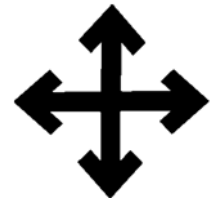




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"Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, and Resolve to Love"

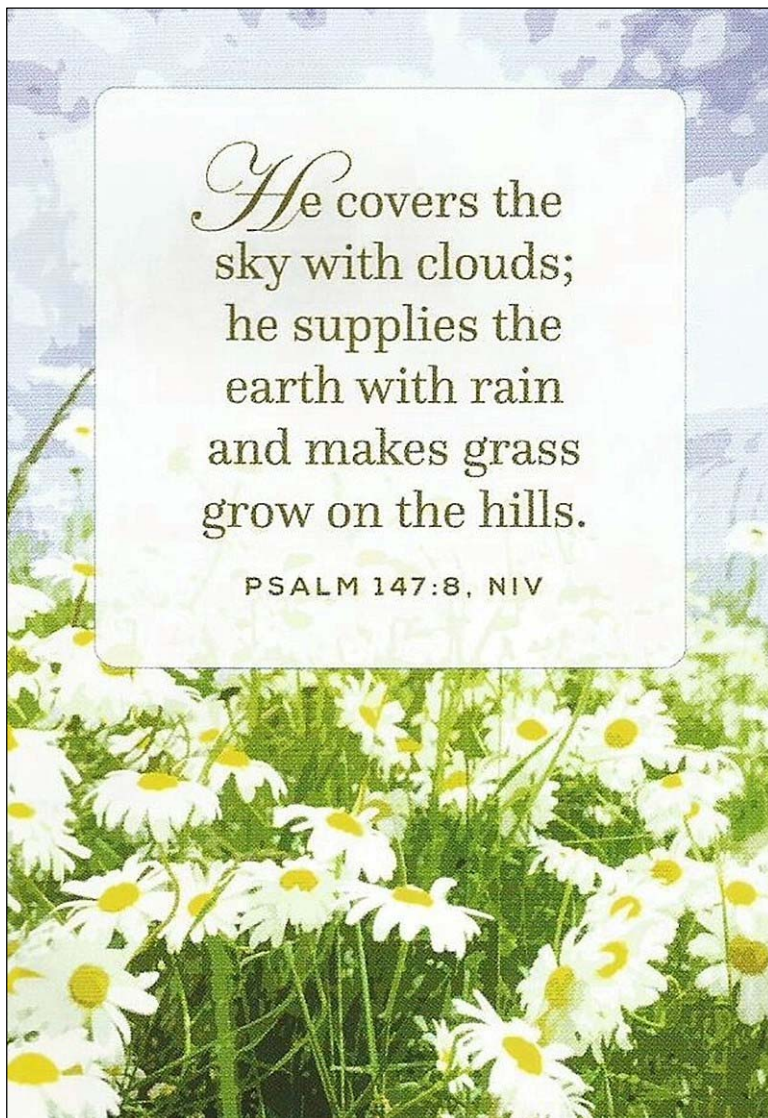
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is still
speaking.

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang, Pastor

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Serving St. Paul Church

Staff

Rev. Becky Erb Strang Pastor
 Katie Jackson Director of Youth Ministries
 Katie Jackson Interim Christian Education Director
 Barb Holdren Office Manager/Bookkeeper
 Anna Hoelscher Lay Minister of Visitation
 Dick Hudson Organist
 Jim Strang Director of Music
 Jack Hansbrough Bell Choir Director
 Connie O'Neill ... Organist; Saturday Night Choir Director
 Janet Eilerman Financial Secretary
 Dennis & Linda Hainline Ed. Building Custodian
 Greg Hainline Sanctuary Custodian
 Ralph Plattner Groundskeeper
 John Mohrman Building Maintenance Technician
 Kathy Topp Beacon Editor
 Marta Hoelscher Webmaster

2016 Church Council (meets 2nd Tue)

(Transacts routine business of the church)

Mike Holdren President
 Art Barnes Vice President
 Lori Likens 1st yr. Recording Secretary
 Kathy Nedderman 2nd yr. Treasurer
 Joyce Topp Sr. Elder
 Terri Goodwin Jr. Elder
 Norm Holcomb 3rd yr. Trustee
 John Mohrman 2nd yr. Trustee
 (Open) 1st yr. Trustee
 John Knost 2nd yr. Deacon
 Teri Leshner 2nd yr. Deacon
 Cindy Newman 2nd yr. Deacon
 Jeff Quellhorst 2nd yr. Deacon
 Shelly Smart 2nd yr. Deacon
 Jay Snider 2nd yr. Deacon
 Brenda Haynes 1st yr. Deacon
 Tyler Hirschfeld 1st yr. Deacon
 Tracy Oldiges 1st yr. Deacon
 Brice Schmitmeyer 1st yr. Deacon
 Gary Wehmeyer 1st yr. Deacon, Head Deacon
 Shelly Zeller 1st yr. Deacon

Board of Christian Education (meets last Monday)

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

Katie Jackson—Interim Director	Terri Mullins
Dana Bornhorst	Kristen Nelson
Myra Hanenkratt	Brook Schmitmeyer
Deb Hirschfeld	Shelly Smart
Katie Jackson	Lisa Weigandt
Ragan Miller	Shelly Zeller
Kelly Muether	

Pastoral Relations Committee

Tom Thieman Chairman
 Jan Fiser Member
 Amy Barhorst Member

Membership Committee

(Promotes/encourages membership and participation in St. Paul activities; church publicity)

Tom Braun	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Dennis Dicke	Sandy Thieman
Rebekkah Fry	John Voress, Chairman
Bev Poppe	Dick Watcke
	Emily Wiedeman

Stewardship Board

(Secures pledges; promotes stewardship programs)

Gary Wiedeman	3rd yr., Chr.
Deb Hirschfeld	3rd yr.
Sally Wissman	2nd yr.
Sally Dicke	2nd yr.
Roland Dicke	1st yr.
Dan Nedderman	1st yr.

