

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

April 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Myra Hanenkratt with council members including, Tom Brandewie, Matt Ranly, Lynda Ranly, June Oaks, Tim Nevels, Elyssa Mullins, John Mohrman, Lindsay Quellhorst, Mimi Messick, and Becky Strang.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Lindsay Quellhorst and 2nd by Tom Brandewie, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed with a motion to accept by Tom Brandewie and June Oaks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Team Reports

Discipleship: Meets again April 18, 2023.

Worship: Meets April 16, 2023

Finance: Met April 11, 2023

Budget: Will meet September or October 2023

Stewardship: No report

Deacon's Report: No Report

Elder's Report: No Report

Trustees Report: 2 crabapple trees were planted in Memory of Becky Quellhorst & Jeannette Quellhorst

by Eric Hirschfeld family with a dedication to come. Tim Nevels will keep them watered.

-Parsonage walk through- April 16, 2023

Blessing Pantry: Served 41 families and 141 individuals in March 2023

Staff Reports:

Maintenance Report:

-Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.

-Replaced broken tiles in the sanctuary.

-Worked with technicians for the electronic sign and got a problem fixed.

-Fixed a problem with one row of auditorium lights not wanting to turn on

properly.

-Repaired damage caused by a tree branch falling onto electrical box by the floodlight for the front of the church between the sanctuary and parsonage.

-Repaired north entrance light on the east entrance of the sanctuary.

-Sydney Spouting repaired /replaced a section of spouting damaged by high winds on the parsonage.

-Other small things taken care of as needed.

John Mohrman

Maintenance Technician

Abby's Report:

Blessings to you and your family from the Youth of St. Paul Church! We pray you had a blessed and Happy Easter! May joy abound in your life, and may you rejoice in all circumstances! Thank you to all who were able to join us bowling in March. Our congregation enjoyed six lanes of bowling, a lot of strikes, spares, pizza and plenty of lemonade too! Be sure to catch us again this summer with the date to come soon.

As the spring sports are among us we conclude our Wednesday night youth group celebrating Mexican Dinner and DQ together! Thank you to all who helped prepare dinner this year for our youth. We are blessed beyond all measures! Calling all 2023 Graduating Seniors! Please call the church office to let us know you will be able to make it during worship on May 14th at 10:15am. We would love to celebrate this milestone in your life and be a witness of your huge accomplishment!

As we look ahead, would you be willing to pray for our youth ministry? Or willing to be a sub for when a teacher is unable to make it to Sunday School or Wednesday evening youth group? April is designated as National Month of Hope. And with hope comes promise. Whether we're hoping for a brighter tomorrow, or the promise of a good meal, April is full of many reasons to smile! We hope you would be interested in getting more involved with the Youth of St. Paul Church, if this would bring a smile to your day, please reach out to us at 419-629-2502!

Peace and Blessings from our hearts to yours!

Abby

***SAVE THE DATE ***

Sunday, April 16th – Children’s Worship; Holy Humor at 10:15am

Sunday, May 14th – Last day of Sunday School at 9am

Sunday, May 14th – 2023 Senior, Teacher and Youth Leader

Recognition at 10:15am worship

Thursday, June 8th – St. Paul Street Festival Birthday Party:

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, June 11th – Pool Party at the Huber’s Swimming Pool:

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday, June 21st – Fellowship, Fishing and Swimming at the Knost’s Pond, 9:30am – noon

Friday, June 30th – Passport to Fishing, Fort Loramie State Park. 9:00am – noon

Tuesday, August 1st – Kids Day at Auglaize County Fair: Noon – 4:00pm

Lay Minister of Visitation Report:

-Participated in the service at Elmwood Assisted Living

-Designed, printed, wrote notes and mailed 44 cards to those on my pastoral list

-7 home visitations

-Text and email prayer concerns to the prayer chain at least twice a week over the past month

-I have taken 5 emails and texts for prayer requests and numerous follow-up emails and texts

-Called, emailed, and texted 6 people on my list for pastoral care

Pastor Becky’s Report:

Worship

April 16. Holy Humor. Children’s Worship. Dietrich Baptism

April 23. Rev. Dan Busch. Preaching

April 29. Private Staton Baptism

April 30. Gabel and Springer Baptisms

May 14. Senior, Teacher, and Youth Leader Recognition.

The Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer will preach.

May 21. My last Sunday at St. Paul Church. Retirement Celebration

May 28. Pentecost! Rev. Dan Busch, Preaching

*Worship Team decided to continue to offer Saturday worship services on Communion weekends only. A decision will need to be made about continuing this in the summer...

Retirement/Leave-Taking Activities

Cottage Meetings (opportunities for small groups to say good-byes...)

These will be held in the Chapel.

Monday April 17. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 19. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday April 20. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 26. 10:00-Noon

Thursday April 27. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Also Planned:

Family Fun Night. Saturday April 15. 6:00-8:00p.m.

Choir/Bell Choir Dinner. Wednesday May 3 at 6:00p.m.

Pastor Porch Party. Sunday May 7. 6:00-8:00p.m.

Council Dinner. Tuesday May 9 at 6:30p.m.

***Note: After I retire, I will get a new cell phone number, eliminate Facebook contacts, and stay away from all things St. Paul Church for at least two years after the new senior pastor is called.**

Staffing Needs: Music/Chancel Choir/Bell Director, Technology Director, Organist

Lisa Weigandt has a team of folk organizing St. Paul's 190th Anniversary celebrations in 2023. "Did You Know...?" historical facts will be shared in worship monthly. Art Camp's Theme will be St. Paul Birthday. On Kick-Off Sunday, September 10, the Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins will preach.

Justine Homan is our Nursery Champion. Due to lack of interest, the nursing will now only be open on Communion Sundays and Children's Worship Sundays.

Art Camp Festival 2023 will be Thursday June 8 from 5:00-8:00p.m.
Theme: Happy Birthday, St. Paul!

Jim and I have contracted covid19 twice in 2022—the second time was exponentially worse. I will be masking in all public settings.

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

Pastoral Care Documentation (March 6-April 11, 2023)

Hospital: 13	Notes Written: 4	Continuing Ed: 0
Nursing Home Visits: 45	Office Visits: 12	Home Visits: 12
Phone Calls: 24	Funerals: 1	Baptism: 0
Coffee Shop Attendees: 19	Home Communion: 74	Wedding: 0
Nursing Home Worship: 1	First Communion: 0	

Old Business

Licensures - Bryan Trego & Dr. Jeff Paul: in process, and will be taken care of over the summer

New Business

Confirm Call Agreement

- offered to Rev. Kenneth Locke by email
- 10 yes votes
- accepted the call
- working on getting Rev. Locke onboarded
- will begin June 1, 2023

Background Checks

- ProtectMyMinistry.com
- \$299 per year screening and authorizing will put us in compliance with insurance

-motion to accept Mimi Messick, seconded by Lynda Ranly, motion carried

Ethics for Authorized Minister and Covenant of Closure for Authorized Ministers

-a copy of this was in the last mailer to the congregation

-the Covenant was signed by Myra Hanenkratt with Council members as witnesses

CCLI Renewal (streaming license)

-motion by Lynda Ranly, seconded by Matt Ranly, motion carried

Serendipity Nursery School has a new owner, Leann Charlson

-still waiting on signed contract

Announcements: Next meeting – May 9th @ 7:00p.m.

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

Mimi Messick, Secretary

Myra Hanenkratt, President