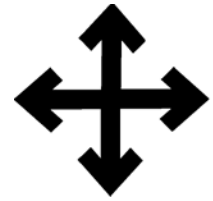




THE BEACON



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

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang, Pastor



Dee Schroer, Associate Pastor of
Faith Formation, Youth & Family
Life Ministries

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SERVING ST. PAUL

Staff

Rev. Becky Erb Strang Pastor
 Dee Schroer Associate Pastor
 Barb Holdren Office Manager/Bookkeeper
 Anna Hoelscher Lay Minister of Visitation
 Dick Hudson Organist
 Cheyenne Olt Organist
 Tim Olt Director of Music
 Jack Hansbrough Bell Choir Director
 Janet Eilerman Financial Secretary
 Dennis & Linda Hainline Ed. Building Custodian
 Greg Hainline Sanctuary Custodian
 Ralph Plattner Groundskeeper
 John Mohrman Building Maintenance Technician
 Terri Goodwin Beacon Editor
 Open Position Webmaster

2018 Church Council

(Meets 2nd Tuesday)

(Transacts routine business of the church)

Art Barnes President
 Jeff Quellhorst Vice President
 Andrea Huber 1st yr. Recording Secretary
 Myra Hanenkratt 2nd yr. Treasurer
 Terri Mullins Sr. Elder
 John Gilberg Jr. Elder
 Tom Brandewie 3rd yr. Trustee
 Kirk Dicke 2nd yr. Trustee
 Tim Bowers 1st yr. Trustee
 Betty Dietrich 2nd yr. Deacon
 Theresa Hemmelgarn 2nd yr. Deacon
 Brad Holdren 2nd yr. Deacon
 Kathy Manbeck 2nd yr. Deacon
 Kathy Topp 2nd yr. Deacon
 Jim Mullins Head Deacon 2nd yr. Deacon
 Dana Bornhorst 1st yr. Deacon
 Elyssa Mullins 1st yr. Deacon
 Tracy Oldiges 1st yr. Deacon
 Jeff Paul 1st yr. Deacon
 Open Position 1st yr. Deacon

Christian Education

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

Pastor Dee Schroer	Emily Langenkamp
Haley Dicke	Kelli Muether
Katie Dietrich	Kristen Nelson
Morgan Felver	Michelle Voress
Leah Gilberg	Neal Voress
Myra Hanenkratt	Emily Willrath
Elyssa Mullins	
Amy Opperman	

Worship Committee

Art Barnes President
 Jeff Quellhorst Vice President
 Rev. Becky Erb Strang Pastor
 Dee Schroer Associate Pastor
 Terri Mullins Chair, Sr. Elder
 Dick Hudson Organist
 Tim Olt Director of Music
 Jack Hansbrough Bell Choir Director
 Jim Mullins Head Deacon
 Brenda Haynes, Anna Hoelscher, Ann Kuhn,
 Bev Plattner

Mission Team

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)

Art Barnes	Jeff Paul
Connie Friemering	Bev Poppe
John Gilberg (chair)	Joyce Gilberg
Gary Wehmeyer	Kim Hemmelgarn
Lori Winner	

Stewardship Board

(Secures pledges; promotes stewardship programs)

Roland Dicke 3rd yr.
 Open Position 2nd yr.
 Open Position 1st yr.

Financial Advisory Team

(Consults with bookkeeper regarding church investments & administers St. Paul Memorial Fund)

Art Barnes Church Council President
 Jeff Quellhorst Church Council Vice President
 Tom Brandewie Church Council Sr. Trustee
 Rev. Becky Erb Strang Senior Pastor
 Barb Holdren Office Admin/Bookkeeper
 Myra Hanenkratt Treasurer
 Don Scheer Member
 John Voress Member
 John Wierwille Member

Budget Committee

(Meets in August)

(Prepares church budget for following year)

Art Barnes Church Council President
 Jeff Quellhorst Church Council Vice President
 Andrea Huber Church Council Secretary
 Myra Hanenkratt Church Council Treasurer
 Terri Mullins Church Council Sr. Elder
 Tom Brandewie Church Council Sr. Trustee
 Open Chairman, Stewardship Board



FROM OUR PASTOR



*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,*

then the work of Christmas begins:

- to find the lost,*
- to heal those broken in spirit,*
- to feed the hungry,*
- to release the oppressed,*
- to rebuild the nations,*
- to bring peace among all peoples,*
- to make a little music with the heart...*

And to radiate the Light of Christ,

Every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

The message of the Feast of Epiphany announces to all people, everywhere:

Rise up in splendor...your light has come,

The Glory of the Lord shines upon you!

Let the work of Christmas begin, and let it begin with you.

--Howard Thurman

By the time The Beacon is published, many of us will have already taken down our Christmas decorations, stowing them away for another year. Yet, Epiphany—the season of Light—has just begun. And, to paraphrase Howard Thurman, the work of Christmas begins once the season is over.

Because Lent and Easter are early this year, we have only seven weeks of Epiphany to celebrate Christ's light in our lives.

During Epiphany, we are called to seek Christ's light in our daily living and to make Christ's light the light that shines in our lives. When Christ's light shines brightly, we can better see the world in need: we can better address poverty, hunger, anger, and violence. It is our calling as Christians to shine Christ's light and to BE Christ's light in our hurting world.

May your Christ's light shine within you this holy season!

Blessings,

Becky

JANUARY BOOK CLUB: JANUARY 21

All are invited to Pastor Becky's home at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 21 for dinner and conversation around The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. You can pick up your copy of the book in the church office. All are welcome!

ADULT/YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Pastors Becky and Dee will lead classes in coming months for adults and youth who would like to expand their faith and knowledge. On Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in February, we will explore Max Lucado's Outlive Your Life. This will be a four-week series.