Mission Team

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)

Art Barnes, Chairman	Larry & Ann Kuhn
Sharon Fiely	Bev Poppe
John & Joyce Gilberg	Amy Scheer
Marta Hoelscher	Gary Wehmeyer

Worship Committee (meets bi-monthly)

Mike Holdren	President
Art Barnes	Vice President
Rev. Becky Erb Strang	Pastor
Joyce Topp	Sr. Elder
Dick Hudson	Organist
Connie O'Neill	Organist
Jim Strang	Director of Music
Jack Hansbrough	Bell Choir Director
Gary Wehmeyer	Head Deacon
Brenda Haynes, Anna Hoelscher, Ann Kuhn, Bev Plattner, Dee Schroer	

Budget Committee (meets in August)

(Prepares church budget for following year)

Mike Holdren	Church Council President
Art Barnes	Church Council Vice President
Lori Likens	Church Council Secretary
Kathy Nedderman	Church Council Treasurer
Joyce Topp	Church Council Sr. Elder
Norm Holcomb	Church Council Sr. Trustee
Gary Wiedeman	Chairman, Stewardship Board

Board of Controls (meets Mar-Jun-Oct)

(Administers St. Paul Memorial Fund)

Mike Holdren	Church Council President
Art Barnes	Church Council Vice President
Norm Holcomb	Church Council Sr. Trustee
Terry Wissman, Don Scheer, Burt Fiser	

Financial Advisory Committee

(Consults with bookkeeper regarding church investments)

Don Scheer	Member
John Voress	Member
Bob Wierwille	Member
John Wierwille	Member



FROM OUR PASTOR

When I returned from sabbatical in the fall of 2014, I began to bake **molasses gingersnaps** for the church office cookie jar. The cookies have been such a hit, that over the past 1+ year, 293 households of St. Paul United Church of Christ have

received a dozen gingersnap cookies along with a note. If you haven't received your cookies, I'm working on it! ☺

Many of you have asked for the recipe:

MOLASSES GINGERSNAPS

Beat together:

- 2 cups sugar*
- 2 eggs*
- 1/2 cup dark molasses*
- 1 cup shortening*

Once combined, add:

- 3-1/2 cups of flour*
- 2 teaspoons of baking soda*
- 2 teaspoons of ginger*
- 1 teaspoon each of cloves, nutmeg and allspice*
- 1-1/2 teaspoons of cinnamon*

Mix well. Roll into one-inch balls; roll the balls through a bowl of sugar. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes/until lightly browned on the bottom.

When you bake a batch, I encourage you to deliver a dozen or so to a neighbor, a stranger or a friend. Offer encouragement. Be the church for our community. Sometimes, that can happen one gingersnap at a time.

Blessings,

Becky

**YOUTH MINISTER KATIE JACKSON:
OFF TO SEMINARY**

After 7+ years as our Youth Director, Katie Jackson, is answering God's call by enrolling in seminary at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania.

During worship services on July 9 and 10, we will celebrate Katie's ministry among us and formally send her off, using the United Church of Christ's "Ending an Authorized Ministry" liturgy for both Katie and the congregation.

On Sunday, July 24, the Discipleship Team will host a Porch Party in Katie's honor on the church lawn and parsonage porch at 6:00 p.m. Please pass the word around to get as many youth and their families there as possible.

Next time you see Katie, please thank her for her service to God through St. Paul!

SUMMER PORCH PARTIES

You are invited to come to Summer Porch Parties this summer. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs and a side dish or dessert to share. Picnics begin at 6:00 p.m. and end by 9:00 p.m.

July 10 at the home of Art and Cathy Barnes, 12018 Eilerman Road in Minster (on Lake Loramie).

July 24 on the front lawn of church hosted by the Discipleship Team. This will be our opportunity to thank Youth Minister, Katie Jackson, for her years of service before she leaves for Lancaster Seminary.

August 14 at the home of George & Karen Voress, 320 S. Washington, New Bremen.

All are welcome!

HERITAGE CENTER WORSHIP

On Thursday, August 4, folk from St. Paul will lead worship at Heritage Center at 10:15 a.m. We will gather in Pastor Becky's office at 9:30 a.m. to travel to Minster together.

All are welcome to share in worship with our friends and neighbors!

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a joy or concern you would like lifted up in prayer, the Prayer Chain is ready and available. Please contact Pastor Becky at 419.953.1152 or berbstrang@stpaulnb.org with your prayer request. You are also invited to join this growing ministry. All are welcome!

PRAYER TAPESTRY

Sometimes, prayers that weigh on our hearts and minds need to be expressed tangibly. A Prayer Tapestry is available in the sanctuary (near the refreshment table). You are invited to choose a ribbon or cloth from the basket that represents your prayer, weaving it into the tapestry. Together, our prayers are a thing of beauty!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: AUGUST 20 AND 21

All students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship services on August 20 and 21 for the blessing of backpacks. We will send our youth to school with our love and our prayers.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING: AUGUST 21

There will be a Confirmation Parent Meeting on August 21 at 11:30 a.m. All parents of incoming confirmands and their students need to plan to attend this important meeting in the Library. Questions? See Pastor Becky

NEW BREMEN COMMUNITY PICNIC: AUGUST 28

The New Bremen Ministerium is hosting a community-wide picnic on Sunday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Crown Pavilion. AC Swing will perform at 6:30. Games and activities will be provided for children. St. Paul is hosting this year's picnic, so we will need volunteers (and their grills) to cook hot dogs. We are also providing side dishes and desserts.

