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St. Paul United Church of Christ

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Sunday's News

September is here! And that means kids everywhere are headed back to school. College students are back in their dorms. Teachers have created their fall bulletin board displays. Pencils are sharpened and ready to go.

Here at St. Paul UCC, we are also making the transition into fall. In August we completed our first year of hosting our Summer Lunch Program as a solo endeavor. Thanks to our staff and an army of volunteers, the program was wildly successful. Through their efforts, we served 5,720 meals at the church this summer, in addition to providing supplemental food bags for the weekends. Now the milk cooler is gone for another year, and the noon hour is once again quiet in the church office.

However, things won't stay quiet for long. There is a sense of anticipation in the church office as we're preparing for our own "back to school" time. Soon our halls and classrooms will be teeming with life again. As I write this article, Cheryl Short is busily taking inventory of the Sunday school and children's craft supplies. The corner of my study is piled with program supplies for our upcoming semester of FEAST on Wednesdays. FEAST registration forms are on Tami's desk, ready to be mailed. Parmie Herman is preparing for another season of her adult class. Our Chancel and Bell Choirs are getting ready for their first rehearsals.

Perhaps it's time for you to consider coming "back to school" at St. Paul UCC. Maybe you've considered coming to Sunday school or joining our Thursday evening adult study group. Or perhaps you would like making music with your church friends on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Maybe summer vacations (or the demands of life, in general) have gotten you out of the habit of worshipping regularly, and it's time to get back in the groove. If ever you have considered making a change toward greater involvement in congregational life, I encourage you to take a

step forward this September.

You can begin by attending worship on Rally Day, September 9. We will welcome Sunday school students of all ages, have uplifting and inspiring worship, and share the bounty of a fellowship meal. Scripture tells us that none of us is ever finished learning. Even those who are wisest among us still have room to grow. Proverbs 1:5 teaches us, "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." God isn't finished with any of us yet. So let's all go back to school together!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Becky

Our next Faith Formation meeting will be held Tuesday, September 4th at 6:00PM. (Note: different day due to Labor Day) We will be going over plans for both Sunday School (which starts Sept. 9th) and FEAST (which starts Sept. 12th) Please plan to attend and all are welcome.

CALLED TO CARE TEAM

The Called to Care Team is an outreach ministry from St. Paul to those of our congregation who are unable to join us on Sundays in the sanctuary. Team members visit folks in their homes and also in nursing homes. Over the past year many good friendships have developed as a result of the over 340 visits, cards, and small gifts given. Additionally, we have six ladies who craft hand-made birthday and anniversary cards for our friends at home. A big thank-you to all who have helped make this a growing ministry of our church this past year. If you would like to join us, please call Pastor Becky 419-738-2215.



Back: Rodney Schey, Judy Quellhorst, Wayne Quellhorst, Rollie Wellington, Jay Koenig, Eileen Werling, Bert Presar, Bill Schlenker, Elisha Smith

Middle: Therese Schey, Jan Schlenker, Sheri Sherman, Kadene Warner, Sandy Koenig

Front: Peg Schlenker, Kay Wellington, Sally Presar, Pat Shaw, Nancy Stroh, Pastor Becky Sunday

Not pictured: Fritz Ankerman, Cindy Erb, Jim & Jenny Everhart, Hannah Kohler, Ruth Frazier, Elaine Mikesell, Karen Ruck, Lori Schroer, Don Webb, Brenda Wellington, Tami Zwez

John 13.34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you are to love one another.

Our Church Family

With caring thoughts...

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to **April Bowersock** on the passing of her father, **Robert "Bob" Seitz** who passed on Tuesday, August 7, 2018..



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our

St. Paul Youth!

September

Happy Anniversary!!

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09/01/1996	Rod & Linda Carter
09/03/2015	Lee & Bonnie Martin
09/04/1993	Michael & Angela Hosterman
09/05/1987	Doug & Sherrie Fisher
09/16/2006	Nathan & Terri Bailey
09/06/2006	Sean & Amy Runkel
09/17/1966	Don & Mary Rohrbaugh
09/18/2006	Jim Jr. & Jessica Hearn
09/19/1964	Bill & Linda Baker
09/21/2013	Travis & Christy Limbert
09/22/1956	Bernard & Donna Azbell
09/24/1988	Keith & Rita Knoch
09/26/1987	Jeff & Mary Adkins
09/27/1953	Lewis Sr. & Helen Erb
09/27/1975	Alex & Bonnie Gondola
09/27/1986	Jeff & Judy Zwiebel
09/28/2002	Shane & Jamie Allemeier
09/29/1979	Mick & Kathy Haehn
09/29/1990	John & Diane Ferguson

