

ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Dear Friends,

I would like to encourage the congregation to read the Gospel of Mark this week. We will be hearing readings and sermons from that Gospel over the next several weeks in worship and I think it will be more meaningful for those who read the Gospel through.

Mark was the first of the canonical Gospels to be written. Most scholars place the date around 65 C.E. - 75 C.E. while Nero was persecuting Christians. It is widely believed that Nero himself burned much of Rome so he could rebuild it more magnificently and have his name inscribed on the new buildings. But in order to do this he needed someone to blame so he picked the Christians and began a state sponsored persecution of them.

Mark is unique in many ways but perhaps it is most unique in the way it ends. In your Bible you will find three endings. The original ending was 16:8. In this ending, after going to the tomb, the women found the stone rolled away and a man sitting on the right side in a white robe. This man told them not to be alarmed. He also told them that Jesus was not there because he had been raised from the dead. He then told them to tell Peter and the disciples to go to meet Galilee and meet Jesus there. But the women didn't do that. Instead they fled from the tomb and said *nothing* to anyone for terror and amazement had seized them. Not a very satisfactory ending is it? That is what the early Church Fathers thought too and that is why there are two more endings added called "The shorter ending" and the "longer ending".

So please read the Gospel for yourselves and plan to come to worship because you never know, you may learn something new!

Blessings, Rodger

CHOIR NOTES

"Sing praises to the God"

Thank you to the Senior Choir, Riverside Singers and instrumentalists for providing inspirational music during the morning worship services and special concerts. Your talent and dedication are appreciated; you are a special blessing to the church. The choir will take a well-deserved break during the summer and will resume during the middle of August.

If anyone in the congregation would like to make suggestions to the music department (program) please feel free to do so. My email is wiff@ktis.net.

"Speak to one another with Psalms, hymns and songs from the spirit. Sing and make music to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" Ephesians 18: 19-20

LaNette Kotthoff, Choir Director

HANDBELL CHOIR

During the summer months, the full handbell choir will be practicing only once each month to keep up their skills and to continue practicing music they will be preparing for the Christmas season. The handbell choir will again resume regular Wednesday practices at the end of August.

A smaller group of ringers: Ben Berkemeyer, Nancy Fagerness, Ruth Hulsey, Mary Kunstmann, Marilyn Loehnig, Dawn Maune, and Colter Scheible will be practicing weekly

until they attend the 2018 Area 8 five-state conference of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. This year the massed ringing will convene in Omaha, Nebraska from June 27th – 30th, where there will be classes on various aspects of handbell ringing, concerts by both peers and accomplished groups, and massed ringing where our ringers will be performing with 300 or more ringers from the 5-state area.

As always, anyone interested in joining the bell choir may contact Ruth Hulsey or any member of the bell choir. New members must be at least 12 years of age and must be able to read music.

Special thanks to Colter Scheible for his years of dedication to ringing. He began ringing when he was too young to see over the music and had to stand on a wooden box to ring. He now is our ace base bell ringer and has graduated from high school with honors. He will be furthering his education at Rolla, but still plans to ring with us when he is available, and hopefully will be a part of our Starkenburg concerts.

Thanks to all who support and assist the bell choir in any way.

Ruth Hulsey, Handbell Director

NEW MEMBERS

We have been very fortunate to have two people join our church family recently. They are Georgia Jordan and Nancy Wright. Welcome!

If anyone else is interested in joining our church family, please contact the church office or the pastor and a date will be arranged.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2018

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20 the following students received the rite of confirmation.

Colten Elsenraat is the son of Joey and Staci Elsenraat and his sponsor is Dawn Grosse; Hannah Grosse is the daughter of Mike and Dawn Grosse and her sponsor is Craig Schannuth; Woodrow Heldt is the son of Chris and Melissa Heldt and his sponsor is Ruth Thuli; Zoe Schaefer is the daughter of Tracy Schafer and Chantele Watson and step-father Donnie Watson and her sponsor is Nancy Kirchhofer.

Pastor Rodger Kiepe began this class in the fall of 2017 leading these students in their religious training. Classes were held on Sunday mornings at 9:00.