Please see Pastor Becky if you can help cook that evening!

**SEEKING: ARTISTS, PHOTOGRAPHERS,
SCRAPBOOKERS**

Beginning September 10 and 11, our worship services will follow a new lectionary series: the Narrative Lectionary. This is a four-year cycle that includes many of the major biblical stories and themes. Since the bulletin covers from the United Church of Christ are Revised Common Lectionary based, we are seeking folk who would be willing to design bulletin covers for a month at a time.

Volunteers will be given the scriptures and themes for their chosen month. Photography, scrapbook artistry or other visual arts are welcome.

Please see Pastor Becky or Barb Holdren to volunteer.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4, for the holiday.

**Mission
JULY MISSIONS**

DEDICATED TO SERVE CHILDREN

As in last year, our July mission gifts will go to support the needs of children here in our own area and provide blessings for the children of the Camp Washington area in Cincinnati. There will be two ways you can give to these programs:

For the New Bremen children we are once again filling backpacks with the items needed for K-4th graders. Since the school supply lists are so specific for each grade, we are asking you to mark the mission area of your offering envelopes each week with a generous amount so we can fill the 10 backpacks needed for this school year. If you don't use the offering envelopes, just put your monetary gifts in plain envelopes marked **Backpack Mission**. We will need to receive over \$1250 to meet our goal, so give generously.

The Camp Washington project will ask our congregation to celebrate **Christmas in July** for the children in this depressed area. There will be a tree at the front of the Chapel with tags to take and purchase clothing so these children can start school wearing a new outfit. This will increase their self-confidence and give them a good start to their school year. You are asked to stop by and take some tags, and then get your family to join in the shopping for these outfits. Place the unwrapped outfits under the tree by the end of July. You may include wrapping paper, ribbon, and a cheery note with your gifts.

Just so we are clear – money donations will go to the Backpack Program; new school outfits will be a part of the Christmas in July project. Questions? Ask a member of the Mission Team.

Thank you for your generous support of these projects.

Bev Poppe
The Mission Team

ST. PAUL HELPS HALFWAY HOUSE



Ann Kuhn painted her elbow to match the closet!

If you endorse a \$15 minimum wage, then St. Paul donated about \$1,000 worth of mission labor to a new faith-based halfway house in St. Marys. Victor House, on Front Street, will lodge up to 10 men transitioning back into society after serving time in local jails. Thirteen members of St. Paul traveled the 8 miles north by caravan on two occasions to help make Victor House

ready by August. The men will go through a six-month residential program that addresses issues that range from finding a job and managing money to personal faith and social responsibility. Two St. Paul crews specialized in painting two bedrooms, the front porch and a screened-in lounge area overlooking the back yard. Art Barnes led the June 11 group that included Larry and Ann Kuhn, Kathy Topp, Tom and Peg Brandewie, Amy Scheer, Greg Maurer and Linda Topp. Amy, Linda and Art returned June 17 with a second crew of Keith and Tim May, Allen Bushman and Cathy Barnes. The home with counselors and other assistance will help give men a second chance at life. A resident professional living in the home will be in charge of the group. St. Marys non-profit organization, The ROC — Resource and Opportunity Center, owns and operates Victor House.

Art Barnes
The Mission Team

MAGDALENE ST. LOUIS

The members of the Mission Team would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the congregation for your generous support for Magdalene St. Louis. Your donations resulted in \$1425 being raised during the month of April. Human trafficking is a sad and horrifying part of our society. The “discomforting” topic is a frightening reality for some. It is not only occurring in third world countries but also in the United States. Ohio has been reported as being in the top five states for human trafficking. May we as a congregation continue to open our hearts and give generously to support our various missions, knowing we are helping others in need. Magdalene St. Louis thanks you!

Connie Friemering
The Mission Team

Local Aid Expenditures, May 20, 2016 – Jun 19, 2016	
Gift cards distributed	
12	\$25-Aldi
2	\$25-Kroger
4	\$25-Marathon

News & Events

Sharon Fiely's painting of Jesus who has a tear coming out of his eye is being used in El Salvador by Bishop Gomez of the Lutheran Church at the country's ecology gatherings and parade. Sharon is a member of the NWOA El Salvador Coordinating Team and traveled with the Mission Team to El Salvador.



Ecology gathering parade in El Salvador, May 2016



16th Ecological Walk, May 2016
"Love the planet. Water and life is respected!"

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM TO HOST FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

The Discipleship Team will host a Community Outreach Dinner on Monday, **September 19**, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The dinner is free of charge for all. (Donations will be accepted). We are hoping this meal reaches out to not only those who are struggling to make ends meet or are lonely and need companionship, but to everyone in our congregation and the community.

Have you been looking for a service project, wanting to be involved? Please consider helping. Volunteers are needed for mingling, cleaning tables and dishes.

The meals will continue on the third Monday of the month October-December as a service project of St Paul. Cooks, minglers, bussers and dishwashers will be needed each month. To sign on or for more information, contact Barb (419-629-2505). Thanks.

