

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, April 9 at 10:15a.m. followed by
Congregational meeting**

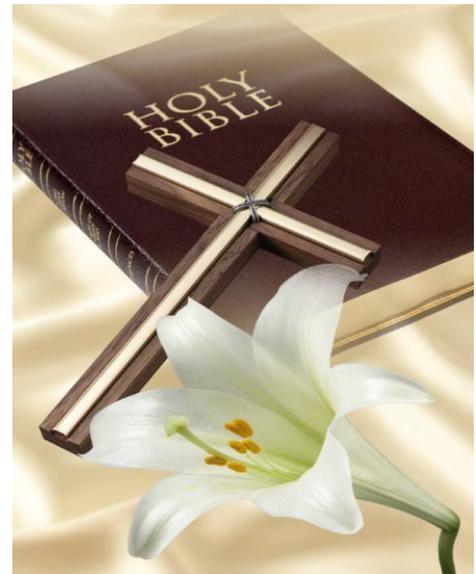
**Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7:30 p.m.
with Holy Communion. The theme will be "A Service of
Darkness" by Hal H. Hopson with special readers.**

**Easter Sunrise Ecumenical service will be at 6:30 at
St. Paul UCC with the Methodist UMC Choir joining St.
Paul Senior Choir for special music.**

**Easter Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall
at 8:00 that morning.**

**Sunday School and Confirmation classes will be at
9:00 a.m.**

**Easter worship with communion will be at 10:15 a.m.
with special music by the Senior Choir and Sextet.**



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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

I know that many of you must be wondering, "Why did Rodger tell us that he couldn't stay as our Settled Pastor when he came here as our Interim Pastor and now we are voting on him staying?" I think that you deserve an answer to the question "Why the change?" prior to casting a vote. The fact is that I did sign an agreement with the Conference that I would not become a candidate for the Settled Pastor's position before coming here as your Interim. This is common practice and insures that an Interim will not weasel his or her way into the Settled Pastor's position by manipulating the system. Obviously an Interim has an advantage over other candidates who are likely unknown to the congregation other than information gathered from the profile and perhaps an interview. I fully support this safeguard and will not undermine it as a member of the Intentional Interim Minister's Network.

However, there are circumstances where the Interim may continue with the blessing of the Conference and the Interim Network. The two conditions that I am aware of are, first, after going through the search process; a congregation is unable to find a suitable candidate. Your search committee has worked diligently to find a candidate and has spent hours working on the congregational profile and carefully evaluating each profile that was submitted by the pastors who expressed an interest in coming to St. Paul UCC in Hermann. No suitable candidates were found.

The second condition for an Interim remaining with a congregation, past the typical one to two year time period, is when there are certain issues that need to be addressed by the congregation prior to calling a Settled Pastor. This condition is recognized by both Conference and congregation and it is agreed that certain tasks will be accomplished during a 3-5 year time period by the Designated Pastor. Notice that the term used is Designated Pastor rather than Settled Pastor. But just as the Interim Pastor does more in terms of doing not only what is expected of a Settled Pastor but also the "Developmental Tasks" which are: a) Coming to Terms with History, b) Discovering a New Identity, c) Dealing with Leadership Changes during the Interim, d) Renewing Denominational Linkages, e) Commitment to New Directions in Ministry; the Designated Pastor is also required to do more, not less than a Settled Pastor. The *more* in this case is accomplishing the agreed upon tasks.

The tasks that we have identified are: 1) Establishing a strong stewardship program, 2) developing more programs for children, youth, and young adults, 3) Continuing and expanding Outreach Ministry with an emphasis on local outreach, and, 4) Establishing more small groups. These are things that we have been working on already and will continue to do so.

Other than the *more* in accomplishing these tasks, there is virtually no difference between the Designated Pastor and the Settled Pastor. So does this mean that you will be looking for another pastor in the next 3-5 years? Not necessarily. As Designated Pastor the ban is lifted from becoming Settled Pastor. What we will need to do in 3-5 years is to evaluate how effective our ministry together is and whether or not we

want to continue in this relationship. My thought is that this should be done in the annual evaluation *each* year, regardless of whether one is a Designated Pastor or a Settled Pastor. Job performance matters!

