

ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sharing God's love by serving others

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

While at the annual gathering this summer, I bought one of Walter Brueggemann's recently published books entitled Interrupting Silence; God's Command to Speak Out. It was written for use as an adult Bible study and after seeing it, the adult Sunday School class has ordered several copies for their study in the coming weeks. I hope that some of you who don't normally come to the class will join us for the study of this timely and insightful book. I am confident that it will produce some lively and stimulating conversation!

Just to give you a little teaser, Brueggemann has an interesting insight on the Gentile woman who came to Jesus in Mark 7 and asked that he heal her daughter. In a response that seems totally out of character, Jesus told her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." (Mk. 7:27)

During a time when our own prejudices and fears of strangers are being used by adversaries to divide us in America, it is important to remember that even Jesus had to overcome prejudice before reaching his potential. If this was a problem for Jesus it is certainly a problem for us and something that we must face before we can reach our potential as his disciples (my words not Brueggemann's).

Brueggemann points out in the chapter "Jesus Rudely Interrupted" that the woman not only broke her silence as an outsider and as one who was considered less than fully human because of her

ethnicity and gender, but also taught both Jesus and the early church something about God's acceptance of all persons. Interestingly, Mark places this story between the feeding of the five thousand (Jewish territory) and the feeding of the four thousand (Gentile territory). It is only after this encounter with the woman who interrupted the silence imposed upon her that Jesus moved into Gentile territory with his message and ministry. It was only after his instruction from this Gentile woman that "food" (e.g. healing the woman's daughter, feeding of the four thousand, and the Gospel) was shared with those Jesus had once regarded as dogs. Paul wasn't the first to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles – it was Jesus! But it wasn't until a Gentile woman gave him "food for thought" that Jesus overcame his prejudice and expanded his ministry. Interesting perspective isn't it?

So rather than sleeping in a little late or reading the paper Sunday morning, why not come and join the class? You can even have your second cup of coffee while we talk! Hope to see you there.

Blessings,
Rodger

ST PAUL UCC HOMECOMING

Plans for St. Paul UCC Homecoming and Picnic continue to proceed. The picnic will be held at Clara Eitmann Messmer Amphitheater on Saturday, September 22 from 11:00-5:00 p.m. (Please see the enclosed flyer.) The picnic will feature barbecue, drinks, pie and homemade ice cream.

The Loehnig German Band will play from 12:30-2:30 and the Friedens Celebration Band will provide Christian

music from 3:00-5:00 p.m. There will be a bounce house, games, and face painting for children. Games will run from 1:00-3:00. The bounce house will be available 11:00-5:00 p.m.

In addition to those activities, there will be silent auction items. Money raised from the silent auction will go to our Hermann area youth projects, which benefit our Brown Bag Food Program, After School Bearcats, and Hermann Community Christmas. If you are interested in donating a silent auction item, please contact Krystal Witthaus at 573-680-9894. Your donations are greatly appreciated

Since this is a reunion picnic, the history committee will have photos of St. Paul UCC to share. We invite you to bring photos from confirmation, church school programs, mission trips, quilting, women's fellowship, men's club, and youth events to share with others.

It will take many to serve food, drinks, set-up, and cleanup. If you can help, please sign up on the form in this newsletter.

Our reunion weekend will conclude with a Sunday Worship service which will include communion, a confirmation roll call, and special music. Make plans to attend!

AFTER SCHOOL BEARCATS

School will be starting again very soon and with it the After School Bearcat Program will resume. The first tutoring session will begin September 5, right after Labor Day. This will give the kids some time to get back into a routine and into the habit of all things school. This year's program will be run much the same as last year. We will be providing a snack, enrichment activity and homework help. The program runs from about 3:45 to 5 pm.

I will be starting to contact last year's volunteers again very soon. If you would like to volunteer or help out in anyway with snacks or homework, please contact me at 720-231-3193 on my cell or 573-834-2026 at home. Thanks.