The Discipleship Team

PAGE TURNERS

Return to Sawyerton Springs is the perfect summer read. Return to a time, not so long ago, when life made more sense. For many, such a journey may seem like fantasy, yet for author, Andy Andrews, the story is about where he grew up. Andy says this is "a mostly true tale, filled with love, learning and laughter." Join Page Turners, Monday, **July 18**, at 1:00 p.m. to share the heartwarming memories of life in Sawyerton Springs.

The book chosen for August will be A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith. Considered a 'modern classic' the story focuses on the life of a second-generation Irish-American girl and her family as she grows up during the first two decades of the 20th century. Join us Monday, **August 15**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

Sandy Thieman

Meetings

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will not meet in July and August.

BUSY TWELVE

The Busy Twelve will not meet in July and August.

Thank You

I would like to say "thank you" to all who have sent cards, phoned me and offered prayers while I have been a resident at Otterbein-St. Marys. It means a lot to me to know that I am being remembered.

Ruth Topp

I would like to thank Rev. Becky & Jim Strang for visiting me while I was a recent patient at St. Rita's Hospital. Thanks, too, to Ann Hoelscher for visiting me upon my return home, and to everyone who sent cards and offered prayers for my recovery or remembered me in other ways. I am doing well now.

Evelyn Wenning

GREETERS

Jul 3
North George Voress
South Karen Voress

Jul 10
North Don & Sue Kettler
South Art & Cathy Barnes

Jul 17
North Jason & Tracy Oldiges
South Cindy Newman

Jul 24
North Brice Schmitmeyer
South Brook Schmitmeyer

Jul 31
North Amy Scheer
South Dan & Kathy Nedderman

Aug 7
North Tom & Sandy Thieman
South Vernon & Julie Paul

Aug 14
North Karl & Ethel Mesloh
South Edith Wissman

Aug 21
North Deb Gibson
South Gary Wehmeyer

Aug 28
North Jeff & Renee Paul
South Robert & Diane Paul

SATURDAY EVENING ACCOMPANISTS

Jul 2 Edith Wissman
Jul 9 Katie Paulus
Jul 16 Katie Brautigam
Jul 23 Ethel Mesloh
Jul 30 Bev Plattner

Aug 6 Ethel Mesloh & Edith Wissman
Aug 13 Katie Paulus
Aug 20 Bev Plattner
Aug 27 Marta Hoelscher

ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

Jul 2-3 John & Joyce Gilberg
Jul 9-10 Karl & Ethel Mesloh
Jul 16-17 Miriam Donnerberg
Jul 23-24 Dorothy Wilkens
Jul 30-31 George & Karen Voress

Aug 6-7 John & Virginia Voress
Aug 13-14 Bob & Janet Eilerman
Aug 20-21 Ken Dicke
Aug 27-28 Allen Bushman

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Jul 3 Cathy Barnes
Jul 10 Cathy Barnes
Jul 17 Cathy Barnes
Jul 24 Terri Mullins
Jul 31 TBA

Aug 7 Cathy Barnes
Aug 14 Cathy Barnes
Aug 21 Cathy Barnes
Aug 28 Kristen Nelson

WELCOME

Amy Howell (Brett) was welcomed as a new member of St. Paul on June 4, 2016.

CHURCH RECORD BOOK

Baptisms:

Ethan Allen Howell, born February 19, 2015, to Brett and Amy Howell was baptized on June 4, 2016.

Evan Andrew Howell, born February 9, 2016, to Brett and Amy Howell was baptized on June 4, 2016.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Add new member:

Amy Howell, 317 N. 9th St., Decatur, IN 46733.

Address change:

Brett Howell, 317 N. 9th St., Decatur, IN 46733.

Dorothy Feltman, 165 Back St., Centre Hall, PA 16828-9117.

Delete:

Vince Lavieri – transfer

Dan & Diane Koenig – transfer

Audrey Micheal Thobe – transfer

Rick Stienecker – per request

Tammy Oliver – per request

Christopher Pape – per request

This 'n That

AFTER A WHILE

After a while you learn the subtle difference between holding a hand and chaining a soul,

And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning and company doesn't mean security,

And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts and presents aren't promises,

And you begin to accept your defeats with your head up and your eyes open, with the grace of an adult, not the grief of a child,

And you learn to build all your roads on today because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans.

After a while you learn that even sunshine burns if you get too much.

So plant your own garden and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.

And you learn that you really can endure... that you really are strong,

And you really do have worth.





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.

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

ELMWOOD ASSISTED LIVING

711 S. Walnut St., New Bremen, OH 45869

Irene Jarvis
Stan Kuenning
Lois Moeller
Louise Wiedeman

HERITAGE CENTER

24 N. Hamilton St., Minster, OH 45865

Thomas Goodwin
Jill May
Alice Waterman
Jean Waterman

THE GARDENS-WAPAKONETA

505 Walnut St., Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Louise Kettler (Room 222)

THE GARDENS-CELINA

1301 Myers Rd., Celina, OH 45822

Wilbur Greber

ST. MARYS LIVING CENTER

1209 Indiana Ave., St. Marys, OH 45885

Marcella Thomas

OTTERBEIN-ST. MARYS

11300 Yost Circle, St. Marys, OH 45885

Doris Blanke
Dan Chamberlin (11410 Cardinal Lane)
LaRue Dicke
Miriam Donnerberg (11314 Bobwhite Lane)
Ruth Topp (Room 119, Swan's Apts.)

