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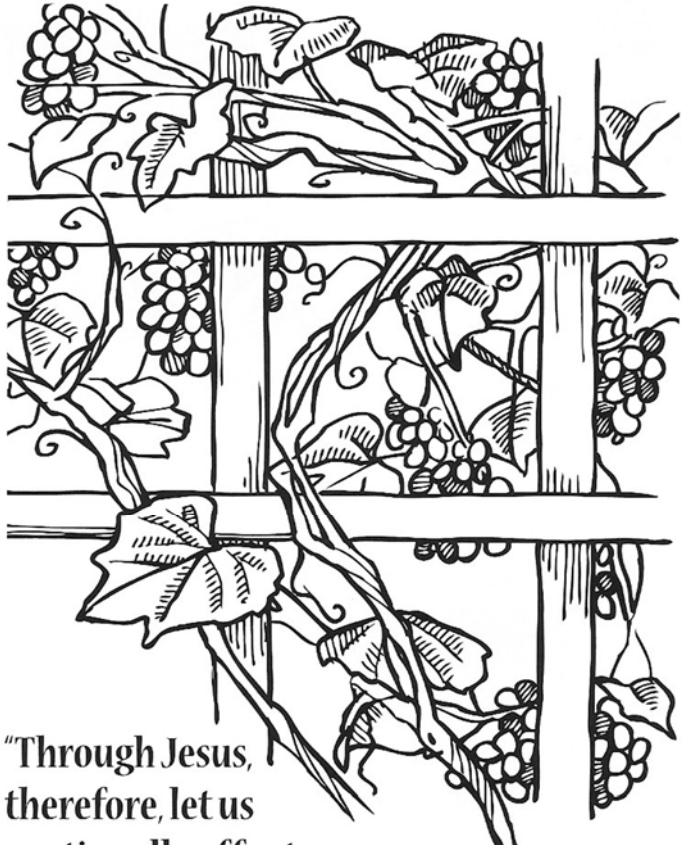
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Rev. Darrin Harvey, Sabbatical Interim Pastor

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“Through Jesus,
therefore, let us
continually offer to
God a sacrifice of praise —
the fruit of lips that confess his name.”

Hebrews 13:15, NIV

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Serving St. Paul Church

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(Partnering with Families, the St. Paul UCC Board of Christian Education strives to guide our children through weekly educational opportunities and ongoing mission outreach)

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(Prepares church budget for following year)

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Don Scheer 2nd yr.
Burt Fiser 2nd yr.

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(Consults with bookkeeper regarding church investments)

Don Scheer Member
Bob Wierwille Member
John Wierwille Member



FROM OUR PASTOR

Thank you! With joy in my heart and on my lips: Thank you! Thank you for the gift of the three-month sabbatical. Thanks also must be extended to the Rev. Darrin Harvey who so capably served at St. Paul in my absence.

In my time away from you, our family was able to take a meaningful vacation, we got Jim Jr. settled in his apartment and new job in Cincinnati, and we sent Ben to boot camp. I traveled and volunteered in Texas, Tennessee, and Toledo. I gave a presentation to the Salvation Army in Aberdeen, South Dakota about human trafficking and was filmed for a documentary on women in ministry.

And I read. I read lots of books. In preparing this article, I tallied the literary mix: 14 children and young adult novels. 8 personal enrichment books and novels. 21 professional texts. And I'm not done. I'm hoping to read a couple more before I step back into the office on September 1.

In order to share some of the summer reading with you, I am inviting all the people of St. Paul to a once-a-month Book Club at the parsonage on a Sunday evening. Dinner will be provided and we will have the opportunity to dig deeply into current pastors/theologians/scholars' thoughts and recommendations for growing as disciples of Christ. Please check out the related article about the upcoming Book Club in the Beacon.

Our first weekend to worship together in three months will be September 6 and 7: Homecoming Weekend. Our Membership Team will provide snacks following both services, giving us an opportunity to catch up with one another. At the Sunday worship service, the Chancel Choir will sing and children will receive Bibles.

In the coming weeks, programming at St. Paul will move into full swing: Spirit Safari Club, Splash, Junior High Youth Group, Senior High Youth Group, Confirmation, Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Page Turners, Mission Team, Women's Group, Membership Team, Senior Luncheons, Prayer Chain, Bible Study, Book Club, Men's Club, and Busy 12. There are so many ways to put your faith into action at St. Paul!

See you soon!

Peace,
Becky

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation will take place this fall in conjunction with the Junior High Youth Group. We will eat (an optional) meal together each Wednesday at 6:30. Class and youth group combined will go from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Classes begin Wednesday, September 10. Please contact Pastor Becky or Katie Jackson if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Beginning Thursday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m., Pastor Becky will offer a four-week Bible Study that intersects with Brian D. McLaren's We Make the Road by Walking. We will begin by studying Genesis and Exodus along with other corresponding scriptures.

All are welcome to join us in the Library. If you need childcare during the study, please let Becky know in advance.

PRAYER CHAIN EVENT

The Prayer Chain is an on-going ministry at St. Paul United Church of Christ. Our ministry "chain" is primarily by email, but we get together a couple of times each year for Bible study, sharing and prayer.

This month we will gather on Monday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Even if you have not joined the Prayer Chain, you are welcome to join us on September 22!

All are welcome!

NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

St. Paul folk will be leading worship at Heritage Manor in Minister on Thursday, September 4, at 10:15 a.m. Worship will also be led by St. Paul at the St. Marys Living Center on Sunday, September 21, at 3:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us!

