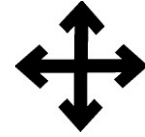




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"Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Resolve to Love"

Rev. Rebecca Erb Strang
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Faith Formation, Youth &
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FROM OUR PASTOR

United Church of Christ pastor Michael Piazza has written a wonderful text called Vital Vintage Church: How Traditional Congregations Thrive. Over the course of 2019 various groups and teams at St. Paul will be diving deeply into Rev. Piazza's book as we look for new ways to serve God in our community.

And how are we to serve? By seeing Jesus in our brothers and sisters. In Matthew 25, Jesus welcomes into his kingdom those who fed him and clothed him and visited him. The righteous are confused. They don't have any recollection of serving Jesus in such a way. Jesus' answer, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Our congregation will continue to thrive when we continue to serve Jesus in the least, the lost, and the lonely. Our church will continue to thrive when we take up our cross and follow Jesus—offering acceptance and love to all. Our gathered Body of Christ will continue to thrive when we become Jesus' arms and feet, ears and eyes in our wider community.

In the month of February, in this extended Epiphany season, I encourage you to find the Light of Christ in the eyes of others.

Blessings,
Becky

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation is offering a Mental Health First Aid Course for Veterans, Service Members and their Families on Saturday February 9 at St. Paul Church from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Due to grants, the course is free and lunch is provided. You can register at <http://www.cvent.com/d/qbqt0r>

BIBLE STUDIES IN FEBRUARY: LUKE AND REVELATION

All are welcome to join in Bible studies led by Pastors Becky and Dee in the Library:

February 3 at 9:00am and February 7 at 7:00pm - Gospel of Luke Session Four
February 10 at 9:00am and February 14 at 7:00pm - Gospel of Luke Session Five
February 17 at 9:00am and February 21 at 7:00pm - Gospel of Luke Session Six
February 24 at 9:00am and February 28 at 7:00pm - Book of Revelation Session One

COFFEE SHOP HOURS

Throughout the month of February, Pastor Becky will be at New Bremen Coffee Company from 2:00-4:00pm each Monday. Come: join in the conversation! All are welcome!

BECKY'S BOOK CLUB: FEBRUARY 24

All are invited to the parsonage at 6:00pm on Sunday, February 24 for dinner and discussion of Madeleine L'Engle's novel Certain Women. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or salad to share. Copies of the book can be picked up at the church office.

THANK YOU FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The Stewardship Team thanks the members and friends of St. Paul Church for your pledged and unpledged giving for 2018 and into 2019. Your gifts help shine Christ's light in our community and beyond. Thank you!

ART CAMP SUPPLIES

Art Camp is June 10-13, 2019 at St. Paul Church. Our theme this year is Care for Creation—most of our crafts and activities will involve recycled materials. We are in need of donations of supplies: empty oatmeal canisters, small plastic pop bottles (with lids), cardboard egg cartons, plastic milk jugs with lids and tin cans. You can put your donations in boxes on the stage in the auditorium.

FROM PASTOR DEE

Our Sunday school and Youth activities have resumed normal schedule after Christmas break. It is wonderful to have the usual activity and movement of the students bringing life back into the educational building!

Looking ahead for Sunday school: February 17 - Jr High will lead Children's Moment during 10:15 Sunday morning worship.

ATTENTION: Sr. High and Confirmation Youth and Parents!

Sunday, February 3, at 11:30am there will be an informational meeting to discuss a summer Mission trip opportunity to Camp Washington in Cincinnati prior to our scheduled Spirit Song outing. Dates for these two events will be Sunday June 16 - Friday June 22.

Tuesday, January 8, I met with the Church and Ministry Group and have been approved for licensure.

I will resume Lay School Classes February 5.

MEETINGS

Busy Twelve will not meet, again, until April.

Discipleship Team will meet on Monday, February 25 in the 4th-5th Grade Classroom at 6:30pm to plan upcoming community and spiritual-growth events. You are invited to join us!

Men's Club will meet at Speedway Lanes at 8:00am on Saturday, February 2.

The Women's Service Group will meet February 14 at 11:30am for a soup and salad lunch in the Assembly Room. Following lunch we will view a movie in the theater room. All are welcome! Please call 419-629-2720 and let us know you will be joining us!

CHURCH DIRECTORY & RECORDS

Address Changes:

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Chester, VA 23836-2723

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Rev. Jim Egbert
Elmwood Assisted Living
711 S. Walnut St.
New Bremen, OH 45869

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM

A Mental Health First Aid Course, particularly geared for military veterans and active duty personnel, is scheduled for Saturday, February 9 from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

The next Community Meal will be held on Monday, February 18. Members of St. Peter's Church will prepare the meal and help serve.

The church has 40 tickets available to see the Dayton Dragons on Sunday, June 23. Contact the church office for tickets (\$6/person).

On Saturday, February 23 there will be Crafts, Cookies, and Indoor Park for the little ones. Contact Jenn Snider for details. 614-361-3899 or Jennifer.e.snider@gmail.com

Taylor Paul is moving along with her project for the Girl Scout Gold Award. The church has received a grant through Neighbors in Need which will assist Taylor in establishing a fruit garden located on church grounds. She also has plans to develop a food pantry as part of her project. We will have exciting updates to share in the coming months.

