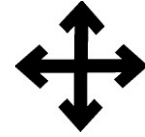




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"Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Resolve to Love"

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang  
Senior Pastor

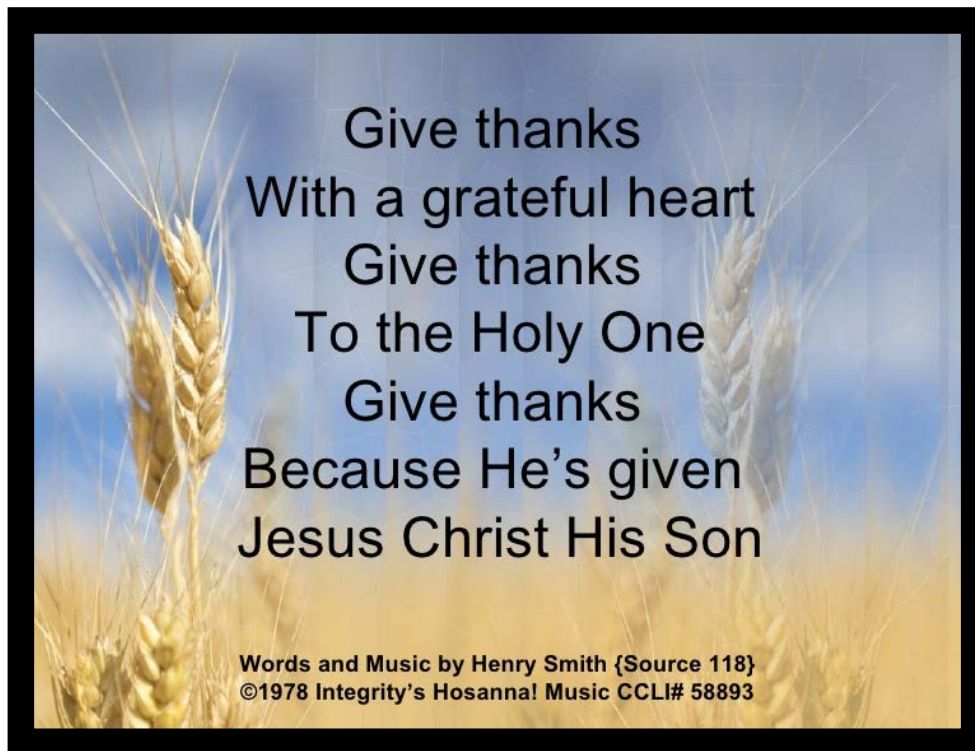


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**FROM OUR PASTOR**

November offers us the opportunity to count our blessings and to thank God for his presence in our lives. It is the season when gratitude overflows. A poem that speaks to this comes from e.e.cummings:

i thank You God for most this amazing  
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything  
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday;this is the birth  
day of life and of love and wings:and of the gay  
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any—lifted from the no  
of all nothing—human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

Indeed, November is a gift to each of us: a month to dedicate our financial pledges to God. A month to thank our military veterans for their service. A month to gather as friends and family around the dinner table. To quote e.e. cummings, our eyes and ears are awakened and opened to God's blessings.

It seems most fitting that November is the month that holds both Thanksgiving and Stewardship seasons. Truly, we cannot have one without the other. We give generously in response to God's blessings, grace, and love. We offer thanksgiving for these blessings as we give generously to God through the work of St. Paul Church.

November—with its blustery winds and blowing leaves—is a month that calls us to Christian discipleship: in our discipleship, in our giving, and in our gratitude.

Blessings,  
Becky

## **VETERANS' RECOGNITION**

Veterans who have served our nation with dignity and loyalty will be honored during worship on Saturday November 10 and Sunday November 11. Active duty personnel will also be honored at this time.

And because November 11 is the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, we will have a moment of remembrance at 11:00am on 11/11 during worship by tolling the bells 21 times. Crown Equipment Corporation will also toll their bells at this time. You can learn more about Bells of Peace at [ww1cc.org/bells](http://ww1cc.org/bells). Please contact the church office to let us know your branch of service.

## **ELMWOOD COMMUNION WORSHIP**

All are invited to come to Elmwood Community on Tuesday, November 6 @ 2:30pm for worship and Holy Communion with our Protestant friends. Questions? See Anna Louise Hoelscher or Pastor Becky

## **BIBLE STUDIES IN NOVEMBER**

Throughout the month of November, Pastors Dee and Becky will lead Bible studies. We will teach a class each Sunday morning at 9:00am in the Library. The lesson will be repeated the following Thursday at 7:00pm in the Library.

- October 28/November 1:  
Lesson Five from Bob Goff's Everybody Always
- November 4 and 8: Lesson One Gospel of Luke
- November 11 and 15: Lesson Two Gospel of Luke
- November 18 and 22: No class
- November 25 and 29: Lesson Three Gospel of Luke
- December 2 and 6: Lesson Four Gospel of Luke
- December 9 and 13: Lesson Five Gospel of Luke

## **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

New Bremen's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Monday, November 19 @ 6:30pm at St. Paul UCC. There will be a combined choir anthem during the service. This service will follow the Open Table Community Meal also on November 19 - a full Thanksgiving meal cooked and served by the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary. Invite your neighbors and friends to the meal and this meaningful service.