I do want you all to know how appreciative I am of the way you have accepted me, worked with me, and, have been willing to try new things. You are a great congregation and I have no doubt that we will accomplish some amazing things together in the coming years. I also want to express my thanks and appreciation for the support and encouragement that you have given me during the recovery period after my recent accident. I know that I haven't been at my best and certainly haven't been performing at 100% for the past two months. But fortunately recovery is going well and I am nearly back to my old self. Thank you for your understanding and kindness.

Sincerely,
Rodger

**Sunday, April 9: 11:15 a.m.—
Congregational meeting to vote on
extending the call to Pastor Kiepe as
the designated pastor of St. Paul UCC.**

EASTER MEMORIAL & FLORAL GIFTS

The church office needs to be notified if you plan to present memorial flowers for the Easter Sunday services (or to present cash memorials), so they may be included in the special printed bulletin insert. We need this information by Tuesday, April 11 and the flowers need to be brought to the church by 12:00 noon Friday, April 14.



In memory or honor of

Flower _____ Cash Gift _____

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CHOIR NOTES

"All Music comes from God"

The Senior Choir and Sextet are busy preparing for Holy Week. The Choir will join the Sunday School Department on Palm Sunday to present special music.

On Maundy Thursday, the Senior Choir along with members of our church will present "Tenebrae – A Service of Darkness" by Hal H. Hopson. The service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means "darkness" and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth as he suffered death upon the cross. As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

The Methodist choir will be joining us at the Easter Sunrise Service. The Senior Choir and Sextet will present

special music during the 10:15 service.

"Hymns breathe the praise of the saints, the vision of the prophets, the prayers of the penitent and the spirit of the martyrs. They bring solace to the sad, assurance to the perplexed, faith to the doubter and comfort to the oppressed. They span the centuries of history and bridge the barriers of denominations."

LaNette Kotthoff
Music Director

NEWS FROM THE HANDBELL CHOIR AND CHANCEL RINGERS

Ringling remains a passion for most of us in the choir and ensemble and we appreciate the opportunity to enhance the worship experience at St. Paul UCC.

Our thanks to all who attended another successful Trivia Night. Special thanks to Marcia Bucher who was the key organizer of the event and to all ringers who participated.

We welcome Elaine Lalk to our family of ringers. Elaine will be ringing in the middle bell section. She has had previous ringing experience, and is a welcome addition to our choir. Donna Hebb has settled into the bass bell section, but is willing to ring treble bells when needed.

***SAVE YOUR BUCKETS: In an attempt to teach music to children, we have a plan to begin by teaching rhythm. The rectangular empty cat litter buckets make perfect drums when turned upside down. We are in need of a dozen or more of these buckets. If you wish to donate your empty litter buckets, please bring them to the church office.

As always, new ringers are welcome to join our bell choir.

Ruth Hulsey
Handbell Director

PHOTO DIRECTORY

St. Paul UCC will be doing a pictorial directory this year. Pictorial directories tell the story of the church, its history, its activities, its growth and its livelihood through the faces and names of our members.

Photo sittings will take place in the Adult Sunday School classroom on April 25, 26 and 27 from 2:00-9:00 p.m.

Some important points to be aware of when participating in this project are:

- 1 Free complimentary portrait simply for sitting in a photo session
- 2 You can do all your scheduling "on-line" by simply signing in to the link at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9qp5e35s/> or sign up with the committee members in the narthex on Sunday mornings.
- 3 Participants in a sitting session receive a free St. Paul pictorial directory
- 4 There is no obligation to purchase any photo package
- 5 \$10 off any photo package simply for participating
- 6 Additional \$5 off of any photo package when you bring a food item for the Hermann Food Pantry
- 7 Additional 20% discount coupon to all families who purchase packages.