2019 MISSION PROJECT **CROSSROAD CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES** **FT. WAYNE, INDIANA**

The St. Paul Mission Team has chosen Crossroad Child & Family Services for its 2019 mission project. This year the designated mission project is for beyond the local church. Note: The church council has approved this project for the "2019 Mission of the Year".

Crossroad was founded in 1883 as an orphanage by the German Reformed Church, a predecessor of the United Church of Christ. A mission relationship that continues today.

Crossroad has evolved as the needs of children and families have changed. Today, it provides services for emotionally troubled and traumatized children. Crossroad also has a specialized alternative education program for children with emotional and behavioral disorders. Crossroad's success ratings are always very high compared to state programs.

Programs have evolved with the changing needs of young people and families. The buildings that were designed for earlier and simpler times are now inadequate, not suitable and accessible or configured for today's needs. Crossroad has a Major Capital Campaign underway to tear down some old buildings and build new buildings. A new dining hall, (4890 meals are served a month), dormitory units, office spaces, meeting rooms, and to generally update the 47 1/2 acre campus with trees, walking paths and other amenities to enhance the campus.

The Mission Team and church council have a challenge goal of \$20,000 to build and furnish two bedroom units for one of the new dormitories. These will be signature rooms with St. Paul UCC New Bremen plaques beside the doors.

This is only the beginning. With faith and confidence, we know that St. Paul people will come through again.

2nd Corinthians: 9:7 For God Loves a Cheerful Giver. Thank you, The Mission Team

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

It's the little things that can make a big difference! Start collecting pop tabs for Sam Simon, a member of the Mission Team. Sam is requesting that St. Paul congregation help Auglaize Industries by collecting aluminum pop tabs to give to the Ronald McDonald House of Dayton. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the House's expenses and benefits children and their families. It's a great program! Every year, more than \$10,000 is raised from this program. You can collect the tabs in any container, like plastic bottles, milk cartons or Pringles cans. Bring your tabs to church and place your container in boxes located in the narthex of the sanctuary, the chapel, or on the stage. Sam would like to thank you in advance for supporting the Ronald McDonald House and the children.

LOCAL AID EXPENDITURES - DECEMBER 18 – JANUARY 18	
GIFT CARDS DISTRIBUTED	
4	\$50 ALDI
4	\$100 ALDI
2	\$50 KROGER
18	\$25 MARATHON
OTHER	
\$500	RENT
CARDS RESTOCKED	
10	\$50 ALDI
5	\$100 ALDI
40	\$25 MARATHON



Washington United Church of Christ

2950 Sidney Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45225
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Dec. 31, 2018

St. Paul UCC
119 North Franklin St., P.O. Box 6
New Bremen, OH 45869

Dear Friends,

Thank you again for your very generous gift of \$1,014 to the *Gifts to the Manger* ministry, which helped 300 children from Camp Washington and surrounding low-income neighborhoods have a happy Christmas.

On Dec. 16, nearly 100 parents, grandparents or guardians chose clothing, toys, hats and gloves, underwear and socks for their children. We had gift wrap and food boxes with turkeys, too.

It was a wonderful day for so many needy families – made possible by **YOU**.

And, many thanks for the new outfits for the children in our after-school tutoring program and Sunday School!

Sincerely,
Rev. Dr. Aaron Saari, Interim Pastor
Laurel Humes, Church Council



No goods or services were provided for this contribution, which is tax-deductible according to IRS regulations.

FEBRUARY GREETERS

February 3

East Bev Poppe
North Tom & Peg Brandewie
South Lloyd Schroer

February 10

East John & Joyce Gilberg
North Sally Dicke
South Teresa & Samantha Kuck

February 17

East Keith May & Ben Bergman
North Phyllis Fledderjohann
South William & Barb Tostrick

February 24

East Debra Klein
North Wes & Julianne Wyatt
South Robert & Linda Rump

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 3
February 10 John & Ginny, George & Karen, & Judy Voress
February 17 Mim Donnerberg
February 24

(Remaining dates still open May 5, December 8)

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 & church family can be supportive.

Phone: 419-629-2502 Email: stpaulnb@nktelco.net

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

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

Rev. Jim Egbert
Joann Freeman
Lois Moeller

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

Thomas Goodwin
Jean Waterman
Mary Ellen White

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)

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

The Gardens, 505 Walnut, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Louise Kettler (Room 222)

CONGREGATION MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2018

Mike Holdren called the meeting to order with prayer.

Agenda:

- Voting on the proposed council nominations
- Budget for 2019

Dennis Dicke made a motion to approve the council nominations as read. Tom Holdren seconded the motion. Motion carried. The budget was included in the bulletin. A slight increase in insurance was shared, and the addition of one SALT person. Mike asked if anyone had questions or concerns. One person did ask why we would add to the employee head count when the 2018 budget is currently in the red. The value of having an extra set of hands in the coming year was explained. Ballots were handed out and tallied. Budget was approved 69 to 1. Meeting concluded.

ST PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Interim President Mike Holdren with 13 council members including: Pastor Dee Schroer, Rev. Becky Erb Strang, Tracy Oldiges, Kathy Topp, John Gilberg, Barb Holdren, Jeff Quellhorst, Betty Dietrich, Myra Hanenkratt, Tom Brandewie, Theresa Hemmelgarn and Brad Holdren. Prayer given by Dee Schroer.