## **COFFEE SHOP HOURS**

Pastor Becky will be at New Bremen Coffee Company from 2-4:00pm on Mondays in November. You are welcome to stop by and join in the conversation. All are welcome!

## **HOME COMMUNIONS**

Pastor Becky will take communion to our homebound members and friends beginning Tuesday, November 27. If you would like to accompany her, please contact Barb Holdren at the church office!

**NEW BREMEN-NEW KNOXVILLE ROTARY**  
**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

The Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at 6:30pm on Monday November 30. The public is invited. The event is sponsored by the New Bremen-New Knoxville Rotary Club and the Village of New Bremen. The ceremony will be held at the Lock One parking lot at the corner of Monroe Street and Washington Street. Members of the New Bremen High School will sing Christmas carols. Hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies will be served. Santa Claus is expected to make an appearance during the evening. Hope you can attend.

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Would your family or group of friends like to light Advent candles this season?

We need volunteers for:

Saturday December 1

Sunday December 2

Saturday December 8

Saturday December 9

Saturday December 15

Saturday December 22

Sunday December 23

Christmas Eve at 4:00pm

Christmas Eve at 8:00pm

Christmas Eve at 11:00pm

Please contact Pastor Becky to volunteer.

**FROM PASTOR DEE**

Our Sunday school students from Preschool through Jr. High are studying stories from the Old Testament. All the classes are studying the same story with appropriate grade level discussion and activities. After our Noah's Ark lesson, on October 7, our students gathered together in the auditorium to construct a 16 foot "Ark", with animals, which we have displayed in the East hallway of the Educational building. You are invited to come through the Educational building to see what our students are learning each week.

On Sunday November 11 the Sunday school students will be leading the Veterans Day Worship service.

Our Wednesday night Jr. and Sr. High Youth groups are going great! We began the year defining what the body of Christ is and what it looks like here at St. Paul. We moved to lessons covering the question, "Who is God?" We are having some GREAT conversations! We have also spent time with Christian Chavarria Ayala from the Lutheran church in El Salvador. Christian shared his life story with us and interacted with the students while they painted crosses inspired by the "world famous" crosses that Christian paints. We thank Christian for taking time to share with our students.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Dee

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

In last month's Beacon article, we celebrated that God is the owner of everything and that we are managers and stewards of what God has given us. We celebrated our stewardship theme: Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace. We considered how each of us has been given gifts of time and talents as blessings of God's grace.

In addition to time and talents, God has also given us financial resources. According to Deuteronomy, Chapter 8, God gives us the ability to earn money. According to King Solomon, even work itself is a gift from God (Ecclesiastes 5:19). In fact, everything we have—even the air we breathe—is a gift that has been loaned to us by God.

How we use the money which God has given to us is an indicator of our priorities. Our checkbook/bank statements will reveal clearly the things that are really important to us. How we spend our money is, in fact, a barometer of our spiritual temperature and of our personal faith.

Giving is not to help "poor God" pay the bills. Giving is not because God needs anything from us. Giving is God's way of growing Christians. Every time we give for God's glory from hearts that are filled with God's love and grace, we give away a little more of our pride, selfishness and brokenness. Every time we give of our resources that have been loaned to us by God, we grow in grace and in our walk with Christ Jesus.

We invite you to be a Faithful Steward of God's Infinite Grace on November 17 and 18 as we receive and dedicate our financial pledges for 2019 to God.

The Stewardship Team

## **OHIO CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 2018**

Joyce and John Gilberg attended the Ohio Conference meeting in Westerville, OH. It was a very interesting meeting and we learned a lot about what is going on in the broader church.

Camp Pilgrim Hills was sold for an amount that was greater than it was appraised for. This enabled money to become available to update the Temple Hills Camp site which was to be reopened and refurbished. It still allows for additional funds to be put in an endowment to help with the upkeep of the camp.

Note: Campership has been increasing in the last couple of years. Andy Lacefield (Ralph Quellhorst's grandson) and another person are now on the administration team to manage the Temple Hills Camp.

A team has been studying the structure of the Ohio Conference for the last several years, and a proposal was introduced to the attendees for questions and comments.

The Ohio Conference will have three "support centers" instead of "associations". Leadership opportunities will be different but there will be area support teams to support local congregations, local pastors and councils and many other ministries that offer help to local churches.

The list of changes, introduced, is extensive. For additional information please go to the Ohio Conference web site, [www.ocucc.org](http://www.ocucc.org), check with the church office, or contact Joyce or John Gilberg.

On September 29, delegates approved and encouraged the Vision Team to continue in these directions to become one in the ministry of healing, reconciling and restoring the world; that we may be the community God intends us to be.

Thank you, John and Joyce Gilberg - St. Paul delegates to the Ohio Conference meeting.

## MEETINGS

The Busy Twelve will meet at Bolly's for lunch on November 6.

The Men's Club will meet at 8:00am at Speedway Lanes on Saturday, November 3.