The Evangelism Committee will arrange for photos to be taken of members living in skilled nursing facilities close by, or of those unable to get to a portrait session. Please notify the church office, if you need this done for you or a family member.

The Committee will accept photos of current serving military personnel who are church members of St. Paul UCC.

We hope that you will give the Pictorial Directory serious consideration and participation at no financial cost to you, only time. The completed directory will help put "name to face" when it comes to getting to know other church members (so it will be a complete representation of our church).

Please be a part of it! Visit the website as soon as possible to secure your sitting time. Members of the committee will also make appointments after church for those who do not wish to register on-line.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

St. Paul UCC Women's Fellowship will have a rummage sale in the church basement Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29. As you do your spring cleaning, please pack away clean, usable items (clothing, dishes, pictures, baskets, toys, etc.) to be sold at the rummage sale. Money raised from the sale will be used for women's fellowship benevolences, a majority going to St. Paul UCC general fund. Items will be accepted in the church basement after April 16.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

St. Paul Women's Fellowship will have their next meeting Thursday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. They are studying 1 Corinthians 13:7 "Keeping the Faith". All women of the church are invited to join them for Bible Study and refreshments.

BOOK CLUB

Lit n' Latte Book Club will meet at Miss Clara's at 10:00 a.m. on April 10. They are reading "Ellen Foster" and "The Life All Around Me by Ellen Foster" by Kaye Gibbons. Please call Nancy Kirchhofer with questions.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Dawn Krull and Dale Maune who were married at St. Paul UCC on March 18, 2017 with Pastor Rodger officiating.

Dawn is the daughter of James and Sharon Hoerstkamp and Don and Sharon Coleman. Dale is the son of James and Shirley Maune.

COFFEE HOUR

Everyone is invited to come to the basement every Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00 for refreshments and fellowship. It is a great way to catch up, relax and get to know each other!

ANY SUGGESTIONS

Darren Schutt has been re-elected president of the church council and he would like any ideas and/or suggestions you may have for St. Paul. Please call his cell phone 573-619-1614.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 for breakfast at Lyndee's Restaurant. They would like to assist anyone who needs help with handyman projects. If you

or someone you know has a project they can help with, please let Rodger know.

AFTER SCHOOL BEARCATS

Calling for VOLUNTEERS

As a result of our New Beginnings discussions and ultimately the decision to reach out into the community to meet the needs of students in our school district, we are embarking on a new journey. In September we are beginning a new after-school program which has been named "After School Bearcats".

This program will target students K-8 who need tutoring and adult mentoring in a safe and nurturing environment. We will provide a nutritious snack and a fine arts enrichment activity, along with 40 minutes of tutoring time. We are limiting the program to 15 students at this time however; we are going to need at least 10 volunteers every Wednesday afternoon from approximately 3:15 to 5:00. We will provide at least one mentor to every two students for tutoring (however one on one is ideal) while also needing a person/s in the kitchen to prepare the snack. We plan to provide food that is nutritious and healthy. For example, cheese and ham sandwich and apple and drink. Food will be served at 3:30 when they arrive so if your schedule only allows you to be there a short time that might be the place to begin.

This can be very enriching for all of us, not just the students. You do not need to be a teacher to help a first-grader learn to read and all of us will be scared to death when an 8th grader asks for help with algebra, but this can be a very rewarding experience for us as a congregation and in our personal lives.

Step out of your comfort zone and come be a part of this new experience here at our own St. Paul UCC. Telephone numbers you can call to volunteer:

Maureen Heck	573 291 3997
Sharen Speckhals	573 220 0965
Nancy Kirchhofer	573 291 1126

Nancy Kirchhofer, **Volunteer**

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee is requesting names and addresses of family and community members serving in the military. They would like to show appreciation for their service by sending care packages to them.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. George has asked to hold their Blood Drive at St. Paul on April 6 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall due to an accidental double booking of their own facility. St. George will handle all the details. To pre-register visit redcrossblood.org.

