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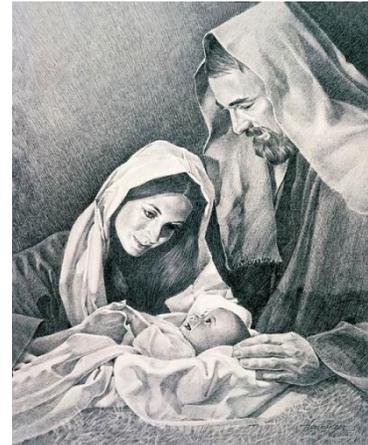
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ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sharing God's love by serving others

PO Box 352, 136 W First Street, Hermann, MO 65041



December 2018/January 2019

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

I find it hard to believe that I am working on Advent liturgy and making plans for Christmas Eve Service already. But the season is here and has probably caught most of us off guard. This is such a self-imposed busy time of year isn't it?

It is such a magical time of year that we want to pack every experience we possibly can into it don't we? There are gifts to buy, meals to prepare, family gatherings to plan, staff parties and parties with friends to attend, special services at the church, Christmas cards to be mailed, and so much more!

But amid our busyness and joy let us not forget those who will be celebrating Christmas without a loved one for the first time this Christmas. Please remember those within our church family who have lost a family member this past year with a phone call, Christmas card, or even a small gift or a special prayer uttered on their behalf. Nothing can replace the family member that has been lost but we can be an extended family here at St. Paul for everyone.

May God's blessings be with all of you this Christmas season! May you find joy and spread joy to all that you meet in the coming weeks! Merry Christmas and may your New Year be blessed!

Rodger

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS

The Time and Talent Sheets for the 2019 year will be available soon. These sheets are very helpful to the council for choosing the 2019 committees at their January meeting. It is also helpful for the office staff to have a list of persons willing to help with various details throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who is willing to help in any way.

SNOW CANCELLATIONS

The Council decided there needed to be a way to reach out to the congregation in case snow and ice would make it necessary to cancel worship service on a Sunday morning. They will contact Fox 2 News and KPLR and have it scrolled across the bottom of their broadcast along with whatever other cancellations they may have. So, if you are wondering about worship service, please check there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The children and youth of the Sunday School will present their annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 9 at the 10:15 a.m. service. This program includes a presentation by the Sunday School classes of "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Special offering envelopes will be available that morning for the benefit of Every Child's Hope in St. Louis. Please make your check payable to St. Paul UCC with the notation that the gift is for ECH. The Sunday school classes will be in recess December 23 and 30. They will resume January 6.

NURSING HOME & SHUT-IN

Frene Valley, P.O. Box 468
Lorene Beckmann, Vernon Brinkmann, Viola Koeller,
Eunice Ploeger, Gladys Hauser, Edna Horstmann

Victorian Place, 2120 Village Lane
Andy Anderson, Janet Mueller, Truman Eikermann,
Dorothy Horstmann, Ben & Thema Kattelmann,
LaVerne Wagner, Amy Williams.

Leona Meyer, 1412 Washington St.; Dolores
Smith, 229 W 6th St.; Eloise Sturkey, The Waterford,
601 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, FL 33408

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Ministerial Alliance Bell Ringers at Save A Lot Friday,
Dec. 7 from 4:00-6:00 & Saturday, Dec. 8: 10:00-6:00.
Sunday, Dec. 9: 9:00 – Sunday School/Confirmation;
10:15 – Sunday School presentation of “The
Twelve Days of Christmas”.**

**5:30 Meet at church for caroling & return later
for cocoa & cookies.**

**Thursday, December 13: 12:30 p.m.—Women’s
Fellowship Christmas Luncheon; Program by Rev.
Constance Tanis; Gift Exchange. All women of the
church are invited.**