Secretary's Report: John Gilberg made a correction to the second paragraph which stated he had seconded the motion to have Buckeye Extermination for a 12 month prepaid contract. He said he was not at the meeting because he was in Texas. Minutes were changed to Tracy Oldiges as the second motion. Motion to approve by Tracy Oldiges. Seconded by Brad Holdren. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report as of November 2018 was reviewed. 2019 budget passed. As of December 11, 2018, there is a deficit of \$1,350. The Consolidated Fund Activity Report – investments are slightly down. Building maintenance activity is holding steady. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with correction by Tom Brandewie. Seconded by John Gilberg. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission: Project of the Year for 2019 is CrossRoads in Ft. Wayne, IN - 45 new bedrooms – each approximately \$10,000. Trying to raise \$10,000 - \$20,000. St. Paul's goal is to raise \$20,000. The Mission Team is planning a possible trip, January 12 and 19 to tour the Crossroad facilities. Monthly missions currently bring in approximately \$1000.00. John Gilberg made a motion for \$20,000 for CrossRoads and monthly missions. Kathy Topp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Worship: Will meet in January 2019.

Discipleship: Taylor Paul is working on her gold award. She is raising funds and working on the layout. St Peters is doing next Monday's Community meal. New Year's Eve party is up in the air at this time. Mental Health meeting went well. St Paul will be ordering Dragon's tickets for next spring. The blessing cabinet is expanding and we need more room. There has been a greater need with the cold weather and the Christmas holiday.

Stewardship: The committee will meet to distribute the giving envelopes.

Art Camp: Lisa Weigant and Becky met December 10, 2018 and sent 150 save the date cards.

OTHER REPORTS

Deacon's Report: There is a need for four more Deacon's to fill openings.

Elder's Report: John Gilberg reports the Christmas Eve 8:00pm and 11:00pm services will serve communion by passing in the pews. Mimi Messick has agreed to be Jr. Elder for 2019.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

John and Tom cleaned the gutters.

Trustees: They have discussed leaf removal. Barb said the bathroom light bulb ballast needs fixed. The towel dispenser isn't working. Suggested switching it out with the one in the kitchen.

DEE'S REPORT

Sunday school and Youth: Change Christmas party to next week/Splash and Sr. High. Dee met with credentialing committee in Tiffin. The Advent Family Workshop, last Sunday, was well attended. There was a donation of chili, and it was an enjoyable afternoon. Pastor Dee would like to do this again. February 5: Pastor Dee Schroer will travel to Tiffin Theology to get her license.

PASTOR BECKY'S REPORT

December 21, 2018 is the Longest Night service. It starts at 7:00pm and deacons will need to be there at 6:40pm. Participating churches will be St Peter's and St. Paul. The 8:00pm and 11:00pm Christmas Eve services are candlelight and communion. Dee and Becky will administer communion. The choir will sing at the 8:00pm service.

New curriculum for a Mental Health First Aid Course, particularly geared for military veterans and active duty personnel, is scheduled for Saturday, February 9 from 8:00am to 4:30pm. A reimbursement of \$15.00 per hour for child care will be provided so parents can attend.

Becky is taking some vacation time. Five days after Christmas and 5 days in March for the Washington DC trip.

Family needs: chair, sofa, full size bed, and dresser (Dee may have the dresser).

OLD BUSINESS

The full amount of funds have been donated for the clock tower renovation. It will need some additional work done. Midwest Maintenance has sub-contracted the painting and some other work.

Wish List:

- Congregational meeting is next Sunday. Wish to fund Salt program and add second SALT position - better experience with two.
- Stained glass removal – there is a donor
- “Please do not park” on the sidewalk in the parking lot. Open to suggestions.
- Sanctuary air conditioning is not an immediate necessity. Need to acquire bids for Wish List.
- Sanctuary Narthex modification – Need to acquire bids for Wish List

Council Nominations: Need to fill three more positions.

OCWM PLEDGE: Will need to be decided at January council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

New Bremen Music Boosters: have contacted us requesting a donation.

2019 Project of the year

Minister Employee Reimbursement:

St Paul United Church of Christ church council makes a motion to adopt the following:

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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

2. 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.

3. The minister or employee will return advances that exceed actual business expenses within 120 days.
4. 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.

John Gilberg made a motion and Kathy Topp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minister Housing Reimbursement:

Becky doesn't need this. Dee has this benefit. December 11, 2018 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 as part of his compensation to the extent said income is used by him 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, 2019, Deana Schroer will be compensated \$10,000/year-\$416.66/pay period for housing allowance.

John Gilberg made a motion and Myra Hannenkratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auglaize County EMA: We agree to be a shelter for people to go to for assistance. Auglaize industry will come here also. John Gilberg made a motion. Tom Brandewie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barb Holdren thanked all those leaving and staying.

Adjournment: Next meeting is January 8, 2019

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Past Interim President Mike Holdren, (President Jeff Quellhorst was on vacation) with twelve Council members including: Roland Dicke, Jeff Paul, John Mohrman, Tom Brandewie, Kirk Dicke, John Gilberg, Myra Hanenkratt, Pastor Dee Schroer, Rev. Becky Erb Strang, Erin Topp, Barb Holdren and Mimi Messick.