GIRL SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

Girl Scout Troop #30426 is doing a service project to benefit the Backpack Program by assembling 65 blessing bags. They are asking for donations of travel-sized toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, tissues, mouthwash, lotion, etc. There are donation boxes near the church entrances if you would like to help them with this project until April 15.

EMMAUS QUILT AUCTION

There will be an Emmaus Quilt Auction on May 7 at Parkway UCC in St. Louis. If you would like to make a quilt donation, please drop them off by April 21. This event will also include a silent auction, an Emmaus Wine tasting and will include appetizers and beverages.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing's support of refugees through Global Ministries is vital as more of the world's people live forcibly displaced from their homes now than at any time in the past century.

Gifts for OGHs will be accepted throughout the month of April. Thank you for your generosity.

NOTE: OGHs envelopes are included with this mailing and are available on the tables.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Eastern Association of the Missouri Mid-South UCC Conference will hold its spring meeting at Camp MoVal on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to attend the Association meeting, registration forms will soon be available in the church office.

MEN'S RETREAT

The theme for the annual Men's Retreat at Shannondale Retreat Center is "Come Away and Rest Awhile" and will be held May 5-7. The Friday gathering will include fellowship and seeing old friends. Saturday's activities will start with breakfast at Timber Volunteer Firehouse, followed by a service project to make improvements to the Retreat Center. Saturday afternoon there will be time for activities such as canoeing on the Current River, golf, hiking, and exploring, or just relaxing with a good book. Saturday will conclude with a steak dinner and campfire program. Sunday, following breakfast, there will be service at the Shannondale Community UCC.

BRING WORK CLOTHES AND TOOLS!

For more information contact Mike Mueller at 486-3523 or Jack Wendleton 486-2150.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Christian Education Sunday will be observed on May 14 at the 10:15 a.m. service. The Sunday School classes will have the primary responsibility for the service. Attendance recognitions will be presented during this service and special music will be presented by several of the classes. If your child cannot be here, please let LaNette or the office know.

That also means May 14 will be the last Sunday for regular classes for children and youth until after Labor Day. The adult class will continue their sessions throughout the summer as they have in past years.

SUMMER CAMP

The summer camp schedule for Camp Mo-Val has arrived and is posted outside of the church office. This year's theme is

"Branching Out, Connecting through Christ". There are camps available for children from first grade through twelfth grade. All registrations postmarked prior to April 25 are eligible for a \$50 discount. Part of the cost for any child wanting to attend camp will be paid by St. Paul Church. Please pick up an application from the church office if your child plans to attend.

Check out their webpage at www.campmoval.org for a schedule of other events.

CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING

The Missouri Mid-South Conference Annual Gathering will be held June 8-10 at the Holiday Inn in Columbia. More registration information will be available later.

LIST OF GRADUATES

The church office would like to have information on all of our graduates since last summer. This includes high school, technical school, nursing school, college and graduate school. This includes the degree or certificate received and the major field it was awarded for, and future employment or plans.

Please call the church office with that information as soon as possible. This information will be printed in a bulletin on May 28.

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

Veterans who have passed away since May, 2016 will be added to the list of those in the area to be included in the memorial booklet to be issued on Sunday, May 28 at the 10:15 a.m. service. This special recognition was started several years ago with the help of the Hermann VFW Post.

If you know of a veteran who has been buried in the Hermann area this past year, please be sure that the office receives the name, branch of military service, the particular war served, the rank of the person, the place of burial and the birth and death years.

The list has been limited to those who have been buried in the Hermann and surrounding areas (Big Spring, Rhineland, Berger, Gasconade, Morrison, etc.).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Christian Ed Committee has set the week of July 24-July 28 for Vacation Bible School. Please mark your calendars.

SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS

There is a box located on the table next to the church office for box tops which are being collected by the Hermann schools as a fundraiser. This includes the little red box top label from General Mills, Campbells, Kleenex, Betty Crocker, Nestle, Green Giant, Cottonelle, Ziploc and various other brand products. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ to our school. For more information, go to boxtops4education.com.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of our church family who will celebrate birthdays in April.

1-Brian Grannemann
3-Sharon Leech



8-Merlin Cramer, Frank Struttman, Jr.
 10-Erich Loehnig, Austin Stone
 14-Travis Schulte
 15- Ashley Rethemeyer, Jeffrey Schaefer
 16-Terry Loehnig, Diane Witthaus
 17-Earl Huxol, Jill Jacob, Madalynn Wolk,
 Brooke Witthaus
 18-Josie Erfling
 19-Jayson Hollrah, Leona Meyer, Spencer Puchta
 20-Joshua Foust, Nadine Ulrich
 21-Dianne Kottwitz
 25-Melvin Berkemeyer, Lisa Heying
 29-Linda Stone
 30-Martin Crowe, Ralph Grannemann Jr.

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Melvin and Shirley Jacob were married April 4, 1964 and will celebrate their 53rd anniversary this year. William and Shirley Tilly were married April 21, 1956 and are celebrating their 61st anniversary this year. Willard & LaNette Kotthoff were married April 25, 1964 and will celebrate their 53rd anniversary this year.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following members of our church family who will celebrate anniversaries in the month of April.

4 – Melvin & Shirley Jacob
 8 – Erwin & Jane Rehmert
 21 – William & Shirley Tilly
 25 – Willard & LaNette Kotthoff
 29 – Kenneth & Betty Oelschlaeger

Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of our church family who will celebrate birthdays in May.

2-Shelby Ruediger
 5-Linda Blackwood, Merlin Kreftmeyer
 6-Mark Leech
 7- Julaine Cabot, Chelten Hasty, Marjorie Greene
 8-Joe Hart
 9-Peggy Hammer, Melvin Jacob, John Koch
 10-Barbara Humburg
 11-Billy Cramer, Janet Murphy
 12-Mildred Brandt, Doug Smith
 14-Amanda Schaefer
 15-Carol Kunz
 16-Nichole Landolt
 17-Delvine Engelkemeyer
 19-Maureen Heck, Ashten Huff, Elizabeth Kelsey
 20-Bill Rogers
 23-Joe Faes, Betty Reinhardt
 26-Laverne Fredrick, Leslie Horstmann, Theresa Isaak
 27-Ashlee Kiderlen, Dawn Maune
 28-Pat Anderson
 30-Kyle Crowe
 31-Elaine Lalk

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Benjamin and Thelma Kattelmann were married May 5, 1951 and are celebrating their 66th anniversary this year.
 Ronald & Jeanne Fredrick were married May 12, 1962 and are celebrating their 55th anniversary this year.

John and Nancy Bartel were married May 18, 1952 and are celebrating their 65th anniversary this year.

Elwood and Helen Wesselschmidt were married May 26, 1957 and are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following members of our church family who will celebrate anniversaries in the month of May.

3 – Mark & Mary Goth
 Richard & Ellen Schaumberg
 5 – Ben & Thelma Kattelmann
 John & Shelly Abbott
 Steve & Kelly Hanger
 6 – Mike & Donna Struttman
 7 – Martin & Kim Crowe
 12 – Ronald & Jeannie Fredrick
 13 – Don & Aimee Viehmann
 14 – Mark & Margaret Stiegman
 18 – John & Nancy Bartel
 23 – Mike & Gigi Mueller
 26 – Jesse & Ashley Nickles
 Elwood & Helen Wesselschmidt
 Robert & Lisa Winkelmann
 28 – Cody & Ashten Huff

WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Women's Sunday was observed March 5 at the 10:15 a.m. worship service with Rev. Connie Tanis leading the devotion and communion. The title of the sermon was "Abundance of Grace". Thanks to all the ladies who helped with this special service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	<u>2/5</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>2/19</u>	<u>2/26</u>	<u>3/5</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>3/26</u>
Nursery	5	6	4	5	5	5	4	6
Pre-K.-Kind.	8	7	6	7	8	8	8	8
1 st -2 nd Gr.	5	2	5	5	3	-	3	2
3 rd -4 th Gr.	4	4	5	5	5	6	6	4
5 th -6 th Gr.	6	4	8	6	5	8	5	4
7 th & 8 th Gr.	5	5	6	5	5	10	5	4
Conf.	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	4
Senior High	9	7	-	5	5	5	-	5
Adult Class	7	8	9	12	10	-	13	10
Staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	53	49	49	55	51	47	49	48

BANNER CLASS

There was a tie for Banner Class in February – Pre-K-Kindergarten Class and the Confirmation Class. The Banner Class for March is the Pre-K-Kindergarten Class.

WORSHIP SERVICE

<u>2/5</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>2/19</u>	<u>2/26</u>	<u>3/5</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>3/26</u>
121	117	136	148	110	129	118	137

Ash Wednesday service attendance was 48.

FOOD PANTRY

Members of St. Paul UCC are asked to bring food items for the community food pantry and place them in the boxes

located near the church office. For April: breakfast foods, crackers, peanut butter. For May they are asking for canned meat, pasta and dried staples. Monetary gifts are also welcome.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Keith Branson, Lorene Beckmann, Jim Schulte, Angie Scheidegger, Elizabeth Klemme, Jim Held, Viola Koeller, Dillon Stiers, Bob Soetebier, Cindy Finder, Curtis Bohl, Mildred Brandt, Mildred Wright, Avery Sherrow, Larry Schulte, Dolores Smith, Tracy Vandelicht, Pearlina Eikermann, JoAnn Cramer, Carol Kallmeyer, Charles Brown, Gene Schaefer, Barrett & Gardner Withrow, Bill Tilly, Susan Lenger, Michelle Mueller, Dorothy Horstmann, Janet Lieneke, Pat Anderson

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Tud Helming who passed away February 11. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, three children, Eric, Heath and Kecia, and his father-in-law Forrest Koeller & wife Viola and many other friends & relatives.

Our sympathy to the family of Shirley Speckhals who passed away February 16. She is survived by her husband, Louis (Dugan), four sons, Allen & wife Sharen, Kevin, Keith & wife Teresa and Kurt and wife Karen; by three brothers, Donald, Jim & wife Gladys and Carrol & wife Betty Schulte and many other relatives and friends.

Our sympathy to the family of Mary Fricke who passed away recently. She is survived by her husband, Lyle, four children, Brandon, Katelyn, Collin and Logan, two brothers, James & Kenneth, and a brother-in-law, Brad Fricke and wife Chery and family.

Our sympathy to the family of Hazel Mueller who passed away March 31. Funeral arrangements are pending at the time of this writing.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jeff Mueller who was installed as pastor of St. Paul UCC in Marthasville on Sunday, March 12.

Congratulations to Dalton Bickmeyer who has received his Eagle Scout Award.

Congratulations to Barb Schutt for serving as Girl Scout leader for 45 years and good luck as she prepares for her retirement from that task.

STUDENT LOANS

Student loan application forms will be mailed in the near future to 2017 Hermann High graduates and to eligible college students (members of St. Paul Church). Approximately \$134,000 is on loan to our students at this time. If the loans are repaid on schedule following graduation, they are interest-free.

Student loans are made possible by a special fund that was set up a number of years ago, with the interest from these invested funds being made available for student loans. Since that time, smaller estate monies or special memorial gifts have been added to the invested portion of the funds, to enhance the portion that is available to our students.

If you or someone you know would like an application form and do not receive one, please call the church office and we will send one.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Richard and Mona Schaefer for arranging and donating the altar flowers.

Thanks to Jim & Marjorie Boedges for donating some shelving units for storing the flowers when not in use.

Thanks to everyone for providing special music during worship service.