BOOK CLUB: SEPTEMBER 28

In order to share some of the many texts Pastor Becky enjoyed on her sabbatical, she is inviting you to her home on a monthly basis for dinner and book discussions. In September, we will read (beforehand) and discuss (on September 28) Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World by Bob Goff and Donald Miller.

We will gather at the parsonage at 6:00 p.m. for a meal together and then we will discuss Love Does. Then, before we go our separate ways, we will make a list of tangible ways we can live into this book as a congregation. Our evenings together will end no later than 8:00 p.m.

This first month's list will be saved along with future months' lists. In April, we will gather one last time to imagine a future at St. Paul of deep discipleship and service.

You can pick up a copy of Love Does in the church office. Please RSVP so Pastor Becky knows how much food to cook!



Dear People of St. Paul,

I want to thank you for allowing me into your community and congregation this summer. It was an honor to serve you and my family and I am grateful for what this opportunity has done for us. Thank you to the many individuals who have helped us through this journey.

We have had some memorable experiences together in a short time. Most notably, we brought aboard two new staff members that I am very confident will bear fruit for years to come: Kristi Voisard as the Christian Education Director and Barb Holdren as the secretary/bookkeeper. I also, thank Kayla Lear and Kathy Topp, and encourage you to check out your new web site – www.stpaulnb.org

My parting message for the congregation is to repeat what I have said the past two weeks in worship: this is an extremely well run ship and a good crew. You support the mission of the church wholeheartedly and step in when there is a need. Continue to do what you do, but also seek to reach out and engage the growing population of young people not as inclined to come to worship. Think outside of the box, try things and don't be afraid to fail. The church's, (all churches), main mission is to meet the spiritual needs of the community and there are people out there eager and longing for connection who are looking for a safe place that accepts them and that is relevant to their lives. Make what happens at St. Paul something that people do not want to miss out on.

Pastor Becky will return to work on September 1 and I'll have some time to properly hand the ministry back into her hands. Kickoff weekend September 6 and 7 will be my last weekend to be in worship. I leave New Bremen on Thursday, September 11. You shall never be far from my heart and prayers.

Darrin Harvey
August 19, 2014

Mission

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH CLINIC IN EL SALVADOR

Our church's project of the year for 2014 is to support the Lutheran Church of El Salvador's clinic by helping to pay salaries for 2 years to each of the 6 staff members. The goal is \$12,000.

We are over 1/3 (\$4000) of the way home. Let's gather in more than the \$12,000 so we can give them a raise! NOTE: After 2 years, the church hopes to be able to support the salaries without asking for more funds.

The following profiles will give you an idea of who are on the staff of the clinic and a little information about

them. They are persons dedicated to keeping the clinic open because it is the only health care opportunity for the people of the area. The Lutheran Church Clinic is located in one of the poorest and most violent areas of the capital city, San Salvador. The patients' ages range from babies to elderly persons with many being women and children.

Dr. Kenia Gomez, a dentist and director of the clinic, has a vision for the future of her church's clinic. She would like to see it growing and being recognized as a great clinic that can be equipped with major diagnostic equipment, medications, and being able to offer more and better services to the poor people of San Salvador.

Dr. Kenia works at the National Health Ministry on Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and earns \$600 per month at this job. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, she works at the clinic from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. She is married and has one daughter. She charges \$2 for an office visit if the patients can pay. She has been involved with the clinic for the past 14 years. She personally buys many of the supplies that are used around the clinic. She sees herself as staying active in the church and always striving to better the clinic so it can better serve the people.

Dr. Ricardo Funes is a medical doctor who started, even though he is Roman Catholic, volunteering in 1991 at the Lutheran Church refugee center. This time was towards the end of El Salvador's long and terrible civil war that ended in 1992. Ever since that time, he has been working at the clinic. He spends 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the evening during weekdays and 2 hours on Saturdays at the clinic. He also has employment at a hospital. Again, his patients pay \$2 per visit if they can pay.

Dr. Funes received his undergraduate and medical degree from the National University of El Salvador. On various trips, Dr. Funes has treated some of the travelers from the U. S. afflicted with various digestive problems. On another occasion, he extracted a piece of glass from one of our delegation's foot. Dr. Funes would like the clinic to expand and offer more specialties.

Dr. Mayra Landaverde is a medical doctor who grew up in the Lutheran Church. She received her medical degree in 2013 and works at the clinic every afternoon. The only money she earns is by collecting \$2 from her patients if they can pay her. She is very dedicated to her work since the church helped her in so many ways while she was growing up. She is 28 years old and is a single mother of a little boy. She is growing every day in all aspects of being a medical doctor. Her vision is to have a complete and well-equipped clinic, with more medical specialties and medicines to better care for the patients.

Teresa Osegueda, is a Laboratory Technician and has worked at the clinic since 1994. She is 46 years old, a single mother of a daughter and she does all the lab

work that the clinic is able to do. She earns about \$200 a month when there is money to pay her. There are many tests, like HIV, that the clinic does not have the proper equipment to test. These more difficult tests have to be sent to the National Health Center for testing. Teresa's vision is to be able to do more varieties and complete testing procedures that will benefit those in the immediate area of the clinic. Teresa would also like to expand services to the rural areas.

Alicia Diaz is the pharmacist who is 59 years old, single and has one daughter. She started to work at the clinic in 1997. Her job is dispensing the medications to the people, answering the phone, paying bills, giving out information about the clinic, and is the housekeeper. She is a person of many talents and keeps everything in order around the clinic. She is on duty at the clinic Monday through Saturday in the mornings from 7:30 to 12:30. She earns \$75 a month at another job. She also has a vision for the clinic that it might be able to offer more services.