Charles Martin	9/01/2017
Reed Miller	9/01/2008
Hannah Schaub	9/03/2003
Hope Ann Erb	9/10/2013
Drew Peachey	9/13/2000
Haakon Moninger	9/15/2006
Andrew Paul Hallahan	9/18/2013
Jillian Schlosser	9/18/2014
Kaelyn Zwiebel	9/19/2006
Ty Lamb	9/20/2005
Cyrus Smith	9/21/2006
Damien Lamb	9/23/2000
Kensington Martin	9/26/2016



09/01	Linda Carter	09/10	Susan Bartlett	09/18	Ammie Collidge
09/01	John Zwez	09/12	John Lamb	09/20	Bill Bowersock
09/02	Robert Bidwell	09/13	Mark Erb	09/20	Dale Schmidt
09/03	Carolyn Edwards	09/13	Justin Wireman	09/21	Jean Gilroy
09/03	Wayland Detrick	09/14	Pat Shaw	09/21	Jordan Kaeck
09/04	Sheri Sherman	09/15	Don Rohrbaugh	09/22	Rodney Schey
09/04	Jim Brautigam	09/15	Tom Stinebaugh	09/23	Lauren Hengstler
09/04	Brenda Ward	09/15	Alicia Smith	09/23	Jona Limbert
09/05	Jeff Brown	09/16	Sharon Knoch	09/24	Dan Schroer
09/05	Jennifer Frische	09/16	Carol Vaughn	09/24	Jessie Groh
09/07	Shirley Baughman	09/17	Barb Smith	09/27	Dudley Schuler
09/08	Keith Kohler	09/17	Jim Smith	09/28	Chelsie Steinke
09/08	Sally Presar	09/17	Larry Thiedt	09/28	Morgan (Adkins)
09/08	Jeff Smith	09/17	Mark Vaughn		Crace
09/10	Martha Baker	09/18	Barb Kohler	09/30	Brian Warner
09/10	Roberta Hengstler	09/18	Kim Azbell	09/30	Rudy Elizabeth Mathewson



Meetings and Events

FEAST NEWS

A new session of FEAST begins September 12, 2018 with exciting classes for everyone. Registration forms are available in the back of the sanctuary and in the church office. Please consider joining us on Wednesday nights for an evening of fun, faith and fellowship. If you have any questions please contact the church office at 419-738-2215 and talk to Tami Zwez.

NEW FEAST CLASSES for the FALL 2018 SESSION

Bible Stories Come Alive - Learn about beloved Bible Stories with hands on fun and adventure.

Science of earth and flying- Discover how we learned to fly to the moon and beyond. Instructor from the Neil Armstrong Museum will be teaching this class.

Wood Working Class- Make stuff with hammer and nails that you get to keep or give as a gift.

Scrapbooking the Bible – Scrapbook stories from the Old Testament.

Microwave cooking for kids – Learn how to make an afterschool snack or an easy lunch for yourself. Safe procedures and lots of food preparation.

Classes are limited in size so sign up as soon as possible. You may call the church office if you have any questions.

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for table parents for the FEAST meals on Wednesday nights. Table parents sit with the children during supper time and help them learn the lost art of eating around the table. They talk together and get to know one another on a different level. The hope is that the children learn about each other, a little bit of manners and enjoy the wonderful experience of “family dinner time.” Please consider this opportunity to get to know a great group of children and young adults. Contact Tami Zwez for more information and to sign up for a table of your own.

FEAST STAFF & TABLE PARENTS

FEAST volunteers and table parents will meet on **Wednesday September 5th at 6:00 pm** in the Ritter room for a short (less than 1 hour) organizational meeting. We will discuss the goals for this session and learn about a few changes that have been implemented. It is important for all of us to get together before the program starts so it will run smoothly for everyone.

EARLY DISMISSAL

On **Wednesday, September 26th** there is a 1 hour early dismissal which means there will be no transportation from the elementary school to feast. Feast will start at 3:45PM on this day.

CIRCLE ONE

Circle One meets the 1st Thursday of every month (USUALLY September thru May). However, this year the SEPTEMBER meeting will be on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th**. All meetings are in the Ritter Room starting at 1:30PM. We welcome all ladies, please come join us. We'd love to have you!