The Women's Service Group will meet for lunch at Chouraku Japanese Steakhouse on Thursday, November 8. Members, & anyone who would like to join them for lunch, will carpool from the church parking lot at 11:00am. Reservations will need to be made, so please contact Oneta Lyda @ 419-586-3946 to let her know if you will, or will not, be attending. All are welcome, so please plan to join us for a delicious meal!

## CHURCH DIRECTORY & RECORDS

### Called Home:

Anna Mae Hudson died Friday, October 19, 2018 at 87 years of age. Funeral rites were held Saturday, October 27, 2018, at the Miller Funeral Home in Saint Marys, and interment followed at Elm Grove Cemetery, Saint Marys, OH.

Mary Anna Mohrman died Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 82 years of age. Services were held in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 28, 2018, and inurnment followed at the German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen, OH.

### Remove:

Anna Mae Hudson – deceased  
Mary Anna Mohrman - deceased

### Address Changes:

Keith May  
5347 Southland Rd  
New Knoxville, OH 45871

Emily Mueller  
204 W Pearl St  
New Bremen, OH 45869

Ben Thobe  
8651 State Route 119  
Maria Stein, OH 45860

## NOVEMBER GREETERS

### **November 4**

East: Mark, Tonya, Josh & Emma Fledderjohann  
North: Michelle Bambauer  
South: Jeff, Lindsey, Gavin, Tyce & Kale Quellhorst

### **November 11**

East: Linda & Marvin Topp  
North: Randy, Lisa, Jake & Luke Davidson  
South: Jeff, Stephanie, Grant & Gavin Dicke

### **November 18**

East: Deb Gibson & Gary Wehmeyer  
North: Dennis & Ann Nelson  
South: Kim Quellhorst

### **November 25**

East: Jeff, Renee, Taylor & Rianna Paul  
North: Keith, Dana, Nolan, Chloe, Allie, & Josie Bornhorst  
South: John Gilberg

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

November 4	John & Nancy Knost
November 11	Vernon & Julia Paul
November 18	Evie & Tom Wenning
November 25	John & Ginny Voress

(The 2019 chart is up in the Narthex. Cost per Sunday is \$30.00.)

<b>LOCAL AID EXPENDITURES SEPTEMBER 21-OCTOBER 20</b>	
<b>GIFT CARDS DISTRIBUTED</b>	
10	\$25 MARATHON
1	\$50 KROGER
3	\$50 ALDI
1	\$100 ALDI
6	\$10 RESTAURANT
<b>OTHER</b>	
\$3948.34	FURNACE
\$36.70	FOOD
\$125	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS
\$44.59	BUDGETING HELP
\$108.42	THERAPY AIDS

<p>Pastoral Care is very important! Please contact the church office when you, a family member or friend enter a hospital, or care facility, so Pastors &amp; church family can be supportive. Phone: 419-629-2502 Email: stpaulnb@nktelco.net</p>
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**ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS**

**Elmwood Assisted Living, 711 Walnut, New Bremen, OH 45869**

Joann Freeman  
Anna Mae Hudson  
Lois Moeller

**Heritage Center, 24 N. Hamilton, Minster, OH 45865**

Thomas Goodwin  
Jill May  
Mary Mohrman  
Jean Waterman  
Mary Ellen White

**The Gardens, 505 Walnut, Wapakoneta, OH 45895**

Louise Kettler (Room 222)

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

Mary Lou Campbell

**St. Marys Living Center, 1209 Indiana Ave., St. Marys, OH 45885**

Rosie Heitkamp  
Annabelle Wenning

**Otterbein, 11300 Yost Circle, St. Marys, OH 45885**

Doris Blanke  
Dan Chamberlin (11710 Kingfisher Lane)  
LaRue Dicke  
Miriam Donnerberg (11314 Bobwhite Lane)  
Virginia Kuenning (11807 Mallard Lane)  
Dorothy Wilkens (Room 330)



**ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by the Interim President Mike Holdren with 13 council members including: Rev. Becky Erb-Strang, Pastor Dee Schroer, Andrea Huber, John Gilberg, Tracy Oldiges, Kathy Topp, John Mohrman, Barb Holdren, Jeff Quellhorst, Teresa Hemmelgarn, Betty Dietrich, Myra Hanenkratt and Tom Brandewie. Devotions were provided by Jeff Quellhorst.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report reviewed. Correction was needed on Ft. Wayne Children's Home. It is now called Crossroad Child & Family Services. John Gilberg moved to accept the minutes with correction. Tracy Oldiges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report, as of September 2018, was reviewed. Report shows year to date balance of -\$26,767 in General Fund. Tom Brandewie moved to accept Treasurer's report as read. Brad Holdren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mission: Meets next week

Worship: Small change in Christmas service moving from 5pm to 4pm.

Discipleship: Hosting a Youth Mental Health Day event on October 14. Blessing cabinet has been restocked. We are also planning an Adult Mental Health Day, and currently firming up the details with local businesses. The fall "wellness" events will coincide with Open Table Community Meals.

Stewardship: No report

Playground: Progress is being made: box around swing set is complete, dirt leveled, and reseeded grass.