VANCREST ASSISTED LIVING

1140 Knoxville Avenue, St Marys, OH 45885

Cindy Dicke, Room 305

BRIARWOOD MANOR

100 Don Desch Dr., Coldwater, OH 45828

William (Bill) Jackson

SWISS VILLAGE

1350 W. Main St., P. O. Box 284, Berne, IN 46711

Mary Lou Campbell, Room 658

PARKVUE COMMUNITY

3800 Boardwalk Blvd., Sandusky, OH 44870

Mary Ahlers, Room 108

SYCAMORE GLEN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

317 Sycamore Glen Dr. #417, Miamisburg, OH 45342

Dot Ouwerkerk

May God bless these anniversary couples on their special day.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Jul 2 John & Kara Timm
Jul 4 Paul & Shirley Maurer
Jul 5 Edmund & Sharon Fiely
Jul 5 Craig & Kristen Nelson
Jul 6 Jim II & Janet Dicke
Jul 9 Roger & Cheryl Barlage
Jul 9 Daniel & Michelle Voress
Jul 10 Lance & Debra Lear
Jul 10 Douglas & Jody Schaefer
Jul 10 Ron & Kathy Tontrup
Jul 12 Mark & Tonya Fledderjohann
Jul 14 Karl & Ethel Mesloh
Jul 17 Devain & Gayle Howell
Jul 18 Don & Debra Klein
Jul 18 Brice & Brook Schmitmeyer
Jul 21 Michael & Vicki Brackman
Jul 23 Bill & Karen Blumhorst
Jul 23 Robert & Linda Rump
Jul 24 Brad & Amy Felver
Jul 25 Ray & Nancy McMaster
Jul 25 Jacob & Elinda Schwable
Jul 27 Tom & Evelyn Wenning
Jul 28 Jim & Becky Strang

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 1 Randy & Melinda Clark
Aug 2 Mack & Vernita Wellman
Aug 7 Ron & Brigid Hegemier
Aug 8 Guy & Rebecca Waterman
Aug 11 Gary & Sheree Topp
Aug 12 Kurtis & Angela Dammeyer
Aug 15 Todd & Rebecca Dicke
Aug 16 Norm & Jan Holcomb
Aug 17 Terry & Jenine Humphries
Aug 19 Steve & Jessica Tostrick
Aug 23 Kurt & Lori Rindler
Aug 26 Keith & Dana Bornhorst
Aug 27 Jack & BJ Hansbrough
Aug 29 Steve & Kris Imwalle
Aug 29 Larry & Ann Kuhn
Aug 29 Jason & Tracy Oldiges
Aug 29 John & Karen Tostrick
Aug 30 Ryan & Ashley Grevenkamp
Aug 30 Mark & Charlotte Schwabero

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Holdren, Marissa Sharp
- 2 Elizabeth Henry, Ellen Topp
- 3 Adam Bushman, Lauren Hemmelgarn,
Eric Smart, Emily Wiedeman,
William Young
- 4 Kendra Bonifas, Stacey Dudas,
Jamie Hanna, John Knost
- 5 Lori Froning, Toni Goodwin
- 6 Raymond Barr, Adam Leshner, Erin Smith,
Molly Smith, Thomas Topp
- 7 Justin Eilerman, Briana Hemmelgarn,
Ben Howell
- 8 Nancy Moots, Susan Quellhorst,
Glen Whitten
- 10 Peggy Henschen, Martin Holdren,
David E. Kuck, Chloey Nelson
- 12 Zachary Fry, Johanna Schroer,
Brian Tostrick
- 14 Amy Howell, Kaelen Reed, Mark Sharp
- 16 Kinsley Slife, Carson Wyatt
- 17 Greg Ahlers, Adalyn Barlage, Kyle Craft,
James Naylor, Brandi Schwable,
Tessa Topp, Jeff Weigandt
- 18 Cindy Dicke, Gary Farley,
Teresa Goodwin, Beverly Hickerson,
Ronald Hittepole, Nicholas Stamas
- 19 Cindy Mummey, Sue Schmackers
- 20 Brooke Dicke, Megan Holdren,
Jenn Snider, Liam Toomey, Tanner Topp
- 21 Joshua Fledderjohann, Amelia Fox,
Ashley Froning, Sue Maxson,
Nathan Rindler, Jeff Schellhause
- 22 Lily Buettner, Gayle Howell, Keri Knueve
- 23 Dan Chamberlin, Douglas Harrod,
Dan Nedderman
- 24 Lucy Beake, Jan Holcomb, Dustin Howell,
Mark Hudson, Michael Tontrup
- 25 Robin Anderson
- 26 Cathy Ahlers, Tina Fontanini,
Bill Opperman
- 27 Andrew Bushman, Wyatt Miller
- 28 Greg Maurer, Elly Puthoff,
David Waterman
- 29 Kay Makley, Jeff Quellhorst,
Thomas Stuhlemmer
- 30 Elliot Leshner, Anthony Opperman,
Susan Wicker
- 31 Alexander Dicke, Theresa Hemmelgarn