Congratulations to these new members of St. Paul.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2018-2019

Anyone interested in signing up for Confirmation Class this coming year should notify the church office. You need to be in the ninth grade or above to be included in this class.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Here is a great way to kick off your confirmation year through getting to know each other, bible study and worship. We will spend time in the kitchen preparing our own meals at Camp MoVal. The cost is \$90 each. The registration deadline is August 24. Please let Rodger or the office know if you would like to attend this retreat: Flyers will be posted at the church

MEN'S CLUB

St. Paul UCC Men's Club meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 for breakfast at the Hermann Diner. 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.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The Women's Fellowship would like to thank everyone that donated items, bought items, or worked at the annual rummage sale in April. We made a profit of approximately \$2000 which will be used to support ministries in our budget. Those ministries include Back Pack program, the Brown bag food program for Hermann School Grades PK-12, Festival of Sharing, Emmaus Home, Every Child's Hope, Hermann Food Pantry, and Hermann Families in Action.

The final Women's Fellowship for the season will be Thursday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. The program will feature speakers on "Festival of Sharing", Jill Jacobs, Bernice Nolting, and Sidney Owens, coordinator of the "Festival of Sharing". The Festival of Sharing" is a cooperative response to world hunger, poverty, and injustice. This is an interfaith effort to collect and gather resources to share in Missouri and Around the World. St. Paul Church has collected items in the past and our youth have participated in collection and distribution of items for this program. Anyone is invited to attend our program. Marilyn Loehnig will be providing patriotic music to celebrate Flag Day and July 4th!

ST PAUL UCC HOMECOMING

Plans for St. Paul UCC Homecoming and Picnic continue to proceed. The picnic will be held at Hermann Amphitheater on Saturday, September 22 from 11:00-5:00 p.m. The picnic will feature food, ice cream, games for children, and bands to provide music. Please mark your calendars to lend support by attending and working. The picnic will feature a silent auction. Krystal Witthaus is chairperson for the silent auction. She and her committee will be gathering items to be auctioned. Items might include gift certificates, canned produce, nuts, and additional items. Give Krystal a call or text (573-680-9894) if you have questions. She and her committee will have more details soon.

Homecoming weekend includes a special Sunday worship service on Sunday, September 23 which celebrates our current church, reflects our traditions, and prepares for the future. Please make plans to attend.

The Evangelism committee is trying to contact persons that were confirmed and attended St. Paul UCC in the past. If you have addresses of family or friends, please email those or call Fay at the church office or email Carol Paubel at carolpauble@hotmail.com.

MEMORIAL BOOKLETS

Memorial booklets listing all deceased veterans from this area who are buried in local cemeteries were updated and were available on May 27 on the tables in the sanctuary. If there are any corrections or additions to this listing, or if anyone wants a copy of this booklet, please call the church office.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour has been cancelled until the fall when Sunday School classes resume.

SAMARITAN OUTREACH

The phone number for Samaritan Outreach (under the direction of the Hermann Area Ministerial Alliance) is 573-569-2082. If anyone is in need of financial aid or in need of good used clothing, please call this number. The fifth Sunday of any month is designated for special offering envelopes for this benevolence if you wish to make a donation.

BOOK CLUB

The book club has been reading interesting and thought provoking books and we invite any and all to join the group. We read "God's Secretaries"; a non-fiction book about the who, what, where and when of the translation of the King James Version of the Bible. Thank you Connie Tanis for helping us through this.

On June 11th we will be discussing "The Whistling Season" by Doig. We meet at Miss Clara's at 10:00 a.m.

July 9th will be "Dakota" by Norris.

You can look any of these books up on a variety of websites by title and author if you want to have an idea of what we are reading as a group. There is an open invitation to all to join.

Nancy Kirchhofer 486-2943

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Recent high school graduates who are members or friends of St. Paul UCC were recognized during the service on May 6.

CODY BRUCKERHOFF is the son of Martin & Dana Bruckerhoff. He is secretary, of the National Honor Society, member of Drama Club; UCM Computer Science Award scholarship, Red & Black scholarship, Lloyd Stock All-Around Student Award. He plans to attend University of Central Missouri with a major in computer science. Future plans include working for Microsoft in computer programming/design.

BROOKE GROSSE is the daughter of Mike & Dawn Grosse. She is ranked 5th in class, 4-year varsity basketball/volleyball; president of Student Council; member of National Honor Society. She plans to attend the University of Missouri to study nursing in hopes to become a Nurse Practitioner. She is employed at Hermann Hill and the City Pool.