Art Camp: No report

185th Anniversary: Photo book is complete. You can stop by the church library to view. You can also order your own copy through Snapfish. Details at the church office.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Deacon's Report: No report

Elder's Report: No Report

**MAINTENANCE REPORT**

John Mohrman reports:

- Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.
- New boiler combustion blower ordered, received and put into stock.
- New dehumidifier for the basement was not removing any moisture from the air. I called the company about it. After a few calls, they sent a replacement and it is working fine.
- Moved TV bulletin board in the west hall of the educational building to more a visible location. Plugged old mounting holes and touched up paint.
- Replaced some Styrofoam removed, during the electrical and fire alarm systems upgrade, in the educational building.
- Took recycles to the recycle center.
- Other small things taken care of as needed.

Trustees Report: Planted grass, will repair ruts from work being done in front once complete.

## PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

Sunday September 9 we began our Sunday school year with 45 students in attendance, this included Preschool through 8th grade.

Our Sunday school youth have started the year by studying stories from the Old Testament beginning with creation. Last week our lesson was Noah's Ark. Please check out the kid's 16-foot ark in the East hallway of the Educational building. All grades are studying the same story and topic, each week, in hopes that it will aid in conversation at home when sharing what they learned in Sunday school. It is my intention to create a multi-year curriculum that will enhance learning, build a foundation and create a deeper understanding as our children grow and mature in Christ.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful Sunday school teachers.

- Preschool - Kristen Nelson & Haley Dicke
- Kindergarten -1st Grade - Terri Mullins & Elyssa Mullins
- 2nd & 3rd Grade - Emily Langenkamp, Leah Gilberg and Morgan Felver
- 4th & 5th Grade - Myra Hanenkratt and Amy Opperman
- Jr. High - Neal Voress, Michelle Voress and Katie Dietrich

I touch base with the Sunday school teachers every week before class.

Wednesday September 12 we began our youth programs. This year we have combined our Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. Everyone seems to appreciate this change; it has been working very well! We have eight Splash students at this time, we have had up to 23 Jr. & Sr. High students, and we have 13 confirmands this year.

We have also added Connor Barhorst and Austin Hemmelgarn to be in charge of our end of the night game time. Our Jr. and Sr. High Youth have begun their year with lessons covering "Being the Body of Christ", what that means to us and how we can be the Body of Christ out in the world every day! We are moving into lessons about who is God and God's Love.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Youth Group leaders.

- Splash - Emily Langenkamp
- Splash drivers - Stephanie Dicke, Pastor Becky, Pastor Dee, and backup drivers Larry Kuhn and Jeff Quellhorst.
- Confirmation Youth Leaders - Jeff Paul, Lisa Weigandt and Shelly Smart
- Jr. and Sr. High leaders - Kim Hemmelgarn, Mimi Messick, Michelle Voress, Neal Voress, Conner Barhorst and Austin Hemmelgarn.

Please take time to thank all of our volunteers for sharing their time and talents with our children. It is their commitment to our youth that energizes, inspires and moves the knowledge and faith of our congregation into the future. Please see me if you have any talents, ideas or experiences you would like to share. All are welcome and encouraged to share your wisdom, knowledge and talents with our youth!

I am currently 3 weeks into my Worship and Liturgy course at Lay School. The final assignment for this class will be to put together and formulate a meaningful and intentional worship service with a specific purpose. I need to be able to explain the Who, What, Where, When and Why, that I chose for each and every piece and part of the service.

I have joined an Excellence in Ministry group that will meet the first Tuesday of every month from 4-6:00pm. This group meets in Tiffin, which was intentionally scheduled to meet on the same day as Lay School. I am very grateful for this, because it saves me a 3 hour road trip.

Thursday October 4 I went to see Mike Robbins, a leadership expert, and motivational speaker. Mike shared a lot of good, usable information and it was an excellent refresher for me. The tickets for this event were a gift from members of our congregation and I thank them very much for sharing these tickets with me!

- Saturday, October 13 - 8:00am-4:30pm:  
Youth Mental Health First Aid course
- Wednesday, October 17 - 3-4:30pm:  
Splash is traveling to Elmwood for activities
- Thursday, October 25 - 6-7:30pm: Trunk-or-Treat
- Saturday, November 10 - 8:00am-12:00pm:  
Mom2Mom Sale fundraiser

#### Pastoral Care September 11, 2018 – October 8, 2018

Hospital visits - 5

Home visits - 4

Graveside services -1

Youth sporting event - Homecoming football game

### **PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT**

#### Worship:

- October 14 - Bailey Langenkamp Baptism
- October 27/28 - All Saints Weekend
- November 10/11 - Veteran's Recognition / Bells of Peace / Children's Worship
- November 17/18 - Stewardship Weekend
- December 1/2 - First Weekend of Advent

Proposed Worship Times for Christmas Eve: 4:00, 8:00 and 11:00pm. 8:00 and 11:00pm with Candlelight and Holy Communion.

Confirmation Classes began on September 12. We have 13 confirmands.

Pastor Dee and I will lead an Adult Sunday school class AND a Thursday night Bible study: using the same curriculum for each of the two times. We will begin on Sunday September 30 and Thursday October 4 with Bob Goff's curriculum: Everybody Always for five weeks. Then we will start a six-week series on the Gospel of Luke.

