School informed as much as possible on what the Sunday School children will be doing, through announcements, Facebook, take home papers for parents and newsletter articles. We can't grow if you don't know what we are doing to help us grow!

August 22 Rally Day...lots of things planned!
August 29 Caring for God's World
September 5 Learning about our church!
September 12 Best creation of All
September 19 Promises to Keep
September 26 God's Guides
October 3 Learning about World Wide Communion

Heads up, Christmas Program is Sunday, December 12 during the worship service.

See you at Sunday School on August 22 at 9:15am!

We have greeters to greet you outside when your parents bring you in.

Jane and Joni are ready for you...but the real question is ARE YOU READY FOR JANE AND JONI?



Greetings to All!

My name is Nick Frankenhauser, and as you likely have heard, I am the new Youth Group Director for St. Paul's UCC. I am very very excited to get started meeting the youth of our church and walking with them on their respective journeys with Christ. While I am new to youth groups, I have been educating teens for over fifteen years as a college instructor and high school English teacher. I currently work at Lehman High School in Sidney. For the past four years, I have also been a den leader in Cub Scouts Pack 36, based right here at St. Paul's.

Most of you will no doubt already know my wife, Madeline, either through her tireless work as Associate Director for St. Marys Bands or as the Director of Children's Music for our church. We live here in Saint Marys with our three children Nolan, Ethan, and Jillian, as well as our dog Fritz.

To start off this year, I plan on leading the Youth Group through a Bible study that follows the hit Christian web series *The Chosen*. We will explore the question of what it truly means to be chosen by God, and how that awesome gift applies to all of our lives. Further down the road, I hope that we will be able to engage in some mission and service work, both in our local community and beyond. As a newcomer, I welcome feedback or questions from any and all. Please feel free to contact me anytime through email at franken.nick@gmail.com or through Remind if you are a Youth Group member or parent.



Scrubbing bubbles? Isn't there a song about scrubbing bubbles? No, not the one about scrubbing bubbles we work hard so you don't have to, but something about bubbles and soap? Soap and water just go hand in hand. There are some people in our town that struggle to have soap. Hard to imagine, I am sure. But we can help! The Sunday School Department is CHALLENGING the church members from August 29th to September 26th to see who can bring in the most bar soap for Agape. We will give bar soap tallies to let you know who is ahead and who needs to kick it in gear. No matter who wins, we all will have completed a great mission project that included all ages of the church.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the church's Summerfest float. We ran out of candy and fans. But most of all, we had great fellowship with everyone there. We appreciate everyone that helps us when we ask. Jane Nuss and Joni Leffel

~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

THANK YOU CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND NURTURE

Thank you for the money you gave us to pay toward our church camp (Sports Camp) 2021. It was a great honor receiving the Tom Harris Award, especially knowing all the fabulous people I meet at camp. Thank you again, and I cannot wait for Sports Camp 2022!

Love,
Brian Speckman

~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

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 just 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.



FALL HARVEST MEAL

WANTED homemade bake goods for the October 6th Bake Sale which will be held in Heritage Hall from 1:00 to 6:00p.

Proceeds from this annual all-church event (and the Bake Sale) support Women's Guild activities throughout the year. We hope you will support this meal as you have done in the past.

Thank you,
Jane Nuss
Fall Harvest Meal Chairperson

Fall Harvest Meal will be October 6. The meal is from 4:30-6:00 and the Bake Sale is 1:00-6:00. Cost is \$8.00/adult and \$4.00/children 11 and younger.

Mary Wale announced that Hannah Circle will be disbanding because of small number of members. They are welcome to attend Rebecca Circle or Samaritan Sisters. They have been an important part of the church activities for many years.

Margaret Hunter made a motion to donate \$300.00 to help with costs for Rally Day. Sara Seewer seconded the motion and it was approved!

This is a challenge to the women of the church!

Would you consider assembling a personal hygiene care kit for Church World Services? CWS was founded in 1946 and is a cooperative ministry of 37 Christian denominations. The CWS mission is to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice at the national and international level. In the face of natural disaster, violence, or poverty, hygiene kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Assemble the following items and place in a zip lock gallon bag. There will be a basket in the Elevette room for these kits. Thank you for supporting this mission.