Beginning Thursday March 1 at 7:00 p.m. for six weeks (skipping Maundy Thursday) we will explore Adam Hamilton's Christianity and World Religions. In our six weeks together, we will cover Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

Please contact the church office if you would like to participate in these studies so we can order supplies.

COFFEE SHOP HOURS

Throughout January, Pastor Becky will be at New Bremen Coffee Company from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Mondays for fellowship and conversations.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Church Council members will be formally installed into their respective offices during worship services January 6 and 7.

ELMWOOD WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

On Tuesday, January 2, you are invited to join us in worship at Elmwood Community at 2:30 p.m. (Please note the change in time from previous years.)

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

JANUARY GREETERS

Jan 7

East Gary & Stacy Jones
 North Mike & Monica Bushman
 South Tim Bowers

Jan 14

East Robert & Diane Paul
 North Kirk Dicke
 South Greg Paul

Jan 21

East Phyllis Fledderjohann
 North Jack & Darlene Gilberg
 South Alice Hegemier & John Gilberg

Jan 28

East Mike, Nikki, Kaitlyn
 & Zachary Tontrup
 North Vernon & Julia Paul
 South Ashley Hartzell

In this New Year consider donating your many gifts of time and talents by joining one or more of the numerous ministry teams at St. Paul UCC New Bremen!

Bell Choir – Wednesdays @ 7pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays @ 8pm

Discipleship Team - TBA

Men's Club – 1st Saturday @ 8am-Speedway Lanes

Mission Team – 1st Sunday @ 11:30am

St. Paul Funeral Luncheon Committee

The Busy Twelve – 1st Tuesday

The Women's Service Group – 2nd Thursday

Worship Team – TBA

Check the monthly calendar as printed in each BEACON and/or note upcoming meetings in your weekly bulletin! Make a New Year's resolution to learn more about the ministries that make St. Paul UCC New Bremen one of extravagant hospitality!

Another way to share in the life of St. Paul.....

The Women's Service Group has been responsible for securing greeters for Sunday morning services as part of their ongoing ministry of hospitality. As we move into the New Year our hope is to streamline this process and make it easier for everyone who wishes to participate in this tradition. Please indicate on the form below, if you are able to greet and wish to be contacted. If you wish to be contacted but are unavailable part of the year, please indicate dates you are available to serve as a greeter. The form can be left at, or sent to, the church office or dropped in the offering plate. Thank you so much for your continued support in this special ministry! If you have any questions please contact Bev Plattner @ [419-629-3694](tel:419-629-3694) or [419-236-1558](tel:419-236-1558).

ST. PAUL UCC – GREETER INFORMATION FORM

Name _____

____ YES, I am willing to be a greeter!

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please indicate dates/months not available: _____

Thank you for your continued support in this special ministry of hospitality!
 If you have any questions please contact Bev Plattner @ [419-629-3694](tel:419-629-3694) or [419-236-1558](tel:419-236-1558).

***Consider sharing your musical talents in 2018!**



SATURDAY EVENING ACCOMPANISTS

Jan 6 **Cheyenne Olt**
Jan 13 **Katie Brautigam**
Jan 20 **Bev Plattner**
Jan 27 **Cheyenne Olt**

The Flower Chart for 2018 is posted. Please sign up for as many dates as you'd like. Altar Flowers will cost \$30.00 per week. There are currently many dates open.

Jan 7 **Lloyd Schroer**
Jan 14 **Duane & Alice Hartwig**
Jan 21 **Open**
Jan 28 **Open**

MEETINGS

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM

The Discipleship Team will meet on Tuesday, January 2 in the Library at 6:30 p.m. to plan upcoming community and spiritual-growth events. You are invited to join us!

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team will meet on Sunday, January 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the Library.

WOMEN'S SERVICE GROUP

The Women's Service Group will meet Thursday, January 11 at noon for a soup luncheon and movie. Meeting will be hosted by committee chair, Sally Dicke.

THANK YOU

The Discipleship Team wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the Rotary for hosting the Thanksgiving Community Open Table Meal on Monday, November 20. A big thank you to all who volunteered at the December and previous month's Open Table. This past year's outreach to the community could not have happened without the generosity of the many hands and feet that prepared, distributed and donated to this very special ministry! Please consider volunteering your time and talent to this outreach in 2018!

We would like to thank the St. Paul congregation for all the cards sent to Everett and to the many individual visits made to him during the last years of his life. A special thank you to the Funeral Luncheon Committee for the fine meal, and lastly, thanks to Rev. Becky, Dee and Ann for their many visits to Elmwood this past year. It helped him immensely and was greatly appreciated by the family.

The family of Everett Topp

CHURCH RECORD BOOK

Marriages:

Keith May & Ben Bergman were united in marriage in a church ceremony on December 22, 2017.

Baptism:

Cheyenne Michele Olt was baptized Sunday, December 3, 2017.