**Sunday, Dec. 16: 9:00 – Sunday School/Confirmation;
10:15 – Worship; 7:00 – Handbell & Choir
Concert**

Monday, Dec. 17: 1:00-6:00 – Red Cross Blood Drive

**Sunday, Dec. 23: 10:15 a.m.—Worship service (No
Sunday School)**

**Monday, Dec. 24 730 p.m. – Candlelight Worship service
w/communion**

**Sunday, Dec. 30: No Sunday School/Confirmation
10:15 a.m. – Worship service**

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The special Thanksgiving service was hosted by
the Hermann United Methodist Church on Sunday,
November 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Rodger
Kiepe delivering the message and was sponsored by
Hermann Area Ministerial Alliance. The offering was
directed to the Ministerial Alliance to be used to help
provide assistance for community welfare needs as
well as transient aid.

HANDBELL CHOIR and CHANCEL RINGERS

The St. Paul UCC Handbell Choir performed for
the 12th year in the Sounds of Starkenburg concerts on
Saturday, Nov. 24 at St. Martin's Church Museum.
Rehearsals for the three concerts have been ongoing
since January. The 12 ringers, conducted by Jim
Oncken, were joined by vocalists Carrie Tilly,
Kampbell Hemeyer, Allison Grzeskowiak, cellist
Keely Uthlaut, and the master of the historic Pfeiffer
organ, Barry Bierwirth. We were very proud to have
received full-page coverage of the event in the Nov. 28
issue of the Hermann Advertiser-Courier, written by
its editor, John Buckner.

The congregation and anyone else who is
interested in attending, will be able to hear several of

the Starkenburg pieces on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 16,
when the bell choir joins with the Senior Choir and
Riverside Singers for an evening of Christmas music.
Other Starkenburg numbers will be played during the bell
choir's regular fourth Sunday church service on Dec. 23.

Plans are in the works for another Trivia Night to
benefit the handbell choir. A date in February will be
announced in the near future. Please join us for an evening
of fun. Bring family and friends for some friendly
competition and great camaraderie.

The members of the handbell choir wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and want to
thank you for your continued support.

CHOIR NEWS

St. Paul UCC Senior Choir, Bell Choir, Riverside
Singers and Friends will present a Christmas Concert,
"Sing We Now of Christmas" on Sunday, December 16 at
7:00 p.m. at St. Paul UCC. A Free will offering will
be taken to benefit Hermann's Community Christmas.

The Sunday School Department will be
presenting their Christmas program, the Christian "Twelve
Days of Christmas", Sunday, Dec. 9 at the 10:15 service.

Thanks to the Senior Choir, Riverside Singers, and
the Handbell Choir for all their hard work and dedication
this year. "Life without music would be a mistake."

The Senior Choir will be on winter break from
January 14 to February 12, and will resume practice on
February 13.

"Music is a discovery and expression of the natural
laws of God's creation, relying upon the order and rhythm
found in natural design. Some music used the natural order
of things to glorify earthly realities. Some forms of music
even express sin and disorder but the greatest form of
music is that which beautifully and clearly articulates the
high order, harmony and symmetry of the life of God. Our
lives become like a hymn of glory, offered to God, when
we act in perfect harmony with the will of God. The
"music" of your soul must become a hymn of this glory."

LaNette Kotthoff

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be at St. Paul in the
Fellowship Hall on Dec. 17 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please
mark the date on your calendar and help meet their quota.
They will also be collecting red blood cells and plasma.

To schedule an appointment call 800-733-2767 or
visit redcrossblood.org: Sponsor Code:
StPaulUCCHermann.

Baked goods are needed to serve the donors. If you
are available to help all five hours or just a few hours on
that date, please let Gigi Mueller or the church office
know.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship would like to thank all who donated to the Hermann Area Food Drive. We collected 1867 items of food. We would also like to thank all who donated to ECH (Every Child's Hope). Gifts will be delivered to the Children's Home on December 1. The Women would like you to join their December mission: Community Christmas Program. There is information in the newsletter about this program as well suggestions on gift tags on the Christmas trees in the church.