Christina Menke

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new year of Sunday school will start on September 9 at 9:00 a.m. for everyone from age 3 to adult. Everyone will meet in the sanctuary for Celebration Worship before heading to their individual classes.

No matter your age – we have a place for you!



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will also begin on September 9. Confirmation is for all students entering the 9th grade. This first meeting will be for both students and parents of those in confirmation. Please contact the church office if you have a child to be enrolled in Confirmation for the 2018-2019 year. There are also sign-up sheets on the tables in back of the sanctuary

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 your own meals at Camp MoVal. The registration deadline is August 24. If you were not able to attend the meeting with Pastor Rodger on July 29, and would like to attend this retreat, please call him or the church office and we will gladly sign you up. The church will pay the registration fee.

CHOIR NEWS

"Sing unto the LORD a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord and praise His Name, Proclaim His salvation day after day"

St. Paul Choir rehearsal will resume August 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We have an excellent church choir which is always striving for success and as long as our loyal members give their talents for the Lord to use in this way we shall always have an excellent choir.

The choir would gladly welcome anyone, with a love for music and singing, to join us. We practice on Wednesday nights from late August through the end of May at 7:00 p.m. and provide music for the Sunday worship services and prepare for one or two concerts a year. Christmas Concert which is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. and a Tenebrae Service. The choir will sing the first and third Sunday of the month.

The Riverside Singers will practice Sunday mornings from 8:00-9:00 starting August 19 and will sing on the second Sundays of the month. We will set the schedule at the first practice.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on August 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room.

JUST A NOTE: Choir members: I am working on choosing music for this season. Please let me know if you will not be able to join us this year.

LaNette Kotthoff

HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS

It was with renewed enthusiasm for ringing that six members of the handbell choir returned from Omaha a few weeks ago. Ben Berkemeyer, Ruth Hulsey, Mary Kunstmann, Marilyn Loehnig, Dawn Maune and Colter Scheible shared what they had gleaned from the conference experience with the remainder of the choir.

The 5-State Area-8 Handbell Musicians of America conference was a place and time to learn and re-learn both the basics of ringing and new techniques of the art. Some examples of what was learned include: use of the bell tree, techniques of base ringing, rhythm styles, ringing with three bells in a hand, various methods of stopping the sound of the bell, alternatives in assigning extra bells to ringers, and ways to enhance the worship experience with handbells.

In order for the handbell choir to continue into the future, there is a need for YOUNG people to learn the art of ringing, as there are four of our ringers who have

passed their 70th birthday! Of course, they all wish to ring well into their 90s, but who can predict that. If you know any pre-teen or teenagers who have learned how to read music, please encourage them to become a ringer. You may contact the church office, Ruth Hulse, Director or any of the handbell choir members for more information and to set up a one-on-one session with an experienced ringer to see if ringing is for you.

The choir will again participate in the 10:15am worship service beginning September 23rd and the 4th Sunday of each month thereafter. Thanks to all who support the bell choir in any way.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

It's that time of year again for the back to school backpack program. We would like to thank everyone who has given in the past years. Last year we gave 137 backpacks. You can drop off your donation at Brian Grannemann Services, Loutre Market or the Hermann Library.

Items needed: Backpacks (no wheels), 24 #2 pencils, 1 school box, 1 Fiskars scissors, 2 boxes of 24 crayons, 4 glue sticks, 3 large erasers, 2 packs of 8 washable markers, 1 bottle Elmer's glue, 3 double pocket folders, (1 blue-1 red-1 green), 4 wide-ruled spiral notebooks (1 blue-1 red-1 yellow-1 green), 1 package of ink pens (any color blue, black or red), 1 package of highlighters, 1 1-1/2 inch 3-ring binder.

If you have any questions or would like us to pick up the backpack, please call Amy at 576-486-3406.

SAMARITAN OUTREACH

Samaritan Outreach is collecting underwear and socks for children, ages 5 to 14 in the month of July. There are containers to receive your donations at both entrances. Please help the kids to be ready to return to school.