Called Home:

Everet Topp died December 12, 2017 at the age of 89. Services were held in the sanctuary on December 16, 2017, and interment followed at German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen, OH.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Address Change:

Kerri Loney
1122 Hager St Apt 3
St Marys, OH 45885

Lori Greber
175 Bruns Drive
Brookville, OH 45309

Remove:

Everet Topp - deceased



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 9 **Frederick & Rebbekkah Fry**
Jan 14 **Dennis & Ann Nelson**
Jan 16 **Neal & Andrea Hittepole**
Jan 22 **Thomas & Michele Ziegenbusch**

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Jan 2 Melissa Albers, Mark Fledderjohann,
Mitchell Hays, Gary Schmitmeyer,
Brian Tontrup
Jan 3 Estella Hainline, Emily Langenkamp,
Craig Schnelle, Dusty Wallace
Jan 5 Lance Dammeyer, Dylan Hammond,
Terry Humphries, Robert Kettler Jr.,
Aiden Teeters
Jan 6 Caitlyn Topp, Kennedy Topp
Jan 7 Dawn Dicke, MariAna Muether
Jan 9 Frederick Fry, David Hirschfeld,
Trey Naylor, Kathy Topp, Cooper Voress
Jan 10 Allen Bushman, Katie Dietrech
Steve Greber, Sheree Topp
Jan 11 Sharon Fiely, Timothy Kuhn,
Kohneita Lear, Robert Stevens
Jan 12 Julie Beake, Abigayle Dicke,
Jan 13 Marlene Ahlers, Jason Elsass
Kristi Voisard
Jan 14 Roger Barlage, Kelly Dicke,
Tim Nevels, Tyce Quellhorst,
Wade Schroer, Scott Topp
Jan 15 Mike Brackman Sr., Kris Imwalle
Shawn Sayers
Jan 16 Cynthia Manbeck
Jan 17 Jack Gilberg
Jan 18 Ella Dicke, Dorothy Wilkens
Jan 19 Dawn McMaster, Bonnie Rismiller
Jan 21 Steve Imwalle, Kyle Prewitt,
Madison Schroer
Jan 22 Brennan Topp
Jan 23 Peggy Brandewie, Bruce Miller
Jan 24 Brad Felver, Jack Henry
Anna Mae Hudson
Jan 25 Jan Fiser, Carl Hatfield, Brett Micheal
Jan 26 Blake Hirschfeld, Deborah Kuck,
Margaret Pape, LeeAnn Sherman,
Blake Snider, Mary Ellen White
Jan 28 Nicole Paul, Amy Schmitmeyer
Jan 30 Samantha Barhorst, Jessica Schemmel,
Gene Topp
Jan 31 Joyce Gilberg, Mark Topp,
Evelyn Wenning

Pastoral Care is very important!

Please contact 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.

Phone: 419-629-2502

Email: stpaulnb@nktelco.net



Pastoral Care

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

ELMWOOD ASSISTED LIVING 711 S. Walnut, New Bremen, OH 45869

Duane Hegemier
Stan Kuenning
Lois Moeller

HERITAGE CENTER 24 N. Hamilton St., Minster, OH 45865

Thomas Goodwin
Jill May
Mary Mohrman
Jean Waterman
Mary Ellen White

THE GARDENS-WAPAKONETA 505 Walnut St., Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Louise Kettler (Room 222)

ST. MARYS LIVING CENTER 1209 Indiana Ave., St. Marys, OH 45885

Rosie Heitkamp

OTTERBEIN-ST. MARYS 11300 Yost Circle, St. Marys, OH 45885

Doris Blanke
Dan Chamberlain (11410 Bobwhite Lane)
LaRue Dicke
Miriam Donnerberg (11314 Bobwhite Lane)
Ruth Topp (Room 119, Swan's Apts.)
Dorothy Wilkens (Room 330)

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

Mary Lou Campbell (Room 345)

SYCAMORE GLEN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY 317 Sycamore Glen Dr., #417, Miamisburg, OH 45342

Dot Ouwerkerk

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting December 12, 2017

The meeting was preceded with a year-end Christmas dinner for council, staff, spouses and significant others. Art Barnes, Council President, thanked everyone for their dedication and service this past year. The meeting was called to order by President, Art Barnes, with 20 council members including: Dee Schroer, Lori Likens, Myra Hanenkratt, Terri Goodwin, Terri Mullins, Mike Holdren, Jeff Quellhorst, Kirk Dicke, Tracy Oldiges, Brice Schmitmeyer, Betty Dietrich, Brad Holdren, Kathy Topp, Jim Mullins, John Mohrman, Barb Holdren, Tom Brandewie, Teresa Hemmelgarn and Rev. Becky Erb-Strang. Devotions were provided by Terri Goodwin. There were four guests present for beginning of meeting: Jim Strang, Dennis Dicke, Tom Thieman and Lloyd Schroer.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report reviewed. Brice Schmitmeyer moved to accept the minutes as read. Terri Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At this point, Art Barnes directed our attention to guests who were present to address concerns in regard to the 2018 annual budget. The vote on the budget was suspended by the congregation on Sunday, December 10, in order for council to reconsider and modify due to concerns raised, during the meeting. Dennis, Tom and Lloyd each shared their concerns and suggestions. Ideas were discussed, and information exchanged. A shared concern was decreased giving/increased spending, as well as attention to specific line items. After discussion council noted all things would be considered with modification of the budget, thanking each for their input.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of November 2017 was reviewed. Report shows year to date balance of (\$25,559.93) in General Fund as of November 2017. We were, however, in the black for the month of November with a balance of \$38.72. Jeff Quellhorst moved to accept Treasurer's report as read. Jim Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission: November's mission was Christmas Gifts for Camp Washington. Art Barnes noted that the project was very successful this year with over 200 gifts donated plus \$1,003 cash donation as well. December 8 gifts were delivered. December mission is Christmas Fund to assist retired clergy in need of financial assistance. January mission is Blankets Plus for overseas relief.

Worship: Met November 26 and is prepared for the Christmas season.

Discipleship: Next Community meal is December 18 and will be a Christmas meal with ham and all the trimmings. There will also be a New Year's Eve Dinner at 6:00 pm prepared by Ann & Larry Kuhn and Carol & John Mohrman. At the first of the year, the Team will be sponsoring health oriented workshops. Details to come. The team is very excited about receiving a grant for \$1,700.00 through the Ohio Conference of the UCC from the "Make a Difference" committee. This grant is geared toward mental health projects.