Maria Sanchez is 57 years old and is an assistant to Dr. Kenia Gomez, the dentist at the clinic. She works the same hours as Dr. Kenia at the clinic. She earns \$80 a month and would like to find more work but her age is against her. She is a single mother of 2 sons. She never went to school so her reading and writing is very bad but she is a hard worker and tries her best to get ahead in life but it is very difficult for her. Life is difficult for many in the country of El Salvador.

Thank you.

The Mission Team



CALLING ALL COOKS

How would you like a day off? We have just the answers!

On Thursday, September 25, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., chicken dinners consisting of half-chicken, applesauce, chips and roll will be available at the west side of our Educational Building.

The youth from our church will exchange your ticket for a chicken dinner. The dinners are being cooked by Paul Mueller from New Weston.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the Mission Team, church office, youth who visited El Salvador, and after church services starting September 6 and each Saturday and Sunday until September 20.

Profits from this chicken dinner sale will go for the Project of the Year, the clinic in El Salvador.

Here is your chance to have a day off of cooking and reach out to our friends in El Salvador.

The Project of the Year Committee

NEW BREMEN CROP WALK 2014

St. Paul Church and Holy Redeemer will be hosting the New Bremen CROP Walk on Sunday, October 12. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Bremenfest Park shelter house. The walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. from the shelter house, and proceed through the Kuenning-Dicke Natural Area.

After the walk, participants are invited back to the shelter house for an attendance drawing, refreshments, and a trunk-or-treat event for the youngsters to enjoy. We are also planning to incorporate a few other activities this year!

A portion of the money raised will again go to Agape (St. Marys) and Loaves and Fishes (Wapak). The remaining amount will be sent to Church World Service to aid in their worldwide fight against hunger and malnutrition, as well as trying to help people find a clean water source.

Please visit the link below to find out what else Church World Service has added to their agenda. "Our roots are in feeding the hungry. Our future is in ensuring sustainable access to proper, nutritious food." <http://www.cwsglobal.org/what-we-do/hunger-and-malnutrition/>

Thank you for supporting this mission each year!

The Mission Team

THANK YOU

Your contribution of \$1041 for the "Strengthen the Church" mission project this past June will help to plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop spiritual life in youth and young adults. Thank your for your generous support.

The Mission Team

ONE WARM COAT DRIVE

Once again this fall, Agape will sponsor the One Warm Coat drive. We need the help of all of our churches in making this a great coat drive. We need clean, gently used men's women's and especially children's coats again this year. New coats are gladly accepted should you want to purchase a new coat for a child.

The final date of collection will be Saturday, October 11. On October 11, the drop-off location is Agape's Client Services Building. Drop-off hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon that day. Agape will have volunteers there who will sort, count and hang up the coats, getting them ready for immediate distribution.

If you have a coat to donate, you can bring it to church prior to October 11. There will be a coat rack in the auditorium. Please hang your coat there. If you wish to deliver directly to Agape, make sure that you take the coat/s to the Client Services Building. If you take it to the regular drive-thru for donations, you must be sure to

specify it is for the One Warm Coat drive. Otherwise, it will be sold in the Thrift Store. Remember, the coats we collect through One Warm Coat must be given free of charge.

In the past, many coats have been collected and given to those in need right here in our community! Thank you so much for your support in the years past. Your donations truly are what make the coat drive so successful. Let's work together to make a difference again this year!

Amy Scheer
The Mission Team

DID YOU KNOW?



The monies put into your Thankoffering containers are divided between Heifer International and Agape in St. Marys.

As we share our resources with others, we are "passing on the gift." Include your whole family to "feed" the Thankoffering containers. Let children learn early how to pass on the gift.



When people reach out their hand, it's not for a handout, but it is for us to take and walk together. Can you take a hand by "feeding" the Thankoffering box?

Ann Kuhn
The Mission Team

GREEN TIPS

Save money and become a little "greener" by purchasing used items or by borrowing things that are not used often or only used for a short period. Here are a few suggested items not to buy brand new:

- Tools and equipment used rarely
- Formal wear
- Books and textbooks
- DVDs
- Maternity clothing
- Baby items that won't be used for long
- Sports and fitness equipment
- Musical instruments
- Costumes
- Home decor
- Punch bowls
- Bikes for small children

Jenn Snider
The Mission Team



Spirit Safari

IT'S SPIRIT SAFARI TIME!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m. for the first Spirit Safari Sunday School Class of the new season. We will be separating classes into the following groups:

- Cub house (2 and 3 year olds)
- Preschool
- Kindergarten/First Grade
- Second/Third Grade
- Fourth/Fifth Grade
- Sixth through Eighth Grade

If you have any questions, please call Kristi at 419-953-4356. Come, be a part of the fun!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

On Sunday, September 7, we will offer a Children's Church for any child wishing to come. As usual, we will escort the children out of church immediately following the Children's Moment. We will bring kids back into church during the final hymn.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

On Sunday, September 7, the church will be giving all 3 year olds as well as third grade students a Bible. We will present the Bibles during the Children's Moment. If you have a 3 year old or a third grader, please call Kristi at 419-953-4356 so we have enough Bibles. Thanks!

WISH LIST

What is the Wish List? It's a list (in no particular order) that the church council has developed that will help direct attention to items that families or groups may want to consider purchasing for the church. This list is for reference only. Other ideas are welcome.