Hygiene Kits

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16"x32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel, or micro-fiber)
- One wash cloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (found at discount dealers like sallybeauty.com)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids
- Place all items in a **ONE GALLON ZIP-LOCK BAG**
- **Do not** add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its journey.



Dear St. Paul's family,

Not only did I want to write you to sincerely thank you for selecting me as a scholarship recipient, but I also wanted to update my church family on my plans and how I plan on spending this money. A few days ago, I received word from the Coast Guard Academy that their waitlist is now closed; therefore, I did not receive an appointment this year. This year, I will be attending Wright State University Lake Campus in preparation to reapply to the United States Coast Guard Academy. The money I received will help cover the cost of tuition. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank St. Paul's for helping shape me into the person I am today. It is because of your guidance and wisdom, that I am where I am today. Once again, thank you.

With gratitude,
Lucy Spencer

Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

Thank you so, so much for the extremely generous gift to use towards my college education. This fall, I will be majoring in Accountancy and attending Wright State Lake Campus! I can't thank you enough for this gift to help start my future endeavors.

Emma Birt

Dear St. Paul's UCC,

Thank you to the members of your church for the kind gift to Defiance College. Your support is important to our success, and is very appreciated.

Sincerely,
Sheri McCoy, Advancement Services Specialist

Dear St. Paul's UCC,

Sometimes I find myself at a loss for words. Saying THANK YOU just doesn't seem like enough to convey the feelings I have for your monetary gift and the generous outpouring received from 417 other churches and volunteer groups over the past year.

Because of YOU, our doors remain open, and we are able once again to serve families all over Central Appalachia this summer. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Walter B. Crouch
President/CEO

Dear St. Paul's UCC,

Thank you for your generosity. As we emerge from the pandemic, your support for our CUE seminaries, even during a time of upheaval and uncertainty, means that we can look forward to bringing seminary life to its fullest potential this fall. Your gift invests in the resilience of our seminarians who have been challenges they could not have anticipated when they answered a call to formation as faith leaders. These are the future pastors, chaplains, counselors, and ministers that will serve communities like yours as the future unfolds – whatever that future may bring.

We are grateful for your gift of partnership as we bring hope to life for all of our communities, and the world as God is bringing it into being.

Blessings,
Rev. Campbell Lovett
Rev. Franz Rigert

We would like to thank everyone who visited our dad, Rodney Martin, sent cards, called him and made him special treats while he was in the nursing home. We would also like to thank those of you who came and offered your sincere condolences during the time of his passing on May 3, 2021. It's comforting in knowing we can always count on our church family.

~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

Thank you for contributing financially so that I could attend sports camp. This camp was truly an amazing experience. I learned so much throughout the week, made so many new friends, and really grew in my faith. Once again, thank you for this awesome experience.

~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

Thank you very much for the wonderful scholarship. This scholarship will be used to further my education at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Music Education is my passion, and thanks for helping me continue this magnificent path.

~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much to the Scholarship Committee and all who contribute to the scholarship fund. It was a pleasure to be selected for not one, but two scholarships! It meant so much to me! Thanks again!

Kalie Gayer

Dear St. Paul's Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! It will go a very long way while at UNOH this fall. The money will be used to pay for classes, books and gas to commute back and forth to Lima.

Thanks again,
Brad Speckman

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for providing me with the scholarship money. Nothing is more motivating than knowing organizations and committees like you are supporting and believing in my future. I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunities and experiences I have been given at St. Paul's and I thank everyone who has mentored me immensely. Thank you all again for eagerly helping finance my next steps in life.