All women are invited to the Women's Fellowship Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 13 at 12:30 p.m. Rev. Constance Tanis will have our program after lunch and the ladies will have a gift exchange. Ladies whose last names begin with A-P should bring a salad, and ladies whose last names begin with R-W should bring cookies. The gift exchange will be a small gift \$3-\$5.

The Women's Fellowship's Christmas greeting is that each of us may have the gift of FAITH, the blessing of HOPE, and the PEACE of His LOVE at Christmas and always.

Sharen Speckhals, President

HERMANN MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE BELL RINGERS

The Hermann Ministerial Alliance is once again asking the community churches to take turns being responsible for operating the Ministerial kettle in December. 100% of the money collected stays in the community to support those people who need help with food, gas, etc. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in back of the sanctuary for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 8 at the Hermann Save A Lot store, if you are available any of those dates. Thanks.

GIFTS

Landscaping Fund
Gift

MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund

In memory of James Schulte

In memory of Pearlina Eikermann

In memory of Delvine Engelkemeyer

ANNUAL MEETING

The Church Council has set the date for the annual meeting in March following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. The budget for 2019 will be presented for approval as well as a review of the financial status of the church.

END OF YEAR GIFTS

It is necessary to close St. Paul UCC books by 2:00 p.m. on December 31 in order to make the deposit before the banks close. This will ensure that your gift will be recorded in 2018. Any gifts received after that time will be recorded in 2019.

FUNERAL SERVICES

James Schulte passed away October 25, 2018 at Frene Valley of Hermann Stonebridge. He was born in Washington on September 15, 1943 to Harry & Louise Schulte. He was later adopted and raised by Elmer & Amanda Kropp.

Jim & Gladys Poeschel were united in marriage March 17, 1962 at St. Paul UCC. She survives at their home. He is also survived by a daughter, Lisa & husband Brian of Washington; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Schulte of Hermann; two brothers, Donald Schulte of Hermann and Carroll Gene Schulte & wife Betty of Greensboro, NC; a sister, Georgia Ann Rohlfing & husband Lloyd of New Haven; two grandsons, Travis Schulte & wife Jennifer and Brett Schulte & wife Katelyn, all of Hermann and three great-grandchildren, Nolan, Maggie & Walter Schulte. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son David Schulte, and a sister, Shirley Speckhals.

He was a member of St. Paul UCC, the Hermann Eagles and the Hermann Volunteer Fire Department where he served as fire chief for five years.

Service was held October 29 at Toedtmann & Grosse Funeral Home with Rev. Rodger Kiepe officiating. Burial was at the Hermann Cemetery.

Pearline Eikermann passed away November 12, 2018 at the Hermann Area District Hospital. She was born in Berger on March 25, 1932 to Orgie & Hulda Brethorst. She was united in marriage on November 28, 1953 to Truman Eikermann at St. John's UCC, Berger.

Pearline was a member of St. Paul UCC and the VFW Post 4182 Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Truman and by many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Myrtle Sperry and two brothers, Clifford & Osborne Brethorst.

Service was held on November 16 at Toedtmann & Grosse Funeral Home with Rev. Rodger Kiepe officiating. Burial was at Bethany UCC Cemetery, Berger.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Margaret Stiegman & family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Betty Ellis, recently.

Our sympathy to Bob Kirchhofer & family on the passing of his brother, George Kirchhofer, recently.

Our sympathy to Carolyn Massman & family on the passing of her sister, Debbie Weller, recently.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Special offering envelopes have been included in this newsletter to receive extra gifts to benefit the Current Fund. These extra gifts will help meet the budget which was approved at the last annual meeting and help to make sure we are able to meet our end-of-year obligations. For those of you receiving the newsletter by email, envelopes will be available on the tables at church. Thank you for these special Christmas gifts.

CHRISTMAS FUND (Veterans of the Cross)

There are also envelopes on the tables for the 2019 Christmas Fund (formerly Veterans of the Cross).

The mission of the Christmas Fund is to provide assistance dollars in situations of critical need, while preserving the dignity of those who receive the aid. The goal is to raise money for the vital ministries of Pension Supplementation, Health Premium Supplementation, Emergency Grants, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift checks to lower-income retirees during 2019.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of church offering envelopes for 2019 are on the table in the narthex. The Sunday School offering envelopes will be in the class rooms.

