

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

**March 14th, 2023**

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

**NBIA Kris Kuck agent Presentation:**

- new coverage by Mennonite Mutual, they tailor their coverage to churches
- proposal with more coverage and savings to us
- copy of proposal upon request of council
- Motion to accept- Bryan Trego, seconded-Matt Ranly

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Tom Brandewie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lindsay Quellhorst, minutes approved.

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

**Team Reports**

**Discipleship:** Meets again April 18, 2023.

**Worship:** Meets April 16, 2023

-Pastor Becky will suggest to postpone Saturday services for June, July, August

**Finance:** Travis Elsass would like to go over Endowment Funds with the new Bookkeeper Staci Jones

**Budget:** No Report

**Stewardship:** Letter will be going out to church members

**Deacon's Report:** No Report

**Elder's Report:** No Report

**Trustees Report:** Lindsay Quellhorst spoke with Eric Hirschfeld in regards to tree donation in memory of Becky Quellhorst & Jeannette Quellhorst

-they will donate 2 crabapple trees

-they will also hire someone to plant them making sure that whoever they hire checks for proper underground clearance

-Helping with Narthex restroom

**Blessing Pantry:** no report

**Staff Reports:**

**Maintenance Report:**

Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.

After finding some plaster damage in the northeast corner of the balcony, we found other cracks around the sanctuary. Had it looked at by professionals.

Waiting for recommendations.

Work has begun to convert the women's restroom in the sanctuary into a unisex handicapped accessible restroom.

Replaced non-grounded outlet in narthex with a grounded outlet.

Working with tech support to correct a minor issue with the electronic sign on the west side of the educational buildings.

Set clocks to daylight savings time.

Other small things taken care of as needed.

John Mohrman

Maintenance Technician

**Abby's Report:**

Youth Ministry Assistant Report Church Council: March 14, 2023

Do you know what a beautiful sight is right before your eyes? Our St. Paul

Youth Group members gathered together for Ash Wednesday service filling

several rows in the front of the church pews! Be sure to catch daily devotions to

listen to their words of wisdom during these days of Lent! Next up, we are excited to

go bowling with the congregation Sunday, March 19th from 11:30am -1:30pm at

Speedway Lanes in New Bremen! Be sure to save the dates listed below for your family to join us again in the future! Soon we will be sending out over 75 Easter postcards to our homebound and nursing home folks to bring them joy with inspiring Easter messages of hope, happiness and warm springtime wishes! As we look ahead, would you be willing to pray for our youth ministry throughout the year? Or willing to be a sub for when a teacher is unable to make it to Sunday School /youth group? If you would be interested in getting more involved with the Youth of St. Paul Church, please reach out to us at 419-629-2502!

These forty days of Lent are a time to slow down, to lean upon the plow and wonder at the world around us with amazing, hope-filled hearts as we reflect on the cross and Christ's path to get there. Our path may be filled with potholes, however as we journey through Lent, don't rush things. Pause. Take your time. Listen for God's whispered, promised Alleluia. It will come very soon!  
Peace, Love and Hope, Abby

**\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\***

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Youth Palm Sunday Parade at 10:15 am

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – This is the last evening for Youth Group, Mexican Dinner/DQ

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-Enjoy Easter worship with your family

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> -Family Fun Night 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Our last Children's Worship; Holy Humor at 10:15 am

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Sunday School at 9 am, 2023 Senior, Teacher and Youth Leader Recognition at 10:15 am worship

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> –St. Paul Street Festival Birthday Party: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> –Pool Party at the Huber's Swimming Pool: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> –Fellowship, Fishing and Swimming at the Knost's Pond, 9:30 am –noon

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

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> - Kids Day at Auglaize County Fair: Noon to 4:00 pm

**Lay Minister Report:**

–Communions with Pastor Becky

**Pastor Becky's Report:**

Worship

March 26. Confirmation Statements read during worship

April 2. Rite of Confirmation. Holy Communion both Saturday and Sunday

April 6. Maundy Thursday

April 7. Good Friday

April 9. Easter. Holy Communion

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

April 23. Rev. Dan Busch. Preaching

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. 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Possible Choir/Bell Choir Dinner. Wednesday May 3 at 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor Porch Party. Sunday May 7. 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Council Dinner. Tuesday May 9 at 6:30 p.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 190<sup>th</sup> 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 5:00-8:00 p.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.

Vacation 2023 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends per year)  
May 22-31. 10 days; one Sunday

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

#### **Pastoral Care Documentation (February 12-March 6)**

Hospital: 8	Notes Written: 8	Continuing Ed: 0
Nursing Home Visits: 11	Office Visits: 12	Home Visits: 7
Phone Calls: 27	Funerals: 1	Baptism: 0
Coffee Shop Attendees: 27	Home Communion: 44	Wedding: 0
Nursing Home Worship: 0	First Communion: 0	

#### **Old Business**

**Licensures - Bryan Trego & Dr. Jeff Paul: in process**

**-extra paperwork has been sent to Northwest Association**

**-Pastor Becky will meet with Bryan Trego and Dr. Jeff Paul**

#### **New Business**

**Serendipity Nursery School has a new owner, Leeann Charlson**

-she is still looking over the contract

**New Bookkeeper hired: Staci Jones**

-Travis Elsass (Edward Jones Financial Advisor) would like to meet with her

**Auglaize County Fair Gospel Tent \$50 Donation**

-motioned by- Mimi Messick, seconded -Bryan Trego

**NorthwestOhio Association Support of the Wider Church**

-St. Paul UCC donation- \$30,627

**Pastor Search Committee:**

-recommendation for Interim Pastor Reverend Kenneth Locke

**Announcements:** Next meeting – April 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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Mimi Messick, Secretary

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Myra Hanenkratt, President