The phone number for Samaritan Outreach (formerly St. Vincent de Paul) is 573-569-2082. If anyone is in need of assistance, or if you have any questions, please call them.

POOL PARTY

There will be a youth pool party from 6:00-8:00 on Sunday, August 5 at the City Pool.

MISSION CUP

The New Beginnings committee recently decided to try a new approach to raising awareness and support for the various mission organizations in which our church and members are involved. Each month, we plan to lift up a different organization in order to educate and offer opportunities for financial and non-financial support. To kick us off in July, Samaritan Outreach was the chosen organization. In the offering plates, you will find a "mission cup", to which donations will be earmarked strictly for the mission organization of the month.

For August, the mission cup offerings are being designated to the Backpack Food Program. This program is run in conjunction with the Hermann Community Food Pantry and the Gasconade County R-1 School District. Often our students depend on the school breakfast and lunch program for

their hot meals and may not eat from Friday noon until Monday morning. This program helps to supplement nutrition to the students over the weekend. St. Paul UCC has graciously agreed to house all the food and help with volunteers to package it weekly. The packages are delivered to students on Friday and sent home in their backpacks. The program serves over 65 students every week. In July, the mission cup resulted in approximately \$352.95 for Samaritan Outreach.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Thursday, June 14 approximately 25 women from churches at Bay, Morrison, Bethany at Berger, Hermann United Methodist and St. Paul UCC gathered to hear Sydney Owens and Jill Jacob speak about previous Festival of Sharings and the 2018 Festival of Sharing. Marilyn Loehnig accompanied the singing of patriotic songs and hymns. The ladies concluded their meeting with strawberry shortcake and fellowship in the church dining hall. The Women's Fellowship will join New Beginnings and St. Paul youth in collecting either items or money for the 2018 Festival of Sharing.

The Women's Fellowship will open their 2018-2019 calendar year with a trip to Camp MoVal on September 13 with lunch at Rothschilds' in Washington. More details to come later. All women are invited to attend.

LIT 'n LATTE BOOK CLUB

Our book club is still meeting every month, on the second Tuesday, at Miss Clara's at 10:00am. We are a very diverse and ecumenical group of women which leads us into quite interesting discussions. We welcome anyone who enjoys reading.

Our next read: August 13th – *The Red Umbrella* written by Christina Gonzalez. This is a young adult book about the organized exodus of more than 14,000 unaccompanied children, whose parents send them away to escape Fidel Castro's revolution. The setting is 1961 but apropos in today's world.

September 10th – *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Towles. This is 1922 Russia during the Bolshevik Revolution. Count Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol Hotel (look it up). "Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose." I couldn't put it down.

Nancy Kirchofer

FOOD PANTRY

Members of St. Paul Church are asked to bring food items for the community food pantry and place them near the church office. Monetary gifts are also welcome. For August: desserts, paper towels, bathroom tissue and for September: sugar, shortening and margarine. Monetary gifts are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hermann Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to deliver food to 7 or 8 patrons the third Wednesday of each month. The task will take between 1 and 2 hours, requires two people, and these folks must be able to handle food boxes

which weigh about 15 pounds each. The deliveries are all in the city of Hermann. The shift runs between 2:30 and 4:30. They also need someone to pick up bread in St. Louis (Earth City) once a month. It will require a large car or covered truck. Please contact Bartow Mallow directly at 573-294-6242 or bartowmolloy@centurytel.net.

EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY: THE GERMAN CHURCH ON THE WESTERN FRONTIER

You are invited to attend “**The German Church on the Western Frontier**”, two afternoons of presentations on September 21 & 22, 2018.

If you have any interest in our church history of the last two centuries, you’ll want to learn more about this church society that became the Evangelical Synod, one of the predecessor denominations of the United Church of Christ. Come to where the “E” side of the Evangelical and Reformed Church was born and learn about the beginnings of this frontier church society formed by German immigrants and why they felt moved to establish some of the health and human service agencies that are still serving people in need today. Tour the Evangelical Synod Archives at Eden Theological Seminary. Visit St. Johns Evangelical EUCC Church where The Rev. Louis E. Nollau gathered local pastors to form the *German Evangelical Church Society of the West* in 1840!