TESS SCHANNUTH is the daughter of Craig & Kate Schannuth. She is in the top 10% of her class; member of National Honor Society. She plans to become an art teacher and hopefully work in the Hermann School District. She plans to attend William Woods University with a major in art education and a minor in history. She is employed at the City Pool.

COLTER SCHEIBLE is the son of Jeff & Ellen Scheible. He plans to attend Missouri University of Science & Technology to major in Civil Engineering.

EMMETT SCHEIBLE is the son of Jeff & Ellen Scheible. He plans to attend the University of Missouri to major in Agricultural Engineering.

CRAIG SCHLUSS is the son of Walter & Carol Schluss. He plans to attend State Technical College to study heavy equipment operations. He is employed at Kallmeyer Brothers Enterprise.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Christian Ed Committee has decided to have a movie night at 7:30 on Wednesday, June 20 and a pool party on Sunday, July 8 from 6:00-8:00 instead of a week of Bible School. They hope to make this a fun and learning experience for the children. More information will be available later.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION

On Sunday, May 13, the Christian Education Committee honored the Sunday School students with a gift certificate to Downtown Deli.

Thanks to Shannon Berkemeyer and Jill Jacob, co-superintendents for the year; and LaNette Kotthoff, music director, and to all the teachers and substitute teachers, for all their extra work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROSTER

NURSERY-PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Teacher: Ms. Dawn Page

Parker Diebal, Tanner Grotewiel, Bailey Hunley, Grady Korman, Brady Landolt

FIRST-SECOND GRADE

Teacher: Mrs. Chantele Watson

Ashton Bergen, Kate Boedges, Hailey Diebal, Averi Elsenraat, Taylor Grotewiel, Jayden Hunley, Adelynn Jacob, Lilly Korman, Kalli Landolt, Siena Palladino, Lance Uthlaut, Alivia Witthaus

THIRD-FOURTH GRADE

Teacher: Mrs. Barb Schutt

Grace Berkemeyer, Lane Cramer, Aiden Eikermann, Garrett Jacob, Nathan Menke, Erika Schutt, Elaina Uthlaut, Faith Williams

FIFTH-SIXTH GRADE Teacher: Mrs. Linda Heck
Allison Boedges, Michaela Grannemann, Katie Menke, Lydia Mayberry, Amelia Uthlaut

SEVENTH-EIGHTH GRADE

Teacher: Mr. Brian Grannemann

Ben Berkemeyer, Sammi Boedges, Madison Dixon, Holly Heldt, Clara Scheible, Shelby Schutt

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Teacher: Rev. Rodger Kiepe

Colten Elsenraat, Brooke Grosse, Woody Heldt, Zoe Schaefer

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Teacher, Mrs. Sharen Speckhals

Peyton Schaefer, Colter Scheible, Emmett Scheible

ADULT CLASS

Teachers: Gene & Nancy Johnston

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS:

Shannon Berkemeyer & Jill Jacob

MUSIC DIRECTOR: LaNette Kotthoff

REMINDER: Children's Sunday School classes will not meet during the summer months. Classes will resume Sept. 9 at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	<u>4/1</u>	<u>4/8</u>	<u>4/15</u>	<u>4/22</u>	<u>4/29</u>	<u>5/6</u>	<u>5/13</u>
Pre-Nurs.-Nurs	.8	4	6	4	5	--	5
1 st Gr -2 nd -	11	8	9	5	11	6	10
3 rd -4 th Gr.	4	4	7	6	5	7	5
5 th -6 th Gr.	3	2	3	3	2	3	3
7 th -8 th Gr.	7	3	4	8	5	7	8
Conf.	3	5	4	3	4	4	4
Sr. High	4	3	2	--	3	4	4
Adult Class	--	8	8	7	8	--	7
Staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	41	38	44	37	42	32	47

The Banner Class for April was the Nursery Class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN OFFERING

A total of \$100.96 was turned in by our Sunday School students as their special Lenten offering to benefit the school. As promised, the Christian Education Committee matched the gift, so a total of \$201.92 was sent to the school.

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE

<u>4/8</u>	<u>4/15</u>	<u>4/22</u>	<u>4/29</u>	<u>5/6</u>	<u>5/13</u>	<u>5/20</u>	<u>5/27</u>
98	103	138	107	140	181	113	84

Good Friday attendance was 75; Easter attendance at 6:30 was 92 and at 10:15 it was 168.

