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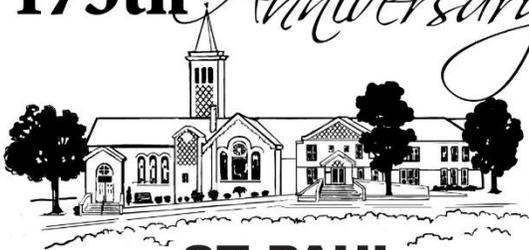
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175th Anniversary



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JUNE/JULY 2019

Dear Friends,

This past week I sent one of my clergy colleagues a picture of the float that Kenny Kunz and Craig Schannuth designed and constructed. I gave a brief description of some of its more unique characteristics and then added, "When these Germans get behind an idea, there is no stopping them!" He replied, "That is awesome. I had a congregation like that once."

Indeed, it is rare for a congregation to have the kind of dedication, energy, ingenuity, and determination to get things done as this one does. Last month marked my fourth year with you. It is such a pleasure to be in a ministry where folks work with me instead of expecting me to do it all!

I met with the personnel committee recently and one of the questions they asked was, "What are your goals for the year?" My answer was this:

- Continue an emphasis on stewardship to ensure that we have a balanced operating budget.
- Establish a strong endowment fund to help sustain the congregation when the lean years come.
- And finally, to have an outstanding 175th anniversary celebration in November.

I have no doubt that we will accomplish all three of these goals. Why? Because God is with us and because you have already shown that you are behind these ideas. And that translates, "There is no stopping us!"

Thank you all for making this ministry possible with your many gifts of time, treasure, and talents.

God Bless,

Rodger

175th Anniversary Picnic Bring Your Friends and Family

Everyone is invited to join us for the St. Paul UCC 175th Anniversary Picnic at the Clara Eitmann Messmer Amphitheater on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 3-8 p.m. There will be food, drink, and entertainment for all ages.

Music will be provided from 4-7 p.m. by Friends of Aaron, featuring Hermann High School Alum Aaron Bounds and other band directors including Ben

Sachs, current Hermann High band director. There will be a bounce house and games for the children; and also a silent auction.

Please invite your friends and family. St. Paul UCC wishes this historic celebration to include the entire community including members of other churches.

St. Paul UCC's 175th anniversary will be recognized on Friday, June 7, at 1:30 during the worship service at the Conference Annual Gathering.

SILENT AUCTION

There will be a Silent Auction, as a fundraiser, at the Church Picnic on Saturday, September 21. The committee is asking for donations to the Silent Auction. Proceeds from the auction will be used for a youth mission trip. They would like to have quality items such as tickets to Mizzou games, concerts, or gift certificates to restaurants. Many shared their talents last year auctioning such items as a photography basket, baskets containing home canned products, pickles, salsa, jellies, nuts, homemade wine, wood working, jewelry, or paintings. One family donated a steak dinner for eight.

You may contact Krystal Witthaus at 573-680-9894 if you have items.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2018

On June 2 the following students will receive the rite of confirmation. Ben Berkemeyer, Kale Bickmeyer, Samantha Boedges, Madison Dixon, Alyson Hollrah, and Clara Scheible.

Ben Berkemeyer is the son of Jeff & Shannon Berkemeyer, and his sponsor is Brian Grannemann

Kale Bickmeyer is the son of Kurt & Janelle Bickmeyer and his sponsor is Scott Jacob

Samantha Boedges is the daughter of James & Megan Boedges and her sponsor is Keely Uthlaut.

Madison Dixon is the daughter of William Dixon III & Chantele Watson; and her sponsor is Shannon Berkemeyer.

Alyson Hollrah is the daughter of Jayson & Raylene Hollrah and her sponsor is Dawn Sanderlin.

Clara Scheible is the daughter of Jerry & Rhonda Scheible and her sponsor is Larry Scheible.

Pastor Rodger Kiepe began this class in the fall of 2018 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 2019-2020

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.

SHANNONDALE MEN'S RETREAT

On May 3rd & 4th, Jack Wendelton and I attended a Christian men's retreat at Shannondale Retreat Center near Eminence, Missouri.

Upon arrival early Friday we did some hiking at Echo Bluffs and Current River state parks. The scenery was very beautiful. The rest of the men's group met at Ruby's in Eminence for all you can eat catfish for supper.