These activities are happening in conjunction with the 2018 Annual Meeting of the **Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society (ERHS)**, which is headquartered in Lancaster, PA. The meeting this year will be held in the St. Louis area. ERHS is working with the MMS Heritage Covenanted Ministry, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Johns EUCC in Mehlville, and several local CHSSM agencies to organize these informative presentations on the theme of “The German Church on the Western Frontier”.

For more information, see ERHS.info.

PRAYER LIST—Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Lorene Beckmann, Jim Schulte, Angie Scheidegger, Elizabeth Klemme, Bob Soetebier, Gene Schaefer, Michelle Mueller, Marcia Bucher, Lyndon Ruediger, Shirley Waddle, Carol Collins, Bob & Mary Fritz, Jim Held, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Bob and Steve Starkey, Steve Beckmann, LaVerne Wagner, Viola Koeller, Carol Paubel, Maura Winkelmann, Georgia Ann Rohlfing

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Kenneth Lionberger who passed away recently.

Our sympathy to Dale & Dawn Maune on the passing of Dale’s father, James Maune.

Our sympathy to Jim & Bonnie Oncken and family on the passing of their daughter-in-law, Amanda. She was the wife of Christian Oncken.

Our sympathy to Daniel Bohl on the passing of his brother Marvin, recently.

NEW MEMBERS

Our newest new member is Rose Marie Faes. We were able to transfer her by Letter of Transfer from Desert Garden United Church in Sun City West, Arizona, since she is unable to travel. We welcome her to St. Paul UCC’s church family. She and her husband, Joe, recently moved and their new address is 17271 N. 87th Ave. #2062, Peoria, AZ 85382. Their phone #623-214-1605. They will be celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary on August 27.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of St. Paul UCC, please call the church office 486-5525 or talk to Pastor Rodger and a date will be set up to receive you into our church family.

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.

BOX TOPS AND LABELS

Please save your box tops and labels for the Hermann Schools. This includes the little red box top label from Betty Crocker, General Mills and various other brand products, Campbell’s labels and Best Choice UPC codes. There is a box on the table near the church office. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ to our school. For more information, go to boxtops4education.com.

BIRTH

Congratulations to Madalyn and Derek Wolk, on the birth of their daughter, Brynlee Rae Wolk, born June 7, 2018 at St. Louis Mercy Hospital. Steve & Susan Lenger are the proud grandparents and Marcella Knehans is the proud great-grandmother.

WEDDINGS

Megan Schebaum and Joshua Barton were married at St. Paul UCC on June 23, 2018 with the Rev. Rick Hoelzer officiating. The couple resides at Rhineland.

Congratulations to Marcella Huxel and Edmond Knehans who were married at St. Paul UCC on June 30, 2018 with Rev. Rodger Kiepe officiating. Lorene Lionberger and Michael Lamke were the witnesses. The couple resides in Hermann.

GOLDEN WEDDING RECOGNITION

The Family Life Committee will again be sponsoring the Golden Anniversary Celebration on September 9, 2018 at the 10:15 a.m. service followed by a special lunch for all these couples and their guests served by the Family Life Committee. All couples married 50 or more years will be sent an invitation and a sign-up sheet will be available in the back of church.

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Earl and Dolores Huxol were married August 20, 1950; Joe and Janet Hart were married August 20, 1960; Jack & Pat Wendleton were married August 21, 1964; Joe and Rose Faes were married August 27, 1950.

Jack and Marjorie Greene were married September 7, 1947; Darrell and Betty Reinhardt were married September 25, 1954; Wayne & Maureen Heck were married September 2, 1967 Congratulations to all these couples!

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following members of our church family who are celebrating anniversaries in the month of August.