NURSING HOMES MINISTRY

Pastor Rodger provides worship service at Frene Valley at 2:00 p.m. and Victorian Place at 2:45 p.m. the first Sunday of every month. Please join him in this ministry if you are available He especially needs someone to play the piano for the hymns and someone to help with communion and fellowship for the residents.

NURSING HOMES & SHUT-INS

Following is a list of our members and friends who are residents of Victorian Place, Frene Valley of Hermann Stonebridge and a list of others who may enjoy a visit, a call or a card.

FRENE VALLEY OF HERMANN STONEBRIDGE

Lorene Beckmann, Vernon Brinkmann, Pearline Eikermann, Gladys Hauser, Viola Koeller, Eunice Ploeger,

VICTORIAN PLACE (1120 Village Lane)

Maynard Anderson	486-3173
Janet Mueller	486-5857
Truman Eikermann	486-1006
Dorothy Horstmann	486-5666
Ben & Thelma Kattelman	486-5650
LaVerne Wagner	486-2282
Amy Williams	486-3437

HOME VISITS

Mrs. Delvine Engelkemeyer, 5118 Towne S Road, St. Louis, MO 63128
 Mrs. Leona Meyer, 1412 Washington St., Hermann, MO
 Mrs. Dolores Smith, 229 W 6th St., Hermann 486-5439

Mr. Marvin Vogt, 4807 Misty Wood Ct., Wentzville, MO 63385-3813

FOOD PANTRY

Members of St. Paul Church are asked to bring food items for the community food pantry and place them in the boxes located near the church office. For June: vegetables, juices and fruits and for July: bar soap, cleaning products, and hygiene products. Monetary gifts are also welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1-Nancy Bartel, Jed Leeper
- 3-Tim Cramer, Fern Wray
- 5-Marcella Huxel
- 6-Laura Rethemeyer
- 8-LuVern Schweerkotting
- 10-Scott Jacob
- 11-Cody Bruckerhoff, Raylene Hollrah, Judy Toedtman
- 12-Jeff Berkemeyer, Janet Hart, Ben Lloyd
- 15-Wyatt Schaefer
- 16-Krystal Witthaus
- 20-Craig Schluss, Pat Wendleton
- 21-Janet Mueller
- 22-Erin Kinion, Ashley Kopp
- 23-Shirley Jacob, Don Witthaus
- 25-Allison Heying, Nicole Koch
- 27-Ronald Fredrick
- 28-Julaine Maczuk, Darrell Reinhardt
- 29-Brett Schulte

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Melvin & Shirley Berkemeyer will celebrate their 53rd anniversary on June 5; Don & Anne Althaus will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on June 20. Terry & Marilyn Loehnig will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 22. Congratulations.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 1 - Jason & Rachel Hunley
- 2 – Joe & Staci Elsenraat
- 4 – Jayson & Raylene Hollrah
Dennis & Jonelle Loehnig
- 5 – Melvin & Shirley Berkemeyer
Tom & Julaine Cabot
- 7 – Terry & Peggy Hammer
- 8 – Corey & Nichole Landolt
Greg & Mary Leeper
- 10 – Tim & Linda Landolt
- 12 – Wilmer & Josie Erfling
Don & Barbara Groppe
- 19 - Darren & Darla Schutt
- 20 – Don & Anne Althaus
Joshua & Megan Pohlmann
- 22 – Terry & Marilyn Loehnig
- 26 – Mark & Sharon Leech
- 27 – Mike & Linda Stone

Chad & Jenny Schneider
29 – Duane & Elaine Bierwirth

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

- 1-Maynard Anderson
- 2-Makena Mayberry
- 3-John Bartel, Brad Fricke, Donald Groppe
- 4- Truman Eikermann, Lynn Roetemeyer
- 5-Elizabeth Klemme, Gladys Schulte
- 6-Kris Kunz, Dylan Pfautsch
- 7-Carroll LaBoube
- 8-John Bohl
- 9-Todd Anderson, Kim Crowe, Phyllis Hannan, Shanna Landolt, Kate Schannuth
- 10-Shelly Abbott
- 11-Susan Elder, Wayne Grannemann, Mary Leeper
- 12-LaDonna Ottinger, Manda Rucker, Corrine Tilly
- 13-Wesley Heying
- 14-Leon LaBoube
- 17-Thomas Cabot, Barbara Groppe
- 18-Margaret Stiegman, LaVerne Wagner, Tiera Walkenbach
- 19-Donald Althaus
- 20-Doug Graue, Lisa Schulte
- 26-Wilmer Erfling
- 28-Michael Mueller
- 30-Glenn Brethorst, Richard Schaumberg, Michael Struttman
- 31-Shawn Mayberry, Keith Ruediger

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 8-Jason & Summer Witthaus
- 11-Jordan & Lauren Dickerson
- 14-Gene & Nancy Johnston
- 18-Brian & Amy Grannemann
- 20-Brad & Chery Fricke
- 22-Ernst & Keeley Uthlaut
- 23-Mark & Marilyn Koenig
- 27-Bart & Kris Toedtman

Congratulations to all.

