

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

February 14th, 2023

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

Interim Pastor Search

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Tom Brandewie and 2nd by June Oaks. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed with a motion to accept by Lindsay Quellhorst and Lynda Ranly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Team Reports

Discipleship: Meets again April 18, 2023.

Worship: No Report

Finance: Travis Elsass would like to go over Endowment Funds with the new Bookkeeper (when we have one).

Budget: No Report

Stewardship: No Report

Deacon's Report: No Report

Elder's Report: No Report

Trustees Report: No Report

Blessing Pantry: January pantry numbers

Families 60

60+ 22

18-59 116

0-17 100

Total 238

Staff Reports:

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Found some cracks in the walls of the sanctuary on the inside of where outside brick repair was done on the north side. Took photos and gave to council president. Will need discussed. Fixed leaking kitchen sink drain. Found and fixed problem with chapel and assembly rooms heating.

Secured cupboards and shelves in the nursery to prevent accidental tip-over per insurance company request.

Other small things taken care of as needed.

John Mohrman

Maintenance Technician

Abby's Report: Thank You to all of our teachers and youth leaders for your extra commitment to our students each and every week! Join us on Sunday, February 19 th at 10: 15 am for a Children's Worship featuring Happy Birthday to St. Paul Church! Youth Group and Sunday School Youth have assisted with sending out 76 Happy New Year Postcards to homebound and

nursing home folk of St. Paul Church this past month. Please know that we are praying for you and continue to keep your family in our thoughts and prayers in 2023! If you would like to get involved with Youth Group, Sunday School or help cook a meal for Wednesday evening youth please contact the church office at 419-629-2502.

We are excited about the year ahead. God continues to do amazing things in our daily lives as we seek Him in every step of the way! As I plan and prepare, I want to listen to what He wants me to say and share with our youth group. Let's plan to ask God for the wisdom needed to help take steps to become the worshiper He created us to be. I love that when we invite God into these processes, He always shows up to help us! Within our youth programs at St. Paul Church I have witnessed Him move mountains in mighty ways. I know He's the same yesterday, today, and forever! The best is yet to come! With hearts rejoicing, we wish you well and best of luck! Abby

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, February 19th – Children's Worship at 10:15 am
Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, March 19th – St. Paul Bowling Bash for All, 11:30 am – 1:30pm. All are invited for Pizza & Bowling at Speedway Lanes, New Bremen
Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday Parade, Rite of Confirmation at 10:15am
Wednesday, April 5th – Last evening for Youth Group, Dinner and DQ
Saturday, April 8th – Do Good Easter Egg Hunt @ 11 am @ Do Good Restaurant and Ministry
Sunday, April 9th – Easter 10:15 am (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
Saturday, April 15th -Family Fun Night 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 16th – Children's Worship at 10:15 am
Sunday, May 14th – Last day of Sunday School 9 am
Sunday, May 14th – 2023 Senior, Teacher and Youth Leader Recognition at 10:15 am
Thursday, June 8th – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, St. Paul Street Festival Birthday Party
Sunday, June 11th – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Pool Party at the Huber's Swimming Pool
Wednesday, June 21st – 9:30 am –noon, Fellowship, Fishing and Swimming at the Knost's Pond, more information to follow
Friday, June 30th – Passport to Fishing, Fort Loramie State Park. Details to come
Wednesday, July 5th 3:00pm-5:00pm/Thursday, July 6th 1:00pm– 7:00pm, Carnival for Christ at Do Good Restaurant and Ministry, Osgood
Putt-Putt Golfing @ KC Geiger Miniature Golf Course, TBD
Noon -6:00 pm, A Day @ Camp Clay Aqua Park & Splash Pad, TB
Tuesday, August 1st - Noon to 4:00pm, Kids Day at Auglaize County Fair

Lay Minister Report:

- Participated in the service at Elmwood Assisted Living
- Designed, printed, wrote notes and mailed 45 cards to those on my pastoral care list – I continue to make my own cards and incorporate my photography and photos to make it more personal along with a hand-written note.
- Text and email prayer concerns to the prayer chain at least weekly

- I have taken several emails and texts for prayer requests
- Called, emailed and texted four people on my list for pastoral care

Pastor Becky's Report:

Worship

February 19. Transfiguration Sunday. Children's Worship
 February 26. Bryan Trego, Preaching
 March 4 & 5. Sacrament of Holy Communion at both worship services
 March 12. Bryan Trego, Preaching
 March 26. Confirmation Statements read during worship
 April 2. Rite of Confirmation. Holy Communion both Saturday and Sunday
 April 6. Maundy Thursday w/ Holy Communion
 April 7. Good Friday
 April 9. Easter. Holy Communion
 April 16. Holy Humor. Children's Worship
 April 23. Rev. Dan Busch. Preaching
 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.

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. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

Barb has taken another position in town. Leah Gilberg is our new Office Administrator

Mike Holdren has resigned as Groundskeeper. Tim Nevels is our new Groundskeeper.

Greg Hainline has resigned as Sanctuary Custodian. Shelly Bornhorst begins February 20 as our new Sanctuary Custodian.

Arianne Henry has resigned as Worship Organist/Accompanist. She will fill in on occasion.

Denny Hainline is taking a medical leave of absence. Abby and Andy Bushman are filling in short-term.

Still seeking: Music/Chancel Choir/Bell Director, Technology Director, Organist
Confirmation going very well. We have three students. Jeff Paul, Shelly Smart, and Lisa Weigandt teach on a rotating basis. We will burn last year's palms during class tomorrow night. 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 5:00-8:00 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)

March 9-14. Six days; one Sunday

May 22-31. 10 days; one Sunday

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

Pastoral Care Documentation (January 9-February 12, 2023)

Hospital: 16	Notes Written: 4	Continuing Ed: 0
Nursing Home Visits: 18	Office Visits: 14	Home Visits: 16
Phone Calls: 44	Funerals: 5	Baptism: 0
Coffee Shop Attendees: 34	Home Communion: 33	Wedding: 0
Nursing Home Worship: 0	First Communion: 0	

Old Business

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

New Business

Sanctuary Custodian: Shelly Barhorst will start February 20, 2023

Church Secretary: Leah Gilberg

Sanctuary Repair: repair of exterior north wall is complete

internal north wall needs repaired, table discussion until John Mohrmon and Trustees can get quotes

Serendipity Nursery School new contract:

Motion by Lynda Ranly, seconded by Bryan Trego, motion accepted

Possible Hirschfeld tree donation: Eric and Jana Hirschfeld would like to donate two trees in Becky Quellhorst memory. Lindsay Quellhorst will be in contact with Eric Hirschfeld

Easter Lilies 2023: cost went up from \$8 per lily in 2022 to \$20 a lily in 2023. We will only order 25 lilies this year.

Chris Kuck and representative from Mennonite Mutual: Chris will come to March 14th meeting to go over the plans with council.

Church needs a certificate of insurance for anyone or group who rents church facilities or uses church facilities

Announcements: Next meeting – March 14th @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Mimi Messick, Secretary

Myra Hanenkraft, President