- 2-Michael & Dawn Grosse
- 5-Chad & Charlotte Struttman
- 7-Howard & Barbara Schutt
- 11-Gordon & Linda Heck
Glenn & Debbie Brethorst
- 14-James & Susan Elder
Jerry & Rhonda Scheible
- 15-Kenneth & Carol Kunz
Rodger & Mindy Kiepe
- 20-Earl & Dolores Huxol
Joe & Janet Hart
- 21-Jack & Pat Wendleton
- 23-James & Janet Murphy
- 27-Joe & Rose Faes, John & Nicole Koch,
John & Diane Lause, Richard & Mona Schaefer
- 30-James & Megan Boedges
Merlin & JoAnn Cramer

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

- 2 – Wayne & Maureen Heck
- 3 – Robert & Diane Kottwitz
Doug & Debbie Smith
- 7 – Jack & Marjorie Greene
- 8 – Corey & Theresa Isaak
- 9 – Bill & Lolly Rogers
- 10 – Kurt & Janelle Bickmeyer
James & Manda Rucker
- 12 –Darren & Rebecca Rector, Scott & Diane Witthaus
- 13 – Shawn & Rebekah Mayberry
- 16 – Jason & Melissa Eikermann,
Jesse & Krystal Witthaus
- 20 – Larry & Sharon Fredrick
Shannon & Dawn Pfautsch
- 21– Keith & Wanda Ruediger
- 23 – Shane & Gabe Gleeson
Craig & Kate Schannuth
- 25 – Shane & Gabrielle Gleeson
Darrell & Betty Reinhardt
- 28 – Thomas & Andrea Held
- 29 – Matt & Jennifer Rogers, Ben & Sara Williams

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of our church family who are celebrating birthdays in August.

- 1-Gigi Mueller, Jerry Scheible, Sharen Speckhals
- 2-Robert Bohl, Bart Toedtman
- 5-Rob Schwartz
- 7-John Lause, Lolly Rogers
- 9-Scott Witthaus
- 11-Marjorie Boedges, Justin Pfautsch
- 12-Darren Rector
- 13-Zachary Fries, Brooke Schaefer
- 14-James Murphy, Helen Wesselschmidt
- 16-Stephen Hasty, Jocelyn Schluss, Seth Witthaus
- 17-Jill Bacon
- 18-Steve Beckmann
- 19-Edna Horstmann
- 20-Zoe Schafer
- 21-Cheri Fricke
- 23-Carol Schluss
- 28-Peyton Schaefer
- 29-Jeff Scheible
- 30-JoAnn Lenger, Marvin Vogt, Gilbert Witthaus
- 31-Julie Ruediger, Ernst Uthlaut

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1-Kenneth Kunz, Carissa Rethemeyer,
Summer Witthaus
- 2-Connie Tanis, Donald Watson
- 5-James Boedges, Jared Stiegman
- 6-Larry Leech, Kenneth Meyer
- 7-Anne Althaus, Larry Leech, Kent Sherrow
- 8-Sharon Fredrick, Gene Johnston,
Jane Rehmert, Chantele Watson
- 12-Matt Wesselschmidt
- 13-Julie Kopp
- 15-Teresa Grotewiel, Amanda Korman,
James Rucker, James Schulte
- 16-Staci Elsenraat, Lois Mochel, Jeffrey Mueller
- 18-Gary Blackwood
- 19-Megan Boedges
- 20-Kelly Brethorst, Carol Uthlaut
- 21-Eden Stone, Shirley Tilly
- 22-Janet Lieneke
- 23-Casey Gleeson, Grant Ruediger
- 24-Wayne Heck, Gary Tilly
- 25-Kenneth Tilly
- 26-James Elder
- 27-Rodney Mochel, Shannon Pfautsch, Mary Struttman
- 28-Terry Hammer, Jesse Witthaus
- 29-June Faerber, Debra Ferrario, Ryan Struttman

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE

<u>6/3</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>6/17</u>	<u>6/24</u>	
96	83	77	75	
<u>7/1</u>	<u>7/8</u>	<u>7/15</u>	<u>7/22</u>	<u>7/29</u>
78	84	100	91	96

CURRENT FUND MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT: June 30, 2018

The approved 2018 Current Expense Budget is \$205,077.00.