Stewardship: Finishing up the Stewardship Drive for 2017.

Financial Advisory: Meets January 8, 2018.

Nominations – Council needs to fill only one more position, that being a two year term as Deacon. Council would like to thank all who volunteered to serve for 2018. Without you we could not function. Thank You!

OTHER REPORTS

Deacon's Report: Discussion of needs during Christmas worship services.

Elder's Report: Discussion of needs during Christmas worship services. It was noted that Lloyd Schroer is donating his home made wine for Christmas worship communion. Thank You Lloyd!

Maintenance Report: John Mohrman reports:

- Performed weekly and monthly preventative maintenance checks.
- Realized relays purchased for boiler circulating pumps were not right. Reordered correct relays on-line and all relays are functioning as they should. Still waiting on arrival of a new pump to replace old one.
- Created a schedule for dishwasher maintenance.
- Made and installed a candle lighter holder for use during Advent candle lighting.
- Cleaned educational building spouting downspout screens and replaced some bad ones.
- Other small things taken care of as needed.

Trustees Report: Mike Holdren notes that he has been doing the snow removal but greatly needs & appreciates any help with future snowfalls. If anyone is interested in performing snow removal for St Paul please contact the church office or Mike Holdren.

PLEASE NOTE: A special Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14, to vote on revised budget for 2018.

Pastor Dee's Report:

I have completed my first series of Lay School Classes. December 5 I completed the Faith Formation class by presenting an outdoor youth curriculum that I designed and wrote using the different teaching styles and other concepts that were discussed in our classes. I plan to use this curriculum with our youth groups in the spring. Along with classroom discussion, group and homework assignments I have read two excellent books on faith formation. The next series of classes will begin Tuesday, January 16 and will cover preaching.

On November 28 I met with all the Sunday school teachers to assess how they are getting along in their rooms, how the curriculum is working for them and to make preparations for the Christmas children's worship and program.

Our Sunday school and Youth led worship Sunday December 10 and presented their program to the congregation as the sermon. I would like to thank the teachers and students for sharing their talents and for all their help and patience during the last minute shuffling. Everyone did a wonderful job.

Our Splash and Jr. High students have finished their Life of Moses books and are ready to share them! Splash will be sharing their books and doing Christmas crafts with the residents of Elmwood as part of their Christmas party December 13.

Our Jr. High Youth Group will join our Confirmands and mentors for a Christmas pizza party and a trip to Faith Alliance's Live Nativity also on December 10.

Our Sr. High Youth enjoyed fellowship, hot chocolate and a mini bonfire on the parsonage lawn Sunday December 3. Sr. High will have their Christmas party Sunday December 17 at the home of Kim Hemmelgarn!

The cookie crew showed up this week to make and bake cookies that will be decorated for the community meal. Thanks Everyone!

November 5 – December 12

- Nursing Home worship – 1
- Phone call – 3
- Notes written – 11
- Nursing Home visits – 35
- Meetings with teachers – 1
- Coffee shop - 2
- Hospital visits - 2

Pastor Becky's Report:

- December 16/17 – Worship with Lessons and Carols
- December 21 (Thursday) – Longest Night/Blue Christmas Worship at 7:00 pm
- December 23/24 – Fourth Weekend of Advent. Yes, we will worship Sunday morning December 24. Christmas Eve worship services at 5:00, 8:00 and 11:00 pm. Communion at the two later worship services.
- December 30/31 – Member- in- Discernment Katie Jackson, preaching.
- January 6 and 7 – Holy Communion. Installation of officers for Council.
- I am in the last week, of three weeks, taking Communion to homebound members.
- Confirmation is going marvelously. Lisa Weigandt, Shelly Smart, and Jeff Paul are team teaching Confirmation this year. Pastor Dee and I will alternate weeks between Jr. High Youth Group and Confirmation.
- Playground construction on Herman is on hold until after the holidays. A donation has been given to cover infrastructure: rebar, cement, electric.
- The Discipleship Team has several upcoming events. It is hosting a painting class to be offered on Saturday December 16. On Sunday December 31 the Discipleship Team is hosting a New Year's Eve dinner at 6:00 pm.
- I am trying to take Thursdays as professional reading days. I take Fridays off for personal time. I will return calls on Saturday or Monday.
- 2017 Vacation Time – (Contracted: 5 weeks, including 5 weekends; 35 days) 4 days DC + 7 days Vegas. Two Saturdays; One Sunday. 1 day off Sunday, June 11. (The rest of the vacation weekend was spent working) August 20-27 – Vacation with Jim. (7 days/One Saturday and One Sunday) Saturday October 14 to attend Megan Hanenkrafft's wedding. November 18-24 (7 days/One Saturday; One Sunday) December 25-31 (7 days/One Saturday; One Sunday)
- I am serving on the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Board and am a facilitator for the Ohio Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

Pastoral Care November 14 – December 12

- Hospital visits: 8
- Nursing Home visits: 28
- Phone calls: 8
- Baptisms: 3
- Office visits: 7
- Funerals: 1
- Home visits: 1
- Home Communion: 49
- Notes written: 9
- Coffee Shop attendees: 7

OLD BUSINESS

Wish List: No change from last month (see below)
Flooring Auditorium, Chapel & Assy. Rm.....\$8000
New Clock Faces/Steeple.....\$10,800-\$21,500
New Computers for Office..... \$3000
AC-Youth Room.....\$3600
Laminator.....\$3000

Constitution and Bylaws review – It was discussed that council needs to check on ballot vote needed or “aye” vote acceptable for changes that were made. Need to add Discipleship Team to “Standing Committees of Church Council” in Section 5 of Constitution/Bylaws.