SERVANTS DAY

Servants Day will be **September 15 from 8 AM until 4 PM** and breakfast and lunch will be provided. It will be based over at St. Joseph's church. You will be contacted about your job assignment before September 15 so you can come prepared. If your job is not an 8-4 job, please be prepared to help elsewhere as there are always projects that can use a few more hands. Plumbers, Electricians, Carpenters, Gardeners, Painters, Cleaners, and Helpers needed. The rain date for Servants Day is **Saturday, September 22nd**.

CRAFTING WORK DAY SEPT. 8, 2018

We are having a Crafting Work Day on Saturday, September 8th at 11:00AM until we are ready to quit. Bring projects you would like to work on or we will have rubber stamps, papers, and inks for you to try a different craft. Each month we will highlight a different hobby or craft and this month we will feature rubberstamping and paper crafting. Bring your projects and a snack to share. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you and your art work/projects on Saturday.



RALLY DAY SEPT. 9, 2018

Rally Day is just around the corner! The place to be on September 9th is St. Paul United Church of Christ. Our Sunday School classes start at 9:00AM with the 3 year olds to 7th grade meeting in Timmermeister Hall for an opening, then continuing to their classrooms. If there are any high school students that would like to help our Sunday School teachers, please contact Cheryl Short, Tami Zvez, or Rev. Becky. Please look for other announcements about our Adult class. After the 10:15AM service, there will be a potluck dinner with the Faith Formation Team providing Erb's Chicken and lemonade. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway, or call the church office, to give us an idea on how much chicken to have prepared. Let's have a great turnout for the start of Fall and all the activities that go with it!

General Fund

Approved General Fund Monthly Budget	\$ 26,253.55
Given to General Fund for Month of August	\$ 17,920.00
Difference	\$ 8,333.55
Given to Benevolences for the Month of August	\$ 1,499.50
Approved General Fund Budget Year to Date	\$210,028.41
Given to General Fund so far this year	\$144,671.00
Difference	\$ 65,357.41
Given to Benevolences so far this year	\$ 9,964.50

Benevolence Giving for September~ St Paul Families in Need

Would you or someone you know like to build a personal plan for a better life?
Then consider participating in the Wapakoneta YMCA's

GETTING AHEAD in a Just-Gettin'-By World

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.,
13 Weeks, beginning September 11,
Hosted by St. Paul United Church of Christ
Supper will be provided.

A stipend will also be awarded to those completing the class.

Each week we'll gather to create plans for a life of greater financial security, personal opportunity, and community connectedness. Participants examine their own situations and experiences and design a personal way of "Getting Ahead." "Getting Ahead" has helped thousands of families across the United States and throughout the world build better lives for themselves, and the program is here in Wapakoneta and Eastern Auglaize County!

*To learn more or to register for this free program,
contact Josh Little at the Wapakoneta Y, 419/739-9622.*

The class is limited to 12 persons, so don't wait to sign up!

Coming in September to Trinity Lutheran!



What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With Dave Rasey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future.

Starting Sunday September 30, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church – Moulton
14127 Moulton-New Knoxville Rd, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895
4:30pm-6pm for 9 weeks

~Onsite Childcare Provided at no Added Cost~

This course is open to members & non-members.

The money class that will change your life!

If interested in learning more about the class, contact
Teri Hirschfeld 419-953-6101 trinityfinancialpeace@gmail.com

September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:15AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15AM Worship w/ Holy Communion	3 Church Office Closed Labor Day	4 6:00PM Faith For- mation Meeting 6:30PM Suicide Survivors Support Group	5 6:00PM FEAST Volunteers Meeting 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:30PM Chancel Choir	6 6:30PM Adult Group Study	7	8 9AM—12Noon CRI Sorting in Buckland 11:00AM Crafting Work Day
9 8:15AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship Rally Day w/Potluck Dinner (Erb's BBQ Chicken)	10 6PM Church Council	11 6:00PM Getting Ahead Class	12 3:00PM FEAST 4:30-5:15PM Cherub Choir 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:30PM Chancel Choir	13 1:30PM Circle One Nancy Freyemuth Bus Trip to Holmes County Ohio	14	15 Servants Day
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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

Sunday School 9AM

Children's Church during 10:15 worship

**Church Office Closed
September 3, 2018**

Labor Day



ST. PAUL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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.