

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

August 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Myra Hanenkraatt. Those in attendance were Pastor Locke, Myra Hanenkraatt, Tom Brandewie, Matt Ranly, Lynda Ranly, John Mohrman, Abby Bushman, and Mimi Messick.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed and motion to accept by Mimi Messick and 2nd by Matt Ranly, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed with a motion to accept by Tom Brandewie, Matt Ranly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Team Reports

Discipleship: no report

Finance: significant donation placed into an investment account

Budget: no report

Stewardship: no report

Deacon's Report: no report

Elder's Report: no report

Trustees Report: have been helping Maintenance out

Blessing Pantry:

Total visits: 37

60+: 10

18-59: 68

0-17: 61

Total served: 139

Worship:

The worship team met 7/16, with Rev. Ken Locke, Myra Hanenkraatt, Ann Kuhn, Gary Wehmeyer, John Mohrman, Bev Plattner, Arianne Henry, and June Oaks, in attendance.

It was discussed that it is the junior elder's responsibility to find liturgists for each service. It was also discussed about changing the order of the worship service and listing section headings in the bulletin; enhancing fellowship by having a gathering place; introducing seasonal music selections for opening/closing and doxology songs for worship service; and the possibility of Rev. Locke teaching classes about church dynamics. The upcoming Advent season was discussed, and the next worship team meeting will be held on September 17, 2023, following worship service. Closed with a prayer led by Rev. Locke.

Worship team meeting minutes submitted by June Oaks.

Staff Reports:

Lay Minister of Visitation Report: no report

Maintenance Report:

Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.

Looking into programmable / WIFI door lock for educational building.

I put screws back into one partition of the folding door between the chapel and the assembly room.

Getting bids for parsonage projects.

Received two quotes for painting parsonage porch roof and garage roof.

Installed new, brighter light for reading on the pulpit.

Met with trustees and discussed upcoming projects.

New smoke and CO detectors stalled in the parsonage. Thank you trustees.

Existing detectors were out of date.

We had some trouble with the telephone and security system. Had technicians and from both companies in and things appear to be working properly now. The

telephone system is and scheduled for update to fiber optics on August 8.

Other small things taken care of as needed.

John Mohrman

Maintenance Technician

Abby's Report:

Ministry Assistant Church Council Report

Tuesday August 8, 2023

Summertime means its county fair time, and for some the fair is over, the livestock sold, numerous projects taken home and then the preparation for school is closing in.

We would like to congratulate all the youth who went to the Auglaize County fair with their projects! We are proud of your hard work and accomplishments! There is nothing better than watching our youth develop skills of all kinds and a work ethic that shows in their variety of chosen projects. While we are blessed year-round, summertime provides so much that we can enjoy! We can't begin to measure God's generosity, but we can count on his grace-filled love for us!

Wednesday, August 16 th Confirmation Orientation Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 10 th – First Day of Sunday School

Sunday School will begin from 9:00 am – 10:00 am for potty-trained and up. All are welcome to join us! Please return permission forms to the church office.

Sunday, September 10 th – Youth Bible Presentation 10:15 am worship

Bibles will be presented to 3-year-olds, 1 st grader and 4 th grade students. If you have missed your child in the past, please call the church office to be included

Sunday, September 10 th - 190 th Anniversary Celebration 10:15 am worship

All are welcome to join our Homecoming Sunday Celebration with Rev. David Long-Higgins, Heartland Conference Minister, preaching as we present Bibles to our youth, have a special children's moment and bless our upcoming confirmands. After worship we will take a group picture of our, share lunch together and special crafts for all to enjoy! Happy Birthday St. Paul Church!!

Wednesday, September 13 th – Youth Group begins

*4 th – 5 th grade: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm *Dinner for everyone: 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

*Confirmation – 8 th grade: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm *Youth Group 6 th – 12 th grade: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. If you would like to provide a meal for our youth, please contact

Mimi Messick: 937-477-6724

Sunday, September 17 th Worship Team Meeting following worship- All are welcome!

Wednesday, October TBA – Youth Fall Outing – (No Confirmation this evening)

Sunday, November 12 th – Youth Veteran's Day Program 10:15 am worship

Sunday, December 10 th – Youth Christmas Program 10:15 am worship

Wednesday, December TBA – Youth Group Dinner to Do Good Restaurant

Pastor Locke's Report:

Pastor Report

July 6 – August 2, 2023

Sermons 4

Visits 11

Coffee Shop Hours 4

Elmwood Service 2

Funeral

Blessings Pantry Vols. Meeting

Worship Team Meeting

Search Committee Meeting

Website Meeting

Finance Team Meeting

Went to the Fair

Attended Walter K Memorial Service and Repast

Met with NWOA Church & Ministry Team

Since we last met, I have continued to experience God's presence in our worship, in my personal time with you and in our meetings as teams and committees.

I am excited about our upcoming meeting with our Confirmands.

Old Business

Kick Off Sunday September 10: Abby Bushman will contact Lisa Weigandt to see how plans are coming along.

Parsonage Renovations: Spreadsheet available of reno cost estimates by 2 contractors and waiting on a third. Renovations will be taken care of by a generous donation from a benefactor.

Music Director Position: One candidate is considering the position. Patty Ruckman will continue through August. This position is listed on Hometown Opportunities and Facebook. Members of council have also contacted many different resources without any luck. Council suggested Song Leaders to help out during services.

Audit of Payables: We are in balance as per auditor's letter.

New Monitor: for the back of church to be seen from the chancel. Cost is \$3,656.80

New Business

Web Design: There was a meeting with Jeff Paul, Leah Gilberg, and Pastor Locke. The web designer suggested lightening up the page, making it more attractive visually at no additional cost. It would be done by September 10. Motion to accept by Lynda Ranly and seconded by Tom Brandewie, motion carried.

New Bremen Police Department/DARE Program: They asked for a donation for their Child Safety Council Sponsorship program. Motion to accept by Tom Brandewie, seconded by Lynda Ranly, motion carried.

Announcements: Next meeting – September 19 @ 7:00 p.m. ***NOTE: DATE CHANGE for September only***

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

Mimi Messick, Secretary

Myra Hanenkraft, President