2018 Project of the Year – Trustees have received second quote from Window Creations for gables and clock faces refurbishing. See wish list. Still looking at more options and quotes. A donation has reportedly been given toward clock face refurbishing. Also plan to address drainage of gutters from roof drainage. Gutters are not handling the amount of water they should be. Looking at rerouting some of the water to different gutters and/or tiles. No new/other ideas at this time.

Playground – Work has been suspended until after the first of the year. Donation has been given toward infrastructure completion.

Sanctuary Change for Handicapped – Deacons report that there has been a good response to these changes to date.

Sanctuary Revamp for Funeral Space - It has been discussed that current Narthex is too small for large capacity groups, fellowship, or gathering. Funerals are especially difficult in the existing area. Discussion included enlarging Narthex while making the area more welcoming & accommodating for funerals and large group events. Further discussion to follow.

Kitchen Range Hood – Currently looking into options for compliance by 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Congregational Meeting Follow-up - There was discussion regarding the 2018 budget and concerns that were voiced at the meeting this evening. It was decided after several points were discussed that a sub-committee would meet Thursday evening December 14 at 7:00 pm to further discuss and decide what modifications could/would be made to address the congregation’s concerns. This will create a new budget to be approved by Council at a special meeting on Sunday, December 17 after worship. This budget will then be submitted to the congregation, for future vote, if approved by Council.

Health Insurance – Discussed along with other budget issues.

Snow Removal – Barb Holdren states she has been calling around to find options. Gene Topp agreed to clear the parking lots but does not want to be responsible for the sidewalks.

MINISTER/EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY APPROVAL

– In accordance with IRS regulations 1.162-17 and 1.274-5(e), St Paul United Church of Christ here by establishes a reimbursement policy for all ministers and employees with the following terms and conditions:

1. The church will reimburse only reasonable ministry-related business expenses that are ordinary and necessary incurred by a minister or employee, subject to budget limitations, such expenses include:
 - Business use of automobile, up to the current IRS standard mileage rate;
 - Business travel away from home: transportation, lodging and meals on overnight trips;
 - Convention and conference expenses;
 - Educational expenses, if otherwise qualified as an itemized deduction and within limits of current law;
 - Subscriptions, books and tapes, if related to ministry or employment;
 - Entertainment/hospitality expenses, if related to ministry or employment.
1. The minister or employee will account for each allowable expense in writing at least every 90 days. Documentation will include the amount, time and place, business purpose and business relationship of each expense. A receipt will accompany the documentation.
2. The minister or employee will return advances that exceed actual business expenses within 120 days.
3. Under this accountable reimbursement arrangement, the church will not report reimbursed amounts as taxable income on the minister’s or employee’s Form W-2. The minister or employee should not report reimbursed amounts as income on Form 1040.

Mike Holdren moved to approve the Reimbursement Policy as read. Terri Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minister Housing Allowance approval –

St. Paul United Church of Christ Church Council makes a motion to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code permits a minister of the gospel to exclude from gross income a church-designated allowance paid to him/her as part of his/her compensation to the extent said income is used by him/her for actual expenses incurred in maintaining a home; and

Whereas, Deana Schroer is compensated by St. Paul United Church of Christ exclusively for services as a minister of the gospel; it is hereby resolved that beginning January 1, 2018, Deana Schroer will be compensated \$10,000/year - \$416.66/pay period for housing allowance.

Mike Holdren moved to approve the resolution. Brad Holdren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements: Next meeting – Jan 9th, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Devotions – Betty Dietrich

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer.

Lori Likens, Secretary

Art Barnes, President

LOCAL MISSION

Local Aid Expenditures, 11/21/17 – 12/21/17	
Gift Cards Distributed	
10	\$25 Aldi
2	\$25 Kroger
12	\$25 Marathon
Gift Cards Restocked	
40	\$50 Aldi
20	\$25 Kroger
40	\$25 Marathon
Other	
\$469.75	Utilities
\$200.00	Rent/Mortgage
\$85.97	Clothing
\$22.00	Bible

2018 NARRATIVE BUDGET/EXPLANATION

In the originally proposed budget, the senior pastor’s health insurance was set at \$18,000 (included in this was a medical spending account) and the associate pastor’s at \$13,000 for just insurance alone. In the new proposal, to cover insurance (health, dental, vision), there is a savings of \$5500.

We will keep the Office Administrator position at 36 hours/week for 2018. We eliminated this position’s health insurance and the opportunity for a group plan.

We went to the marketplace for the Associate Pastor instead. Group medical insurance requires all employees working over 30 hours/week to be offered medical insurance by the employer. Total savings in the Office Administrator Position of \$10,180.

Our maintenance technician averaged 45 hours a month in 2017 compared to the contracted 55 hours per month. To reflect this moving forward, we have reduced that salary by \$2012.

Lawn care (at \$3071) can be taken off the salary portion of the budget and be pulled from the Building & Property Care Fund.

We have reduced the Vacation Replacement line item by \$326. The budgeted \$4000 is to cover substitutes for all staff positions while staff is on vacation.

We have eliminated the SALT positions for 2018 and the associated program line item for a savings of \$5500.

We reduced the church telephone expenses by \$500, the internet by \$100, natural gas by \$2500 for the church building and \$500 for the parsonage. We’ve reduced the electric on church and parsonage by \$500.

We’ve reduced Delegate Expense to \$100. We have reduced Membership Dues by \$250. We plan to save \$500 in Enlistment materials and \$250 in shipping costs.

Payroll services have been raised by \$150 since that will not take place in-house as planned. We’ve reduced office supplies by \$500.