Thank you to Ralph Grannemann for delivering the food pantry items.

Thank you to Darren Schutt for various maintenance projects.

Thank you to Shirley Kunz, Sharen Speckhals and Linda Heck for helping with office details.

Thank you to all the ladies of the church who helped with the service for Women's Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who served as liturgist and acolytes.

Thanks to LaNette Kotthoff, Nancy Kirchhofer and Ruth Hulse for accompanying the pastor for nursing homes ministry and to everyone else who helped with the services.

Thanks to the Chery Fricke and Dawn Page and the Easter Breakfast Committee for handling all the details for the upcoming breakfast.

Thank you to Helen Wesselschmidt for continuing to deliver worship bulletins to our residents in the nursing homes every week as she has done for many years.

Thank you to Mary Leeper for preparing the trays for communion.

Thank you to Dennis Barks and Jean Held for donating office supplies that they no longer need to the church.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your contribution to the Hermann Food Pantry Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks...Gifts from donors nourish children and families, advance community projects, create legacies to support future generations and send students to college who may not otherwise be able to go....

Sincerely, Brian Fogle, President

NOTE: An amount of \$2881.22 was sent to the Pantry for the year 2016.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for graciously allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall for our next blood drive in Hermann on April 6. I really appreciate you working with me to help resolve our conflict with the other location.

Thanks again! Amanda Okenfuss, American Red Cross

NURSING HOMES MINISTRY

Pastor Rodger provides worship service to the residents of Frene Valley and Victorian Place the first Sunday of every month. He would appreciate anyone who is able to accompany him both on the piano and to help lead the music and help with these services.

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes - January 12, 2017

Members present were Pastor Kiepe, Tim Cramer, Carol Graue, Linda Heck, James Hoerstkamp, Becky Mayberry, Erwin Rehmert, Tom Rethemeyer, Darren Schutt and Maggie Stiegman. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kiepe.

Members of the Search Committee present to discuss the retention of Pastor Kiepe were: Joann Cramer, Maureen Heck, Mark Leech, Marilyn Rethemeyer and Keely Uthlaut.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved on motion made by Carol Graue and seconded by Maggie Stiegman. Motion carried.

The November financial reports were approved on motion made by Becky Mayberry and seconded by Carol Graue. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Job Description and Personnel Policy was approved on motion made by Becky Mayberry and seconded by Carol Graue.

Darren announced plans for AED training during February.

The council discussed nominations for 2017 Council Candidates with several people needing to confirm yet.

Windows for the classroom doors are here and ready to be installed.

New Business:

New council members will be installed at the first service following the annual meeting.

The Bell Choir Trivia Night date of February 24, 2017 was approved on motion made by Maggie Stiegman and seconded by Carol Graue.

The Council discussed a request by Mizzou student Quentin Collins for lodging during their Alternative Services Project in Hermann, Friday-Sunday, April 7-9. Feeling the Council didn't have enough information to make a decision, Collins will be contacted regarding this.

Property insurance increases were discussed.

Motion was made by Maggie Stiegman and seconded by Erwin Rehmert to approve Pastor Kiepe's 2017 housing allowance. Motion carried.

The Garden Club has asked to hold brown bag lunch at St. Paul. A motion to approve that was made by Carol Graue and second made by Maggie Stiegman. Motion carried.

Pastor Kiepe requested permission to add a carport on the NW corner of the parking lot. The cost of three sides enclosed would be \$1,580.00. Motion was made by James Hoerstkamp and seconded by Carol Graue to approve this. Motion carried.

Darren Schutt expressed his thanks for their service to council members completing their term on the council.

There being no further business, Tim Cramer moved to adjourn. Becky Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Heck, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes - January 26, 2017

Members present were Pastor Kiepe, Linda Heck, Nancy Kirchhofer, Mark Leech, Becky Mayberry, Erwin Rehmert, Tom Rethemeyer, Darren Schutt, Sharen Speckhals, Maggie Stiegman and Keely Uthlaut. Susan Lenger was absent due to a prior commitment. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kiepe.

