

## **St. Paul UCC Council Meeting**

**June 8th, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Barb Holdren, Amy Opperman, Tom Brandewie, John Mohrman, Erin Topp, Myra Hanenkraft, Diane Gilberg, Lauren Miller, and Abby Bushman.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Erin Topp and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Bushman, minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report as of June 2021 was reviewed with a motion to accept by Tom Brandewie and Diane Gilberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

**Mission:** Brenda Haynes and Becky are working on the August Monthly Mission: Raising funds for Church World Service that would go directly for food for families in refugee camps—particularly Syrian refugees. They will also challenge St. Paul folk to commit to eating, for one week, the typical food given to a refugee family.

**Discipleship:** In May the Team collected outdoor toys/games to place in buckets for children whose families access the Blessing Pantry. In June they gathered items for Senior Boxes for retirees of the Blessing Pantry. In July they will gather school supplies for Blessing Pantry families to keep at home. Our school teachers learned during the pandemic that many families do not have basic school supplies at home for their children to do schoolwork.

**Worship:** is scheduled for Sunday July 25 at 11:30. We will outline worship for the fall. I fully expect to restart the Saturday evening worship service on Saturday, September 11.

**Finance:** No Report, meeting July 14th

**Art Camp:** will resume 2022. The Carnival is taking its place this year as an evening event for the whole family.

**Deacon's Report:** No report.

**Elder's Report:** No report.

**Stewardship:** We are working on a Stewardship Letter to go to all St. Paul folk with financial updates and stamped giving envelopes. We expect this to be completed by the end of the summer. Stewardship worship weekends: October 24, 31, November 7 and 14. We will focus on the Sermon on the Plain and how we are called to serve others as followers of Jesus.

**Maintenance Report:** Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Looking for bids for upgrading wheelchair elevator. Received one quote from American Home Elevator and Lift Company. Fastened the office door threshold down. New spouting installed around the educational building. Touched up paint of area of the roof where the bells are mounted. Battery pack that operates east sink in educational building ladies' room corroded and I could not fix it. Could not find just the control unit so we ordered and received new faucet. The under-sink valves will not close and will need to be replaced also. Took recycles to recycle center. Other small things taken care of as needed.

**Trustees Report:** Continuing spraying weeds around the property

**Abby's Report:** "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

As we live our life with God, there will be times to be busy and times to be still. We have many things to do although there are times when God wants us to stop everything and be still. Rest in his Presence listen to him and let him prepare you for your day! June was a very busy month. We began with many meetings in preparation of July events such as the Summer Safari Carnival, Let's Reconnect scheduled for Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00-8:00 p.m. On June 28<sup>th</sup> Pastor Becky left on Sabbatical. She will return on Monday, July 19, 2021. In the meantime, I continue to assist Barb with her Pastoral duties inside and outside of the church. I have enjoyed watching our St. Paul Youth play in the CRC league along with visiting many others from our congregation at the youth events that were in June. Mark your calendars for our July Youth events. All are welcome!

**Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Fishing at Kuenning-Dicke Natural Area at 9:30am-11:15 am**

**4336 Lock Two Road, New Bremen, Ohio 45869**

**Bring your grandchildren, fishing supplies and get ready to catch some fish for fun!**

Weekly Scripture: Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

**Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> Komminsk Legacy Park & Splash Pad at 1:00-3:00 pm.**

**45 South Washington Street, New Bremen**

Weekly Scripture: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Do Good Splash Pad and Park 10:00 am-11:30**

**Do Good Restaurant and Ministry: 25 Main Street, Osgood Ohio 45351**

Weekly Scripture: By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:35)

**Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> St. Paul Community Park 10:00-11:15**

**119 North Franklin Street New Bremen, Ohio 45969**

Weekly Scripture: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

**Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> KIDS DAY at The Auglaize County Fair, noon-4 pm.**

**Free Admission for all Kids, Facebook Live Children's Moment by Lauren, on St. Paul United Church of Christ-**

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Weekly Scripture: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

### **Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> Summer Celebration, St. Paul Community Park 10:00 am -11:15 am**

Weekly Scripture: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Thank you to all who have graciously volunteered to water the Golden Harvest Community Orchard, singing and playing special music during worship service and to those who put down mulch around the church! Looking ahead we will be meeting with the worship team, Sunday school teachers and youth leaders to gather ideas for the fall.

#### **Pastor Becky's Report: Worship**

July 4, 11, 18. Pastor Becky on Sabbatical.

September 5. Sam Simon, Preaching

September 11/12. Kick-Off Weekend. Bible Presentations

September 18/19. The Rev. John Dorhauer—President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ, Preaching.

October 2/3 World Communion Weekend

October 17. Children's Worship

Summer Safari Carnival: Let's Reconnect is on Wednesday, July 21 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. A team of volunteers is meeting regularly to make this Art Camp-style festival happen.

Julia Mullins, Kennedy Topp, FaithAnn Voress, Levi Bushman, Parker Bushman and Hallie Bushman assist me each week in worship by signing the hymns and other songs.

I am now fully immunized against Covid19.

Lauren and I continue to lead Daily Devotions weekdays at 11:30 a.m. I have eliminated Fridays from that schedule in order to have one day a week off of work. Bible Study is now on break until September. Book Clubs are on break until September.

Vacation 2021 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends)

August 21-22. Wedding offsite in Indiana (one weekend)

September 27-October 1. Time with Family in Cleveland and Canton (one week; no weekends)

October 15-22 (One week; one weekend)

November 19-26. (One week; one weekend)

December 25-January 2 (one week; two weekends)

I am a facilitator for the Heartland Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program. My group is currently meeting every other week via Zoom. I am also on-call at Joint Township Hospital as an emergency chaplain.

Pastoral Care Documentation (June 8-June 27)

Hospital: 3 Baptism: 0 Notes Written: 0 Nursing Home Visits: 19 Office Visits: 2 Home Visits: 18

Phone Calls: 12 Cookie Deliveries: 0 Funeral: 2 Coffee Shop Attendees: 19 Home Communion: 0 Wedding: 0

#### **Old Business**

**Council Positions:** If you hear of anybody that is interested, please let Becky know.

**Nitro-Church Steeple:** Contract has been signed and expecting to start in the fall.

**Spouting:** The new spouting is up and completed.

**Ramp North Door -Ed Building:** still evaluating how best to complete the project.

**Wheelchair lift:** One quote is in and still looking for more companies to get quotes from to make a comparison.

**Digital Sign – West side of Ed Building:** waiting for Becky to return to provide what she has learned.

**Bathroom facelift-Ed Building:** Still looking into this project

#### **New Business**

**Child Safety Policy:** This policy probably needs to be reviewed and updated. The current policy is outdated. We will look into the fall to get this updated.

**Announcements:** Next meeting – August 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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Amy Opperman, Secretary

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Roland Dicke, President