WEDDING

Natalie Shoultz and Joshua Kuhn were married at St. Paul UCC on May 26, 2018 with Chris McCann officiating. The couple resides near Hermann

MEMORIALS

Current Fund

In memory of Ed Bickmeyer
In memory of William Tilly

Handbell Fund

In memory of Ed Bickmeyer

GIFT

Landscaping Fund

EASTER MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund

In memory of Ed Bickmeyer and other loved ones
Eleanor Bickmeyer
In memory of loved ones
Elwood & Helen Wesselschmidt
In memory of Eric Hampton
Howard & Barb Schutt
In memory of their parents and Richard Greene
Jack & Margie Greene
In memory of Jenna, Leland & Anna Mae Lenger and
Dave Huxel
The Steve Lenger Family
In memory of Patricia Anderson
Andy Anderson & Family
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Rethemeyer & Francis
Schneider
Tom & Marilyn Rethemeyer & Family

Handbell Fund

In memory of their parents
John & Nancy Bartel
In memory of their parents
Terry & Marilyn Loehnig

Choir Fund

In memory of B.A. Wagner
LaVerne Wagner & Family
In memory of their parents
Terry & Marilyn Loehnig

EASTER FLOWERS

In memory of Eric Hampton
The Family of Eric Hampton
In memory of Harold & Annie Horstman
Barb & Howard Schutt
In memory of James Richard Held
Jim & Betty Held

OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION SUPPORT

Thank you, thank you, thank you

Our Church's Wider Mission giving funds the work done by the United Church of Christ in the Missouri Mid-South Conference and in the national and global church. Our Church's Wider Mission funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to keep local United Church of Christ churches strong, effective, and growing for the local church, Our Church's Wider Mission funds the pastoral placement process; provides education and resources for church leaders; makes available worship materials and materials for theological interpretation; gives us challenging stewardship and fundraising tools, and so much more.

The Conference financial books have closed for 2017. And the final report is great news! We exceeded our 2017 OCWM budgeted amount by \$56,000!!! The generosity of the members and churches of the Conference is truly amazing.

According to Conference Council member, Ken Ulmer, for only the second time in the fifty-one year history of the Conference, we have ended the year with OCWM basic support income being over the budgeted amount. Total income was \$650,786 and the budget was \$594,631 for an overage of \$56,155! Our Friends of the Conference totals were \$4,000 more than our projected budgeted amount as well!

This means more dollars to support the work of our Conference and Conference staff; more dollars to support the

national setting of our United Church of Christ, more dollars going to MoVal and Shannondale than originally budgeted.

In the coming weeks, stories will be shared and ministries celebrated because of your generous support! We give thanks to God for the vibrancy of the ministry in local churches, and in our Associations, and within the Missouri Mid-South Conference.

Lorin W. Cope, Chair
OCWM Covenanted Ministry

(Note: St. Paul UCC budgeted \$15,000.00 to OCWM for 2017.)

THANK YOU LETTERS

We would like to thank the members of St Paul Church for everything they have done for our family. From the phone calls, text, cards, food and the donation to Blake's scholarship; the Women's Fellowship for serving the funeral meal; Rodger for all the visits and phone calls. A special thank you to the ladies that brought us food on Monday night: Gigi Mueller, Sharen Speckhals, Linda Heck, and Carol Paubel. God Bless all of you.

Brian and Amy Grannemann
Wayne and Doris Grannemann

Thanks:

Thank you for inviting me to the Senior Recognition service. I am sorry I could not make it, but I appreciated the visitor clip, gas card and my senior picture sponsorship in the newspaper.

Tess Schannuth

Dear St. Paul Church:

Thank you so much for helping me pay for my Camp MoVal expenses! I always have a lot of fun at camp!