Saturday morning, we had breakfast at the firehouse, just a short walk from the lodge. After breakfast, everyone broke into groups for wood cutting, trash removal and other projects. We worked hard until noon and then had a light lunch at the lodge. After lunch, sightseeing was on the agenda for many of the guys. We visited several local places including Devils Well, Current River, Akers Ferry and other places. This was a very relaxing afternoon and interesting as well.

Saturday night was steak with all the fixings followed by star gazing, gospel music and soul searching. Sunday morning the church service was at Shannondale Christian church. The weekend was full of new relationships, interesting stories and good food. The men did all the cooking and cleaning.

Steve Lenger

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

A big "thank you" to all who helped with the success of the 2019 rummage sale. The money made from the sale support missions within our yearly budget

Twelve members attended the National Day of Prayer on May 2 at the Christian church. They enjoyed lunch at the Corner in Rhineland after the service.

The next meeting for the Women will be on Tuesday, June 4 at the Hermann United Methodist Church. The program will be Simply Strings followed by a salad supper. All ladies are welcome to attend.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church.

MEMORIAL BOOKLETS

Memorial booklets listing all deceased veterans from this area who are buried in local cemeteries were updated and were available on May 26 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.

ALICE Training, Saturday, June 8: 10:00-12:00

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this training in case of an active shooter event.

CASA

Support CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) by purchasing raffle tickets with 9 opportunities to win, the grand prize being \$7,000.00! The first drawing is June 7th, so purchase your tickets soon for the most chances to win. See flyer on display for details, and Ellen Scheible to purchase your tickets to help children in foster care in Gasconade and Franklin counties.

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.

Dear Quilting Friends,

The Friends Foundation will have its Fall Festival/Quilt Auction October 6, 2019 from noon-5:00 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Washington. Food, silent auction and kids' activities start at noon and the quilt auction will begin at 3:00. They are accepting donations of quilts, and also items for the silent auction. Themed baskets are always a big draw. The point person for quilts is Audrey Meyer. She can be contacted at meyeraudrey43@gmail.com.

Forms for the quilt auction are available in the church office.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Recent high school graduates who are members or friends of St. Paul UCC were recognized during the service on May 5.

KORINNA BICKMEYER is the daughter of Kurt and Janelle Bickmeyer. She plans to attend East Central College for two years and then transfer to a four-year university to major in Liberal Studies/General Studies.

EMMA GODAT is the daughter of Nick and Kim Godat. Emma is in the top 10% of her class, also a St. Louis Post Dispatch Scholar Athlete, Academic All-State Volleyball, State Champion Volleyball, and All-District Team Basketball. She will be attending Maryville University to major in Physical Therapy.

PEYTON SCHAFER is the daughter of Don and Chantele Watson. She is Valedictorian of her class. Peyton plans to attend Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri. She will be majoring in Biology and then furthering her studies to be a Cardiothoracic Surgeon.

MASON SCHEIBLE is the son of Jerry and Rhonda Scheible. He is in the National Honor Society and A+ Program; has received state level awards in both band and FBLA; has earned a Red & Black Scholarship, and an academic scholarship from University of Central Missouri. Mason plans to attend the University of Central Missouri, majoring in Computer Science with emphasis in Game Development.

EVERY SHERROW is the daughter of Kent and Angie Sherrow. She has a Certificate of Completion of the Health Occupation Class at 4-Rivers Career Center, is an A+ Recipient, and Academic Letter. She plans to attend Mineral Area Community College, majoring in Biology.

SYDNEY WATSON is the daughter of Don Watson & Tara Zaugg. She is enlisting in the United States Air Force after graduation.

RYLAND ZAUGG is the son of Dustin Zaugg and Valerie Zaugg. He is enlisting in the United States Air Force after graduation.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

RYAN BULINSKI – Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He will be working for American Family Insurance in Hermann and Warrenton.

GRANT RUEDIGER – Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rockhurst University/University of Missouri, Kansas City.

TESLA RUEDIGER – Bachelor's degree in Special Education from Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri. She will be employed at Southpoint Elementary School, Washington, Missouri.

CRAIG SCHLUSS – Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operations from State Technical College of Missouri. He will be employed by Sellenriek Construction of Jonesburg, MO.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION

On Sunday, May 19, the Christian Education Committee honored the Sunday School students with a gift certificate.

