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SUNDAY'S NEWS

THREE GREAT LOVES: LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

In last month's article, I introduced you to the United Church of Christ's "Three Great Loves" initiative. Launched at last summer's General Synod, Three Great Loves is meant to inspire congregations to consider how God has called them to the love of neighbor, the love of children, and the love of creation. This month I'd like to focus on what we at St. Paul UCC are doing to show our commitment to love our neighbors.

Twice in the gospels, Jesus identified the greatest commandment as loving God with our whole being, and the second greatest as showing the sort of love to our neighbors that we would want to be shown (Matt 22:37-39; Mark 12:29-31). In the tenth chapter of Luke's gospel, a legal expert took a conversation about these commandments a step further, asking Jesus an interesting question: "Who is my neighbor?" What follows is the story of the Good Samaritan, one of Jesus' best known and most beloved parables. With this parable, Jesus stretches our understanding of "neighbor" to those who are beyond our immediate community. Our neighbors may be near or far, they may be familiar or strangers, they may be very much like us or they might differ from us in many ways.

I have witnessed our congregation reaching out to neighbors in a myriad of ways. Many of our long-standing ministries are examples. We support non-profit agencies such as God's Storehouse, Mercy Unlimited, and St. Vincent DePaul. Funeral luncheons, serving meals at Loaves and Fishes, visiting folks through our Called to Care program, and mission trips to Ukraine, El Salvador, Crossroad, and Back Bay Mission are all examples of showing love for our neighbors.

Though providing free lunches in the summer months is one of our newer ministries, our expansion of that program this year demonstrates our congregation's continued commitment to live out God's command to love our neighbors by feeding God's children.

This is the first year since beginning the program that we have full responsibility for it—from writing the USDA grant to creating menus to staffing the kitchen. This is a combined effort of staff and volunteers. Our Lay Ministries Coordinator, Tami Zwez, has put in countless hours ensuring that all of our state paperwork is in order. Vicki Smith is working hard to organize our volunteers and to set up programming to accompany the lunches. Anthony Spearhart has worked to provide much-needed upgrades to our kitchen. Janice Wright has been working on creative menu ideas. The list goes on and on, with too many volunteers to give adequate thanks in this article. Thanks to all of your efforts, thousands of meals will be served in our fellowship hall this summer. Bodies and spirits will be fed.

The ministries mentioned in these paragraphs are only a sampling of the ways our congregation shows love to our neighbors. While the list is noteworthy, it doesn't even begin to take into account all the ways each of you impacts the world by showing love to your neighbors in your individual lives. Through countless gestures of kindness, both large and small, you have the daily opportunity to answer God's call to the love of neighbor. How will God use you today?

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Becky

PASTOR BECKY OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Becky will be out of the office June 15 to 23rd as she leads the mission trip to Back Bay Mission. She will still be available on her cell phone, but if you have pastoral needs requiring a visit, please call the church office so we can direct you to a pastor on call.

Welcome our Newest Members!!!!

Jaideyn Audra Brannan

Mitchel Richard Hicks

Hannah Nicole Schaub

Davita Marie Hoelscher



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF
2018

General Fund

Approved General Fund Monthly Budget	\$ 26,253.55
Given to General Fund for Month of May	\$ 25,551.50
Difference	\$ 702.05
Given to Benevolences for Month of May	\$ 1,920.25
Approved General Fund Budget Year to Date	\$131,267.75
Given to General Fund so far this year	\$ 92,995.50
Difference	\$ 38,272.25
Given to Benevolences so far this year	\$ 5,978.50

Benevolence Giving for June~ OCWM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“SHIPWRECKED” Vacation Bible School is just around the corner.

June 12th—June 16th from 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon

Again this year we are having all activities at First English Lutheran Church where we will meet in their sanctuary. St Mark’s Lutheran will be joining us as well. This year our church will be providing snacks on Monday and Wednesday. There are still some items needed for the snacks we provide. There is a list in the breezeway. It is too late to receive a monogrammed T-shirt as part of VBS but you can still register for the fun and awesome experience. Please turn forms into the church office as soon as possible. You may purchase the music CD for \$7.00 (any checks can be made out to FELC).