Secretary's Report: A correction was made to change the word "work" to "word". A correction was also made in the minutes of the congregational meeting to change "Mike Holdren's Dad" to Tom Holdren. Roland Dicke made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Tom Brandewie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Total income for December was \$37,992.78 and total expenses for the same period was \$25,661.72, for a surplus of \$12,331.06 for December and a year-to-date balance of \$557.35. John Gilberg made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Myra Hanenkratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission: The 2019 project of the year for St. Paul UCC is CrossRoads in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. John Gilberg gave council information on the purpose of CrossRoads and their current building projects. The Mission Team will be making a trip to CrossRoads on Saturday, January 19, 2019 to tour their facilities. The mission for February will be Best Gifts and the mission for March will be One Great Hour of Sharing. A mission trip to El Salvador is scheduled for February.

Worship: Will meet the last Sunday in January

Finance: No report

Discipleship: Will meet next Monday

Stewardship: No report

Playground: No report

Art Camp: "Save the Date" postcards were sent to all previous attendees. A Neighbors In Need grant was applied for to help with Art Camp and/or Taylor Paul's gold award. We know we have received one grant but we don't know which one yet.

OTHER REPORTS

Deacons Report: The deacons held an orientation meeting for all deacons to go over duties and responsibilities. They were also given their work schedule for the first quarter of 2019. We have a need for two deacons to fulfill the twelve deacon positions.

Elder's Report: No report

MAINTENANCE REPORT

No report submitted.

Trustee's Report: The ceiling is showing some cracking in the dome of the sanctuary, possibly due to a leak in the roof. The trustees will be investigating the cause.

PASTOR DEE'S REPORT

Sunday School:

- December 16 - Sunday school children led worship and presented the Christmas program "The Christmas Mouse". I would like to thank Emily Langenkamp, Leah Gilberg, and Morgan Felver for coordinating this year's program, and to all our teachers for your encouragement and support. I would also like to thank the Jr. and Sr. High youth for making cookies for our refreshment time following worship.
- December 23 & 30 - Sunday school teachers were able to take a two week Christmas break while I taught a "one room school house" style Sunday school lesson and activity. I am blessed that on December 23 Neal and Michelle Voress, Katie Dietrich and Terri Mullins showed up to assist me, and Myra Hanenkragtt came in on December 30. Thank you!
- January 6 we resumed our regular classroom schedules.

Youth:

- December 12 - Jr. and Sr. High Youth baked and decorated cookies for refreshment time after the Sunday school program and worship service on December 16.
- December 19 - 6:30-8:30pm youth celebrated Christmas with an All Youth Christmas party, which included Splash, Jr. High, Confirmation and sr. High youth groups. We began with a taco bar supper and had a lot of fun with a “white elephant” exchange that lasted the rest of the evening!
- December 23 – Splash youth shared their musical talent with our congregation, for a second time, during worship. Gavin Quellhorst, Josie Bornhorst, Susannah Davis, Lily Longfellow and Julia Mullins sang “What Child is This” with Allie Bornhorst as the piano accompanist.

I have spent time reorienting and reorganizing to prepare for the second half of our Sunday school and Youth year. I have also been preparing for my second licensure interview with the Church and Ministry team on January 8. Lay school will resume February 5, beginning the Theology, Ethics and Morals course taught by Rev. Dr. Diane Carter.

Pastoral Care December 12 – January 9, 2019

Home Visits – 4

Funeral – 1

Hospital Visits - 1

PASTOR BECKY’S REPORT

Worship:

- Christmas Eve Worship Service (attendance)

Year	Total	10:15am	4:00pm	5:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	11:00pm
2012	413			116	139		158
2013	417			121	110		186
2014	400			136		146	118
2015	322			103		84	135
2016	350			128		109	113
2017	359	99		81		91	88
2018	300		105			86	109

- Tuesday, February 5 – Worship with Communion at Elmwood Community
- Thursday, February 7 – Worship at Heritage Center
- Sunday, February 17 – Baptism of Ella Jane Manbeck
- Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00pm

Confirmation is going marvelously. Lisa Weigandt, Shelly Smart and Jeff Paul are team teaching Confirmation this year. Pastor Dee and I are alternating weeks between Junior High Youth Group and Confirmation.

Dee and I will continue to teach the Gospel of Luke on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings. Beginning Sunday, February 24, we will begin a five week series on the Book of Revelation. Following that, we will host classes around sin and grace.

January's Book Club will be on Sunday, January 27 at 6:00pm at the Parsonage. We will eat together and then discuss Jim Dicke II's Alzheimer's With My Mother, Eilleen. Autographed copies of the book can be picked up at the church office.

We are hosting a Mental Health First Aid Course on Saturday, February 9 from 8:00am-4:30pm. This course will be particularly geared toward military veterans, active duty personnel and their families. Due to grants, we are able to offer this course at no charge.

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.

Vacation 2019 (5 weeks' vacation; 5 weekends)

- March 21 – March 26 – Washington D.C. (5 days; one weekend)
- I am scheduled for sabbatical summer 2019, but have Council permission to spread it out over two summers (this keeps worship attendance and giving from plummeting). My first six weeks will be taken June 17 – July 29, 2019.