If you did not receive offering envelopes but would like to receive a box, please let the office know.

VILLAGE MARKET REBATE

Please continue to save your receipts from Village Market and place them in the boxes on the tables. The church will receive a 1% rebate for them. A total of \$509.59 was received for the year of 2018 to date. Thank you to everyone who turns in their Village Market receipts and to Maureen Heck for handling the details and turning them in to the store.

HERMANN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Community Christmas is a program that was started to help less fortunate families in the Hermann community. This year there are two options. One is to adopt a family and buy gifts for them. The second is to donate toys towards Community Christmas and the parents will be allowed to come and choose gifts. Please help us make Christmas a reality for less fortunate families. Please drop off the gifts or monetary donations at the church and the school social worker will pick them up. **The due date for these donations is December 12. For more info call Bartow Malloy at 573-294-6242 or Dawn Grosse at 486-5425.**

CHRISTMAS FLORAL & MONETARY GIFTS

The time is near to receive the list of memorial gifts and poinsettias (or other flowers) for use during the Christmas services on December 17 & 23 at 10:15 a.m. and on December 24 at 7:30 p.m. The flowers need to be brought to the church by 12:00 noon on Friday, December 14. We will need the following information no later than December 12 so the Christmas Memorial List can be compiled:

I (We) plan to place a poinsettia (or other flower in church for the Christmas altar in memory (in honor) of

I (We) plan to give a cash gift as a memorial for

The gift will be presented by:

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:
Lorene Beckmann, 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, Viola Koeller, Maura Winkelmann, Georgia Ann Rohlfing, Dillon Stiers, Maggie Kotthoff, Trey Aguirre, Carol Paubel, Helen Wesselschmidt

FOOD PANTRY

Members of St. Paul Church are asked to bring canned meats, pasta and dried staples in the month of December and desserts, paper towels and bathroom tissue for the month of January for the Hermann Community Food Pantry.

Boxes are located near the church office and will be picked up by a member of the Food Pantry committee for distribution to the needy. Monetary gifts are also welcome.

LIT 'n LATTE BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

Jan 14 10:00	Miss Clara's		
<i>The Pecan Man</i>	Selleck	p146	(southern fiction)
Feb 11 10:00	Miss Clara's		
<i>The Potluck Club</i>	Shepherd	p382	(book club)

If interested in attending, please call Nancy at 486-2943. Our regular meeting day is the second Monday of every month at 10:00am at Miss Clara's. All members and friends are welcome.

SAMARITAN OUTREACH OFFERING

The fifth Sunday of each month has been designated to Samaritan Outreach Program. Envelopes are included in your bulletin on those Sunday mornings if you wish to make a donation. These gifts go directly to the Samaritan Outreach Program and do not stay with St. Paul UCC and thus are not recorded by St. Paul UCC.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Geneva Brink will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 8. Her address is 149 Black Oak, Hermann, MO 65041 if you would like to send her a card.

- 1 — Tim Puchta
- 2 — Colter Scheible, Emmett Scheible
- 3—Shirley Kunz
- 4—Shannon Berkemeyer, Ervin Rehmert
- 6—Doris Grannemann, Melissa Schaumberg
- 8—Geneva Brink
- 9—Jocelyn Kreftmeyer
- 10—Parker Puchta, Lyndon Ruediger
- 11—Carol Danuser, Shane Sutton
- 12—Jason Eikermann, Emily Kunz
- 13—Braden Hart

- 14—Dawn Sanderlin
- 15—Jacob Murphy, Jayme Murphy
- 16—Alyssa Schirmer
- 18—Harvey Lalk, Ralph Uthlaut
- 20—Tim Schaumberg
- 21—Mary Wesselschmidt
- 24—Harvey Cramer, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Amy