Item	Guesstimated cost
New flooring in auditorium	\$8000
New lighting for auditorium	?
Additional playground equipment	\$2500
Fellowship area & handicapped accessible restroom at rear of sanctuary	?
New carpeting, Assembly Room & Chapel	?
TV screen – sanctuary	\$14,000
New clock faces on steeple	?



Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile."

~William Cullen Bryant

News & Events

HOMECOMING 14

COMMUN' HOME – COMMUN' HOME

"I'M COMMUN' HOME" IS WHAT LABRON JAMES SAID AWHILE BACK. He is going back to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

That is what is happening at St. Paul Church on **September 6 and 7**. The celebration of these two HOMECOMING SERVICES will not only be a welcome back into the sanctuary after a summer of all services being in the Assembly Room Chapel, but it will welcome back everyone. Some of us have maybe been a little bit lax in our attendance or possibly, we like to sleep too long on Sundays. Or maybe we often are doing something on Saturdays around 5 p.m. and don't feel like stopping our chores to go to church.

Well, on Saturday, September 6 at 5:00 p.m., in the Chapel, there will be a special HOMECOMING SERVICE to welcome us all back for a new start. Also, the next morning on September 7 at 10:15 a.m., in the sanctuary, there will be a like service for everyone who missed the Saturday service. These services will also be welcome-back services for our Pastor Becky after her three-month sabbatical.

Oh yes, there will be special treats after each service. At the Sunday service, you will be able to see and marvel at the restored, large south-facing stained glass window. This is truly a work of art. None of us has ever seen this window in this restored condition before. You can say that this is a lifetime experience.

We will see you either Saturday, September 6, at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday, September 7, at 10:15 a.m. **COMMUN' HOME TO ST PAUL!**

Thank you.

The Membership Team

SELF-DEFENSE CLASS OFFERED

Interested in learning self-defense? Miami Valley Kid Safe is offering martial arts classes on Monday nights. Instructors are James Gilberg and Kurt Stuhlemmer. Sensi James teaches the art of judo and Sensi Kurt teaches the art of kenpo karate. Classes are held in the church auditorium from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays. Cost is \$2 per class per person. Ages 8 and up.

Miami Valley Kid Safe also offers women and kids awareness and defense classes at no charge. Ages 6 and up.

For information on any of our classes, please contact Amy Stuhlemmer at [419-515-0178](tel:419-515-0178). Hope to see you in our class on Monday night.

James Gilberg
Kurt Stuhlemmer
Amy Stuhlemmer

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

First, I'd like to wish Dot Koeper a happy retirement and thank her for all her years of service. She is a tough act to follow but I will try my best. Second, thank you to the interview committee and church council for hiring and entrusting me to fill the position. Each day is a new challenge and learning experience, but it is coming. Third, thank you to all who have helped with the transition. I have survived thus far because of you.

And a reminder... to all persons, committees, etc. who need products ordered, please check with the office before ordering. We may have extra of which you are unaware. If not, I will gladly order for you. In addition, please turn in receipts for any purchases made that the church is paying for so I'm not surprised when I receive the bill/statement.

Thanks,

Barb Holdren

NEW LOOK FOR OUR WEBSITE

Hey everyone. Make sure to check out our new website. Same address, new look: www.stpaulnb.org Thanks to Kayla Lear and Kathy Topp for putting it together. Our new look and theme is designed with modern people in mind who more and more are using mobile devices to get on the Internet. The website is an excellent way for those new to town who might be interested in our church to get to know us better. So feel free to help us promote it by giving the link to your friends.

Darrin Harvey

PAGE TURNERS

After a short summer hiatus, Page Turners will return to their regular meeting date of the third Monday of the month. **September 15**, we will be discussing the book, Half the Sky by authors Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. More of a documentary, this was written to bring awareness of the oppression of women all over the world. This book will also be part of the presentation available to the entire community on August 30, giving us the unique opportunity to hear more about human trafficking from someone very knowledgeable about the subject.

Join the Page Turners on Monday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Library to share in the discussion of the book and the presentation. Half the Sky is available to loan in the church office.

Sandy Thieman

SENIOR LUNCHEON

As the fall season approaches, the senior luncheon cooks are busy planning the meals for the coming months. Mark your calendar for **September 18**. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with your friends. All are welcome – you don't have to be a member of St. Paul. There is no cost but a donation is appreciated to help offset the food cost. Please call the church office (419-629-2502) to let us know you will attend. See you Thursday, September 18, at noon!

Senior Luncheon Committee

Meetings

BUSY TWELVE

The Busy 12 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **September 2, 2014**, at Bolly's Restaurant. After lunch, we will go to the church for our monthly meeting.

Sue Kettler

MISSION TEAM

There will be a meeting of the Mission Team on Sunday, **September 7, 2014**, in the Library after worship. We are always looking for new people and ideas to serve the church in this capacity. Feel free to join us.

Gary Wehmeyer

WOMEN'S SERVICE GROUP

Quilts were hung on front porches to help guide slaves escaping to points north on the Underground Railroad, according to authors of "Hidden in Plain View." A review of this book — plus a trunk show of Cathy Barnes' quilts — is the program of the Women's Service Group meeting **September 11** at 1:00 p.m. in the church. Light refreshments by Phyllis Fledderjohann also will be a highlight of the program centering on the book by Jacqueline Tobin and Raymond G. Dobard. Many quilt patterns used today originated during the Civil War and were woven into quilts as directions and safe house stops leading away from slavery in the South. Reservations aren't required. Just show up for the review and show that leads through a bit of American history.