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: Dawn Sanderlin. Students include: Parker Diebal, Bailey Hunley, Grady Korman, Brady Landolt, Jett Cramer, Cooper Witthaus

FIRST-SECOND GRADE: Teacher: Chantele Watson. Students include: Ashton Bergen, Hailey Diebal, Taylor Grotewiel, Adelynn Jacob, Lilly Korman, Kalli Landolt, Siena Palladino, Jainey Oelsen

THIRD-FOURTH GRADE: Teacher: Barb Schutt. Students include: Katie Boedges, Lance Uthlaut, Aydien Fries, Nathan Menke, Penny Cramer, Alivia Witthaus

FIFTH-SIXTH GRADE: Teacher: Linda Heck. Students include: Grace Berkemeyer, Lane Cramer, Aiden Eikermann, Garrett Jacob, Erika Schutt, Elaina Uthlaut, Faith Williams

SEVENTH-EIGHTH GRADE: Teachers: Brian & Amy Grannemann. Students include: Shelby Schutt, Katie Menke, Michaela Grannemann, Lydia Mayberry, Amelia Uthlaut, Alli Boedges, Gary Grannemann, Holly Heldt

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Teacher: Rev. Rodger Kiepe. Students include: Madison Dixon, Clara Scheible, Ben Berkemeyer, Kale Bickmeyer, Alyson Hollrah, Samantha Boedges

SENIOR HIGH CLASS: Teacher: Sharen Speckhals. Students include: Peyton Schaefer, Zoe Schafer

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. 8 at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	3/31	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28	5/12	5/19
Pre- School	5	5	4	5	3	--	
1 st -2 nd Gr.	5	6	4	7	3	6	
3 rd -4 th Gr.	4	4	5	3	5	4	
5 th -6 th Gr.	4	4	5	7	4	6	
7 th -8 th Gr.	6	6	8	7	8	9	
Conf.		3	5	3	6	4	4
Sr. High	3	--	--	--	--	--	
Adult Class	9	9	8	--	11	9	
Staff	<u>1</u>						
Total	37	38	40	33	41	39	5

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN OFFERING

A total of \$80.40 was turned in by our Sunday School students as their special Lenten offering to benefit the Hermann Backpack Program. As promised, the Christian Education Committee matched the gift, so a total of \$160.80 was sent to the program.

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE

3/31	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28	5/5	5/19	5/26
95	101	129	269	98	115	131	82

Good Friday attendance was 58; Easter attendance at 6:30 was 85 and at 10:15 it was 184.

MISSION CUP

Donations for June will be for the HADH Auxiliary. It is a volunteer group that raises money to support the hospital. They purchase new medical equipment needed to give patients the best possible care. Also, they have helped with major facility upgrades.

NURSING HOMES MINISTRY

Pastor Rodger provides worship service at Victorian Place at 3:00 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, Sally Confer, Jack Greene, Homer Roney, Jr., Forrest Koeller, Viola Koeller, Eunice Ploeger,

VICTORIAN PLACE (1120 Village Lane)

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

HOME VISITS

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

Margie Greene, 2060 Sand Plant Rd, Hermann 486-5518

Eloise Sturkey, The Waterford, 601 Universe Blvd, Juno

Beach, FL 33408

BOOK CLUB

The book club has been reading interesting and thought-provoking books and we invite any and all to join the group.

On June 10th we will be discussing “The Ship of Brides” by Jojo Moyes. We meet at Miss Clara’s at 10:00 a.m.

July 8th will be “Bowl of Fruit” by Cacoyannis.