Forever grateful,
Leah Walter



- **To the Current Fund in memory of Dorothy McMullen, Aileen Duncan and Lorene Metz: St. Paul's Women's Guild**
-



- ☎ 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.
- 📧 **jnj12021@gmail.com**- Christian Ministry Directors 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**
 - ... **Bob Schumacher, Custodian**
 - ... **Rich Spencer, Audio and Video**
 - ... **Carol Schmidt, Email Prayer Team Contact**
 - ... **Jane Nuss & Joan Leffel, Christian Ministry Directors**
 - ... **Kim Opperman, Church School Superintendent**
 - ... **Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher**
 - ... **Kim Opperman, 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.**

THE DVD/CD DUPLICATOR in the church office enables us to make multiple copies of the morning worship service. Please call the church office to request a copy. **The charge for duplicating a DVD will be \$2.00 each.** Monthly sets of worship DVD's can also be mailed at a cost of \$10.00 per month. Call the church office for more information.

2021 CHURCH OFFICIALS

President of Congregation	Jeff Dieringer
Vice-president of Congregation	Darren Caywood
President of Consistory 2021	Marsha Landers
Vice-president of Consistory 2021	Lynda Hadley

2021 Members of Consistory

Elders:	Jane Nuss	Marsha Landers
	Joan Leffel	Mary Holtzapple
	Kevin Gehres	Lori Now
Deacons:	Lynn Schmidt	Melinda Silber
	Lynda Hadley	Kelly Kill
	Susan Braun	Linda McDonald
	Jennifer Ginter	Susan Spencer
	Becky Anderson	Jill Dickman
	Carol Schmidt	Jen Lucas
Trustees:	Kyle Opperman, Larry Kill and DeWayne Marsee	

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2021:

Current Fund:

- Budgeted through June 30, 2021 = \$131,713.02
 - Received through June 30, 2021 = \$118,876.61
 - Expenses through June 30, 2021 = \$120,363.84
 - Received through June 30, 2020 = \$114,239.52
-

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through June 30, 2021 = \$ 7,500.00
- Received through June 30, 2021 = \$ 6,358.00
- Received through June 30, 2020 = \$ 7,250.00

Status of 2021 Budget:**Current Fund:**

- Budgeted through July 31, 2021 = \$153,665.19
- Budgeted through July 18, 2021 = \$148,177.14
- Received through July 18, 2021 = \$130,723.76

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through July 31, 2021 = \$ 8,750.00
- Budgeted through July 18, 2021 = \$ 8,437.50
- Received through July 18, 2021 = \$ 6,908.00

FINANCIAL REPORT**July 2021:****Current Fund:**

- Budgeted through July 31, 2021 = \$153,665.19
- Received through July 31, 2021 = \$133,011.76
- Expenses through July 31, 2021 = \$138,584.61
- Received through July 31, 2020 = \$129,970.71

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through July 31, 2021 = \$ 8,750.00
- Received through July 31, 2021 = \$ 7,083.00
- Received through July 31, 2020 = \$ 9,608.00

Status of 2021 Budget:**Current Fund:**

- Budgeted through August 31, 2021 = \$175,617.36
- Budgeted through August 15, 2021 = \$166,836.48
- Received through August 15, 2021 = \$142,473.76

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through August 31, 2021 = \$ 10,000.00
- Budgeted through August 15, 2021 = \$ 9,500.00
- Received through August 15, 2021 = \$ 7,583.00

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2021 CONSISTORY MEETING

The regular meeting of St. Paul's UCC Consistory was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by President Marsha Landers. Pastor Rhonda opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: *Elders:* Jane Nuss, Kevin Gehres, Joan Leffel and Marsha Landers; *Trustees:* Larry Kill, and Kyle Opperman; *Deacons:* Lynda Hadley, Kelly Kill, Mindy Silber, Susan Braun, Susan Spencer, Lynn Schmidt, Carol Schmidt, Linda McDonald, Becky Anderson and Jen Lucas. Also present were, Treasurer, David Dickman, Administrative Assistant Carolyn Garrison, Custodian Bob Schumacher and guests Rich Spencer, Ann Vogel and Amy Keller.