Working with the New Bremen Schools, I have arranged for the October 12 Teacher In-Service days to include a 2 hour presentation to faculty and staff about bullying and suicide. On Saturday October 13, St. Paul will host a Youth Mental Health First Aid Course from 8:00am to 4:30pm. We are able to offer this to the community at no cost due to grants given to the Partnership for Violence Free Families and a Make a Difference Grant St. Paul received from the United Church of Christ. I am working with the Chamber of Commerce to arrange an Adult Mental Health First Aid Course also.

- Financial Peace University begins Sunday, October 21.
- Playground construction is nearing completion. Still need to complete volleyball court and electric.
- I resumed Coffee Shop Hours in September.
- I keep gingersnaps in the cookie jar in the church office. All are welcome to stop in!
- I am trying to take Thursday mornings as professional reading time. I take Fridays off for personal time. I will return calls on Saturday or Monday.
- I am a facilitator for the Ohio Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

#### Vacation 2018 (5 weeks' vacation; 5 weekends)

- February 23-26 - (4 days; one weekend)  
St. Louis for a concert with Jim
- March 14 - (1 days; around Why Christian? Event)
- June 21 - (1 day to visit family in Indiana)
- July 1-7 - (1 week) Tennessee with Jim
- July 24-August 2 (1 week and 3 days) Canada with Jim
- September 21-23 (1 weekend)  
Jim's High School Reunion in Chicago
- December 25-January 1 - Vacation (one week; one weekend)

#### Pastoral Care September 12, 2018 – October 8, 2018:

Hospital Visits - 11	Phone Calls - 37
Office Visits - 6	Nursing Home Visits - 37
Home Visit - 9	Nursing Home Worship - 1
Home Communion - 18	Coffee Shop Attendees - 21
Notes Written - 46	

\*Please note: Every week I have a minimum of 30 people I check in on via visits, phone calls, notes, texting or Facebook messaging. The list continues to grow!

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2018 Project of the Year – Project will start first week in October
- Taylor Paul - No update at this time.
- South parking lot fix - No update at this time.
- Sanctuary Air Conditioning - Working on getting a quote.
- Landscape beds - Will be spreading the remaining mulch in the next week or so.

WISH LIST:

Auditorium (flooring and window rework) Carpet Chapel,  
Assembly room - \$8,500k  
AC – Youth Rm - \$3,600k  
Stain Glass Window Completion Project - \$60k

Announcements: Next meeting – November 13, 2018 @ 7:00pm Devotions – Brad Holdren  
Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

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Andrea Huber, Secretary

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Mike Holdren, President





## New Bremen St. Paul's UCC

**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Early Bird shopping @ 8am for \$5**

**9am - 12pm \$1 admission!**

Come buy gently used baby equipment, toys, shoes, games, kids' items, and clothes of all sizes newborn to junior sizes as well as maternity wear. All items are labeled with prices on the clothing or look for signs and deals at each individual booth! Please bring small bills for great deals! This is a **CASH ONLY** sale!

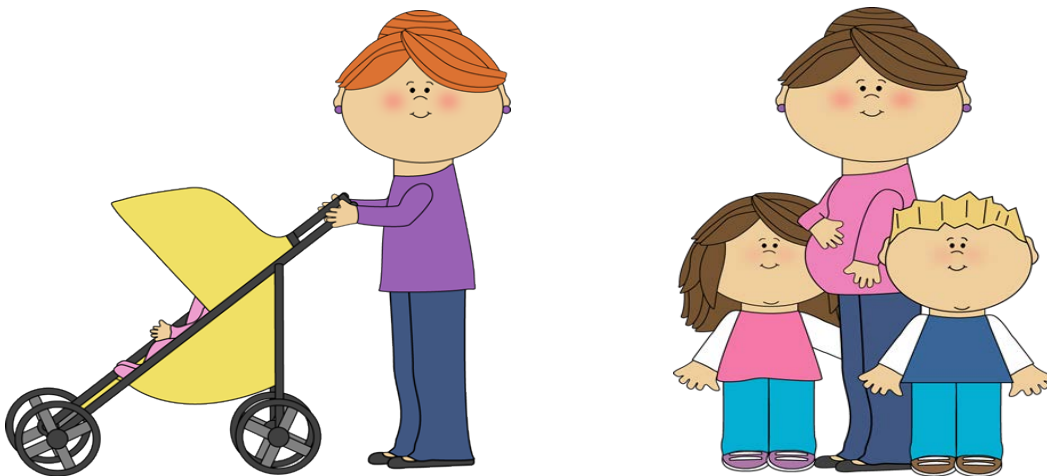
Church Office- 419-629-2502

Abby- 937-726-6446

Katie- 419-733-0919

Proceeds to benefit the Youth Activities Fund at St. Paul United Church of Christ

**FREE BABYSITTING WHILE YOU SHOP!**





It is time to place your orders for the poinsettia plants that grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season. This year we have two colors from which to choose and the cost per plant will be \$9.00. This will include 4-6 blooms in a 6½-inch pot that will be wrapped in foil with a drip pan. The plants may be picked up **after the 11:00 p.m., Monday, Christmas Eve** worship service. (Please be sure to pick up the color you ordered so that everyone will be able to enjoy the color of the plant that each chose.)