I am a facilitator for the Ohio Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

Pastoral Care December 12, 2018 - January 9, 2019	Total	
Home Communion	20	
Home Visits	5	
Hospital Visits	3	
Nursing Home Visits	30	
Notes Written	18	
Office Visits	2	
Phone Calls	20	
Pastoral Care Overall	2018	2017
Baptisms	7	10
Coffee Shop Attendees	138	171
Continuing Ed	1	1
Funerals	15	19
Heritage Center Worship	3	5
Home Communion (includes Elmwood)	254	347
Home Visits	71	43
Hospital Visits	88	118
Nursing Home Visits	244	439
Office Visits	58	55
Phone Calls	244	95
Weddings	7	5

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Project of the Year – Clock Tower – windows aren't in yet

Landscape Beds – no action was taken

Taylor Paul Girl Scout Award – Taylor would like to use the room adjacent to the Blessing Cabinet for a small food pantry – we will be using a temporary wall in the room to divide the room into a food pantry and a small area for meditation. As mentioned previously, two Neighbor's in Need grants were applied for: one for Art Camp and one for Taylor's project. We know we have received a grant but do not know at this time for what project.

Sanctuary Air Conditioning – waiting on a quote

Sanctuary Accessibility – Looking at options. One possibility is a new lift or ramp on the north side of church

Narthex/Sanctuary Modification – nothing new at this time

Council Nominations – need two more deacons

OCWM Pledge – pledged \$30,000 in 2018. John Gilberg made the motion to keep the 2019 pledge at \$30,000. Jeff Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Pension Boards Paperwork – no action taken

Stamps – Since postage is being increased, it was suggested that we purchase 50 rolls of stamps now to save \$250. Council thought this was a good idea. Barb will purchase the 50 rolls.

Sanctuary Bathrooms – Handrails – It was brought to our attention that it would be nice to have some type of hand rail on toilets in the sanctuary. Council discussed this and thought temporary handrails would be the best and cost-effective option. We will check the drug store for prices or accept donations.

Sanctuary North Wall – Midwest Maintenance is handling this, but haven't been heard from lately. Trustees will contact them again.

Pastor Dee Schroer – Robe/Installation – Since Dee has passed her education and course curriculum/training we would like to hold an installation ceremony. Options are to hold this ceremony during one of our church services, either on a Saturday or Sunday, or Sunday afternoon or Saturday evening. Pastor Becky will contact Rev. Dan Busch, Northwest Ohio Association Minister, to see what will work with his schedule.

Special Offerings – Discussion was held on where money from special offerings (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas) would be placed. Possible options are General Fund, Project of the Year, Mission or combination of all. We do not have a quorum tonight so a vote cannot be taken. Therefore, discussion will carry over to February council meeting.

Announcements: Next meeting - February 12, 2019 at 7:00pm

Devotions: Roland Dicke

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

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

Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	2018 Budget Remaining	Previous YTD
INCOME					
Contributions	24,342.97	243,280.90			235,650.77
Rent-Nursery School	300.00	2,550.00	2,850.00	300.00	2,750.00
Rent-Misc. Building	0.00	324.00			350.00
Contributions-Sunday School	64.57	307.19			0.00
Contributions-Beacon	20.00	560.00			525.00
Contributions-Misc.	5,322.00	5,597.00			26,398.17
Stewardship	15.00	315.00			740.00
Office Supplies	22.75	179.50			158.40
Easter Offering	0.00	4,936.00			0.00
Anniversary Gift	0.00	5,398.00			0.00
Art Camp-VBS	0.00	0.00			2,014.00
Thanksgiving Offering	20.00	310.00			0.00
Christmas Envelope	1,648.00	1,678.00			0.00
Advent Gift	3,480.00	3,480.00			0.00
Interest-Checking	10.09	71.84			39.75
Sr. Minister Endow Transfer	530.00	6,360.00	6,360.00	0.00	6,360.00
Visit Ministry Endow Transfer	444.60	5,382.00	5,382.00	0.00	5,385.00
Youth Ministry Endow Transfer	1,772.80	22,500.00	22,500.00	0.00	18,000.00
Gift Fund Transfer(as per budget)	0.00	8,000.00			0.00
Total Income	\$37,992.78	\$311,229.43	\$37,092.00		\$298,386.09
EXPENSES					
Senior Pastor Salary	5,133.44	61,601.28	61,601.00	(.28)	61,601.00
Senior Pastor Insurance	946.40	13,500.00	13,500.00	0.00	15,000.00
Senior Pastor Pension	0.00	11,211.36	11,211.00	(0.36)	11,211.00
Senior Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	1,391.24	1,550.00	158.76	1,356.24
Senior Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	493.77	1,000.00	506.23	1,114.52
Senior Pastor Business Ex	70.78	543.56	1,000.00	456.44	897.76
Associate Pastor Salary	2,750.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	0.00	13,750.00
Associate Pastor Housing	833.34	10,000.08	10,000.00	(.08)	4,166.70
Associate Pastor Pension	0.00	6,020.00	6,020.00	0.00	1,204.00
Associate Pastor Insurance	843.01	9,767.03	12,000.00	2,232.97	1,814.97
Assoc. Pastor Disability/Life	0.00	161.25	645.00	483.75	0.00
Assoc. Pastor Continuing Ed	24.63	990.27	1,000.00	9.73	237.08
Assoc. Pastor Business Ex	0.00	361.94	1,000.00	638.06	299.73
Assoc. Pastor Cell Phone	50.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	250.00
Youth Ministry Endowment	0.00	0.00			3,000.00
Organist Salary	927.00	6,168.00	6,386.00	218.00	6,292.00
Music Director Salary	75.00	780.00	780.00	0.00	808.95
Chancel Choir Director	250.00	1,925.00	2,200.00	275.00	1,874.00
Chancel Choir Accompanist	50.00	425.00	375.00	(50.00)	0.00
Beacon Editor Salary	224.00	2,688.00	2,688.00	0.00	2,912.00
Visitation Ministry Salary	448.50	5,382.00	5,382.00	0.00	5,382.00
Bell Choir Director Salary	103.00	1,133.00	1,236.00	103.00	1,236.00
Web Page Editor Salary	225.00	1,800.00	1,854.00	54.00	900.00
Office Administrator Salary	2,461.58	29,538.96	29,539.00	.04	29,539.00
Financial Secretary Salary	430.67	5,168.04	5,168.00	(.04)	5,167.98
Education Bldg Custodian	1,108.58	12,541.52	13,303.00	761.48	13,302.96
Sanctuary Custodian Salary	643.42	7,721.04	7,721.00	(.04)	7,720.96