Guest Rich Spencer was in attendance on behalf of the Memorial and Media Ministry Committees. Rich addressed the Consistory about the request to be able to Live Stream our church services. In order to do that, we, as a church will need to bring the church up-to-date by updating cameras, streaming box and other equipment. The Memorial Committee will pay a portion of the bill as will the Media Ministry Savings; leaving a remaining balance of approximately \$3,725.00, which Rich is asking the Trustees to consider donating. The Trustees discussed some other upcoming expenses such as: of the two AC units in the Nursery. One unit is currently not working and the total system is getting older. Lynda Hadley reminded the Trustees that there is plenty in the Endowment Fund that they can use to pay for the AC units and be able to use the money they currently have to donate on behalf of the new media equipment. Marsha suggested that further discussion of the Trustees about this proposal is necessary and thanked Rich for his report.

Guest Ann Vogel gave an update on obtaining the quotes for re-leathering our organ. Five letters were mailed out to various companies. One of those company's turned out to be the same

company, but in two different locations. Ann explained that one company came down from Elida (for approximately 2 hours) and will get their quote to us by mid-July, as will Schantz Organ. The other (Ohio) company that replied said that they would need \$500 for travel and hotel stay for a two-day evaluation of the organ and quote. Ann will report back to Consistory in August with the two quotes.

Pastor's Report: Rhonda Hainer

- Pastor Rhonda reviewed her activities for the past month to include, attending committee meetings for Stewardship, Rally Day, Excellence in Ministry, Pastoral Support Group, Women's Guild Cabinet, Media Ministry Committee, Memorial Committee, Christian Education, Personnel Committee (to include three interviews for the Children's Ministry Coordinator Position), a home visit to the Frankenhauser's to discuss them joining the church and the baptism of their daughter, visits to all nursing homes, Senior Living Center, visits to several of our members in their homes, as well as private counseling sessions. Rhonda stated that she also led a grief support group, and secured Rev. Jim Oates from the St. Paul UCC in Sidney to work with the Long Range Planning Committee to begin strategic planning over the next few months. Pastor Rhonda has asked Amy Keller to lead our Family Ministry Committee and she has agreed to head up this committee. Rhonda and Amy have met to discuss Amy's exciting line-up of activities for this next year.
- This Sunday will conclude a six-week series of sermons.
- We need someone to conduct a full review of St. Paul's IT needs: software, hardware, and office business practices. Jen Lucas suggested that rather than outsource this, someone from the congregation would most likely volunteer to conduct this full review. This will need to be posted in the communicator, bulletin, and word of mouth.

- As agreed upon last month, Pastor Rhonda will be participating in the Summerfest Worship Service on August 15th. In order to accommodate those who are not able to maneuver the outdoor service, Pastor Rhonda has asked David Hainer to lead a Hymn Sing Service here in our sanctuary during Sunday worship here on August 15th. We will not be closing down worship here at the church as previously suggested last month. In good conscience, Pastor Rhonda stated that she just could not do that for those who are unable to make the outdoor service.
- Plans are underway for a Holy Humor worship service on Rally Day Sunday.
- Pastor Rhonda announced that she had joined the community band and is relearning how to play the French Horn that she hasn't picked up since 1976. Pastor Rhonda said that she has warned all of our neighbors that they do not have an elephant that has taken up residence in their home.

Pastor Rhonda introduced guest Amy Keller, and asked her to briefly discuss her calling to this position of Family Ministry Coordinator and the plans she has in mind. Amy explained how she wanted our church family to stay together and be connected, so she started the game nights and meals a couple of years ago during the winter months, and then Covid hit. Amy went on to explain that Pastor Rhonda approached her and asked her to pray about something...to be the Family Ministries Coordinator of St. Paul's. "After much thinking, praying, and talking with my mom and sisters, I struggled with Yes/No and then decided to just stay with teaching Confirmation." Amy went on to explained that she then started attending these Rally Day meetings and was excited that there were more than 20 plus people helping plan what we are going to do for Rally Day, and it is so exciting! The following day after that last meeting, Amy said that it hit her

like a ton of bricks, “What are we going to do AFTER Rally Day?” It was then that she realized that she has to take on this new position and tell Pastor Rhonda! Amy explained that she has come up with a lot of ideas to occur maybe every other month to include a Tailgate party before a football game, Talent Show, Fall Farm Day at a member’s farm, etc. These events won’t always happen over the weekend, they will also happen during the week, and there are plans to work with different groups to include Women’s Guild and Christian Ed. The goal is to work with a wide range of people with the goal of providing activities that will bring the church family together.