Williams

- 28—Marilyn Koenig, Dale Maune, Annette Witthaus, Josh Witthaus
- 29—Robert Kirchhofer, Alan Schluss

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

- 1—Holly Brethorst, Drake Fredrick, Jenna Schaefer
- 2—Diane Lause
- 3—Dawn Grosse, Chad Schneider
- 7—Dolores Smith
- 9—Dortha Coulter
- 10—Ruth Hulsey, Brian Rector
- 11—Beverly Englert
- 12—Walter Schluss
- 14—Donald Foust, Dolores Huxol, Mat Rogers, Charlotte Struttman, Jack Wendleton
- 16—Rose Eldringhoff, Dorothy Horstmann
- 19—Duane Bierwirth, Robert Winkelmann
- 20—Lorene Beckmann, Chesney Fries
- 22—Dorie Draper, Tom Rethemeyer
- 23—Barbara Schutt
- 25—Janet Rector
- 26—Carol Grannemann-Collins
- 27—Jim Hoerstkamp
- 29—Madison Schneider

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Frank and Mary Struttman were married December 3, 1960 and are celebrating their 57th anniversary. Ralph and Carol Uthlaut were married December 12, 1953 and will celebrate their 64th anniversary. Gary & Linda Blackwood were married December 14, 1966 and will celebrate their 51st anniversary. Jim and Betty Held were married December 23, 1955 and will celebrate their 62nd anniversary. Congratulations to all.

ANNIVERSARIES

The following members of our church family will be celebrating their anniversaries in December:

- 3 – Frank & Mary Struttman Jr.
- 12 – Ralph & Carol Uthlaut
- 14 – Gary & Linda Blackwood
- 20 – James & Marjorie Boedges
- 23 – Jim & Betty Held
- 28 – Don & Cathy Foust
- 30 – Tim & Rebecca Cramer

The following members of our church family will be celebrating their anniversaries in January.

- 1—James & Sharon Hoerstkamp
- 6—Ehren & Lindsay Oncken
- 7—Harvey & Dolores Cramer

VOLUNTARY BENEVOLENCES INCOME

As of Nov. 25, 2018, the following organizations have received voluntary directed benevolences:

One Great Hour of Share	\$ 200.00
Every Child's Hope	\$ 109.00
Food Pantry	\$1,577.13
Neighborhood Houses	\$ 92.00
Neighbors In Need	\$ 251.00
School	\$ 472.00
Emmaus Homes	\$ 214.00
Camp MoVal	\$ 180.00
CWS/Blankets	\$ 340.00
Conference	\$1,003.00
Riverbluff Industries	\$ 320.00
Festival of Sharing	\$ 397.06
Back Pack Program	\$ 977.66
UCC/Hurricane Disaster	\$ 323.99
Colvin Mission	\$ 15.00
Samaritan Outreach	<u>\$ 722.95</u>
Total	\$7,194.79

Note: \$1,626.79 of this total was collected in the Monthly Benevolence collection cups and has been added to the chosen benevolence.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear St. Paul:

Thank you so much for the wonderful contribution of food for the Hermann Community Food Pantry. This time of year, the food pantry really needs the food as the people we serve increases because of seasonal layoffs. Your donation will make a huge difference.

Sincerely, Bartow Malloy, President
Hermann Community Food Pantry

TOTENFEST

Totenfest Service was observed October 28, 2018 at St. Paul UCC. A celebration of life was held in memory of all those who passed away within the past year.

Those remembered included:

Janet Lieneke	Sept. 22, 1924 –Nov. 5, 2017
Dorothy Gaertner	Oct. 24, 1924-Nov. 21, 2017
Carl Ploeger	Jan. 19, 1925-Dec. 8, 2017
Mildred Brandt	May 12, 1934-Dec. 22, 2017
Dorothy Haeffner	Nov. 20, 1923-Dec. 22, 2017
William Tilly	Jan. 31, 1929-Feb. 27 2018
Blake Grannemann	March 26, 1994-March 19, 2018
Edmund Bickmeyer	Dec. 24, 1930-March 23, 2018
Delvine Engelkemeyer	May 17, 1916-Sept. 14, 2018

Our condolences to all these families.