Samantha Boedges

Dear St Paul UCC,

I would like to thank you! Thank you for paying half of my Camp MoVal expenses. I love going to MoVal. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Allison Boedges

Dear St. Paul:

Thank you for paying the money. You are truly the best!!

Love,
Katie Boedges

Dear Friends of St. Paul UCC Sunday School;

Thank you for your contribution to the Blake Grannemann Memorial Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

With the support of donors like you, the CFO has enhanced the quality of life for residents and communities across our region for 45 years. Along with that mission, our foundation has adopted a set of guiding values that honor integrity in our stewardship of funds; respect in all of our relationships; leadership in collaborating on solutions; and a focus on serving our region forever. None of this would be possible without our donors' generous commitment to the shared power of philanthropy.....

Sincerely, Brian Fogle, President

Dear St. Paul UCC Hermann:

We would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$200.00 on April 12 towards our Church Support. Your commitment and support are sincerely appreciated. Donations like yours will help to make Camp MoVal a more accessible place; help economically disadvantaged youth have a camping and will continue to assist Camp MoVal in providing dynamic programs in a safe, caring and top notch facility.

Camp MoVal has been providing outdoor ministry, faith exploration and worship experience for over 50 years. MoVal is here to be enjoyed by the churches, children, youth and adults within the Missouri Mid-South Conference and the surrounding community. The mission of MoVal is to plant and nurture the seeds of faith and transform lives. Thank you for your support to continue this mission.....

Gratefully,

Jeremy Force, Outdoor Ministries Director

IN APPRECIATION

To Ken and Jane Meyer, Wayne and Maureen Heck and everyone else who has worked in the flower beds recently.

To Darren Schutt for various maintenance work.

To the Christian Education Committee for obtaining the attendance gifts for Sunday School children and for presenting the program for the worship service on May 13.

To the Family Life Committee for providing altar flowers on Mother's Day and for providing and serving food for the Senior Recognition Dinner on May 6.

To Brad & Chery Fricke and Dawn Page for organizing, preparing and serving the Easter Breakfast and to everyone else who helped.

Thanks to everyone for sharing Easter lilies and memorial gifts.

Thanks to the readers and the Choir for leading service on Good Friday.

To everyone who helps load and run the projection system for worship services. It is not an easy task.

Thanks to everyone who accompanied the pastor for nursing homes ministry.

Thanks to Sharen Speckhals and Mary Leeper for helping with office work.

Thanks to everyone who served as liturgists recently.

Thanks to everyone who served as acolytes recently.

Thanks to Margie Greene for substituting at the organ recently.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to John and Megan Bohl & family on the passing of their baby, Anneka, recently.

PRAYER LIST— Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Lorene Beckmann, Jim Schulte, Angie Scheidegger, Elizabeth Klemme, Bob Soetebier, Gene Schaefer, Michelle Mueller, Eloise Sturkey, Marcia Bucher, Lyndon Ruediger, Shirley Waddle, Carol Collins, Nadine Ulrich, Bob & Mary Fritz, Jim Held, Amy Williams, Donnie Mueller, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Bob and Steve Starkey, Steve Beckmann, LaVerne Wagner, Viola Koeller.

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes –March 12, 2018

Members present were Pastor Kiepe, Mike Grosse, Jill Jacob, Kenny Kunz, Ervin Rehmert, Nancy Kirchhofer, Ruth Hulsey, Susan Nichols, and Maggie Stiegman. Not present: Sharen Speckhals, Mark Leech, Keely Uthlaut, and Tom Rethemeyer. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Kiepe.

Minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting were discussed. Susan Nichols said she had made a couple of corrections to the drafted minutes. After discussion of the changes, the minutes were approved on motion made by Nancy Kirchhofer and seconded by Mike Grosse. Motion carried.

Church Secretary Fay Scheible appeared before the Council to explain how the monthly financial report is prepared. After discussion the Council expressed their appreciation for Fay's explanation of the report and for the great job she continues to do as secretary.

Matt Wagner, Senior Executive – Business Development, United Church Funds (UCF), appeared before the Council to discuss St. Paul's investment portfolio. UCF is an investment advisor that works with faith-based organizations to assist with investment management, planned giving and endowment governance issues. He assured the Council that St. Paul's portfolio is very sound. After discussion the Council thanked Mr. Wagner for visiting with them and he said he would continue to provide updates.