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 Kirchofer 486-2943

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 Knehaus
- 6-Laura Rethemeyer
- 8-LuVern Schweerkotting
- 10-Scott Jacob
- 11-Cody Bruckerhoff, Raylene Hollrah, Judy Toedtmann
- 12-Janet Hart, Ben Lloyd
- 15-Wyatt Schaefer
- 16-Krystal Witthaus
- 20-Craig Schluss, Pat Wendleton, Joyce Davis
- 21-Janet Mueller
- 22-Erin Kinion, Ashley Kopp
- 23-Shirley Jacob, Don Witthaus
- 25-Alison Heying, Nicole Koch
- 27- Ronald Fredrick
- 28-Julaine Maczuk, Darrell Reinhardt
- 29-Brett Schulte

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

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

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Melvin & Shirley Berkemeyer will celebrate their 54th anniversary on June 5; Don & Anne Althaus will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on June 20. Terry & Marilyn Loehnig will celebrate their 51st 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 – Corey & Nichole Landolt
- 10 – Tim & Linda Landolt
- 12 – Wilmer & Josie Erfling
Don & Barbara Groppe
- 14 – Kent & Angela Sherron
- 19 - Darren & Darla Schutt
- 20 – Don & Anne Althaus
Joshua & Megan Pohlmann
- 22 – Terry & Marilyn Loehnig
- 26 – Mark & Sharon Leech
- 27 – Chad & Jenny Schneider
Todd & Maranda Anderson
- 29 – Duane & Elaine Bierwirth
Edmond & Marcella Knehans
Derek & Christina Menke

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 Toedtmann

Congratulations to all.

MEMORIALS

Current Fund

- In memory of Helen Wesselschmidt
Richard Requarth

Gift

- Landscaping Fund
- Riverside Singers

EASTER MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Patricia Anderson
Maynard Anderson & Family
- In memory of Edmund Bickmeyer
Scott & Diane Witthaus
- In memory of Raymond Kunz
Shirley Kunz
- In memory of Ed Bickmeyer & loved ones
Eleanor Bickmeyer
- In memory of Our Family
Don & Anne Althaus
- In memory of Jenna, Lee, Anna Mae Lenger,
Dave
Huxel
Steve Lenger Family
- In memory of our Parents
Tom & Marilyn Rethemeyer
- In memory of Brian Tilly
Shirley Tilly & Family
- In memory of William Tilly
Shirley Tilly & Family
- In memory of James Richard Held
Jim & Betty Ann Held
- In memory of Harold & Anne Horstmann
Howard & Barb Schutt & Family
- In memory of Eric Hampton
Howard & Barb Schutt & Family

Handbell Fund

- In memory of Our Parents
Terry & Marilyn Loehnig
- In memory of Our Parents
John & Nancy Bartel

Choir Fund

- In memory of our Parents
Terry & Marilyn Loehnig

St. Paul UCC,

I just wanted to write and thank you for allowing me to raise money towards purchasing the supplies that our Global Brigades Team will take with us to Honduras! We are going to be able to serve so many people in their community. Thank you so much!

Brooke Grosse

To the St. Paul UCC Music Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me the B.A. Wagner scholarship! I am very grateful and honored to be your chosen recipient. Music is very important to me, and I appreciate that it is important to my community as well.

Sincerely,
Brenna Jones

Members of St. Paul,

Thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$109.25. Your wonderful ongoing support lets us know life is so important to you as it is to us. Your gift of love will serve so many precious babies.

God bless you
Birthright Volunteers

Thanks,

On behalf of the Hermann German-American Club, the board of directors would like to thank St. Paul Church for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, May 17. As we always have, we enjoyed meeting there. Thanks, also to Darren for the room set up. All went well for us.

Sincerely, Nancy Fagerness, Secretary

Dear Members & Friends of St. Paul UCC,

Thank you for your gifts to Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries!

Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries provide a vital ministry in the United Church of Christ by preparing leaders for ministry in congregations and community settings, locally and across the globe. Each seminary is a vibrant, caring, and inspiring place to pursue theological education. Students are both nurtured and challenged as they pursue their call to ministry.

Thank you for investing in the leadership of the United Church of Christ. Thank you for supporting theological education as a vital part of your ministry.

With Gratitude,

Kiely Todd Roska, Director, CUE Seminaries

*St. Paul UCC donated \$1,300.

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 19; and to Dawn Sanderlin for leading worship.

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 12.

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

Thanks to everyone for sharing Easter lilies and memorial gifts.

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 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 Ruth Halsey for substituting at the organ recently.

Thank you to Fred & Shelley Brandenburg for the donation of "moon boots" to our medical supply's rental. They will protect one's heels if bedridden.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Marcia Bucker, who died recently.

Our sympathy to the family of Audrey Bruckerhoff, which includes Marty & Dana Bruckerhoff and their family.