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Twelve members of St. Paul UCC, including staff members Rev. Becky Sunday and Tami Zwez, will be traveling to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi from June 15 to 23. Back Bay Mission is a permanent mission of the United Church of Christ which provides the much-needed services of housing rehabilitation, supplemental nutrition for families in need, and a variety of services to assist the homeless and vulnerable populations on Mississippi’s gulf coast. If you would like to make a cash donation for our mission team to take with them for the benefit of Back Bay Mission, please make checks payable to St. Paul UCC with “Back Bay” in the memo line.

STAFFING UPDATES

We are pleased to announce that at their regular meeting in May, St. Paul UCC Church Council voted to expand the role of our Lay Ministries Coordinator, Tami Zwez, to a full-time position. In addition to her previous duties as Church Council Secretary, Tami is now officially responsible for the administration of our summer lunch and FEAST programs, as well as Children’s Church and other assigned duties. Tami is already a valued and trusted member of the St. Paul UCC staff, and we are pleased to welcome her to this new position.

Also, you may have heard that our Chancel Choir Director, Kathleen Pellington, has resigned her position with Wapakoneta City Schools and will be leaving Wapakoneta later in the summer to take a job in another part of the state. We are grateful to Kathleen for her years of service to St. Paul UCC, and our prayers and well-wishes go with her as she begins this new chapter.

ADULT SUMMER ENRICHMENT

St. Paul UCC will be hosting Adult Summer Enrichment classed on Wednesdays this summer. The first one will start on Wednesday, June 27th. The classes will be from 6-7:30PM. Please watch for more information to follow.

SUMMER LUNCH

We are now officially a summer lunch site. Lunches started on Tuesday, May 29th. We are serving lunch 5 days a week from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

Below please find the menu for the month of June. Please feel free to join us for this wonderful continuing ministry.

ST. PAUL UCC SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY 5/29	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Green Beans Fruit Cup Salad Bar Frozen Dessert Milk	Chicken and Noodles on Mashed Potatoes Fruit cup Salad Bar Chocolate Chip Cookies Milk	Chicken Nuggets French fries Fruit cups Salad Bar Oreo Pudding Milk	Spaghetti Bosco Stick Fruit Juice Salad Bar Fruit roll ups Milk
Tagalotos (Taco Rolls) Apple Slices Salad Bar Dessert Milk	Hamburger on a bun Cheese slice Chlips Carrot sticks Salad Bar Fruit cups Rice Crispie Treats Milk	Mashed Potato Bowl with Chicken and Corn Fruit Cup Salad Bar Muffin and Milk	Pizza Cheese - Pepperoni - Sausage Apple Sauce Fruit Juice Salad Bar Milk	Fish Sandwich on bun Cheese slice Corn Salad Bar Fruit Snack Milk
Macaroni & Cheese Fruit Juice Green Beans Salad Bar Cookie Milk	Hot Dog on a Bun French Fries Fruit Cup Salad Bar Dessert Milk	Ham Slice Scalloped Potato Steamed Broccoli Salad Bar/Fruit cup Dinner Roll Ice Cream Milk	Meat Ball Subs with Cheese Cole Slaw Fruit Cups Salad Bar Oreo Pudding Milk	Chicken Wraps with Cheese Fruit Juice Corn Salad Bar Dessert Milk
Chicken Patty on a Bun Chips Peas Peaches Salad Bar Cookies Milk	Pizza Cheese - Pepperoni Sausage Carrot Sticks Fruit Juice Salad Bar Frozen Dessert Milk	Hamburger on a Bun Cheese Slice Apple Slices Green Beans Salad Bar Dessert Milk	Turkey Cheese on bread Juice Pears Salad Bar Cookie Milk	French Toast Sticks Sausage Hash Browns Orange Cups Salad Bar Milk

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Our Church Family

With caring thoughts...



Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family **Eleanor Presar** who passed on Sunday, May 27, 2018.