WORSHIP SERVICE

	10/28	11/4	11/11	11/18	11/25
	125	133	102	101	105

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	10/28	11/4	11/11	11/18	11//25
Pre-School	4	5	3	3	4
1 st -2 nd Grade	6	6	5	3	4
3 rd -4 th Grade	2	5	4	5	5
5 th -6 th Grade	--	5	4	5	6
7 th -8 th Grade	7	8	9	9	9
Confirmation	7	7	6	7	6
Senior High	--	--	--	3	2
Adult Class	6	--	13	9	9
Staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	33	37	45	45	46

THANK YOU

Thank you to Stone Hill Winery for providing wine and grape juice for communion throughout the year.

Thank you to Sharen Speckhals and Linda Heck for filling pew pockets.

Thank you to Marcella Knehans for delivering copies of the bulletin to our nursing home residents and for sending greeting cards throughout the year.

Thank you to and Margie Greene for substituting at the organ recently.

Thank you to Maureen Heck, Lois Mochel and Jane & Kenny Meyer for lawn care.

Thank you to Mary Leeper for preparing the communion trays.

Thanks to Darren Schutt for handling various maintenance items and for mowing the lawn.

Thank you to Sharen Speckhals for delivering the gifts to Every Child's Hope Christmas Store.

Thank you to LaNette Kotthoff and Darren Schutt for building security throughout the year

Thank you to all the volunteer drivers of the van and personal cars to pick up parishioners for worship services.

Thank you to Maureen Heck for handling the details for the Village Market rebate program and to everyone for turning in their receipts.

Thank you to Shirley Kunz, Anne Althaus, Mary Leeper and Gladys Schulte for helping in the office throughout the year.

Thank you to the Women's' Fellowship for handling details for the recent Community Food Collection and to Maureen Heck for arranging the items and to everyone who helped pack it all up for delivery to the local food pantry.

Thank you to Becky Mayberry, Gordon Heck and James Hoerstkamp for handling the sound system for weddings

Thank you to everyone who loaded the church bulletin on the projection system and to everyone who has handled it on Sunday mornings.

Thanks to everyone who served as liturgists throughout the year.

Thank you to Nancy Kirchhofer for arranging for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings and others for helping with the refreshments.

Thank you to all who served as greeters and ushers throughout the year

Thank you to Mona Schaefer for the altar flowers which she has arranged for the different seasons of the year.

Our thanks to Rev. Ken Beckmann and Rev. Constance Tanis for serving as supply pastor on short notice.

Thank you to Barb Schutt for delivering some altar flowers to the nursing homes recently.

Thank you to Jeff & Jerry Scheible for trimming the bluff.

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – September 10, 2018

Members present were Pastor Kiepe, Mike Grosse, Maggie Stiegman, Susan Nichols, Kenny Kunz, Ruth Hulsey, Nancy Kirchhofer, Jill Jacob, Sharen Speckhals, Keely Uthlaut, and Ervin Rehmert, Mark Leech and Tom Rethemeyer.

Darren Schutt met with the Council to discuss the areas around the church building that are in need of repair.

One area of concern is the congestion that occurs in the handicap parking area, particularly in the area where the church van drops people off for Sunday services. After discussion, it was agreed that Darren will get a quote for adding a circle drive at the northwest corner of the building for a safer drop off point for the church van. Darren will get a second quote on including the cost of removing the maple tree at that corner in the cost of the circle drive. It was also suggested that the Council get a quote on changing the door opening of the church van.

Another item in need of repair is the air conditioning unit that cools the NW Sunday School room. Brian Grannemann checked it and found that it cannot be repaired. He is working on a quote for a new unit. The Council discussed other options including the purchase of a window unit for that room. After discussion it was decided to table this item until after Christmas.

Darren also discussed with Council suggested repairs to the parking lots to the south and to the west of the church. He will provide quotes for the changes that are being suggested.