Women's Service Group

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Change of address:

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Remove:

Carri Hainline, transfer

ATTENTION – COLLEGE STUDENTS

Stay connected to your St. Paul family while you're away at college. Please advise the church office (419-629-2502 or stpaulnb@nktelco.net) of your address so that we can keep our mailing list current and avoid the cost of returned mail.

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

Sep 7

East Mike & Monica Bushman
North Brenda Haynes
South Dennis & Linda Hainline

Sep 14

East Greg & Cathy Maurer
North Bob & Mary Finke
South Bev Poppe

Sep 21

East John & Marlene Ahlers
North Roger & Cheryl Barlage
South Steve & Kris Imwalle

Sep 28

East Don Scheer
North Tom & Ginny Braun
South Bill & Barb Tostrick

SATURDAY ACCOMPANISTS

Sep 6 Bev Plattner
Sep 13 Connie O'Neill
Sep 20 Connie O'Neill
Sep 27 Sharon Chaney

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sep 1 Daniel & Leeann Sherman
Sep 2 Bryan & Janelle Callahan
Sep 3 Don & Michelle Smart
Sep 4 Wilbur & Enola Greber
Sep 5 Casey & Lyndsay Hammond
Sep 6 Shawn & Amy Sayers
Sep 8 Michael & Monica Bushman
Sep 8 David & Debra Hirschfeld
Sep 9 Robert & Diane Paul
Sep 9 David & Kelli Muether
Sep 13 Wade & Johanna Schroer
Sep 14 Terry & Sally Wissman
Sep 15 Robert & Betty Dietrich
Sep 17 Lowell & Betty Quellhorst
Sep 17 Norman & Donna Jacoby
Sep 21 Todd & Mari Thieman
Sep 24 Melvin & Phyllis Fledderjohann
Sep 24 Gary & Donna Schmittmeyer
Sep 24 Cody & Sierra Schmit
Sep 26 Robert & Janet Eilerman
Sep 28 Mark & Belinda Hudson
Sep 29 Aaron & Carla Thobe



Pastoral Care is very important. Please call the church office when you or a family member or friend enter a hospital or care facility so the pastor and church friends can be supportive.

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Lois Moeller

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Thomas Goodwin

Doris Howe

Jill May

Alice Waterman

Jean Waterman

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Louise Kettler (Room 222)

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Eldine Blumhorst

Marcella Thomas

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Mary Lou Campbell, Room 658

Happy Birthday

May God bless all of you birthday people on your special day.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Isaac Erb, Ava Huber, Ben Strang
- 3 Dick Hudson, Betty Kettler, Emily Willrath
- 4 William Jackson, James Reineke, Lauren Wolters, Leanne Wolters
- 5 Leah Gilberg
- 6 Brenna Shonk
- 7 Levi Clem, Natasha Fogt, Casey Hammond, Lowell Quellhorst
- 8 Sophia Fox, Myra Hanenkratt, Claire Jarvis, LeAnn Topp
- 9 Rexford Fogt, Thomas Goodwin, Danielle Sudman
- 10 Kendall Hubbard, Bart Maurer, Jacob Rindler
- 11 Kathy Tontrup
- 12 Charles McAdams, Ethel Mesloh, Vernon Paul, Charlotte Schwabero
- 13 Alivia Dammeyer, Amelia Dammeyer, Donna Schmitmeyer
- 14 Dan Dicke, Allison Franklin
- 15 Brian Alig, Betty Dietrich, Ian Grieve, Brittany Kuhn, James Moore, Trevor Reed, Jeffrey Trego, Gary Wiedeman
- 16 Donald Kettler, Rylee Nelson
- 17 Sue Belton, Kathryn Cochrane, Dean Egbert, Ryan Nelson, Doug Schaefer, Shaun Voress
- 18 Jenna Miller
- 19 Robert Blake, Jordan Gilberg, Lauren Hohler, Sara Beth Jarvis, Brian McCullough
- 20 Kevin Goodwin, Betty Hatfield, Joel Miller, Steve Tostrick
- 21 Justin Blumhorst, Allie Bornhorst, Judy Dammeyer, Robert Dietrich, Ann Kuhn, Molly Paul, Jennifer Schemmel, Brook Schmitmeyer, Alyssa Thieman, Xavier Wyatt
- 22 Griffin Greber, Mary Mohrman, Diana Schroer
- 23 Beverly Poppe
- 25 Melvin Fledderjohann, Nolan Fox, Jerry Koeper, Makena Pfenning
- 26 Christopher Albers, Darlene Altman, Travis Elsass, Michael Jacoby, Tracy Jacoby, Jayne Knost
- 27 Tony Holdren, Teresa Leshner, Sydney Nelson, Adam Rhinehart
- 28 Jerry Bambauer, Alec Fox, Linda Holdren, Matthew Hudson, Brian Quellhorst
- 29 Taylor Haynes, Jeff Meckstroth, Brad Waterman
- 30 Beth Heidt, Barbara Koeper

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting
July 8, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President John Voress with 19 attendees including: Allen Bushman, Nelson Erb, Megan Hanenkrafft, Myra Hanenkrafft, Rev. Darrin Harvey, Barb Holdren, Mike Holdren, Katie Jackson, Kayla Lear, Tim May, Ragan Miller, John Mohrman, Dee Schroer, Gene Topp, Kathy Topp, Bill Tostrick, George Voress, Carol Wilson. Mike Holdren provided the meditation.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report for the June 10, 2014, council meeting was reviewed. John Mohrman made a motion to approve; Bill Tostrick seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report as of June 30, 2014, was reviewed. The ytd balance, income vs. expenses, shows a deficit of (\$8532.06). Carol Wilson made a motion to approve; Myra Hanenkrafft seconded; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: No meeting. Next meeting, August.