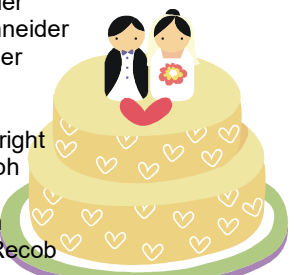
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our
St. Paul Youth!

JUNE

Truman Johnston	6/03/2010
Reed Waitman	6/03/2007
Nolan Schoolcraft	6/05/2013
Xavier Lamb	6/07/2003
Jack Waterman	6/10/2011
Sophia Mathewson	6/11/2013
Sadie Wellington	6/12/2007
Joshua Motter	6/15/2008
Amiyah Wilges	6/15/2015
Mylan Webb	6/16/2016
Kelly Truesdale	6/16/2006
Alec Schlenker	6/16/2004
Kaden Hawk	6/19/2011
Ryland Kohler	6/21/2010
Camel Smith	6/27/2011
Aubree Wireman	6/28/2013

Happy Anniversary!!

06/01/1958 06/04/1960 06/05/1971 06/06/1964 06/07/1980 06/07/1986 06/09/1968 06/11/1961 06/11/1988 06/12/1976 06/12/1982 06/13/1987 06/15/2013	Jay & Sandy Koenig Lewis & Sharon Knoch Delmar & Mary Jane Merricle Alfred & Doris Hollenbacher Michael & Susan Bartlett Rodney & Therese Schey Rollie & Kay Wellington Alan & Karen Joseph Milo & Brenda Wellington Steve & Roberta Hengstler David & Betty Wiedenbein Tom & Susan Stinebaugh Cody & Nicole Steinke	06/16/2001 06/17/1956 06/20/1954 06/20/1998 06/21/1975 06/21/2003 06/22/1958 06/22/2002 06/24/1961 06/24/2000 06/25/1994 06/26/1959	Tim & Laura Kinstle Richard & Mary Lou Brautigam Dudley & Joyce Schuler Wayne & Melissa Schneider Fred & Diane Schlosser Todd & Angela Bailey Bert & Sally Presar Dwayne & Melanie Wright Hank & LeArdyce Stroh David & Brenda Ward Mark & Laura Vaughn Emerson & Marlene Recob
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Happy Birthday to you...

06/01 06/01 06/01 06/02 06/03 06/04 06/05 06/07 06/07 06/08 06/08 06/08 06/09 06/10 06/10 06/11 06/12	Thomas Hunter Shane Allemeier Samantha Bowsher Dylan Knoch Holly Recob Cindy Holtzapple Kalia Schlenker Jane Burke Heather Nolte Britni Hosterman Mark Azbell Colton Fisher Cheri Brandt Logan Wiedenbien Kellye Kantner Gary Herman Carolene Marker	06/12 06/13 06/13 06/14 06/14 06/15 06/15 06/15 06/15 06/16 06/16 06/16 06/16 06/17 06/18 06/18 06/20	Warren Bailey Evonda Erb Dena Wireman Jennifer McMichael Kristian Martin Bonnie Martin Joyce Schuler Sara Warner Ruth Frazier Katelyn Lochard Norman Kohler Eric Truesdale Scott Leek Alan Mikesell Marcia Hearn Lewis Erb, Jr. Jonathan Merricle	06/20 06/22 06/22 06/24 06/25 06/25 06/26 06/26 06/26 06/27 06/28 06/28 06/28 06/29 06/30	Acacia Truesdale Katie Edwards Kevin Frische Fritz Ankerman Jason Brandt Bill Miller Dick Glunt Sandy Truesdale Ruth Berger Cory Frische Charles Edwards Kenda Kohler Nichole Moran Pat Schlenker Ron Strasburg
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Meetings and Events

CRAIG COURTNEY CONCERT

St. Paul UCC of Wapakoneta would like to invite you to participate in a concert with guest composer Craig Courtney. We will rehearse as a choir at St. Paul UCC on **Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. There will be an hour break for lunch on your own and music will be provided for you. On **Sunday June 3rd, we will sing for the St. Paul UCC 8:15 and 10:15 services**. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for you. Dress rehearsal will begin at 2:00 PM and the **concert will start at 4:00 PM**. There is no cost for admission to the concert or to participate in this ensemble. If you would like to attend and/or would like more information, please email Kathleen Pellington at kathleen.pellington1@gmail.com. We hope you can share your voice for this fantastic concert.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH

The class of 2018 will be recognized during worship on June 10th at the 10:15 service. We want to recognize anyone who is part of a graduating class in 2018. If you or a family member would like to be recognized please be sure to contact Pastor Becky by June 1st with the graduate's name, college/university/program. Also, please indicate if you will be attending service on June 10th. Parents of high school seniors, a brief questionnaire has been mailed to your graduates to collect information about them. There will be a time during the service to bless our high school graduates and send them forth into a new phase of life. You may contact Pastor Becky in her office (419)738-6216 with questions.



GROUP STUDY CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Have you ever wondered what our St. Paul UCC confirmands are learning these days? Would you like a refresher on our core beliefs as a Christian people? Now is your chance! Beginning Thursday, June 7 at 6:00pm in the Ritter Room, Pastor Becky will be leading a group study for adults using the same curriculum that our own Confirmation classes have used the last several years. Participants will enjoy thought-provoking videos, engage with scripture, and share **in lively** conversation as we explore the basic questions of the Christian faith. All are welcome!

BUCKLAND UCC QUARTER AUCTION

On **Saturday, June 30th** Buckland UCC will be holding its 6th annual Quarters for Camp quarter auction here at St. Paul UCC. Doors open at 5:30pm, and the auction starts at 6:00pm. Paddles will be \$2 and can be purchased at the door or pre-purchased. A special "all-in" paddle (\$25 pre-sale; \$30 at the door) will be in every drawing (no need to be present to win!). There will be prizes from multiple vendors and local businesses, concessions, and a 50/50 raffle. Get a special drawing ticket for every nonperishable food item you bring for the local food pantry! Proceeds help send Buckland UCC kids to church camp. For info call: Barb Bowsher.419-305-3051).

FAITH FORMATION MEETING

The next faith formation meeting will be on Monday, June 4th at 6:00PM. All are welcome!!

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next mission committee meeting will be on Tuesday, June 26th at 6:00PM.



June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00AM to 5:00PM Rehearsal w/ Craig Courtney
3 8:15AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15AM Worship w/Holy Communion 4:00PM Craig Courtney Concert	4 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM 6:00PM Faith Formation Meeting	5 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM 7:00PM Suicide Survivors Support Group	6 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	7 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM 6:00PM Confirmation for Adults Group Study 7:30 Greek Lesson	8 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	9 9AM—12 Noon CRI Sorting
10 Graduation Recognition Sunday 8:15AM Worship 10:15AM Worship	11 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM 6PM Church Council Meeting Vacation Bible School 9AM—12Noon	12 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM Roots & Shoots	13 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	14 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM 6:00PM Confirmation for Adults Group Study	15 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM Mission Trip	16
17 FATHER'S DAY 8:15AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15AM Worship w/VBS Program	18 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	19 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	20 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	21 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	22 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	23
24 8:15AM Worship 10:15AM Worship	25 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	26 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM 6:00PM Mission Committee Meeting	27 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM 6-7:30pm—Adult Summer Enrich- ment	28 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM 6:00PM Confirmation for Adults Group Study 7:30 Greek Lesson	29 Summer Lunch 11:30 to12:30PM	30 Buckland UCC Quarter Auction Door open at 5:30PM at St Paul UCC

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Rev. Elaine Mikesell, pastor Emerita

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

LET'S GET TOGETHER !

Regular Worship Times

Sunday Mornings 8:15 & 10:15 AM

Children's Church during 10:15 worship

Vacation Bible School

June 11th-15th

9:00 – 12:00



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Wapakoneta, Ohio

Our MISSION

As a congregation of God's people, we welcome and encourage all to join in fellowship, joyful and inspirational worship and faithful stewardship. United in Christ, we support and nurture one another in personal development and spiritual growth. We strive to reflect Christ's Love and to spread God's Word throughout our community and the world.