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

President Stiegman said that Maureen Heck had mentioned that the Pony Express project will be starting again in November. She has asked for volunteers from Council to be "trail bosses" for the program. After discussion, Sharen Speckhals, Jill Jacob, Maggie Stiegman and Keely Uthlaut volunteered.

Minutes of the August 13, 2018 Council meeting were discussed. After discussion, the minutes were approved on motion made by Nancy Kirchhofer and seconded by Mike Grosse. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the August financial report. After discussion, a motion was made by Keely

Uthlaut to cash in the Missouri Bank CD, pay back \$2000 to the current fund, put \$3000 in the Bequest Money Market and put the remainder in the UCF investment account. Mike Grosse seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pastor Kiepe shared the Pastor's Report with Council Members. Pastor indicated that he used a new format for the report which will provide more detail. After discussion, the Council said they liked the new report format.

Old Business:

Ruth Hulsey made a motion to purchase the Knox Box that had been suggested at the last meeting and include in the box a key to the church as well a key to Pastor Kiepe's house. Sharen Speckhals seconded the motion and the motion carried. Travis Schulte, with the Hermann Area Volunteer Fire Department, will be contacted to assist in placement of the box. Later in the meeting Ruth Hulsey amended her motion to use the Project Property Fund to pay for the Knox Box. Mark Leech seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pastor Kiepe discussed the information he had gathered regarding intruder training through ALICE, a training institute for active shooter situations. He said we need to have the local police involved with the training. President Stiegman said she would talk to Chief Marlon Walker with the Hermann Police Department.

Sharen Speckhals updated the Council on the upcoming Homecoming/Picnic scheduled for September 22 at the Amphitheatre.

Fay Scheible had reported to the Council that after research she had found that the financial software, ParishSoft, is very similar to the current software she is using and can be purchased for a very reasonable cost. Keely Uthlaut made a motion for Fay Scheible to purchase the ParishSoft software. Mark Leech seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Stiegman informed the Council that she had attempted to contact the Gasconade County Sheriff's Office regarding sponsorship for their annual Child Safety, Bullying and Drug Education Program. She was not able to get in touch with anyone from that office and the deadline date for sponsorship of the program has now passed.

The Council was informed that Brian Grannemann has ordered a new switch for the refrigerator in the church kitchen, but it has not yet arrived.

New Business:

The Council discussed support for Larry and Debbie Colvin's mission to Africa. After discussion, Jill Jacob made a motion that 10% of the amount budgeted for Our Church's Wider Mission (\$15000) be used to support the Colvin's mission trip to Africa. Nancy Kirchhofer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pastor Kiepe requested that the Council approve painting that needs to be done in the parsonage. After discussion, Mark Leech made a motion that the Council approve painting at the parsonage to be paid for from the parsonage fund not to exceed \$5000. Keely Uthlaut seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council was informed that Mary Leeper had inquired about the set up for communion at the September 23rd service. After discussion, the Council decided to have a table set up at the bottom of the stairs leading the altar.

At last month's meeting, the question had been raised regarding the protocol used for the adjustment of the air conditioning in the sanctuary when a wedding is scheduled. Council was informed that Fay Scheible said she programs the thermostats whenever she knows there is a scheduled event in any part of the building. Darren Schutt also said he checks the thermostats before scheduled events.

Council members discussed upcoming events.

Pastor Kiepe informed the Council that a World-Wide Communion service is scheduled for October 7. He said he would talk to the pastor at the United Methodist Church to determine if she would like to share a common service on that date. He will let the Council know if servers are needed for the communion service.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for 6:30 PM, October 15, 2018.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Nichols, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – October 15, 2018

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

Maureen Heck met with the Council to give the members an update on Pastor Kiepe. Pastor Kiepe has recently suffered with some health issues and will be out until early November. President Stiegman said Ken Beckmann will preach at the October 20th service. She said she would make sure we have coverage for the other Sundays until Pastor Kiepe is back. The congregation will be informed of Pastor Kiepe's absence during the October 20th service.