Mission: Dee Schroer reported that:

- \$1041 had been collected for the June mission project, Strengthen the Church.

- The July mission project of the month will be New Bremen Backpacks, for New Bremen-only students.

- An ice cream social will be held July 12 & 13 with proceeds earmarked for the Project of the Year, the clinic in El Salvador.

Worship: No meeting-no report.

OTHER REPORTS

Deacons: George Voress expressed concern about the change in the printing of the Saturday bulletins, and getting them mixed up with the Sunday bulletins. Barb Holdren explained that both the Saturday and Sunday bulletins would now use the same pre-printed UCC bulletin cover, but that the contents would be changed to reflect the Saturday vs. Sunday service schedule. The deacons will need to make certain that the appropriate bulletin is being used for each service.

Elders: Tim May – nothing to report.

Trustees: John Mohrman reported that:

- The portable air conditioner is ready for use.

- Extra electrical outlets have been added in the youth room and the finance room.

Allen Bushman reported that:

- The painting of the youth room has been finished.

Rev. Harvey's Report:

- Pastoral care Jun 11-Jul 8:

>Hospital visits: 5

>Nursing home visits: 3

>Office visits: 5

>Home visits: 10

>Phone calls: 21

>Funerals: 1

- SALT: Megan and Kayla began a book study of "The Phoenix Affirmations". They did the sermon portion of worship on July 6; they will also share their faith stories and help lead children's moments.

- Media: John Mohrman and Jim Strang have done a great job getting things ready for us to use in the Chapel for the summer. Video is completed. A new sound system will be installed soon with wireless microphone capability. Jim has scheduled a Media Shout retreat for our SALT workers so that others can learn how to run the system for worship.

- Worship:

- >Jul & Aug: Worship in the Chapel using new media system.

- >Videos will be part of worship for next two months.

- >Jul scripture: from Romans.

- >Aug scripture: from Gospel of Matthew.

- >Katie will be preaching on Jul 27.

- >Aug 30 & 31: Hymn sing.

- Human Trafficking Seminar, Aug 30, 6:00 p.m.: We are hosting a human trafficking awareness seminar with two guest speakers and a showing of a portion of the video documentary "Half the Sky".

- Personnel: Barb Holdren was hired as our Office Manager/Bookkeeper. She started on Jun 30.

Katie Jackson's Report:

- I was a resource person at MADD (Music Art Dance & Drama) Camp, Jun 14-21, where I planned and led all of the religious activities during the week.

- I am leaving Jul 12 to direct 6-8th grade camp at Pilgrim Hills. Andersen Reed, Kayla Lear and Megan Hanenkrafft will serve as counselors, and Payton Doherty will serve as a CIT.

- I am co-directing confirmation camp Jul 31-Aug 3.

- Sunday school program: Kristi and I have been conferring about the program. Positive changes are coming.

- Youth Room:

I have secured pricing for a new modular sectional couch (\$2420) and (3) wooden radiator covers (approximately \$100/each) for the Youth Room renovation.

SALT Report: (Megan Hanenkrafft & Kayla Lear)

- > Book study of "The Phoenix Affirmations".

- >Jul 7-11: Help with Vacation Bible School.

- >Jul 9: Visit nursing homes with Ann Hoelscher.

- >Kayla will meet with Jim Strang to work on the Media Shout software program for church services.

- >Jul 12-19: Help with Junior High camp.

- >Jul 20: Megan will share her faith testimony.

- >Jul 20: Visit St. Marys Living Center.

- >Jul 22: SALT will take high school youth to the Beach Waterpark in Cincinnati.

- >Jul 24: Senior luncheon

- >Jul 26-27: Kayla will share her faith testimony.

- >Jul 28: Visit nursing homes with Ann Hoelscher.

- >Jul 31-Aug 3: Help with confirmation camp.

>Aug 7: Help with worship service at Heritage Manor.

>Aug 9: Help Katie with Mom-to-Mom Sale.

OLD BUSINESS

•Serendipity contract: The pre-school contract needs to be renewed by March each year so that the proprietor can have current cost info before her April registration deadline.

•Youth Room: Council discussed Katie's pricing for a modular couch and radiator covers. Myra Hanenkraft made a motion to give Katie approval to go ahead with the purchases; Carol Wilson seconded; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

•Thanks yous: Thank you notes were read from CWS Blankets Plus, Life Line Screening and the Boy Scouts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•Next meeting: Aug 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Devotions, Myra Hanenkraft.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Kathy Topp, Secretary

John Voress, President

<p>St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting August 12, 2014</p>
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The meeting was called to order by President John Voress with 17 attendees including: Mark Dicke, Myra Hanenkraft, Rev. Darrin Harvey, Brenda Haynes, Barb Holdren, Mike Holdren, Katie Jackson, Kayla Lear, Ragan Miller, John Mohrman, Dee Schroer, Kathy Topp, Bill Tostrick, Kristi Voisard, George Voress, Carol Wilson. Myra Hanenkraft provided the meditation.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report for the July 8, 2014, council meeting was reviewed. Carol Wilson made a motion to approve; Mark Dicke seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report as of July 31, 2014, was reviewed. The ytd balance, income vs. expenses, shows a deficit of (\$13,187.68). John Mohrman made a motion to approve; Bill Tostrick seconded; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: John Voress reported that plans for homecoming weekend, September 6-7, have been finalized.