The current confirmation class is smaller than anticipated, therefore we have eliminated \$500 from that line item in the budget.

We’ve reduced Miscellaneous Expense by \$300 and \$1500 off of Sunday school and youth programming.

Camperships have been reduced to \$500. With Confirmation Camp no longer operating, fewer children are attending UCC summer camps.

We purchased Bibles for all children fourth grade and above in 2017 and have some in reserve for 2018. Therefore that line item has been reduced to \$250.

We expect to save \$2000 in FICA Taxes.

With these decreases to the originally proposed budget, there is a savings of \$38,789. The original budget had a proposed increase of \$22,716: a 7.32% increase. The proposed budget has a decrease of 5.22% from the 2017 working budget.

St. Paul UCC 2018 Proposed Budget General Fund

Acct Name	2017	2018 original	2018 rework	difference	
Salaries					
Sr Pastor Salary	61601	61601	61601	0	
Sr Pastor Insurance	15000	18000	13500	4500	
Sr Pastor Pension	11211	11211	11211	0	
Sr Pastor Disability	1550	1550	1550	0	
Sr Pastor Cell Phone Stipend	600	600	600	0	
Sr Pastor Cont Ed	1000	1000	1000	0	
Sr Pastor Business Ex	1000	1000	1000	0	
Sub Total	91962	94962	90462	4500	
Associate Pastor Salary	33000	33000	33000	0	
Associate Pastor Housing	10000	10000	10000	0	
Associate Pastor Pension	6020	6020	6020	0	
Associate Pastor Insurance	5000	13000	12000	1000	
Associate Pastor Disability	645	645	645	0	
Associate Pastor Cont Ed	1000	1000	1000	0	
Associate Pastor Business Ex	1000	1000	1000	0	
Associate Pastor Cell Phone Stipend	600	600	600	0	
Sub Total	57265	65265	64265	1000	
Office Administrator	29539	29539	29539	0	
Office Administrator Insurance		6900	0	6900	
Office Administrator Pension		3280	0	3280	
Sub Total		39719	29539	10180	
Visitation Ministry	5382	5382	5382	0	
Organist	6386	6386	6386	0	
Music Director	803	780	780	0	
Chancel Choir Director	2266	2200	2200	0	
Chancel Choir Accompanist		375	375	0	
Bell Choir Director Salary	1236	1236	1236	0	
Financial Secretary	5168	5168	5168	0	
Beacon Editor	2688	2688	2688	0	
Web Page Editor	1854	1854	1854	0	
Cut hrs 55 to 45	Maintenance	11047	11047	9035	2012
	Ed. Bldg Custodian	13303	13303	13303	0
	Sanctuary Custodian	7721	7721	7721	0
Moved to BPCF	Lawn Care	3071	3071	0	3071
	Vacation Replacement	4326	4326	4000	326
	SALT Project	5000	5000	0	5000
	Sub Total	99790	70537	60128	10409
	Salaries Total	249017	270483	244394	26089

Other Expenses

Telephone-Church	2000	2000	1500	500
Staff Cell Phone Reimburse	600	600	600	0
Internet	2100	2100	2000	100
Natural Gas-Church	10000	10000	7500	2500
Natural Gas-Parsonage	1500	1500	1000	500
Electric-Church & Parsonage	8500	8500	8000	500
Trash-Dumpster	750	750	750	0
Worship Materials&Supplies	3000	3000	3000	0
Worship-Sat Eve	3120	3120	3120	0
Pastoral Care	600	800	800	0
Music	500	500	500	0
Delegate Expense	300	300	100	200
Membership Dues	500	1000	500	500
Enlistment Materials	3000	3000	2500	500
Church Growth & Development	3500	3500	3500	0
Postage	3000	3500	3500	0
Shipping	750	750	500	250
Travel/Mileage	10000	10000	10000	0
Payroll Services	650	500	650	-150
Office Supplies	4500	4500	4000	500
Custodial Supplies	1500	1500	1500	0
Office Equip Maint	6500	8000	8000	0
Misc. Expense	1500	1500	1200	300
SS/Youth Programing		8500	7000	1500
SS Club Educ. Matl	1000			0
SS Club Supplies	2000			0
Program Matl-Grade School	1500			0
Program Matl-Junior High	2000			0
Program Matl-Senior High	2000			0
Confirmation	1000	1500	1000	500
Camperships	4000	2000	500	1500
Bible Expense	750	750	250	500
Salt Programs	600	500	0	500
FICA Taxes(employer)	17000	17000	15000	2000
Workers Comp	1000	1000	1000	0
Sub-total	101220	102170	89470	12700
Total w/o endowment income	350237	372653	333864	38789
Monies into Budget				
From Interest on				
Endowments not				
Principal.				
Transfer-Sr Pastor endow	6360	6360	6360	
Transfer-Youth Pastor endow	30800	22500	22500	
Trans-Visitation Minister endow	5382	5382	5382	
Tomhafe Estate Gift		8000	8000	
Sub-total	42542	42242	42242	
Total Proposed Budget w/endow income	307695	330411	291622	38789
\$ higher than previous year w/endow income	18538	22716	-16073	
\$ higher than previous year w/o endow income		22416	-16373	
%change over previous year	6.36%	7.38%	-5.22%	