President Stiegman led the Council in prayer.

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

President Stiegman informed the Council members that the dryer at the parsonage is out. After discussion, Ruth Hulsey made a motion that a new dryer be purchased from Chad Grannemann, with payment including the service charge. Keely Uthlaut seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Stiegman reminded the Council of the letter received from the Brush & Palette Club asking if the Church Council would be interested in taking over the food stand at the City's 4th of July celebration. Dale Maune said he would be interested in taking this over and he would be in charge of getting workers to take care of the booth. After discussion, Mark Leech made a motion to accept the Brush & Palette Club request and to make Dale Maune the chairperson of that committee. Nancy Kirchhofer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Stiegman said that the food that was served at the recent homecoming/reunion picnic was a success and suggested that brats and burgers be served at future picnics instead of food that has been served in the past.

Susan Nichols suggested to the Council that they finalize the list of members of the 175th Anniversary Committee so that the group can start planning for next year's events. Several names were added to the list of possible members.

Susan Nichols informed the Council that she and Lois Kruse have been discussing where to place the stone cross that is currently located in the conference room. It was originally located at the altar in the original 1844 church. Lois has spoken with Jim Oncken about making a base for the cross so that it can be placed on display.

Susan Nichols said that the history presentation made by Lois Kruse during a service last month received positive response from the congregation and she and Lois would like to plan more history presentations at future church services, particularly in conjunction with the 175th anniversary. The Council members were in agreement.

The Council members discussed the process that is currently being used to serve communion at the altar. After discussion, they decided to use pew communion for future services in order to assure that process is working smoothly.

Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Council meeting were discussed. After discussion, the minutes were approved on motion made by Mark Leech and seconded by Kenny Kunz. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the September financial report, including a report of the September 22 picnic/reunion. The Council asked President Stiegman to find out if all payments have been made. They also commented that it didn't appear to be worthwhile to sell alcohol at the picnics.

The Council instructed President Stiegman to have Fay Scheible pay for the recent refrigerator purchase from the Project Property Fund and the new dryer from the Parsonage Fund.

Old Business:

President Stiegman informed the Council that the Hermann school district has recently conducted intruder training and that the Council could think about doing something similar at St. Paul. There is currently a safety

plan for intruders in the church and this plan should be shared with the congregation and Sunday School teachers. A suggestion was made that ushers check to make sure doors are locked once everyone is in the sanctuary.

Fay Scheible has reported to the Council that she has watched several webinars regarding the ParishSoft financial software. She would like to watch one more scheduled for October 24 and will then begin the transition to that software.

Painting has been completed at the parsonage at a cost of \$1000 plus \$103.56 for the paint. This bill should be paid from the Parsonage Fund.

Travis Schulte from the Hermann Area Volunteer Fire Department has furnished us with the order form for the lock box, which will be installed on the church building. The price is \$323 plus \$28 shipping. President Stiegman will complete the form and work with Fay to order the box.

Fay Scheible has reported that she has not yet cashed in the Missouri Bank CD, but plans to do it this month.

New Business:

The Hermann FFA Chapter would like to serve a hot meal to the After School Bearcats children and their families on November 7 and 14. They are requesting to use the church's kitchen facilities. They have already gotten approval from Christina Menke and are going to call Sharen Speckhals for permission to use the stove and oven for the dinners. After discussion, Keely Uthlaut made a motion to approve the use of the kitchen facilities. Mark Leech seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Fay Scheible has asked the Council when the church's finances should be audited and when the 2019 budget will be planned since the annual meeting date has been changed to March. The Council said the budget still needs to be completed in December and the audit done after the first of the year. This will allow Fay ample time to get the report ready for the annual meeting in March.

Council members discussed upcoming events.

President Stiegman asked for volunteers to serve communion at the November 4 worship service. Susan Nichols, Ervin Rehmert, Nancy Kirchhofer and Maggie Stiegman agreed to serve communion that day.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for 6:30 PM, November 12, 2018.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Nichols, Secretary