Christian Education and Nurture: Jane Nuss

- The Christian Ed Committee and teachers met tonight.
- Our curriculum is called “Hands on Bible”.
- Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 12th.
- We have a lot of teachers and six subs. They will work on a rotation and work as a team.
- Mission is also set up.

Summerfest Float: Jane Nuss

- The float is a tropical paradise theme. Decorating is really coming along well. We will have banners on each side with the church name and a banner on the back promoting Rally Day.
- WE NEED WALKERS for the parade!

Minutes:

- Minutes from the June 9, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Jen Lucas noted that the Christian Education Director title should be changed to Children’s Ministry Coordinator. Carolyn will make that correction. Kyle Opperman made a motion to approve the minutes. Jen Lucas seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: David Dickman

- David reviewed the Financial Report for the month of June 2021. There being no other questions, President Marsha

asked to file the financial report for review by the church Administrative Assistant.

President's Report: Marsha Landers

- No report

Loose Offering: Marsha Landers

- The Loose Offering for the next month has already been chosen.

Budget and Finance: David Dickman

- 2022 Budget Committee will be meeting in early fall (late September/early October). All committees need to review their budgets and let someone on the committee know if changes need to be made.

Trustees: Kyle Opperman

- Trustees have been working on getting power from the Education Building to the garage.
- One of the two AC units in the nursery quit working altogether. The two units in there run off of the same compressor. We will need to replace both units and that will be quite costly.
- Since the current basketball hoop located in the church parking lot is in poor shape, located near High Street which is a hazard when the ball rolls into the street, and is used by many of the neighborhood children and youth and therefore an outreach opportunity to our community, Pastor Rhonda and her husband have volunteered to purchase a new pole, break away hoop, and backboard. The Trustees will assist in putting up the new donated Basketball hoop, pole, backboard. The Trustees agreed to move the basketball hoop to the other side of the newer parking lot and will take down the old backboard once the new one is up.
- The local ministerial group is going to be putting up a new church sign board holder on 33A by Parker Hanifin. This board will be for churches to post their signs. We have a

sign already that needs touched up, but each church is in charge of bolting their church sign to the new board.

Thomas Patten Award: Lynda Hadley

- Application has been completed. There will be a newspaper article and photos attached. If Consistory members would like to review the application prior to mailing, Lynda will leave it with Pastor Rhonda.

Elders: Jane Nuss

- There were 12 people who participated in altar communion last week.

Deacons: Lynn Schmidt

- Following the September Consistory meeting, the Deacons will need to meet upstairs to review full pew communion so that we are prepared for World Communion Sunday in October.

Christian Mission and Outreach: No report

Personnel: Jen Lucas

- Joan Leffel has resigned her position from Personnel due to be a Co-Coordinator of Children's Ministry now. Jen explained that when she came on board with Personnel, she did not fill an empty position, therefore, there will be no need to fill Joan's empty seat.

Rally Day Festivities: Kevin Gehres

- We will be holding another meeting following Consistory tonight. Things are coming together nicely and a vision board will be put together tonight as well.
- We are working on the final touches on the promotion of Rally Day as it will be a 1.5 day even (Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon).
- We really want to promote hospitality within our community.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Susan Spencer asked about church directory photographs. Do we want to do them this year or wait until after the first of the year? After a short discussion, Susan will call Universal Directories to obtain some dates and report back next month.

There being no further matters to discuss, Kyle Opperman made the motion to adjourn and Susan Spencer seconded. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Landers, 2021 Consistory President
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2021 CONSISTORY MEETING

The regular meeting of St. Paul's UCC Consistory was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Marsha Landers. Pastor Rhonda opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: *Elders:* Jane Nuss, Lori Now, Kevin Gehres, Joan Leffel and Marsha Landers; *Trustees:* DeWayne Marsee, and Kyle Opperman; *Deacons:* Jennifer Ginter, Jill Dickman, Lynda Hadley, Mindy Silber, Susan Braun, Susan Spencer, Lynn Schmidt, Carol Schmidt, Linda McDonald, Becky Anderson and Jen Lucas. Also present were, Treasurer, David Dickman, Administrative Assistant Carolyn Garrison, Custodian Bob Schumacher and guest Ron Ketchum.