Pastor Kiepe shared with council members the Pastor's Report for the last month.

Old Business:

President Stiegman informed the Council that she had discussed lawn care with Custodian Darren Schutt. He said if the mowing of the church grounds gets to be too much for him to keep up by himself, he has a backup that he can call. President Stiegman also informed the Council that she had spoken to Fay about who has responsibility to contact a replacement organist when Lois Kruse is unable to perform. Fay said Lois always gets her own replacement. These changes will be forwarded to Fay in order to update the job descriptions that were approved by the Council at the February meeting.

President Stiegman reminded the Council that at the February meeting a committee had been formed to discuss possible changes to the Church Constitution and By-Laws. That committee has met and drafted changes. It was hoped to have those changes by this meeting, however, some computer issues have caused a delay. The Council will be provided with the changes for discussion at the April meeting.

President Stiegman asked for an update on intruder training through ALICE, a training institute for active shooter situations. Pastor Kiepe said he had not yet been able to discuss the training with the ministerial alliance or other UCC congregations. He will check with them and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

New Business:

The Council was informed that Marcella Huxel and Edmund Knehans have requested a wedding date of June 30, 2018. After discussion the Council decided that it is not necessary for them to vote on approval of wedding date requests. Pastor Kiepe can provide that approval when requests are made.

The Council discussed the homecoming event being planned by the Evangelism Committee for September 22, 2018. A contract has been completed and deposit made to book the Amphitheatre for the event. Pastor Kiepe said he would check with the City Office to determine if there are any specific insurance requirements needed. The Council also discussed the need for a license in order to serve beer and wine at the event. After discussion, the request to obtain a license was approved on motion by Nancy Kirchhofer and seconded by Mike Grosse. Motion carried.

Pastor Kiepe expressed interest in forming an Investment Committee or Board of Trustees to work on policies for the Church's permanent funds and gifts. He suggested this be a permanent committee with members chosen by the Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Grosse to create a six member Board of Trustees, with each member serving a two year term with a maximum of three consecutive terms, and with members to be selected by the Church Council, for oversight of permanent funds and to advise the Council on those funds. The motion was seconded by Jill Jacob. Motion carried.

Jill Jacob said it would be appreciated if the people working on the "homecoming" event could get together prior to the event to plan and assign tasks.

Mike Grosse asked about the defibrillator machine that the Church has near the sanctuary. He asked if it would be beneficial for individuals to receive training on the machine. After discussion it was suggested that President Stiegman contact EMT Doug Clark to provide training to Council members at a future meeting.

Council members discussed upcoming events.

President Stiegman asked for volunteers to serve as ushers at the Good Friday service scheduled for 7:30 PM, March 30. The following members agreed to serve – Ervin Rehmert, Maggie Stiegman, Mike Grosse, and Susan Nichols.

President Stiegman asked for volunteers to serve as ushers at the Easter sunrise service scheduled for 6:30 AM, April 1. The following members agreed to serve – Nancy Kirchhofer, Maggie Stiegman, Kenny Kunz and Jill Jacob.

President Stiegman asked for volunteers to serve as ushers at the Easter service scheduled for 10:15 AM, April 1. The following members agreed to serve – Susan Nichols. President Stiegman said she will contact other members of the congregation in order to have 4 ushers for the service.

Ruth Hulsey informed the Council that the Worship Committee suggested putting a sign-up sheet on the tables in the back of the sanctuary for members of the congregation that may want to serve as ushers.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for 6:30 PM, April 9, 2018.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Kirchhofer and seconded by Ruth Hulsey. Motion carried.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Nichols, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – April 9, 2018

Members present were Pastor Kiepe, Mike Grosse, Maggie Stiegman, Susan Nichols, Tom Rethemeyer, Kenny Kunz, Ruth Hulsey, Sharen Speckhals, Nancy Kirchhofer, Keely Uthlaut, and Jill Jacob. Not present: Ervin Rehmert and Mark Leech. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Kiepe.

Before the meeting began, members of the council were trained by EMT Doug Clark in the use of the defibrillator machine that is located by the narthex entry door on the south side of the church. Council members had previously expressed an interest in learning how to use the machine in case of an emergency.

Two Boy Scout leaders, Jason and Allen, appeared before the Council to get approval for girls to join their troop. The Boy Scouts have a troop charter with St. Paul, so the leaders explained that it is necessary to get Council approval before allowing girls to join. After discussion, Nancy Kirchhofer made a motion to accept girls as members of the Boy Scouts troop. Keely Uthlaut seconded the motion and the motion carried. President Stiegman signed the approval document.

