

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

May 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Myra Hanenkraat. Those in attendance were Tom Brandewie, Matt Ranly, Lynda Ranly, June Oaks, Tim Nevels, Elyssa Mullins, John Mohrman, Lindsay Quellhorst, Shelly Zeller, Abby Bushman, Jeff Paul, Kathy Topp, Mimi Messick, and Becky Strang.

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

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

Team Reports

Discipleship: Champions are in place

Worship: New communion is in place

-Saturday worship will continue through summer on communion Saturdays

Finance: No report

Budget: No report

Stewardship: No report

Deacon's Report: No report

Elder's Report: New communion went smoothly

Trustees Report: No report

Blessing Pantry:

Total families 39

60+. 12

17-59. 62

0-17. 59

Total served 133

Staff Reports:

Maintenance Report:

Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks.

Replaced loose and broken floor tiles in front of the pulpit.

Replaced leaking valve under unisex restroom sink.

South sanctuary entrance outside light would not come on with the switch anymore. Could not find the cause. Rewired and installed dawn to dusk LED light bulb.

Replaced door sweep seal for south door of west entrance in the educational building.

Bulbs in the south sanctuary exit were not working. Replaced with LED bulbs.

One of the large pedestal fans in the auditorium of the educational building was not working right. Took the motor to Irish Electric and he fixed it. Reassembled it to the fan.

Other small things taken care of as needed.

John Mohrman

Maintenance Technician

Abby's Report:

As the spring activities are among us, spring always means busy garden centers, farmers in the fields and spring cleaning! Yes, spring cleaning! It's always a big deal, filled with washing curtains and windows, shampooing carpets, scrubbing down kitchen cupboards, rearranging furniture and whatever else you can get your eye on! And that's just the house! Spring is a great time to let our youth know how we can help you. Do you need help with your yard work or spring cleaning? Please give the church office a call and we will see how we can be of help to you. Many of our youth are looking for volunteer hours. These opportunities are just what they are looking to help you with!

Looking ahead to May 14th we will celebrate our Teachers, Youth Leaders and Senior's Recognition as well as our last day of Sunday School! Our youth are a major part of the joy that fills our hearts each morning! Thank you to our teachers, parents and youth for a wonderful year! Catch our youth two more times May 14th and May 21st in worship!

As we look ahead, would you be willing to pray for our youth ministry? Or willing to be a youth leader, fill in for when a teacher is unable to make it to Sunday School or Wednesday evening youth group? 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

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TO JOIN

Thursday, June 1st – NB Library, Touch a Truck Storytime (hotdogs & snack) 10:30-11:00am

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 14th –Fellowship, Fishing and Swimming at the Knost's Pond, 9am –11am

Wednesday, June 28th –Miniature Golf at K.C. Geiger Park: 10:30am-11:30am

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

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

Lay Minister of Visitation Report:

- Participated in two services at Elmwood Assisted Living. One was the regular monthly service and the other was the Good Friday service.
- Designed, printed, wrote notes and mailed 50 cards to those on my pastoral care list
- 1 nursing home visitation
- Text and email prayer concerns to the prayer chain five times over the past month.
- I have taken numerous 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

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 evening services on Communion weekends throughout the summer.

Retirement: Thank you! Thank you for your support of ministry at St. Paul Church, not only the last 13+ years, but for the last 190 years. Continue to hear and heed the Holy Spirit in the months ahead! Continue to seek ways to love God by loving your neighbors. Tap into joy.

Staffing: Church Council has hired Dr. Jeff Paul as Technology Director

Still needed: Music/Chancel Choir/Bell Director and 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 5:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: Happy Birthday, St. Paul!

Pastoral Care Documentation (April 11-May 7, 2023)

Hospital: 2	Notes Written: 10	Nursing Home Visits: 18
Office Visits: 11	Home Visits: 8	Baptism: 4
Phone Calls: 16	Funerals: 3 (+ 1 more scheduled)	
Coffee Shop Attendees: 30	Home Communion: 33	

Old Business

Licensures - Bryan Trego & Dr. Jeff Paul: in process, and will pursue over the summer

New Business

-Jeff Paul and Kathy Topp spoke regarding a new 2023 pictorial church directory

Jeff Paul Photography will be the photographer

June and July will be picture sessions

Information will go into the bulletins regarding this

Information sheet will be online to fill out

Motion to proceed with new directory with a \$500 budget by Tom Brandewie, seconded by Lynda Ranly.

-Tech Director

Jeff Paul is St. Pauls new Technology Director by unanimous vote

Announcements: Next meeting – June 13th @ 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