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dennis Bushman, Lindsay Nelson,
Jennifer Wolters
- 2 Andersen Reed
- 3 Mimi Messick
- 4 Ron Greber
- 5 Sally Dicke, John Goodwin,
Aaron Hegemier, Leah Schrader
- 6 Vicki Brackman, Keith Hatfield,
David Jarvis, Anna Paul, Ashley Sudman,
Seth Topp
- 7 Stanley Quellhorst
- 8 John Ahlers, Levi Grevenkamp
- 9 MacKenzie Miller, Daniel Voress
- 10 Rosemary Heitkamp, Ruby Topp
- 11 John Gilberg, Jeffrey Keifer, Louise Kettler,
Ragan Miller, Alice Waterman
- 12 Paul Maurer, Brenda Siefring
- 13 Robert Eilerman
- 14 Liam Blanton, Carrie Buettner, Thomas Moots
- 15 Emma Fledderjohann, Kaitlyn Tontrup
- 16 Diane Paul, Jacob Schwable
- 18 Robert Davis, Garrett Doherty,
Cassandra Fiely, Tricia Schemmel,
Lilyann Schweissguth, George Weiss
- 19 Isaac Fairchild, Carol Mohrman,
Kelli Schmitmeyer
- 20 Debra Barhorst, David Fiely, Diane Fisher,
Kevin Paul, Sarah Sharp, Caden Thobe,
Allison Trego
- 21 Luke Davidson, Gavin Dicke,
Linda Hainline, Jody Schaefer
- 22 Jon Sharp
- 23 Sarah Barhorst, Kelli Maurer, Glenn Scheib
- 24 Rebecca Dicke, Jared Gilberg,
Alice Hartwig, Dorothy Ouwerkerk,
Patrick MacKenzie, Craig Waterman
- 25 Henry Nelson
- 26 Wayne Gruebmeier, Brenan Knueve
- 27 Daryl Dammeyer, James Dicke III,
Timothy May
- 28 Tammy Greber, Anthony Makley,
Chandee Suchland
- 29 Louise Erhardt
- 30 Kasey Haynes, Ty Howell
- 31 Alice Hegemier, Isabel Rhinehart,
Ruth Topp, Russ Wiedeman

**St. Paul UCC Council Meeting
June 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Holdren with 17 attendees including: Art Barnes, Terri Goodwin, Brenda Haynes, Tyler Hirschfeld, Barb Holdren, Katie Jackson, John Knost, Terri Leshner, Lori Likens, John Mohrman, Cindy Newman, Norm Holcomb, Tracy Oldiges, Brice Schmitmeyer, Shelly Zeller, and Kathy Nedderman. Devotions provided by Shelly Zeller.

Our meeting was opened with Reggie Buehrer representing Window Creations, LLC regarding estimates and details on stained glass restoration and storm windows for the stained glass for our church. He provided detailed information to council with illustrations and brought in samples of venting materials and framing. Two members of the congregation other than council members were in attendance. Please check out Window Creations at www.bstudios.net to see some of their work.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report [May 2016] accepted by Norm Holcomb and seconded by Terri Goodwin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of May 2016 reviewed. Report shows year to date balance of (\$2,969.23). Brice Schmitmeyer moved to accept Treasurer's Report with Norm Holcomb second. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: No report

Mission: Art Barnes submitted a report: Mission Team collected \$1,930 in May for Local Aid. June's mission is Strengthening the Church. July's mission will be school backpacks and also Christmas in July for Camp Washington youth. Also, the Mission Team is part of a project to refurbish the "Victor House" in St. Marys, which is a rehab home for men who have been incarcerated.

Worship: No report

Discipleship: Discipleship committee met on June 7. Working on July 24 Porch Party/Send-Off for Katie Jackson. They will be hosting a Community Dinner on September 19, 2016, from 4:30-6:00. This will be for anyone in the community. They will be asking for some assistance from the congregation for this as well. More to come. New Bremen Community Picnic on August 28 and also working on stocking the Blessing Cabinet.

OTHER REPORTS

Christian Education and Katie's Youth Activities report:

- June 20: Curriculum/planning meeting for teachers
- Vacation Bible School, July 11-15, at St. Paul, 9-11:30 a.m.

•I have been working to clean up, sort and organize all of the Sunday school and youth group supplies. It's been a lot of work but will be helpful for our volunteers and whoever takes over these ministries.

•Confirmation Camp – July 6-9, 2016, and all incoming confirmands are encouraged to attend. We have five students attending as of right now.

•HS students opted to go on a mission trip to Long Island, NY, this summer, July 16-22. We have ten students and adults signed up to go.

•JH students are invited to spend a few days in mission and service in Lima June 25-28. Five students are signed up to go.

•My last day in the office is July 26.

Deacons Report: No report

Elders Report: Terri Goodwin - Nothing to report

Maintenance Report: John Mohrman reports: He replaced a screen in upstairs bathroom of parsonage. Bells maintenance, mainly support structures looked at – needs some refurbishing but supports look acceptable. Parking lot across the street to the east needs some work – lots of cracks. Looking into this. Fixed a seal on toilet in women's restroom.

Trustees Report: Norm Holcomb notes some general maintenance work. States that room dividers were painted and refurbished also.

Pastor Becky's Report:

•June 18 and 19: Terri Goodwin preaching

•Discipleship Team met June 7 at 7:00 p.m. See Discipleship Report.

•Stewardship Team using a new stewardship program for the fall: Consecration Sunday. Stay tuned for more details.

•Confirmation meeting with students and parents scheduled for August 21 at 11:30 a.m.

•Associate Pastor Search Committee is up and running.

•Summer Porch Party dates (in need of hosts): June 26 (John and Nancy Knost); July 10 (Art and Cathy Barnes); July 24 (Discipleship Team hosts) and August 14 (still need host).

•Pastor Becky continues her gingersnap cookie crusade with delivery systematically through the directory to families of the church. She would welcome any volunteers to assist in baking or delivering cookies! She also keeps cookies in the cookie jar in the church office.

•Pastor Becky plans to take Thursdays as professional reading days. I take Fridays off for personal time. I will return calls on Sat. or Mon.

•Upcoming vacation time: July 22-31 to Majorca in Spain with Jim.

•Aug 29-Sep 5: Tennessee with Jim

•Continuing Education combined between 2015-2016: Biblical Italy June 8-23.

