

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

February 08, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Tom Brandewie, Lynda Ranly, Myra Hanenkratt, Amy Opperman, Tracy Oldiges, John Mohrman, Abby Bushman, Barb Holdren, and Becky Strang

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Lynda Ranly and 2nd by Myra Hanenkratt, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of January was reviewed with a motion to accept by Amy Opperman and Tom Brandewie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Team Reports

Mission: Will not be holding meetings in 2022

Discipleship: Becky has a plan to revamp this team, more to follow

Worship: Everything is all planned thru Easter

Finance: No Report

Art Camp: will resume 2023. Street festival for 2022

Stewardship: All planned

Deacon's Report: No Report

Elder's Report: No Report

Trustees Report: No Report

Staff Reports

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Kitchen gas line was connected. The new electronic sign has been installed. Replaced the board in the bottom of the north banner on the east side of the sanctuary. Took recycles to recycle center. Other small things taken care of as needed.

Abby's Report: Happy Valentine's Day to you! Our St. Paul youth have been writing cards of happiness for folk in the congregation and community for Valentine's Day that will be delivered to Elmwood in New Bremen. Please plan to join us for our Children's Worship on February 27st at 10:15. a.m. Along with our youth leading worship, Rev. Becky has been teaching our youth special songs in sign language. Our students are very excited about the ministry of learning sign language. We're excited to return to youth group on Wednesday's with SPLASH beginning at 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. All youth are invited for dinner at 6:30pm. Change of time for Jr./ Sr. High will be from 7:00pm – 8:00 pm.

Confirmation students will be with Pastor Becky until 8:30pm as in the past. Looking ahead at inclement weather policy: whenever local school classes or events are cancelled due to weather, all church classes, activities and events for St. Paul Youth for that day will be cancelled. February 20th -Children's moment at 10:15 a.m worship

February 21st -Community Meal 4:00 pm -6:00 pm

February 27th -Children's Worship at 10:15 a.m worship

March 20th -Children's moment at 10:15 a.m worship

April 18th -Community Meal 4:00 pm -6:00 pm (volunteers needed)

April 24th -Children's Worship at 10:15, Holy Humor Sunday

May 15th -2022 Senior/ Youth Leader Recognition, 10:15 a.m worship

May 16th -Community Meal 4:00 pm -6:00 pm

There are many ways to share your gifts and talents with the youth programming! We can always use help with lesson and activity preparation, community meals, clean up and special events too. I would like to Thank everyone for volunteering with love and support of all of our Youth Activities! May February be filled with peace, prosperity and love.

Pastor Becky's Report:

Worship

February 27. Transfiguration Sunday. Children's Worship

March 2. Ash Wednesday

March 6. First Sunday in Lent. Jenn Snider, Preaching

March 13. Second Sunday in Lent. Celebration of the Busy 12

March 20. Third Sunday in Lent. Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister of the United Church of Christ, Preaching

Music Staffing: Becky Quellhorst and Connie O'Neill are very willing to help out as organists, but would like for us to hire someone more fulltime.

Lay Minister of Visitation/Parish Nurse Staffing: We need to start this process to fill this position.

Letters have gone out to potential SALT interns. We will interview candidates on Saturday, March 12. We have funding for two interns.

Confirmation is going exceptionally well. We have six students. Lisa Weigandt, Shelly Smart and Jeff Paul are our Confirmation Team teachers.

Starting Thursday at 6:30, I will lead a six-week Hybrid Bible Study (in person and zoom both available). I'm hoping to find leadership among this group for future Bible studies this winter/spring.

St. Paul is hosting a Carrie Newcomer concert on Saturday March 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Art Camp has been put on hold until Summer 2023. We need to schedule our annual Art Camp-style Street Festival.

This year I am raising funds for food trucks rather than asking our volunteers to cook.

Stewardship 2022

Planting Seeds: October 16

Taking Root: October 23

Rain Come Down: October 30 (This is also All Saints' Sunday)

Thriving: November 6

Harvest: November 13 (and Stewardship Sunday)

*These five above themes will be lifted up during worship throughout the year as we give reports on the many missions/ministries of St. Paul Church.

I have cancelled my continuing ed trip/pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal due to health concerns. Will most likely need foot surgery during that same time period in June and July. Bryan Trego will cover bases in my absence. Foot surgeries will most likely span over at two summers.

Vacation 2022 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends per year)

Jan 27-February 1. Six days; one weekend

April 20-25. 6 days; one weekend.

I am a facilitator for the Heartland Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program. My group has begun meeting in-person combined with our Zoom Room technology. Very handy!

Pastoral Care Documentation (January 9-February 8, 2022)

Hospital: 0 Notes Written: 8 Continuing Ed: 0

Nursing Home Visits: 1 Office Visits: 5 Home Visits: 11

Phone Calls: 49 Funerals: 4 Baptism: 2

Coffee Shop Attendees: 17 Home Communion: 0 Wedding: 0

Old Business

Gas Line Replacement: Everything is working great and the expenses have been covered by the NB Foundation

Digital Sign: Is in and working. Training on how to use it is still needed.

Bathroom Facelifts – Ed Building: Mirrors are in and will be installed soon. This project is almost completed.

New Business

Gospel Tent Sponsorship: We have sponsored the gospel tent at the Auglaize County Fair in the past and Amy Opperman made a motion to continue. Tom Brandewie seconded that motion, motion passed.

Ramp North Door-motion was made to move forward with the ramp by Tracy Oldiges and seconded by Lynda Ranly.

SALT Team: - Letters were sent out and we have funds for 2 interns. Interviews will start in March.

Serendipity Contract: Contract was reviewed and approved by Amy Opperman, motion was seconded by Lynda Ranly.

Eagle Scout Presentation:- Jordan and Jarrod Weigandt presented their plans for the updates they are planning in the park.

Announcements: Next meeting – March 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

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