	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Remaining Budget	Previous YTD
	EXPENSES (continued)					
	Lawn Care Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,070.43
	Maintenance Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,046.92
	Substitute Salary (All Positions)	285.00	1,070.00	4,000.00	2,930.00	3,620.50
	Telephone	59.51	1,392.37	1,500.00	107.63	1,361.27
	Staff Cell Phone Reimbursement	50.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
	Internet Services	159.95	1,919.40	2,000.00	80.60	1,926.40
	Natural Gas-Church	1,281.48	8,121.11	7,500.00	(621.11)	6,077.67
	Natural Gas-Parsonage	129.71	943.42	1,000.00	56.58	772.59
	Electric/Water/Sewage	702.49	8,177.92	8,000.00	(177.92)	7,207.37
	Trash/Dumpster	61.46	734.23	750.00	15.77	697.64
	Worship Materials/Supplies	52.41	2,671.36	3,000.00	328.64	3,790.83
	Worship-Saturday	250.00	2,960.00	3,120.00	160.00	2,930.00
	Pastoral Care	0.00	364.20	800.00	435.80	1,269.65
	Music	125.00	225.00	500.00	275.00	175.71
	Delegate's Expense	0.00	28.00	100.00	72.00	0.00
	Membership Dues	0.00	450.00	500.00	50.00	752.61
	Stewardship Material	143.76	2,652.99	2,500.00	(152.99)	2,593.54
	Church Growth & Development	72.47	4,082.22	3,500.00	(582.22)	4,062.39
	Postage	338.72	4,700.87	3,500.00	(1,200.87)	3,523.47
	Shipping	17.00	327.24	500.00	172.76	540.00
	Mileage/Travel	825.93	8,859.98	10,000.00	1,140.02	9,050.23
	Payroll Services	0.00	502.47	650.00	147.53	624.47
	Office Supplies	280.08	3,544.79	4,000.00	455.21	3,692.29
	Custodial Supplies	248.16	1,445.29	1,500.00	54.71	1,413.37
	Office Equipment Maintenance	934.78	9,871.26	8,000.00	(1,871.26)	8,642.83
	Miscellaneous Expenses	525.00	980.28	1,200.00	219.72	631.00
	Sunday School/Youth Programs	256.92	2,922.97	7,000.00	4,077.03	0.00
	Sunday School Educational Material	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,771.94
	Sunday School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,725.21
	Camperships	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	600.00
	Bibles	25.79	414.21	250.00	(164.21)	649.50
	Program Materials-Grade School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	476.85
	Program Materials-Junior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,020.44
	Program materials-Senior High	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,146.77
	Confirmation	22.25	830.31	1,000.00	169.69	974.93
	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)	1,139.80	13,610.32	15,000.00	1,389.68	12,287.29
	Worker's Compensation	0.00	713.00	1,000.00	287.00	940.00
	Art Camp-VBS					2,387.95
	Total Expenses	\$25,606.44	\$310,596.80	\$324,829.00	\$14,232.20	\$298,386.09
	Difference	\$12,386.34	\$632.93			\$0.00



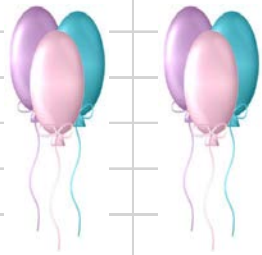

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - NEW BREMEN, OHIO
CONSOLIDATED FUND ACTIVITY REPORT AS OF 12/31/2018