PRAYER LIST—*Please keep the following persons in your prayers:* Lorene Beckmann, Angie Scheidegger, Elizabeth Klemme, Bob Soetebier, Gene Schaefer, Lyndon Ruediger, Carol Collins, Jim Held, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Steve Beckmann, Viola Koeller, Maura Winkelmann, Georgia Ann Rohlfing, Dillon Stiers, Walt Willimann, Toni Backs, Margie Greene, Casey Gleeson, Kennedy Crowe, Fred Brandenburg, Forrest Koeller, Rodney Schaefer, Kathy Thorson, Geneva Brink, LaVerne Wagner, Donna Erfling, Jim Oncken

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – March 11, 2019

Members present were Pastor Kiepe, Mike Grosse, Susan Nichols, Kenny Kunz, Nancy Kirchhofer, Jill Jacob, Keely Uthlaut, Carol Paubel, Dale Maune, and Megan Boedges. Not present were Sharen Speckhals and Mark Leech.

Pastor Kiepe led the Council in prayer.

Past President Stiegman attended the meeting only to discuss with the Council the first order of business – the election of a new council president.

Mark Leech had previously been nominated for President. Kenny Kunz made a motion to cease nominations and elect Mark Leech as President by acclamation. Carol Paubel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Kirchhofer nominated Keely Uthlaut as Vice President. Nancy Kirchhofer made a motion to cease nominations and elect Keely Uthlaut as Vice President by acclamation. Carol Paubel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol Paubel made a motion that Susan Nichols remain as Council Secretary and Sharen Speckhals remain as Council Treasurer. Mike Grosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for items of discussion by members of the congregation or council members.

Mike Grosse shared with the Council a letter from his daughter, Brooke, who is a freshman at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Brooke has an opportunity to take a mission trip to Honduras this summer. She is a nursing major and is involved in a club called Global Brigades which sends students to other countries to help build sustainable communities. Brooke is asking if it would be possible to use the “mission cup” offering for a few weeks to help purchase hygiene kit supplies for the Honduras community. She said she would love to speak at an upcoming church service to explain this trip to the congregation. After discussion, it was agreed that Brooke will speak at the first service in April and the “mission cup” offering for the month of April will be used for the hygiene kits.

Nancy Kirchhofer asked if additional lighting could be provided on the east side of the church because the dusk to dawn light across the street does not provide enough light after dark.

Nancy Kirchhofer said the carillon bells are not playing music. Kenny Kunz said he would check on this.

Linda Heck will be sending sample design pictures of an endowment “tree” for council members to look at and choose their favorite.

Minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting were discussed. After discussion, the minutes were approved on motion made by Nancy Kirchhofer and seconded by Mike Grosse. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the financial reports provided by Fay Scheible. After discussion, a motion was made by Nancy Kirchhofer to accept the reports. Carol Paubel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Susan Nichols said she had been asked if there would be a process created for endowment fund donations of less than \$1000. It was explained that in order to receive a plaque for a named gift the donor would need to give \$1000 or more. Smaller gifts could be given toward the 175th Anniversary, however, they wouldn't receive individual plaques. They may be combined into one plaque, perhaps named something like “175th Anniversary Gifts”.

Pastor Kiepe shared the Pastor's Report with the Council. He will be on vacation March 15-March 28. Jill Jacob agreed to make the announcements at worship services on March 17 and March 24.

Old Business:

The Knox Box will be installed on the church building as soon as the weather improves.

Council was reminded that the issue regarding the replacement of some of the air conditioner units had been tabled until a later date. It has since been discovered that some of the heating units are also not working. Keely Uthlaut said she would discuss this issue with Darren Schutt.

Kenny Kunz shared with the council pictures of the roof over the Sunday School rooms. It had been decided at the last council meeting to have Groteweil Roofing complete the work on the roof. Mike Groteweil has already done some patching and will continue the repair as weather permits. It was pointed out that another leak has been found in the steeple. Kenny Kunz said he has also noticed mildew on the vents in the sanctuary.

It was agreed that a meeting should be scheduled with Darren Schutt to discuss all of these issues no later than the next council meeting on April 8.

Council was informed that Mary Binkholder has been hired as additional office help with her first day being March 11. She will work 2-3 days a week assisting Fay.