•Becky is serving at the Ohio Conference Board of Directors through 2017 and also on NWOA's Cabinet. Also serving as emergency on-call pastor one week every

5-6 months for Grand Lake Health Care. Becky is on the Southwestern Auglaize Co. Chamber of Commerce Board of Dir. through 2016. Also serving on the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Board and is a facilitator for the Ohio Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

- Pastoral Care May 10, 2016 – Jun 14, 2016
- Hospital visits: 15
- Home visits: 10
- Nursing home visits: 18
- Phone calls: 14
- Baptisms: 2
- Office visits: 8
- Coffee shop hours folk: 27
- Weddings: 1
- Cookie deliveries: 19
- Other worship: 2

Katie Jackson, Director of Youth Ministries Report:
See Director of Christian Education Report (combined).

OLD BUSINESS

Wish List: Ongoing

Church Evaluation: ongoing; still considering using our in-house resources for maintenance and prevention.

Project of the Year 2015-16: The remainder of the debt for this project is now \$14,500.

Same Sex Marriage – Meetings/Vote: There will be reflections in *The Beacon* every other month from people that were at the meeting regarding this.

Council Nominations: Still in need of a trustee. Please prayerfully consider this position if you are able or contact council if you have a nominee.

General fund deficit: Ongoing work to resolve this.

Serendipity flooring: Meeting with David Muether this week to look at flooring options.

Landscape (south parking lot): Currently planning to move the boxwood bushes by the fence to another location and level out the ground. This will simplify maintenance of this area.

Sanctuary sound system: Still planning a trip to Sweetwater in Ft. Wayne to look at sound systems.

Stained glass windows: Brice Schmitmeyer moved to hire Window Creations LLC for Phase I and Phase III of stained glass window and storm window project. Norm Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Looking for greeters for July and August

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting – July 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Devotions – Shelly Smart

ADJOURNMENT

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

Lori Likens, Secretary

Mike Holdren, President


WISH LIST	
Flooring, Auditorium	\$8000
Additional Playground Equip.	\$2500-\$20,000
Carpeting-Chapel & Assy. Room	?
New clock faces-steeple	?
Giving Envelope mailing	\$800-\$1000
Air conditioning-Youth Room	\$3600
Cross, vases, candleholders for Chapel altar	\$1,500-\$2,000
Laminator	\$2,900-\$3,000

St. Paul United Church of Christ - New Bremen OH
Treasurer's Report as of May 2016 for General Fund