Mission: Dee Schroer reported that:

•The July mission project of the month, New Bremen Backpacks, was a success, netting \$2701 from all New Bremen churches combined.

•The August mission project will be the Agape Food Pantry, with an emphasis on personal care items.

•Crop Walk is scheduled for October 12.

•Receipts so far for the Project of the Year (Lutheran Church clinic in El Salvador) are \$4608.25. Our goal is \$12,000.

•Proceeds from the ice cream social (weekend July 12-13) were \$452.

•A chicken carryout dinner is scheduled for September 25.

Worship: No meeting-no report.

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Ed: Kristi Voisard, Director of Christian Education, reported that:

•The new season of the Spirit Safari Sunday School program will resume September 7 and run through May 17, 2015.

•10 teachers, in addition to Katie & Kristi, have volunteered to teach the Spirit Safari children. A teachers' meeting has been held.

•Grouped differently this year, there will be 6 classes for students, separated by age 2 through 8th grade.

•Years of items have accumulated in the Sunday school storage rooms and classrooms. Some housecleaning has been done. Kristi asked how to dispose of this material, suggesting that it be put out for the taking and anything remaining be donated to Agape or pitched. John Mohrman made a motion to place all material on the stage in the auditorium; Mike Holdren seconded; motion carried. Kristi will put an announcement in the bulletins and *The Beacon*.

•Kristi needs 5 new (lower) tables for the preschool children. Two quotes from outside sources were beyond the anticipated budget. Norm Holcomb has volunteered to build the tables at cost. John Mohrman made a motion to have Norm go ahead with building the tables; Dee Schroer seconded; motion carried.

Deacons: George Voress announced that 6 new deacons would be needed for next year's council. Anyone willing to fill these positions, please contact George.

Elders: Brenda Haynes – nothing to report.

Trustees: John Mohrman – no major issues now.

Rev. Harvey's Report:

•Pastoral care July 9 thru August 12:

>Nursing home visits: 1

>Office visits: 7

>Home visits: 8

>Notes: 10

>Phone calls: 47

>Home communion: 1

•SALT Program: Both SALT workers have ended their time with us this summer and concluded with

lunch on August 4. Final book study was on July 23. We recognized them in our Sunday worship on August 10.

- Media: Some issues with the video signal and sound have been worked through. We have begun using more video consistently in worship while we are in the Chapel.

- Worship:

- >An ice cream social, hosted by the Mission Team, followed worship July 12 & 13.

- >Videos have preceded our prayer time, featuring the Psalm for the week.

- >SALT workers have participated in worship with their faith statements and biblical storytelling.

- >Scriptures for July are from Romans; August's scriptures are from the Gospel of Matthew.

- >Blessing of the backpacks August 16-17.

- >Hymn sing weekend, last weekend in August.

- Human Trafficking: A forum, to be held Saturday, August 30, will start with a prayer service at 5:00 p.m. followed by a free dinner in the Assembly Room at 5:30, a program at 6:00 p.m. with a showing of "Half the Sky", and concluding with two guest speakers. Those attending are asked to bring personal care items for human trafficking victims.

- Community picnic: The picnic was held here at St. Paul on August 10. Two entertainment groups were featured; a bounce house and games were available for the children.

- Nursing home worship:

- >Heritage Manor, August 7

- >St. Marys Living Center, August 17

- Self-Defense Class: We will host a class for children on Saturday, August 23, from 10 a.m-2 p.m., sponsored by Miami Valley Kids Safe.

- Vacation time: I have used all seven of my vacation days.

SALT Report:

- >July 7-11: Helped with VBS by leading music portion.

- >July 13-19: Megan went to 6-8th grade camp at Pilgrim Hills; Kayla accomplished tasks around the church.

- >July 22: SALT took senior high youth group to Casa Lupita for lunch.

- >July 24: SALT held Senior Luncheon.

- >July 30-August 3: SALT counseled at confirmation camp at Pilgrim Hills.

- >August 5: Megan's last day as a SALT worker.

- >August 6-13: Megan helped Barb in church office.

- >August 7: Kayla accompanied Darrin to Heritage Manor for a worship service.

- >August 12: Kayla's last day.

- >Misc. activities:

- Kayla worked with Kathy Topp to develop new website.

- Clean/organize office.

- Work on new youth room.

- Create flyers for homecoming and chicken dinner carryout events.

Katie Jackson's Report:

- Sunday school and HS youth group will resume on September 7.

- JH and SPLASH will resume September 10.

- I have designed a logo entitled "Refresh Student Ministries". This logo has been incorporated into a brochure that explains all of our student ministry programs. A mailing will be made soon to all of our students.

- I have begun the process of becoming a UCC licensed minister. A licensed minister is a layperson who performs specified duties in a designated local church or within an Association, mainly preaching and conducting services of worship.

- I am taking a UCC History and Polity course (a study of the history, structure, theology and practices of the United Church of Christ).

- I am creating a database of our kids to better organize communication with our students.

- I would like council's approval to attend the "In the Trenches" conference in Denver, CO, October 6-8. Airfare costs would be approximately \$300. [Upon council's discussion, Mike Holdren made a motion to approve Katie's attendance and air fare cost; Mark Dicke seconded; motion carried.]