Poinsettia color choices and quantities:

Red \_\_\_\_\_ Qty                      White \_\_\_\_\_ Qty

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A gift for \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Christmas Decorating Fund.

Please place payment along with the order form in the offering plate or drop off in the church office. Checks should be payable to St. Paul UCC.

**Please have poinsettia order in by December 10.**

Every year at this time we also ask for and accept donations to the Christmas Decorating Fund. This money will be used toward decorations for the Church and Educational Building.

Please include payment with this order form.

**Thank you** for helping make our sanctuary even more beautiful as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



St. Paul United Church of Christ  
Treasurer's Report September 2018 General Fund

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Remaining	Previous YTD
Income						
	Contributions	14,834.00	171,736.01			166,799.31
	Rent-Nursery School	300.00	1,950.00	2,850.00	900.00	1,850.00
	Rent-Misc. Building	200.00	324.00			250.00
	Contrib-Sunday School	101.85	101.85			0.00
	Contributions-Beacon	10	540.00			380.00
	Contributions-Misc.	0.00	275.00			1,904.92
	Stewardship	0.00	285.00			410.00
	Office Supplies	4.00	131.75			80.96
	Easter Offering	0.00	4,936.00			0.00
	Anniversary Gift	435.00	5,248.00			0.00
	Art Camp-VBS	0.00	0.00			2,014.00
	Interest-Checking	2.90	50.41			34.66
	Sr. Min Endow Transfer	530.00	4,770.00	6,360.00	1,590.00	4,770.00
	Visit Min Endow Transfer	444.60	4,048.20	5,382.00	1,333.80	3,981.00
	Youth Min Endow Trans	1,772.72	17,181.76	22,500.00	5,318.24	9,000.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,635.07</b>	<b>\$211,577.98</b>	<b>\$37,092.00</b>		<b>\$191,474.85</b>
Expense						
	Senior Pastor Salary	5,133.44	46,200.96	61,601.00	15,400.04	45,528.02
	Senior Pastor Insurance	946.40	10,660.80	13,500.00	2,839.20	12,311.52
	Senior Pastor Pension	2,802.84	11,211.36	11,211.00	(0.36)	10,884.82
	Senior Pastor Dis/Life	300.31	1,391.24	1,550.00	158.76	1,356.24
	Senior Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	450.00	600.00	150.00	450.00
	Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	493.77	1,000.00	506.23	1,114.52
	Senior Pastor Business Ex	104.77	472.78	1,000.00	527.22	527.98
	Associate Pastor Salary	2,750.00	24,750.00	33,000.00	8,250.00	5,500.00
	Associate Pastor Housing	833.34	7,500.06	10,000.00	2,499.94	1,666.68
	Associate Pastor Pension	1,505.00	6,050.00	6,020.00	0.00	0.00
	Associate Pastor Insurance	918.83	7,123.18	12,000.00	4,876.82	554.00
	Assoc. Pastor Dis/Life	0.00	161.25	645.00	483.75	0.00
	Assoc. Pastor Cont Ed	0.00	815.64	1,000.00	184.36	121.80
	Assoc. Pastor Business Ex	9.95	352.82	1,000.00	647.18	61.88
	Assoc. Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	450.00	600.00	150.00	100.00
	Youth Ministry Endow	0.00	0.00			3,000.00
	Organist Salary	515.00	4,423.00	6,386.00	1,963.00	4,432.00
	Music Director Salary	75.00	585.00	780.00	195.00	598.95
	Chancel Choir Director	200.00	1,425.00	2,200.00	775.00	1,274.00
	Chancel Choir Accomp	50.00	350.00	375.00	25.00	0.00
	Beacon Editor Salary	224.00	2,016.00	2,688.00	672.00	2,240.00
	Visitation Ministry Salary	448.50	4,036.50	5,382.00	1,345.50	3,977.64
	Bell Choir Director Salary	103.00	824.00	1,236.00	412.00	927.00
	Web Page Editor Salary	225.00	1,125.00	1,854.00	729.00	900.00
	Office Admin Salary	2,461.58	22,154.22	29,539.00	7,384.78	21,831.76
	Financial Secretary Salary	430.67	3,876.03	5,168.00	1,291.97	3,819.36
	Education Bldg Custodian	1,108.58	9,650.07	13,303.00	3,652.93	9,832.14
	Sanctuary Cust Salary	643.42	5,790.78	7,721.00	1,930.22	5,706.34
	Lawn Care Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,632.26
	Maintenance Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,164.52