Thursday, January 10, 2019					Page 1 of 1
Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End
Bible School Fund	0.00	3,818.7	4,263.1	1,205.0	760.
BPCF	9,908.65	0.0	0.0	(9,908.65	0.00
Building Maintenance & Property Care Fund	0.00	23,341.99	27,752.07	76,483.84	72,073.76
Building Maintenance Fund	66,575.19	0.0	0.0	(66,575.19	0.00
Clock Face Balance	0.00	5,739.3	12,022.0	6,282.6	0.00
Contribution/Reimbursement Misc.	437.61	6,652.7	7,025.9	0.0	64.
Discipleship	0.00	5,947.0	3,726.5	4,171.9	6,392.
Funeral Lunch	1,430.59	810.0	502.7	0.0	1,737.
General Fund Balance	0.00	303,229.4	310,596.8	8,000.0	632.
Holiday's Decoration Fund Balance	1,211.00	480.0	0.0	0.0	1,691.
Local Aid Fund	15,400.74	26,282.0	19,180.6	(376.13	22,126.
Mens Fellowship Fund	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00
Ministry Education Fund	26,871.81	(1,837.84	0.0	0.0	25,033.
Missions Fund	841.21	12,756.0	13,597.2	0.0	0.00
OCWM	0.00	26,389.0	26,389.0	0.0	0.00
Playground Fund	3,395.10	6,416.7	5,195.1	0.0	4,616.
Project of the Year Fund	4,344.00	20,013.0	18,757.0	0.0	5,600.
Property Self Insurance Fund	29,621.73	(2,031.28	13,282.2	0.0	14,308.
SARA/El Salvador	0.00	810.0	100.0	0.0	710.
Senior Luncheon Fund	1,535.84	805.0	2,340.8	0.0	0.00
SENIOR MINISTER ENDOWMENT Fund	176,551.52	(13,589.64	6,360.00	0.00	156,601.88
St. Paul Memorial Fund	28,010.39	1,690.5	4,177.9	(1,205.00	24,317.
Stained Glass Windows	16,665.44	31,426.9	0.0	0.0	48,092.
Undesignated/Designated Gifts Fund	40,367.03	(920.85	0.0	(11,795.81	27,650.
Visitation Ministry-Kuck Endow	156,092.07	(8,837.35	5,382.0	0.0	141,872.
Youth Activity Balance	76.37	4,552.9	1,140.0	0.0	3,489.
Youth Ministry Fund	643,232.30	(33,634.66	22,500.0	0.0	587,097.
zunsed accounts	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00
Total	<u>\$1,222,568.59</u>	<u>\$420,309.6</u>	<u>\$504,291.4</u>	<u>\$6,282.6</u>	<u>\$1,144,869.</u>













FEBRUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

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became one...*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2	
If you were born on February 29, when would you celebrate a non-Leap Year birthday?					Barb Rhinehart	Cathy Stevens Thomas Thieman Gayle Wray	
That would be a good question to ask Zachary Hegemier and Brady Pape ! Happy Birthday guys!							
Hope your birthdays are great, no matter what day you celebrate!							
"God rejoiced the day you were born!"							
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Ashley Bowers Jack Oldiges	Aubrey Fairchild Ian Fairchild Jamie Kuhn Avery Rhinehart Ron Tontrup Lexi Quellhorst Nora Quellhorst	Amy Barhorst Olivia Dicke Sue Kettler	Parker Bushman Kurt Dammeyer Deborah Gibson Matthew Tontrup	Sue Schnelle	Lois Dicke Gregory Hainline Alexander Homan Marissa Topp Mark Winner	Andrew Charlson Evan Howell Belinda Hudson Katie Sok	2/3 <i>Dennis & Genevieve Conradi Dicke</i> 2/7 <i>Tim & Vicki May</i> 2/8 <i>Kurt & Rachael Topp</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Cynthia Charlson Brietta Fark Christine Schott Charlie Vibbert	Kirk Greber	Sierra Schott Monika Sudman	Phyllis Flederjohnn	Jan Dammeyer Ashley Fraley Eileen Gamble	Larry Kuhn Evelyn Rupert Owen Wray	Hallie Bushman Sarah Kramer Pam Miller Brett Schaefer Trevor Schaefer	2/14 <i>Jordan & Ashley Fraley</i> 2/18 <i>Bev & Ed Hickerson</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Kristen Nelson Kurt Topp	Genevieve Conradi Taylor Williams Carrie Paul Sherri Tontrup Joycelynn Vondenberger	Ethan Howell Kathy Nedderman	Molly Borkowski Charles Dicke Kayla Lear Jason Maurer	Tracey Dammeyer Debra Kramer Lily Longfellow Lucas Schrader Thieda Tontrup Kate Topp Steven M. Topp	Grant Dicke Rodney Hainline Eric Hirschfeld Shiela Kuhn Lisa Thobe Jim Tontrup	Howard Fark Morgan Felver Sarah Heinfeld James Hudson Denise Joyce Jean Waterman Lisa Weigandt	
24	25	26	27	28			
Jeffrey Dicke	Tanner Howell Samuel Simon Tyler Wiedeman	Craig Siefring	Lori Fortman Brian Hatfield Patricia Moeller Keith Quellhorst	Lucille Francis Daniel Jacoby Emily Linniman			2/24 <i>James & Kathy Naylor</i> 

2019 February Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						8:00am - Men's Club at Speedway Lanes 5pm Worship <i>w/Holy Communion</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship <i>w/Holy Communion</i> 11:30am Summer Mission Trip Parent/Youth Meeting	2-4pm Coffee Shop	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	10:15am Worship at Heritage Center 7:00pm Bible Study in the Library		8:00am-4:30 Mental Health first Aid 5pm Worship
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00am SS Teacher Mtg. 9:00am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship 11:30am Mission Team	2-4pm Coffee Shop	7:00pm Council Meeting	3-5:00pm Splash 6:30-8:30pm Dinner - Confirmands Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Bell Choir Chancel Choir	11:30am Women's Service Group Happy Valentine's Day! 7:00pm Bible Study in the Library		5pm Worship
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship	2-4pm Coffee Shop 4-6:00pm - Open Table Community Meal 6:30pm Art Camp Team		3-5:00pm Splash 6:30-8:30pm Dinner - Confirmands Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Bell Choir Chancel Choir	7:00pm Bible Study in the Library		10-11:00am Canvas & Cookies 5pm Worship
24	25	26	27	28	OPEN TABLE COMMUNITY MEAL	
9:00am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship 6pm Becky's Book Club & Dinner	2-4pm Coffee Shop 6:30pm Discipleship Team		3-5:00pm Splash 6:30-8:30pm Dinner - Confirmands Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Bell Choir Chancel Choir	7:00pm Bible Study in the Library	When: February 18 Time: 4:00-6:00pm Cooked by St. Peter's Church CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE Menu: Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Salad & Dessert FREE Chair Massages Indoor Park	