Monday, June 13, 2016

Account Name	Period Activity May 2016	YTD Balance May 2016	Annual Budget 2016	Annual Budget Remaining 2016	Previous YTD May 2015
Income					
Contributions-General Fund	16,736.60	109,585.99			106,903.83
Rent - Nursery School	0.00	1,200.00			1,200.00
Rent - Misc. Building	0.00	50.00			100.00
Contributions-Beacon	0.00	755.00			220.00
Contributions-Misc-General Fund	60.00	340.00			121.00
Enlistment	10.00	440.00			0.00
Office Sup	10.50	129.13			0.00
CHURCH CAMP	0.00	210.00			105.00
INTEREST INCOME-checking acct	3.44	27.75			27.56
Total Income	\$16,820.54	\$112,737.87			\$108,677.39
Expense					
Senior Pastor Base Salary	4,983.92	24,919.60	59,807.00	34,887.40	24,430.80
Senior Pastor Insurance	1,264.65	4,393.69	10,000.00	5,606.31	2,214.30
Senior Pastor Pension	0.00	5,442.44	10,885.00	5,442.56	5,335.68
Senior Pastor Income Prot.	190.00	773.12	1,400.00	626.88	761.68
Senior Pastor Cell Phone Stipend	50.00	250.00	600.00	350.00	250.00
Senior Pastor Continuing Ed	(162.00)	418.00	1,000.00	582.00	40.06
SR. MINISTER BUSINESS EXPENSE	0.00	196.46	1,000.00	803.54	332.63
TRANS FROM SR. MINISTER ENDOW	(530.00)	(2,520.00)	(4,800.00)	(2,280.00)	(2,000.00)
Youth Pastor Salary	2,542.08	12,710.40	33,625.00	20,914.60	12,085.80
Youth Pastor Housing	260.00	1,300.00			1,650.00
Youth Pastor HEALTH INSURANCE	365.50	3,966.50	5,000.00	1,033.50	2,477.72
CONTINUING EDUCATION	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Pastor Pension	0.00	1,159.50	4,638.00	3,478.50	1,153.75
Youth Pastor DISABILITY & LIFE	96.47	192.94	550.00	357.06	342.94
Youth Director Cell Phone Stipend	50.00	250.00	600.00	350.00	250.00
YOUTH MINISTER BUSINESS	89.16	322.56	1,000.00	677.44	284.26
ENDOWMENT INCOME	(3,000.00)	(15,000.00)	(36,000.00)	(21,000.00)	(15,000.00)
Organist Salary	500.00	2,500.00	5,200.00	2,700.00	2,125.85
Music Director	75.00	330.00	780.00	450.00	1,903.35
Senior Choir Director	175.00	1,050.00	1,950.00	900.00	0.00
SATURDAY NIGHT CHOIR DIRECTOR	0.00	208.32	625.00	416.68	750.00
SPIRIT SAFARI DIRECTOR	987.50	4,895.82	11,600.00	6,704.18	4,875.00
BEACON Editor	217.50	1,087.50	2,610.00	1,522.50	1,115.67
Visitation Ministry Salary	0.42	2.10	5,225.00	5,222.90	1,114.60
Bell Choir Director Salary	100.00	500.00	1,200.00	700.00	0.00
Web Page Editor	150.00	750.00	1,800.00	1,050.00	106.66
Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper	2,125.00	10,625.00	25,500.00	14,875.00	10,416.70
Financial Secretary Salary	418.08	2,090.40	5,017.00	2,926.60	2,049.60
Ed. Bldg Custodian Salary	1,076.34	5,381.70	12,916.00	7,534.30	5,276.30
Sanctuary Custodian Salary	624.66	3,123.30	7,496.00	4,372.70	3,062.10
Lawn Care Salary	426.00	852.00	2,982.00	2,130.00	835.14
Maintenance Salary	893.76	4,468.80	10,725.00	6,256.20	4,875.00
Vacation Replacement	445.00	970.00	4,200.00	3,230.00	1,705.00
Telephone-CHURCH	111.56	558.22	2,000.00	1,441.78	747.12
Staff Cell Phone Reimburse	50.00	350.00	1,200.00	850.00	0.00
Natural Gas-CHURCH	191.68	3,476.12	10,000.00	6,523.88	5,021.47
INTERNETSERVICES	160.95	804.75	2,100.00	1,295.25	799.75
NATURAL GAS-PARSONAGE	37.26	455.91	1,500.00	1,044.09	695.40
Electric-CHURCH	492.59	3,044.77	8,500.00	5,455.23	3,292.14
Trash-dumpster	56.80	282.36	750.00	467.64	273.70
Worship Materials & Supplies	0.00	1,230.03	3,500.00	2,269.97	1,880.96
WORSHIP-SATURDAY EVENING	140.00	780.00	2,000.00	1,220.00	670.00
Pastoral Care	0.00	304.20	600.00	295.80	408.53
Music	0.00	182.48	500.00	317.52	73.80
Delegate's Expense	20.00	52.00	300.00	248.00	219.00
Membership Dues	75.00	262.56	500.00	237.44	167.61
Enlistment Materials Exp.	177.82	846.90	2,000.00	1,153.10	(406.00)
Church Growth & Development	0.00	690.90	2,500.00	1,809.10	1,661.77
Postage	63.91	1,200.42	4,250.00	3,049.58	1,085.89
Shipping	0.00	183.21	750.00	566.79	404.11
Mileage/Travel	1,247.94	3,761.35	10,000.00	6,238.65	4,088.13
Payroll Preparation Services	0.00	372.00	600.00	228.00	150.00
Office Supplies	180.53	1,598.02	4,500.00	2,901.98	989.89
Custodial Supplies	246.61	854.31	1,500.00	645.69	503.87
Office Equipment Maintenance	660.32	3,352.21	5,500.00	2,147.79	2,419.21
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	145.00	1,500.00	1,355.00	1,062.37
SPIRIT SAFARI CLUB EDUC. MATL	0.00	814.46	1,000.00	185.54	245.58
SPIRIT SAFARI CLUB SUPPLIES	526.89	1,200.22	2,000.00	799.78	740.08
Camperships	956.00	1,256.00	4,000.00	2,744.00	1,924.60
Program Materials-Grade School	0.00	229.75	1,500.00	1,270.25	695.19
Program Materials-Junior High	0.00	271.51	2,000.00	1,728.49	220.31
Program Materials-Senior High	200.00	1,046.04	2,000.00	953.96	281.44
Real Estate Taxes	0.00	1,230.02	2,500.00	1,269.98	2,313.48
FICA Taxes (Employer)	1,150.77	5,549.63	17,000.00	11,450.37	5,908.57
Confirmation Expenses	0.00	366.93	650.00	283.07	613.09
Bible School Expenses	293.59	293.59			0.00
Total Expense	\$21,454.26	\$115,656.02	\$289,331.00	\$173,674.98	\$113,971.65
Difference	(\$4,633.72)	(\$2,918.15)	(\$289,331.00)		(\$5,294.26)

JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						5:00 Worship Service w/Holy Communion
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:15 Worship Service (Chapel) w/Holy Communion		7:00 Discipleship Meeting				5:00 Worship Service
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:15 Worship Service (Chapel) 11:30 Mission Team 6:00 Porch party (Art & Cathy Barnes)	7:00 Associate Pastor Search Committee Vacation Bible School	7:00 Church Council Vacation Bible School	Vacation Bible School	Vacation Bible School	Vacation Bible School	5:00 Worship Service
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:15 Worship Service (Chapel)	1:00 Page Turners					5:00 Worship Service
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:15 Worship Service (Chapel) 6:00 Going-away porch party for Katie Jackson (parsonage)						5:00 Worship Service
31						
10:15 Worship Service (Chapel)						

AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				10:15 Worship at Heritage Center	Wedding rehearsal	2:30 Jones/Williams wedding 5:00 Worship Service w/Holy Communion
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:15 Worship Service (Chapel) w/Holy Communion		7:00 Church Council				5:00 Worship Service
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:15 Worship Service (Chapel) 6:00 Porch Party (George & Karen Voress)	1:00 Page Turners					5:00 Worship Service (Blessing of Backpacks) BEACON ARTICLES DUE
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:15 Worship Service (Chapel) (Blessing of Backpacks) 11:30 Confirmation parent meeting						5:00 Worship Service
28	29	30	31			
10:15 Worship Service (Chapel) 5:30 New Bremen Ministerium Community Picnic (Crown Pavilion)						

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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SAVE THE DATE
Thursday, September 8, 1:00 p.m.
ROC is coming
More details later.