Guest Ron Ketchum was in attendance to discuss the game "Pickleball" and ask the Consistory to possibly consider letting the public use the Fellowship Hall on designated days of the week (so as to not interfere with regular groups that meet in Fellowship Hall). Ron explained how the court would be set up if St. Paul's

allowed for Fellowship Hall to be used in said manner. Consistory will take the matter under advisement and table the discussion for a later time.

Pastor's Report: Rhonda Hainer

- Since the Consistory last met, I have participated in the following meetings: Rally Day, Excellence in Ministry, the Christian Ed Committee and our new Children's Ministry Coordinators, as well as our Family Ministries Coordinator. Besides hospital visits, I visited all three nursing homes/ senior living centers and offered holy communion, I made several home visits, as well as conducted private counseling sessions. I led a grief support group, have hosted two Strategic Planning Meetings with Rev. Jim Oates. I have been working with the Ministerial Group in the planning of the Community Summerfest Worship Service on Aug. 15th in Memorial Park and will be offering the morning prayer during that service. We will offer our worship service in our sanctuary and David Hainer will lead a hymn sing festival during Sunday worship on Aug. 15th.
- I have planned and have participants who will assist in the Holy Humor Worship service on Rally Day Sunday, Aug. 22.
- I attended the Auglaize Country Fair and am impressed with our very talented St. Paul's Youth. Several photos have been featured on the church FB page. Congratulations to Lucy Spencer who was crowned the Fair Queen.
- We also had a booth set up for the St. Marys First Friday event in August and gave over 200 packets of Rally Day information to those who stopped by.

Christian Education and Nurture: Jane Nuss

- Sunday School is starting soon. Lesson Plans and Missions are planned through December.
- Curriculum has been purchased through Group Publishing.
- Maddy Frankenhauser is already planning on the Children's Christmas Program.

- 220 Goodie bags with information about Rally Day and Sunday School were given out at the most recent First Friday event downtown.
- Every Sunday will be “Bring a Friend Sunday” for the children.

Minutes:

- Minutes from the July 14, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Lynn Schmidt noted that Elders should be included in the communion practice after the September Consistory Meeting. Carolyn will make the correction to the July minutes. Lori Now made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: David Dickman

- David reviewed the Financial Report for the month of July 2021. There being no other questions, President Marsha asked to file the financial report for review by the church Administrative Assistant.

President’s Report: Marsha Landers

- St. Paul’s has been notified that we have received the Tom Patten award. The award will be handed out on September 25th at the Heartland Conference Annual Meeting in Columbus. The Conference is asking that a two-minute video be prepared and presented at the annual meeting. Kevin Gehres will be in attendance at the meeting to accept the award; however, possibly Lynda and Glenn Hadley can be in attendance as well since they worked so hard on the Elevator Committee.
- President Marsha noted that COVID numbers are going back up and we as a church should consider wearing masks around the children once Sunday School resumes. Marsha also noted that it is RSV Season for children as well. If you don’t want to wear a mask while being around the children, then please remain 6 ft. away. After much discussion among Consistory members, Jen Lucas made a motion to follow the direction of what the St. Marys City Schools

decides to do regarding masks. Jill Dickman seconded the motion. A “vote” was taken regarding whether we should wear masks around the children or not. By a vote of 12 YES and 5 NO, the motion made by Jen Lucas passed.

Loose Offering: Marsha Landers

- The Loose Offering (2nd Sunday of each month) for both September and October will go toward the Personal Care and Clean-up Bucket kits

Budget and Finance: David Dickman

- 2022 Budget Committee will be meeting in early fall (late September/early October). All committees need to review their budgets and let someone on the committee know if changes need to be made.
- Rich Spencer has ordered the equipment for the sanctuary and money has been transferred.