	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Remaining	Previous YTD
Expense	(continued)					
	Substitute Salary (All Positions)	0.00	450.00	4,000.00	3,550.00	2,453.00
	Telephone	60.35	1,219.21	1,500.00	280.79	1,018.16
	Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	50.00	450.00	600.00	150.00	450.00
	Internet Services	159.95	1,439.55	2,000.00	560.45	1,446.55
	Natural Gas-Church	109.44	6,170.18	7,500.00	1,329.82	4,841.09
	Natural Gas-Parsonage	27.89	726.16	1,000.00	273.84	604.68
	Electric/Water/Sewage	703.58	6,213.54	8,000.00	1,786.46	5,402.66
	Trash/Dumpster	61.32	549.34	750.00	200.66	520.70
	Worship Materials/Supplies	164.55	2,210.10	3,000.00	789.90	2,605.78
	Worship-Saturday	330.00	2,220.00	3,120.00	900.00	2,110.00
	Pastoral Care	0.00	364.20	800.00	435.80	864.05
	Music	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	147.92
	Delegate's Expense	0.00	28.00	100.00	72.00	0.00
	Membership Dues	0.00	375.00	500.00	125.00	677.61
	Stewardship Material	1,053.91	2,297.92	2,500.00	202.08	992.17
	Church Growth & Development	885.49	3,711.69	3,500.00	(211.69)	3,142.04
	Postage	287.10	3,526.96	3,500.00	(26.96)	2,220.81
	Shipping	114.55	296.30	500.00	203.70	250.04
	Mileage/Travel	787.78	6,479.20	10,000.00	3,520.80	6,445.90
	Payroll Services	0.00	377.47	650.00	272.53	499.47
	Office Supplies	43.62	2,360.21	4,000.00	1,639.79	2,750.73
	Custodial Supplies	203.24	933.16	1,500.00	566.84	887.29
	Office Equipment Maintenance	349.68	6,827.41	8,000.00	1,172.59	6,137.20
	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	425.28	1,200.00	774.72	101.00
	Sunday School/Youth Programs	225.84	2,218.23	7,000.00	4,781.77	0.00
	Sunday School Educational Material	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,664.74
	Sunday School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,262.14
	Camperships	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	600.00
	Bibles	187.67	388.42	250.00	(138.42)	0.00
	Program Materials-Grade School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.72
	Program Materials-Junior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	813.89
	Program materials-Senior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	852.21
	Confirmation	24.20	808.06	1,000.00	191.94	946.45
	Library	0.00	24.53	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SALT Programing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	193.18
	FICA/FIT (Employer)	1,139.82	10,233.29	15,000.00	4,766.71	8,780.56
	Worker's Compensation	0.00	713.00	1,000.00	287.00	940.00
	Art Camp-VBS					2,387.95
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$28,859.61</b>	<b>\$238,345.87</b>	<b>\$324,829.00</b>	<b>\$86,483.13</b>	<b>\$217,339.12</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$10,224.54)</b>	<b>(\$26,767.89)</b>			<b>(\$25,864.27)</b>

# 2018 November Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						8:00am - Men's Club at Speedway Lanes
		Indoor Park on Tuesday's 10am-1pm				
				7:00pm Bible Study in the Library		5pm Worship w/Holy Communion
	100TH ANNIVERSARY - ARMISTISE					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship w/Holy Communion	2:00-4:00pm Coffee Shop	Busy Twelve - Bolly's Lunch 2:30pm Elmwood Worship w/Holy Communion	3-5:00pm Splash 6:30-8:30pm Dinner - Confirmands Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Bell Choir Chancel Choir	11:00am <b>Women's Service</b> Group leaving from church for lunch @ <b>Chouraku</b> <b>Japanese Steakhouse</b> 7:00pm Bible Study in the Library		<b>MOM2MOM</b> <b>SALE</b> <b>9AM-12PM</b> 5pm Worship
6:30-8pm Financial Peace						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship	2:00-4:00pm Coffee Shop		3-5:00pm Splash 6:30-8:30pm Dinner - Confirmands Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Bell Choir Chancel Choir			<b>Stewardship Weekend</b>
<b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>Recognition</b>				7:00pm Bible Study in the Library		5pm Worship
6:30-8pm Financial Peace		7pm Council Meeting				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00am Sunday School NO Adult Class 10:15am Worship	2:00-4:00pm Coffee Shop 4-6:00pm - Open Table Community Meal		<b>NO</b> <b>YOUTH</b> <b>ACTIVITIES</b> Bell Choir Chancel Choir			5pm Worship
<b>Stewardship Weekend</b>	6:30pm NB Community Thanksgiving Service			<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
6:30-8pm Financial Peace						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:00am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship 6:00pm Becky's Book Club & Dinner 6:30-8pm Financial Peace	2:00-4:00pm Coffee Shop 6:30pm <b>Community</b> <b>Christmas Tree</b> <b>Lighting</b> <b>Lock One Parking Lot</b>		3-5:00pm Splash 6:30-8:30pm Dinner - Confirmands Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Bell Choir Chancel Choir			 <b>NOVEMBER 10!!!</b>