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<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Period Activity</u>	<u>YTD Balance</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Previous YTD</u>
				<u>Remaining</u>	
<u>Income</u>					
Contributions-General Fund	\$ 19,670.79	\$ 209,061.70			\$ 226,936.64
Rent - Nursery School	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,550.00
Rent - Misc Building	\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Contributions - Sunday School	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Contributions - SALT Project	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Contributions - BEACON	\$ -	\$ 480.00			\$ 755.00
Contributions - Misc - General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,904.92			\$ 11,352.58
Enlistment	\$ 300.00	\$ 710.00			\$ 450.00
Office Supplies	\$ 10.65	\$ 106.40			\$ 183.73
Confirmation Camp	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY	\$ -	\$ 15.00			\$ -
Bible School Fund Inc	\$ -	\$ 2,014.00			\$ 702.61
Church Camp	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 420.00
Gift-Library-Hulda Wiehe Fund	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Confirmation Donation	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Interest Income-Minister Acct	\$ 0.76	\$ 36.43			\$ 15.38
St. Minister Endowment Transfer	\$ 530.00	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 530.00	\$ -
Visitation Ministry Endowment Transfer	\$ 468.00	\$ 4,917.00	\$ 5,225.00	\$ 308.00	\$ -
Youth Ministry Endowment Transfer	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 24,380.20	\$ 242,875.45	\$ 14,435.00	\$ (228,440.45)	\$ 243,565.94
<u>Expense</u>					
Senior Pastor Base Salary	\$ 5,357.66	\$ 56,243.34	\$ 61,601.00	\$ 5,357.66	\$ 54,823.12
Senior Pastor Insurance	\$ 896.16	\$ 14,103.84	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 896.16	\$ 8,545.04
Senior Pastor Pension	\$ -	\$ 10,884.82	\$ 11,211.00	\$ 326.18	\$ 10,884.82
Senior Pastor Disability/Life	\$ -	\$ 1,356.24	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 193.76	\$ 1,356.24
Senior Pastor Cell Phone Stipend	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00
Senior Pastor Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ 1,114.52	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (114.52)	\$ 418.00
Senior Pastor Business Expense	\$ 117.87	\$ 768.95	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 231.05	\$ 677.33
TRANS FROM SR. MINISTER ENDOWMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,700.00)
Associate Pastor Base Salary	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -
Associate Pastor Housing	\$ 833.34	\$ 3,333.36	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,666.64	\$ -
Associate Pastor Pension	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,020.00	\$ 6,020.00	\$ -
Associate Pastor Insurance	\$ 75.45	\$ 896.51	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,103.49	\$ -
Associate Pastor Disability/Life	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 645.00	\$ 645.00	\$ -
Associate Pastor Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ 121.80	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 878.20	\$ -
Associate Pastor Business Expense	\$ 32.83	\$ 124.73	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 875.27	\$ -
Associate Pastor Cell Phone Stipend	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Youth Pastor Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,065.60
Youth Pastor Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,950.00
Youth Pastor Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,697.50
Youth Pastor Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Pastor Pension	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,739.25
Youth Pastor Disability/Life	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 342.94
Youth Director Cell Phone Stipend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375.00
Youth Minister Business Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 467.34
Youth Minister Endowment Income	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (22,500.00)
Organist Salary	\$ 412.00	\$ 5,365.00	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 1,021.00	\$ 5,100.00
Music Director	\$ 60.00	\$ 733.95	\$ 780.00	\$ 46.05	\$ 720.00
Senior Choir Director	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,649.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 551.00	\$ 1,650.00
Saturday Evening Choir Director	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 208.32
Spirit Safari Director	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,533.32
BEACON Editor	\$ 224.00	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 2,688.00	\$ -	\$ 2,392.50
Visitation Ministry Salary	\$ 468.12	\$ 4,913.88	\$ 5,382.00	\$ 468.12	\$ 4.62
Bell Choir Director Salary	\$ 103.00	\$ 1,133.00	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 1,100.00
Web Page Editor	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,854.00	\$ 954.00	\$ 1,650.00
21831.76 Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper	\$ 2,569.08	\$ 26,969.92	\$ 29,539.00	\$ 2,569.08	\$ 23,375.00
Financial Secretary Salary	\$ 449.54	\$ 4,718.44	\$ 5,168.00	\$ 449.56	\$ 4,598.88