NEW BUSINESS

- Air condition Youth Room: A pledge of up to \$2000 has been made to air condition the Youth Room. John Mohrman will get costs and feasibility to accomplish this task.

- Internet speed: The current speed needs to be upgraded to support WIFI, streaming, and all computers and smart phones being used in the Educational Building. Barb Holdren will contact NKTELCO for more info.

- Centralized purchasing: Barb Holdren advised that anyone needing supplies should notify the church office so that all purchasing can be centralized to avoid possible duplication. In addition, receipts for any purchases that the church is paying for should be turned in to Barb to be matched up with the statements she receives.

- On-line donations: Preliminary discussion was held with regard to making on-line donations possible, and possibly linking to the SCRIPS program already in place. More investigation is needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next meeting: September 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Devotions, Allen Bushman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Kathy Topp, Secretary

John Voress, President

This 'n That

TEN GUIDELINES FROM GOD

Effective immediately, please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. Please, follow these 10 guidelines.

1. **QUIT WORRYING:** Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. **PUT IT ON THE LIST:** Something needs to be done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do list is long, I am after all... God. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3. **TRUST ME:** Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list. Problem with finances? Put it on My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. **LEAVE IT ALONE:** Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do my job.

5. **TALK TO ME:** I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love YOU! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6. **HAVE FAITH:** I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

7. **SHARE:** You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. **BE PATIENT:** I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

9. **BE KIND:** Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please, know I love each of your differences.

10. **LOVE YOURSELF:** As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason only -- to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love Me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget...

THE TRAIN


At birth, we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents had to step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we do not realize that they vacated their seats!

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers...requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is, we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way--love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty--we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day 1	2	3	4	5	6
		11:30 Busy Twelve 6:00 Staff dinner & meeting	7:00 Bell choir 8:00 Chancel choir	10:15 Worship- Heritage Manor		8:00 Men's Club 5:00 Worship w/Holy Communion
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 Spirit Safari 10:15 Worship w/Holy Communion 11:30 Mission Team 7:00 HS Youth	7:00 Membership Team	7:00 Saturday choir rehearsal 6:30 Church Council	3:00 SPLASH 6:30 JH Youth & confirmation 7:00 Bell choir 8:00 Chancel choir	1:00 Women's Service Group		5:00 Worship
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 Spirit Safari 10:15 Worship 7:00 HS Youth	1:00 Page Turners	7:00 Saturday choir rehearsal	3:00 SPLASH 6:30 JH Youth & confirmation 7:00 Bell choir 8:00 Chancel choir	12:00 Senior Luncheon 7:00 Bible study- Gospel of John		5:00 Worship Beacon articles due
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
9:00 Spirit Safari 10:15 Worship 6:00 Book Club 7:00 HS Youth		7:00 Saturday choir rehearsal				



SPECIAL DATES:

Sep 6-7 – Pastor Becky's first weekend back from sabbatical

Sep 6-7 – Homecoming weekend

Sep 7 – Spirit Safari's new season begins

Sep 10 – Confirmation classes begin

Sep 18 – Senior luncheons resume

Sep 25 – Chicken dinner carryout

Refresh calendar September 2014:

September 7: Spirit Safari,
Homecoming Sunday, HS Youth
Group

10: Splash, JH Youth Group,
Confirmation

14: Spirit Safari, HS Youth Group

17: Splash, JH Youth, Confirmation

21: Spirit Safari, HS Youth Group

24: Splash, JH Youth Group,
Confirmation

28: Spirit Safari, HS Youth Group

REFRESH
student ministries

Refresh Student Ministries exist to give students a place to belong and be refreshed, and to know and understand

Refresh includes all of St. Paul's ministries for students from birth through high school. All are welcome!!

Many of our students participated in camps this summer. They include Cindy Schemmel, Lily Erb, Carson Wyatt, Xavier Wyatt, Kyle Miller, Kylie Miller, Ethan Tinsley, Alex Dicke, Keanua Rismiller, Cole Hemmelgarn and Jacob Rindler. Please ask them about their experiences!!

SPLASH

Splash is our after-school ministry for 4th and 5th graders and happens most Wednesdays from 3-5pm during the school year. We learn about Jesus, play games, have a snack, and do crafts.

Splash is a great place to be on Wednesday afternoons. Leaders are Katie and Kristi!

Splash begins September 10th and students must register ahead of time!

Junior High Youth Group

Our Junior High Youth Group is open to students in grades 6-8th. We meet on Wednesday evenings during the school year. We provide dinner at 6.30pm in the assembly room and then have youth group for grades 6 and 7, as well as any 8th grader who isn't in Confirmation. We have small-group discussions as well as prayer and games. Join Katie and others for a fantastic time!

JH Youth Group begins September 10th!

Confirmation Class

Confirmation is available for students in 8th grade and up who want to confirm their parents' baptismal promises as well as join St. Paul.

Pastor Becky and others lead the class on Wednesday nights from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Confirmands are invited to dinner as well. To discuss Confirmation, please contact Pastor Becky via the church office or at

berbstrang@stpaulnb.org

Confirmation starts September 10th!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend youth group on Sunday nights during the school year. Youth meetings are held from 7pm to 9pm and include discussion time, games, service projects and prayer. Our High School ministry team strives to welcome our HS students and keep them connected to the church. All are welcome to come and check it out. We meet in the youth room.

Join Katie and others for a good time!

HS Youth starts September 7th

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