Income \$87,963.93

Expense \$99,078.27

YTD -\$11,114.34

VOLUNTARY BENEVOLENCES INCOME

As of June 30, 2018, the following organizations have received voluntary directed benevolences:

Neighborhood Houses	\$ 7.00
Emmaus Homes	\$ 204.00
Every Child’s Hope	\$ 5.00
School	\$368.00
Riverbluff Industries	\$ 320.00
Samaritan Outreach	\$ 225.00
Hermann Food Pantry	\$ 425.00
CWS/Blankets	\$ 315.00
Camp MoVal	180.00
Conference	\$ 1,003.00
Back Pack Program	<u>\$ 125.00</u>
Total	\$,3177.00

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you for making and donating the home-made ice cream for our “Celebration of Life” event. Your donation helps provide assistance to those in our community who are battling cancer. As always, it was delicious and we appreciate it so much!

Hermann Ara Crusade Against Cancer.

Thank you so much for your donation of \$193.00. Your generous gift of love does so much to alleviate the many needs of our community.

We are all volunteers, to serve the needs of young families. Our precious babies are cared for through your generosity.

We are so grateful and honored that you chose us. God bless you.

Birthright Volunteers

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your contribution to the Hermann Food Pantry Fund in the amount of \$425.00, a component fund 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.

Sincerely, Brian Fogle, President

Dear St. Paul UCC:

Thank you for the visor clip and gas card. Also thank you for the sponsorship of my senior picture.

Craig Schluss

Dear St. Paul UCC:

Thank you for the lunch, cake and gifts along with the senior recognition. It was very nice of the church to do that. Also, thank you for sponsoring me in the graduation section of the Hermann paper. I really appreciate everything the church did for me.

Cody Bruckerhoff

THANK YOU

I'd like to thank St. Paul Church for allowing me to borrow a walker during my recovery from knee surgery. It was very helpful in getting me back on my feet. I also would like to thank Pastor Rodger for his hospital visit and several phone calls. They meant a lot. Finally, thanks to all who brought food, sent cards, and stopped by while I was home bound. It's nice to know there are so many good, kind people in our congregation.

Nancy Fagerness

THANK YOU

To Maureen Heck, Ken and Jane Meyer and Lois Mochel for maintaining flower beds and to everyone else who has worked with the flower beds.

To Darren Schutt for locking, unlocking the building and cleaning the church after a wedding.

Thank you to James Hoerstkamp and Craig Schannuth for handling the sound system for recent weddings.

To Rev. Ken Beckmann for being supply pastor during Rodger’s vacation.

To Marjorie Greene for being the substitute organist.

To Mary Leeper and Shirley Kunz for helping with office work recently.

To Lois Puchta for keeping the Confirmation pictures up to date in the display cabinet.

Thanks to Darren Schutt for handling many maintenance details.

To everyone who has served as liturgist for worship services.

To everyone who works with the projections system, both loading the information before service and projecting the information during worship service.

Thank you to everyone who helped with ice cream making & sales for the Fourth of July.

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – May 14, 2018

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

President Stiegman opened the floor for items of discussion by members of the congregation or council members.

Derek Menke appeared before the Council to talk about some items that had been discussed at a recent New Beginnings meeting. One of those items was to lift up some of the mission work that St. Paul is involved with. It had been suggested that each month a specific organization be targeted for a special offering. The offering could be collected using a small container inside the regular offering plates that are passed on Sunday mornings. An announcement could be made at the beginning of the month as to what organization would benefit from the special offering. Ushers could be tasked with collecting the money in the container and putting it in a separate envelope. The Council members felt this was a good idea and suggested that the process start in June with special offerings to be made for Dr. Hankins' work in Rwanda.

Derek also suggested to the Council that they consider new opportunities for the young people in our congregation including an early communion of third or fourth graders. Additional special occasions could be celebrated at other ages. The Council said they would discuss this item at a future meeting.