# November Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<i>God danced the day you were born!</i>				1	2	3	<i>Genesis 2: God said, "It's not good for the man to be alone; I'll make him a helper, a companion....and the two shall be one."</i>
				Marlene Hittopole	Angela Dammeyer Jerry Newman	Andrew Hudson John Tostrick	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11/2 - John & Dot Koepfer 11/3 - Samuel & Andrea Hanson 11/4 - Ashley & John Hartzell 11/8 - Mark & Lori Likens 11/17 - Joe & Jill Borkowskit 11/20 - Brian & Susan Toomey 11/23 - Marvin & Linda Topp
Virginia Braun Caitlin Puthoff		Ned Conradi Roland Dicke Dennis Nelson Tony Tontrup	Griffin Huber Cindy Schemmel Guy Waterman	Richard Howell Julia Paul Cynthia Young Hayden Zeller	James Dicke III Gary Topp Mike Topp Gary Wehmeyer	William Bruns Zelta Fogt Zachary Tontrup	11/24 - William & Christine Wilson
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11/25 - Larry & Nancy Busse 11/25 - Jerry & Andrea Huber 11/26 - Mike & Barb Holdren 11/27 - Dick & Sandy Watcke 11/28 - John & Virginia Voess 11/30 - Jerry & Cindy Newman
Katie Jackson Joseph Maurer Michelle Voess	Philip Borkowski Gavin Schwable	Karen Farley Kylien Patel Colten Schott	Ned Dammeyer Becky Erb Strang	Todd Thieman	Wanda Dammeyer Thomas Rengers	Jessica Tostrick Austin Webb	11/30 - Jim & Thieda Tontrup
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Cathy Barnes  Caleb Felver Gregory Felver Jayden Felver Dale Heitkamp Beverly Plattner	William Blumhorst Lori Hubbard Matthew Longfellow Linda Rempe Sue Shockney	Stacey Fairchild Mark Steinecker	Barbara Freewalt	Mitchell Opperman Jacob Scheer	Joni Gatton Bob Wierwille	Ethan Buettner Janet Eikerman Scott Kettler Adam Michael	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
Joyce Piper Justin Schwable Carol Stauffer	Elise Oldiges Bryan Trego	James Moeller	Randall Davidson Stacy Erb Becky Quellhorst Sieanna Zeller		Martha Plattner Wes Wyatt		

## **SERVING ST. PAUL**

### **STAFF**

Senior Pastor	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Associate Pastor	Dee Schroer
Lay Minister of Visitation	Anna Hoelscher
Office Administrator	Barb Holdren
Financial Secretary	Janet Eilerman
Organists	Dick Hudson & Cheyenne Olt
Director of Music	Tim Olt
Bell Choir Director	Cheyenne Olt
Educational Building Custodians	Dennis & Linda Hainline
Sanctuary Custodian	Greg Hainline
Groundskeeper	Mike Holdren
Building Maintenance Technician	John Mohrman
Beacon Editor	Terri Goodwin
Website Editor	Cindy Schemmel

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

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

### **MISSION TEAM**

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)

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

## **SERVING ST. PAUL 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL**

(Meets 2nd Tuesday; Transacts routine business of the church)

Interim President  
Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
2nd Year Treasurer  
Senior Elder  
Junior Elder  
Trustees

Mike Holdren  
Jeff Quellhorst  
Andrea Huber  
Myra Hanenkratt  
Terri Mullins  
John Gilberg

Tom Brandewie, 3rd Year  
Kirk Dicke, 2nd Year  
Tim Bowers, 1st Year

2nd Year Deacons

Betty Dietrich,  
Theresa Hemmelgarn  
Brad Holdren  
Kathy Manbeck  
Kathy Topp  
Jim Mullins - Head Deacon

1st Year Deacons

Dana Bornhorst  
Elyssa Mullins,  
Tracy Oldiges  
Jeff Paul  
Shelly Zeller

## **STEWARDSHIP BOARD**

(Secures pledges; promotes stewardship programs)

Interim President  
Vice President  
Senior Trustee  
Senior Pastor  
Treasurer  
Financial Secretary  
Representatives

Mike Holdren  
Jeff Quellhorst  
Tom Brandewie  
Becky Erb Strang  
Myra Hanenkratt  
Janet Eilerman

Roland Dicke, 3rd Year  
Open Position, 2nd Year  
Gary Wehmeyer, 1st Year

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

(Sounding board for future worship service opportunities)

Interim President	Mike Holdren
Vice President	Jeff Quellhorst
Senior Pastor	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Associate Pastor	Dee Schroer
Senior Elder (Chair)	Terri Mullins
Director of Music	Tim Olt
Organists	Dick Hudson
	Cheyenne Olt
Bell Choir Director	Cheyenne Olt
Head Deacon	Jim Mullins
Members	
	Brenda Haynes
	Anna Hoelscher
	Ann Kuhn
	Bev Plattner
	Gary Wehmeyer

## **FINANCIAL ADVISORY TEAM**

(Consults with bookkeeper regarding church investments)

Interim President	Mike Holdren
Vice President	Jeff Quellhorst
Senior Trustee	Tom Brandewie
Senior Pastor	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Office Administrator	Barb Holdren
Treasurer	Myra Hanenkratt
Members	
	Don Scheer
	John Voress
	John Wierwille

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

(Prepares church budget for following year)

Interim President	Mike Holdren
Vice President	Jeff Quellhorst
Secretary	Andrea Huber
Treasurer	Myra Hanenkratt
Senior Elder	Terri Mullins
Senior Trustee	Tom Brandewie
Stewardship Board	Roland Dicke