Pastor Kiepe led the Council in prayer. President Stiegman opened the floor for items of discussion.

Keely Uthlaut said that her husband, Ernst, is a Scout den leader and he needs a key to unlock the church doors when a scout meeting is being held here. Sharen Speckhals asked if a list of key holders is kept in the church office. The members all agreed that it would be a good idea to have a document for individuals to sign when they are given a key to the church.

President Stiegman asked to discuss the procedure used when a memorial is given by the church. She suggested that a limit be set for memorials and that it is consistently applied. The members agreed that a policy be developed for memorials, endowments and gifts. After discussion, Pastor Kiepe said he would ask the Stewardship Committee to research this topic.

Minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting were discussed. After discussion, the minutes were approved on motion made by Nancy Kirchhofer and seconded by Ruth Hulsey. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the March financial report. A question was raised about the Wagner Scholarship Fund – does an announcement go out about this scholarship and who takes care of that. Sharen Speckhals said LaNette Kotthoff is responsible for this scholarship and would check with her to get an answer to the Council's question.

The Council was informed that it would cost approximately \$165 to cash in the Missouri Bank C.D. and invest the amount with United Church Fund. After discussion, a motion was made by Nancy Kirchhofer to cash in Bequest C.D. #7572, pay the penalty of \$165, and invest the amount with United Church Fund. Mike Grosse seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pastor Kiepe shared with council members the Pastor's Report for the last month.

President Stiegman reminded the Council that at the February meeting a committee had been formed to discuss possible changes to the Church Constitution and By-Laws. That committee has met and drafted changes and the Council discussed those changes. One of the suggested changes was questioned - the removal of the sentence stating that new members subscribe their names to the church roll. After discussion, Susan Nichols said she would check the file in the church office to see if this is the procedure that is currently being used. Further discussion of the revisions continued. It was finally decided that members should review the document and present their suggestions at the next meeting. The committee would like to finalize the document next month and get it to the congregation for vote by June.

President Stiegman asked for an update on intruder training through ALICE, a training institute for active shooter situations. Pastor Kiepe said he has sent an email to the ministerial alliance but has not yet received a response. He will check with them at their scheduled meeting next week.

Sharen Speckhals reported on plans for the September 22 homecoming event to be held at the Amphitheater. She said the Evangelism Committee is currently gathering addresses of people who have been confirmed at St. Paul and have moved away from the area. They are hoping to send out "save the date" cards in May. Jill Jacob said she is sure other committees would be willing to help with the event, with guidance from the Evangelism Committee. Sharen said she would put together a task list and discuss it at the next Council meeting.

New Business:

The Council discussed the recent "crash" of the church office computer. Fay was able to get the computer restored, however, it may be time to check into the purchase of a new computer. After discussion Keely Uthlaut made a motion for Fay Scheible to get bids on a computer and tech support and, if there is an emergency, to use money from the cashed in C.D. to purchase the new equipment. Mike Grosse seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Stiegman shared with the Council a letter that Pastor Kiepe had received from the Eastern Association. The letter is requesting a gift of \$2 per congregation member to support the shared ministry. Sharen Speckhals and Maggie Stiegman will be attending the next Eastern Association meeting and will ask for further information on this request.

The Council was provided with a report showing the maintenance tasks that have been undertaken by Darren Schutt from March 13 thru April 8. The Council had previously asked for a periodic report from Darren.

Kenny Kunz informed the Council members that the Men's Club will be installing windows in the Sunday School doors as a summer project.

President Stiegman said she feels that procedures are needed for communion service provided at the front of church instead of in the pews. It would be helpful for those serving communion to know the process.

President Stiegman asked for volunteers to serve as ushers at the May 6 service. The following members agreed to serve – Maggie Stiegman, Nancy Kirchhofer, Sharen Speckhals, Jill Jacob, and Mike Grosse as alternate.

Nancy Kirchhofer asked if a carry in meal will follow the Senior Recognition service on Sunday, May 6. The list of upcoming events indicates that refreshments will be served instead of a meal. Nancy said she will verify this information with Darren Schutt.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for 6:30 PM, May 14, 2018. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jill Jacob and seconded by Mike Grosse. Motion carried. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Nichols, Secretary