Susan Nichols told the Council that the History Committee, on which she and Lois Kruse serve, has been researching a stone cross that is currently located in the conference room. Susan shared pictures they had found of that cross on the altar of the original church. The committee had discussed having a stand made for the cross and it be placed where everyone could see it. Council members said it would be nice if the cross could be placed on the current altar in commemoration of the 175th anniversary next year.

Susan Nichols also shared with the Council members a booklet she had received when she had transferred from St. Paul to Central United Church of Christ in Jefferson City in the early 1980's. The booklet described all the parts of the church's worship service as well as the meaning of the church's symbolism. Susan said she thought a booklet like this would be beneficial for new members of St. Paul. Sharen Speckhals said she would share the booklet idea with the Evangelism Committee to see if something similar could be compiled for our church.

Minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting were discussed. After discussion, the minutes were approved with changes suggested by Susan Nichols on motion made by Mark Leech and seconded by Keeley Uthlaut. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the April financial report. It was pointed out that there was a slight decrease in UCF funds from the last report which was due to normal stock market activity. After discussion, a motion was made by Nancy Kirchofer to accept the report. Sharen Speckhals seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Council members continued discussion of possible revisions to the Church Constitution and By-Laws. Pastor Kiepe suggested a change to Article V of the By-Laws. The Council also discussed a change to Section 7 of Article III which had been suggested at the previous meeting. After discussion, the changes were approved. Copies of the revised Constitution will be provided to the members of the congregation for their review before a vote at a congregational meeting in July.

President Stiegman asked for an update on intruder training through ALICE, a training institute for active shooter situations. Pastor Kiepe said he has not yet received any information on the training. It has been suggested that the Council check with the Gasconade County Sheriff's Office to see if they have someone who could provide the training. President Stiegman said she will check with the Sheriff's Office.

Sharen Speckhals reported on plans for the September 22 homecoming event to be held at the Amphitheater. Sharen shared a task list with the Council suggesting duties for the various church committees. A tentative date of November 3, 2019 has also been set for the beginning of the 175th anniversary celebration. The Evangelism Committee has suggested holding a celebratory dinner at a local venue. After discussion, the Council gave approval for the Evangelism Committee to get bids for that venue.

Pastor Kiepe suggested to the Council possible members of a Financial Oversight Committee. He will contact those people to see if they would be willing to serve on the new committee.

The Council was informed that Fay Scheible has received a bid of \$1466 for a new computer. President Stiegman said she told Fay to purchase the new computer and to take the money out of the cashed in CD as approved by the Council at the April 9, 2018 meeting. Sharen Speckhals made a motion that Fay proceed with the purchase of the new computer system. Mike Gross seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business:

The Council was informed that the Scouts would like to have another lock-in at church on October 12-13. Nancy Kirchofer made a motion to approve the lock-in. Mark Leech seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Council was informed that it is time to renew the maintenance contract with LOGOS, the church management software. The yearly contract is \$410 which includes all updates. Keeley Uthlaut made a motion to approve the renewal of the maintenance contract. Erwin Rehmert seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Council was informed that it is time to order offering envelopes for 2019. The cost for 125 envelopes is the same as last year and would be \$248.75 plus shipping if ordered in May. Nancy Kirchofer made a motion to approve the order. Susan Nichols seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pastor Kiepe shared with the Council a draft Endowment Policy. This policy was written after the Council had suggested such a policy be developed for memorials, endowments and gifts. This policy would establish an Endowment Fund to be governed by a Financial Oversight Committee. Council members will review the policy and discuss at the next meeting.

The Council was provided with information from Fay Scheible regarding new business that was discussed at the April 9 meeting. At the last meeting the members discussed whether a list of new members was kept in the church office. Fay has responded that this list is kept in the fire proof safe in the church office. Also, at the last Council meeting there was discussion regarding the Eastern Association. Fay has responded that the church budget now includes an amount of \$1000 to be sent to the Association each year. This will be done in June and December as it has been for the last several years.