SERVING ST. PAUL 2019 - 2020

STAFF

Senior Pastor	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Associate Pastor	Dee Schroer
Lay Min 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
Ed Bldg Custodians	Dennis & Linda Hainline
Sanctuary Custodian	Greg Hainline
Groundskeeper	Mike Holdren
Bldg Maint Technician	John Mohrman
Beacon Editor	Terri Goodwin
Website Editor	Cindy Schemmel

SERVING ST. PAUL 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

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

President	Jeff Quellhorst
Vice President	Roland Dicke
Recording Secretary	Andrea Huber
1st Year Treasurer	Erin Topp
Senior Elder	John Gilberg
Junior Elder	Mimi Messick
Trustees	Kirk Dicke, 3rd Year
	Tim Bowers, 2nd Year
	Tom Brandewie, 1st Year
2nd Year Deacons	Dana Bornhorst
	Elyssa Mullins
	Tracy Oldiges
	Jeff Paul – Jeff Paul
	Gene Topp
	Shelly Zeller
1st Year Deacons	Myra Hanenkratt
	Matt Longfellow
	Sheryl Scherer
	Brook Schmitmeyer
	Open
	Open

MISSION TEAM

(Raises awareness/promotes mission programs)

Connie Friemering	Jeff Paul
John Gilberg	Bev Poppe
Joyce Gilberg (secretary)	Sam Simon
Kim Hemmelgarn	Gary Wehmeyer (chair)
Matt Longfellow	Lori Winner
Pastor Becky Erb Strang & Pastor Dee Schroer	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Pastor Dee Schroer	Elyssa Mullins
Connor Barhorst	Terri Mullins
Haley Dicke	Kristen Nelson
Katie Dietrich	Amy Opperman
Morgan Felver Gilberg	Jeff Paul
Leah Gilberg	Shelly Smart
Myra Hanenkratt	Michelle Voress
Austin Hemmelgarn	Neal Voress
Kim Hemmelgarn	Lisa Weigandt
Emily Langenkamp	Carson Wyatt
Mimi Messick	

STEWARDSHIP BOARD

(Secures pledges; promotes stewardship programs)

President	Jeff Quellhorst
Vice President	Roland Dicke
Senior Trustee	Tom Brandewie
Senior Pastor	Becky Erb Strang
Treasurer	Erin Topp
Financial Secretary	Janet Eilerman
<u>Representatives:</u>	Gary Wehmeyer, 3rd Year
	Open, 2nd Year
	Open, 1st Year

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

(Sounding board for future worship service opportunities)

President	Jeff Quellhorst
Vice President	Roland Dicke
Senior Pastor	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Associate Pastor	Dee Schroer
Senior Elder (Chair)	John Gilberg
Director of Music	Tim Olt
Organists	Dick Hudson & Cheyenne Olt
Bell Choir Director	Cheyenne Olt
Head Deacon	Jeff Paul
<u>Members:</u>	Brenda Haynes
Anna Hoelscher	Ann Kuhn
Bev Plattner	Gary Wehmeyer

FINANCIAL ADVISORY TEAM

(Consults with bookkeeper regarding church investments)

President	Jeff Quellhorst
Vice President	Roland Dicke
Senior Trustee	Kirk Dicke
Senior Pastor	Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Office Administrator	Barb Holdren
Treasurer	Erin Topp
<u>Members:</u>	Don Scheer
John Voress	John Wierwille
Treasurer	Erin Topp
Senior Elder	John Gilberg
Senior Trustee	Kirk Dicke
Stewardship Board	Gary Wehmeyer

BUDGET COMMITTEE

(Prepares church budget for following year)

President	Jeff Quellhorst
Vice President	Roland Dicke
Secretary	Andrea Huber

OTHER WAYS TO SERVE

Bell Choir – Wednesdays @ 7pm
 Chancel Choir – Wednesdays @ 8pm
 Community Meal – 3rd Monday 4-6pm
 Discipleship Team – 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm
 Men’s Club – 1st Saturday @ 8am - Speedway Lanes
 Mission Team – 2nd Sunday @ 11:30am
 St. Paul Funeral Luncheon Committee
 The Busy Twelve – 1st Tuesday
 The Women’s Service Group – 2nd Thursday
 Worship Team – Sundays @ 11:30am, approx. 4 times per year



FEBRUARY

When: Monday, February 18, 2019
Who: Everyone
Where: St. Paul Assembly Room
Serving: 4:00-6:00pm
Menu: Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Salad & Dessert

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

Cooked by St. Peter’s Church

Free Chair Massages & Indoor Park