Trustees: DeWayne Marsee

- DeWayne reported that the copier lease is up in October and he is in possession of quotes from both Perry PRO Tech and 4-U Office Supply. DeWayne explained that he and Dave Dickman have reviewed both quotes with a fine-tooth comb and that both quotes are pretty close to the same. After some discussion regarding service, cost for both black copies and color copies, Lynda Hadley made a motion to go with the 4-U Lease Quote. Lori Now seconded the quote. Motion carried.
- DeWayne reported that he has been reviewing the technology in the administrative office. Carolyn’s computer is 11 years old; the internet router is very old and should be replaced, one of the security cameras needs replaced, we should look into “central storage” for the computer system. It should be noted that in order for the church to stream LIVE each Sunday on TSC, we will probably have to “up” our connection with TSC which will incur more money to them monthly. Pastor Rhonda would like to be able to synchronize the church member information (addresses,

email addresses, birthdays and anniversaries) with what Carolyn has. Carolyn said that our Churchsoft Program most of that information and that there should be a way for Pastor Rhonda to access that program. DeWayne discussed 365 Micro-Cloud Base program and the cost per year that is associated with that. In all, Dewayne said to upgrade all of the office equipment would be a cost of approximately \$2275.

Elders: Jane Nuss

- There were 22 people who participated in altar communion last week.

Deacons: Lynn Schmidt

- Following the September Consistory meeting, the Deacons and Elders will need to meet upstairs to review full pew communion so that we are prepared for World Communion Sunday in October.

Personnel: Jen Lucas

- Personnel will be meeting sometime in the near future.

New Business:

- Bob Roth will be painting the church lounge starting next week. Thank you to the Women's Guild for providing the paint.
- Sanctuary doors being open on Sundays was discussed. Rather than constantly opening and closing the doors, it was suggested that the doors to the sanctuary open 30 minutes prior to the service starting and closing said doors at the start of the service.

There being no further matters to discuss, Jane Nuss made the motion to adjourn and Linda McDonald seconded. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Landers, 2021 Consistory President
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant

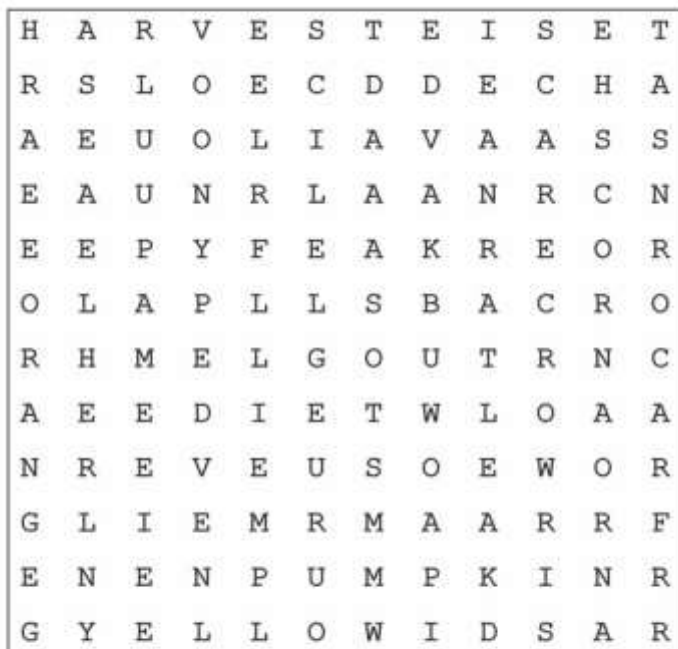


DON'T FORGET

Deadline for articles, announcements, etc. for the **October issue** of *The Communicator* will be **September 17th**.

FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.



WORDS TO FIND:

pumpkin	harvest
yellow	apples
scarecrow	hayride
autumn	red
leaves	Thanksgiving
sunflower	football
acorns	orange
corn	



The chief priests were angry when they saw how the people loved Jesus. They did not believe what Jesus taught about God. Soon they began to plan a way to kill Him.



Find the hidden pictures: • flashlight • teapot • clock • skateboard • magnifying glass
• briefcase • banana • necktie • notebook • high heel shoe

© 2020 Banner Press, Inc. All rights reserved. SH037

Answer Key on page 10

3