

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

March 08, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Tom Brandewie, June Oaks, Myra Hanenkratt, Amy Opperman, Tracy Oldiges, John Mohrman, Kirk Dicke, Lindsay Quellhorst, Barb Holdren, and Becky Strang

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

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

TEAM REPORTS

Discipleship: We are looking for champions/leaders to take on some of the programs/projects that has fallen under this groups responsibilities. It's getting to be too much. If you are interested in finding out more, please reach out to Becky

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

Audit: scheduled for March 25th

STAFF REPORTS

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Tom Brandewie and I changed some bulbs in the sanctuary. We mounted new mirrors in the educational building restrooms. Jim Strang, Mike Hanenkratt and I ran an audio cables for the sound system in the sanctuary. I replaced sticking relays in two of the heaters in the sanctuary. Tightened loose legs on some tables in the educational building. Tom and I put new mounting boards in the north banner on the east entrance of the sanctuary. New Knoxville Supply installed additional electrical outlets in the northeast corner of the auditorium for the blessing pantry freezers and refrigerators. Had New Knoxville Supply check out strong odor in the basement and sanctuary. They called Vectren in with more sensitive meter and found it to be sewer gas. Sunday service was held with the doors open. Water heater in the parsonage died and was replaced by New Knoxville supply. Took recycles to recycle center. Other small things taken care of as needed.

Abby's Report: Happy early St. Patrick's Day to you! What do you get when you cross poison ivy and a four leaf clover? A rash of Good Luck! ☺ Our youth have had fun writing cards for our congregation, coffee shop and Elmwood folk with many laughs and jokes inside! Our February 27th Children's Worship was well performed by the youth! If you missed it be sure to join us for March 20th and Holy Humor Sunday on April 24th! Our students are very excited about the ministry of learning sign language and singing.

Thank you to the New Bremen High School Student Council and those who continue to help out with our Community Meals. Due to the Historical Society Event, the March meal has been cancelled. We look forward to serving you in April 18th and May 16th! If you would like to help at one of these meals, please contact the church office.

SPLASH begins Wednesdays at 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. All youth are invited for dinner at 6:30pm. Change of time for Jr./ Sr. High, it is from 7:00pm – 8:00 pm. Confirmation students will be with Pastor Becky until 8:30pm as in the past. **Upcoming Youth Events are as follows:**

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

March 27 / April 3– Confirmands read Faith Statements at 10:15 a.m.

April 6 –Last day of Wednesday evening SPLASH and Youth Group

April 10 –Youth Parade Palm Sunday/Rite of Confirmation at 10:15 am

April 14– Maundy Thursday Healing Service, Open House

April 15 –Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 17–EASTER SUNDAY 7:30am/10:15am service/ 9 am Sunday School

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

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

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

May 16 –Community Meal 4:00 pm -6:00 pm (volunteers needed)

June 8 Art Camp Street Festival 5:00- 8:00 p.m.

What does a leprechaun call a happy man wearing green? "A Jolly Green Giant!" What do you get when two leprechauns have a conversation? "A lot of small talk!" Knock, Knock. Who's there? Irish, Irish who? "Irish You a Happy St. Patrick's Day!"

Pastor Becky's Report:

Worship

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 UCC, Preaching

March 27. Confirmands read Faith Statements. Parents bless their children.

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April 10. Palm Sunday. Rite of Confirmation.

April 14. Maundy Thursday Healing Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 15. Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 17. Easter! Worship at 7:30 and 10:15 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion

April 24. Holy Humor. Sunday School and Youth will lead worship

May 15. Recognition of High School Seniors, Teacher and Youth Leader Recognition.

The Rev. David Long-Higgins, Preaching.

June 12. Trinity Sunday. Rev. Dr. Deb Krause, President of Eden Theological Seminary, Preaching.

June 19. The Rev. Dan Busch, Preaching (Becky recuperating from surgery)

June 26. Bryan Trego, Preaching (Becky recuperating from surgery)

July 3. The Rev. Jeanette Tangeman, Preaching (Becky recuperating from surgery)

July 10. Hopefully SALT preaching. (Becky recuperating from surgery)

July 17. Becky's scheduled return to the pulpit

Music Staffing: Becky Quellhorst and Connie O'Neill are very willing to help out as organists, but need us to hire someone more fulltime. This has become a more daunting task than I expected.

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. Students begin working on their faith statements this Wednesday in class.

Hybrid Bible Study (in person and zoom both available) going well. I'm hoping to find leadership among this group for future Bible studies this winter/spring.

The Carrie Newcomer concert was cancelled due to low ticket sales.

Kathy Manbeck and Katie Dietrich are spearheading this summer's Art Camp Festival: Love Your Neighbor. Wednesday June 8 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. I will start fundraising for this event hopefully by the end of the week. We will need a minimum of \$4500.

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.

Foot surgery scheduled for Thursday June 16 at St. Rita's hospital. Four weeks at home. 6+ weeks non-weight bearing, minimum. No driving for 10-12 weeks. Bryan Trego will cover bases in my absence. Foot surgeries will most likely span over at two summers. I have also consulted with a back surgeon. Your pastor is falling apart!

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

Jan 27-February 1. Six days; one Sunday

April 20-25. 6 days; one Sunday

October 14-October 22 (8 days; one Sunday)

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 (February 8-March 6, 2022)

Hospital: 12 Notes Written: 13 Continuing Ed: 0 Nursing Home Visits: 1 Office Visits: 12 Home Visits: 7

Phone Calls: 38 Funerals: 1 Baptism: 0 Coffee Shop Attendees: 30 Home Communion: 45 Wedding: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Bathroom Facelifts – Ed Building: This project is almost completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sidney Landscape Quote -Ed Building North Side: We received a quote from Sidney Landscaping and a motion was made by Tom Brandewie to accept the quote and move forward with this project. This was seconded by Tracy Oldiges.

Gas/Stink issues:- It was discovered that we have a sewer line leak that is causing some foul odor. NK Supply and Vectren were both out to investigate. A call was made to the town to now investigate where the leak is located.

Parsonage Water heater: - The water heater went out in the parsonage and it has already been replaced and taken care of.

Summer Pastoral Assistant Job Description: The council reviewed the job description and Lindsey Quellhorst made a motion to approve this. June Oaks seconded this motion

Envelopes:- Barb has discovered that it is cheaper to purchase preprinted envelopes than it is to do these manually. It was agreed that the preprinted envelopes were the way to go.

Announcements: Next meeting – April 12th @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Amy Opperman, Secretary

Roland Dicke, President