The first order of business was the appointment of officers for 2017. Nancy Kirchhofer nominated Becky Mayberry for President. She declined. Keely Uthlaut made a motion that Darren Schutt remain as President. Nancy Kirchhofer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Erwin Rehmert nominated Maggie Stiegman for Vice President. The motion was seconded by Tom Rethemeyer. The motion carried. Ruth Hulsey moved that Linda Heck continue as Secretary. Becky Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried. Nancy Kirchhofer nominated Sharen Speckhals as Treasurer and Maggie Stiegmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review of annual meeting: Pastor Kiepe clarified Rev. Parson's explanation of the transitional position. President Schutt gave the council an explanation of the negative balance that was questioned on page 14 of the Financial Report at the

Annual Congregational Meeting. When the formula was put into the computer, one figure was accidentally left out, causing the error. The correction will be presented to the congregation for approval along with an investment report.

The council will hold its monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

The council reviewed committees and appointed chairs and members where applicable.

Sharen Specials made a motion to approve Pastor Kiepe's six (6) month contract, which will become void at the time he receives a transitional minister contract. Maggie Stiegman seconded the motion. Motion carried. A committee of Mark Leech, Keely Uthlaut, Darren Schutt, Mike Mueller and Linda Heck will devise the transition contract and submit it to the council. Plans are to present the transitional minister contract to the congregation in March. The committee will meet Monday, January 30 at 6:30 pm.

Old Business:

A March 18, 2017 wedding date for Dawn Krull and Dale Maune was approved by the council.

New Business:

Rev. Ken Beckmann made a request to baptize his grandson following the Easter Service on April 16. Motion was made by Ruth Hulsey to grant the request and seconded by Erwin Rehmert. Motion carried.

All council members, retiring and present are asked to be in attendance this coming Sunday for installation of council and to receive certificates of appreciation.

Tom Rethemeyer, Erwin Rehmert, Darren Schutt and Mark Leech will usher Sunday, February 5 for the Communion service.

There being no further business, Erwin Rehmert moved to adjourn. Tom Rethemeyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Heck, Secretary

Addendum: The corrected financial report was presented to the congregation on Sunday, January 31, 2017. Motion to approve the corrected report was made by Anne Althaus and seconded by Harvey Lalk. Motion carried.

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes - February 6, 2017

Members present were Pastor Kiepe, Linda Heck, Ruth Hulsey, Nancy Kirchhofer, Mark Leech, Becky Mayberry, Erwin Rehmert, Tom Rethemeyer, Darren Schutt, Sharen Speckhals, Maggie Stiegman and Keely Uthlaut.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kiepe and the laying on of hands blessing Darren Schutt. Each meeting will see the blessing of a different council member.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved on motion made by Nancy Kirchhofer and seconded by Becky Mayberry. Motion carried.

The January financial reports were approved on motion made by Mark Leech and seconded by Maggie Stiegman. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Job Descriptions for all staff need to be updated by the personnel committee.

Pastor Kiepe introduced the possibility of having a student from Eden Seminary, 10 hours a week, 14 weeks per semester.

2017 Committees members were updated.

New Business:

Contacts for the Security Company will be changed to Rodger Kiepe, James Hoerstkamp and Darren Schutt.

Motion to approve a request by Ashley Hawkins and Joshua Vance for a March 31, 2018 wedding with Pastor Kiepe officiating was made by Sharen Speckhals and seconded by Nancy Kirchhofer. Motion carried.

Ushers for the March 1 Ash Wednesday service will be Linda Heck, Sharen Speckhals, Maggie Stiegman and Becky Mayberry.

Ushers for March 5 communion service will be Erwin Rehmert, Nancy Kirchhofer, Tom Rethemeyer and Darren Schutt.

The next council meeting will be March 13 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business, Sharen Speckhals moved to adjourn. Maggie Stiegman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Heck, Secretary