Council members discussed upcoming events.

Ushers have already been designated for the Confirmation Service on May 20; however, additional ushers will be needed to provide Communion using the new procedure. Jill Jacob and Maggie Stiegman agreed to serve as the additional ushers.

President Stiegman asked for volunteers to serve as ushers at the June 3 service. The following members agreed to serve – Maggie Stiegman, Nancy Kirchhofer, Susan Nichols, Mike Grosse, Erwin Rehmert and Mark Leech.

Pastor Kiepe informed the Council that he will be taking a vacation from June 14-28.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for 6:30 PM, June 11, 2018.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Nichols, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – June 11, 2018

Members present were: Pastor Kiepe, Mike Grosse, Maggie Stiegman, Kenny Kunz, Sharen Speckhals, Nancy Kirchhofer, Keely Uthlout and Mark Leech. Not present: Susan Nichols, Ruth Hulsey, Jill Jacob, Ervin Rehmert and Tom Rethemeyer.

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

President Stiegman opened the floor for items of discussion by members of the congregation or council members.

Nancy Kirchhofer brought a request from the Worship Committee to investigate the purchase of new hymnals which include new as well as old hymns. The committee asked for approval to bring this before the congregation by asking for donations and suggesting individuals purchase a copy in commemoration of our 175th Anniversary to be celebrated in 2019. LaNette Kotthoff, Ruth Hulsey and Derek Menke are assigned the task of selecting a hymnal and making a presentation to the council for approval. This will be presented to the congregation Homecoming Weekend, September 22-23 2018. A motion was made by Keely Uthlout and seconded by Sharen Speckhals to go ahead with this project.

Sharen Speckhals asked that the council approve funds to send the 2018-2019 confirmation class to a retreat for confirmands, September 7-9 to be held at Camp Moval. The cost is \$90.00 per person. We have 5 prospective confirmands. A motion was made by Sharen Speckhals and seconded by Nancy Kirchhofer that the church provide this opportunity for them as an enhancement to their weekly confirmation studies.

Sharen Speckhals asked for discussion about making and selling ice cream, as a fundraiser, at Riverfront Park on July 4th. Darren Schutt, Allen Speckhals, Maureen Heck and Sharen Speckhals have volunteered to make the ice cream on July 3rd but are asking for volunteers to transport the ice cream and sell it at the park. We are going to sell ice cream from 2:00 – 8:00.

Minutes from the May 14th meeting were approved with a motion from Mark Leech and a second from Kenny Kunz.

The council was presented with the financial reports for May.

Pastor presented his monthly report and stated that Ken Beckmann would be doing the two services while he is on vacation.

Each council member was given a copy of the proposed Constitution changes and asked to preview the booklet and let Maggie know if there are any mistakes/typos. Copies of the proposed Constitution will be available to church members beginning Sunday, June 17th and a congregational meeting will be called for July 15th to vote on proposed changes.

Homecoming/Picnic – Sept 22-23. Update – The Jaycees have a tent that they will put up at the amphitheater and rent to the church for \$400.00. The Homecoming Committee was given the go ahead. Sharen Speckhals shared 'Save the Date' cards that Linda Heck created to send to members, former members and friends of the church. It was suggested we have a banner at the event advertising the 175th Anniversary Celebration that will happen in the fall of 2019.

A Financial Oversight Committee was established with members being Elaine Lalk, Wayne Heck and Jim Buchholz.

Pastor Kiepe will follow-up with Derek Menke and the monthly special offerings which will benefit the mission work that our church members are involved in throughout the community and beyond. These missions will be presented to the council before proceeding.

Fay will proceed with the purchase of a new computer as time allows.

Ushers for July 1 are: Sharen Speckhals, Maggie Stiegman, Kenny Kunz, and Mike Grosse. Two more are needed for communion service. Maggie will contact.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM, July 9, 2018.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kirchhofer for Susan Nichols, Secretary