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<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Period Activity</u>	<u>YTD Balance</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u> <u>Remaining</u>	<u>Previous YTD</u>
<i>Expense (continued)</i>					
Education Building Custodian Salary	\$ 1,156.94	\$ 12,146.02	\$ 13,303.00	\$ 1,156.98	\$ 11,301.57
Sanctuary Custodian Salary	\$ 671.54	\$ 7,049.42	\$ 7,721.00	\$ 671.58	\$ 6,871.26
Lawn Care Salary	\$ -	\$ 3,070.43	\$ 3,071.00	\$ 0.57	\$ 3,012.00
Maintenance Salary	\$ 960.80	\$ 10,086.12	\$ 11,047.00	\$ 960.88	\$ 9,831.36
Vacation Replacement	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,885.50	\$ 4,326.00	\$ 1,440.50	\$ 3,895.00
SALT Project Salary	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Telephone - CHURCH	\$ 114.37	\$ 1,246.90	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 753.10	\$ 1,229.49
Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 650.00
Natural Gas - CHURCH	\$ 292.35	\$ 5,248.79	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,751.21	\$ 4,442.48
Internet Services	\$ 159.95	\$ 1,766.45	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 333.55	\$ 1,770.45
Natural Gas - Parsonage	\$ 51.97	\$ 684.23	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 815.77	\$ 638.51
Electric - CHURCH	\$ 582.78	\$ 6,627.17	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,872.83	\$ 6,829.69
Trash-Dumpster	\$ 58.98	\$ 638.43	\$ 750.00	\$ 111.57	\$ 623.39
Worship Materials & Supplies	\$ 293.20	\$ 3,155.90	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (155.90)	\$ 2,576.29
Worship Saturday Evening	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,590.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 1,820.00
Pastoral Care	\$ 405.60	\$ 1,269.65	\$ 600.00	\$ (669.65)	\$ 608.40
Music	\$ -	\$ 175.71	\$ 500.00	\$ 324.29	\$ 327.08
Delegate's Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 62.00
Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ 752.61	\$ 500.00	\$ (252.61)	\$ 412.56
Enlistment Materials Expense	\$ 68.61	\$ 2,529.19	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 470.81	\$ 2,860.30
Church Grow & Development	\$ 294.16	\$ 3,762.43	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (262.43)	\$ 4,065.25
Postage	\$ 363.28	\$ 2,906.24	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 93.76	\$ 3,904.50
Shipping	\$ 95.68	\$ 467.22	\$ 750.00	\$ 282.78	\$ 760.20
Mileage/Travel	\$ 194.48	\$ 7,671.27	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,328.73	\$ 7,119.78
Payroll Preparation Services	\$ -	\$ 624.47	\$ 650.00	\$ 25.53	\$ 622.00
Office Supplies	\$ 613.77	\$ 3,458.46	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,041.54	\$ 3,125.97
Custodial Supplies	\$ 346.11	\$ 1,293.39	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 206.61	\$ 1,569.97
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$ 769.09	\$ 7,739.94	\$ 6,500.00	\$ (1,239.94)	\$ 7,351.98
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ -	\$ 131.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,369.00	\$ 768.34
Pictorial Directory Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spirit Safari Club Education Materials	\$ 107.20	\$ 1,771.94	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (771.94)	\$ 2,142.87
Spirit Safari Club Supplies	\$ 243.54	\$ 1,664.05	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 335.95	\$ 2,403.18
Camperships	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,631.00
Bible Expense	\$ -	\$ 649.50	\$ 750.00	\$ 100.50	\$ 401.91
Program Materials - Grade School	\$ 68.24	\$ 433.85	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,066.15	\$ 310.67
Program Materials - Jr. High	\$ 18.26	\$ 853.29	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,146.71	\$ 361.24
Program Materials - Sr. High	\$ 189.12	\$ 1,057.05	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 942.95	\$ 1,373.45
SALT Programs	\$ -	\$ 193.18	\$ 600.00	\$ 406.82	\$ -
FICA Taxes (Employer)	\$ 1,168.91	\$ 11,118.38	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 5,881.62	\$ 11,378.56
Worker's Compensation	\$ -	\$ 940.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,141.48
Confirmation Expenses	\$ 23.50	\$ 969.95	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 30.05	\$ 652.12
Bible School Expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,387.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 709.67
BEACON Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library Fund Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 24,341.48	\$ 268,435.38	\$ 350,773.00	\$ 82,337.62	\$ 237,580.79
Difference	\$ 38.72	\$ (25,559.93)	(\$336,338.00)	\$ -	\$ 5,985.15

If the accounts in the subtotals have changed or if ledger and subsidiary account attributes have changed, Previous YTD totals may not represent a valid comparison.

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 2-4pm Coffee Shop w/Pastor Becky	2:30pm Elmwood Worship 6:30pm Discipleship Team	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8pm Jr. High Youth Group 7-8 Confirmation 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			8am Men's Club 5pm Worship w/Holy Communion Installation Church Council
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship w/Holy Communion Installation Church Council 11:30am Mission Team 6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 2-4pm Coffee Shop w/Pastor Becky	7pm Church Council	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8pm Jr. High Youth Group 7-8 Confirmation 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11:30am Women's Service Group		5pm Worship
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 2-4pm Coffee Shop w/Pastor Becky 4-6pm Open Table Community Meal Chair Massages Indoor Park		12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8pm Jr. High Youth Group 7-8 Confirmation 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10-11:30am & 7-8:30pm OPTAVIA with Carla Minnich Healthy Lifestyle Coach		5pm Worship
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6pm Becky's Book Club 6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 2-4pm Coffee Shop w/Pastor Becky		12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8pm Jr. High Youth Group 7-8 Confirmation 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			5pm Worship
28	29	30	31	SPECIAL EVENTS:		
9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:30-8pm Sr. High Youth	12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 2-4pm Coffee Shop w/Pastor Becky		12:15-12:45 Power Lunch 3-5pm SPLASH 6:30 Jr. High Dinner 7-8pm Jr. High Youth Group 7-8 Confirmation 7pm Bell Choir 8pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	1/14/2018 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Vote to approve revised 2018 budget 1/15/2018 - OPEN TABLE - Community Meal 4-6pm 1/18/2018 - OPTAVIA Sponsored by St. Paul Discipleship Team		
OFFICE NEWS						
Just a reminder to let the church office know of any life changes, such as name, address, phone numbers, emails, etc. We will greatly appreciate it, as it will help us to keep things up to date. If our college-age members would keep their physical and email address updated with us, and how they would prefer to receive The Beacon, we would appreciate it as well. Info may be phoned to the church office at 419-629-2502 or emailed to stpaulnb@nktelco.net .						

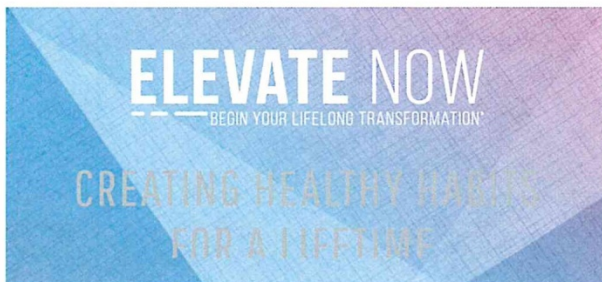
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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



HOSTED BY: OPTAVIA

Kay Sanders and Carla Minnich

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Time: 10AM-11:30AM and 7PM-8:30PM

Location: St Paul United Church of Christ

119 N. Franklin St., New Bremen, OH



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