New Business:

Council reviewed the annual meeting which was held on March 3. It was decided that a committee should be appointed to discuss where to place the donor “tree” for the endowment fund. Keely Uthlaut suggested that something be placed in the church bulletin for a few weeks asking for volunteers for the committee.

Council was provided with the results of the Time and Talent Sheets. Council members were assigned committees in order to determine the chairs of those committees. Contact will be made with the chairs and then council members will let Fay know the names of the chairs so she can include this information in the Hilltop Herald.

Carol Paubel mentioned that there seems to be some confusion between “greeting” and “ushering” at worship services. It was suggested that a training session might be helpful. It was also suggested that the chair of that committee inform ushers and greeters of their duties.

Dale Maune said he would like to organize a church dinner to be held sometime during the year. This would be in addition to the picnic that is scheduled for September. He said he would find a chair for the dinner committee and determine if they would like to plan something for next year.

Council was asked their preference in setting the monthly meeting date. After discussion, it was decided to keep the same schedule as previously set, which is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Council was informed that Becky Mayberry has requested that Girl Scout Troop 30657 be allowed to use the Multi-Purpose Room for a yard sale on Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A motion was made by Nancy Kirchhofer to allow the Girl Scout Troop to use the room. Susan Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council was informed that Fay Scheible will need the names of new officers in order to get them set up with the bank. Mark Leech is the only officer that will need to provide Fay with the requested information.

Council members discussed upcoming events.

Carol Paubel, Kenny Kunz, Jill Jacob, and Mike Grosse volunteered to serve communion at the April 7 worship service. Dale Maune will be an alternate.

The December statement for United Church Funds was reviewed.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for 6:30 PM, April 8, 2019.

There being no further business, Jill Jacob made a motion to adjourn. Mike Grosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Nichols, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – April 8, 2019

Members present were Pastor Kiepe, Mike Grosse, Susan Nichols, Kenny Kunz, Nancy Kirchhofer, Jill Jacob, Carol Paubel, Dale Maune, Sharen Speckhals, Mark Leech and Megan Boedges. Not present was Keely Uthlaut.

Pastor Kiepe led the Council in prayer.

Chris Menke appeared before the Council to discuss the After-School Bearcats program. She informed the Council that she will be unable to lead the program next year because she has accepted a job that will require more of her time. Members complimented Chris on the job she has done with the program. She said she has a couple people in mind to take her place. President Leech said this was a shining example of the impact that the New Beginnings Committee has had on the church. It was decided that the committee will get together to discuss options. Chris said she would like to be a part of that committee and the Council agreed. Pastor Kiepe and President Leech will also sit in on these discussions.

Fay Scheible appeared before the Council to go over the financial reports, which are now being done with the new software. The Council said it was helpful for her to go over the new reporting format with them.

Fay informed the Council that Mary Binkholder is doing a good job helping her with the office tasks. At this point she has been working on the same days as Fay in order to learn the job. In the future, they plan to split up the days of the week so someone is always in the office.

President Leech said that at the annual congregational meeting a question had been asked about the Pony Express program. A member of the congregation wondered if quarterly updates could be provided showing how they are doing with their pledge. Fay said she would only be able to tell people the amount that they had initially pledged.

President Leech said that going forward we will be using a consent agenda for Council meetings. The Council will approve the minutes, financial report, Pastor’s report, etc., first and then discuss the other issues.

- 1) Dale Maune said he had talked to Wanda Ruediger with the Hermann Chamber of Commerce about the Chamber advertising St. Paul’s picnic and other events. It was discovered that St. Paul is not currently a member of the Chamber. Dale said he thought it would be a good idea for us to join. After discussion, Sharen Speckhals made a motion for St. Paul to become a member of the Hermann Chamber of Commerce. Megan Boedges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2) Minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting were discussed. After discussion, the minutes were approved on motion made by Dale Maune and seconded by Carol Paubel. Motion carried.
It was noted that at the March 11 meeting a suggestion was made to hold a “training session” for ushers and greeters so there would be less confusion. Sharen Speckhals said she will work on training greeters and Nancy Kirchhofer will work with the ushers.
- 3) The financial reports were discussed earlier in the meeting.
- 4) Pastor Kiepe shared the Pastor’s Report with the Council. He said he is tentatively scheduling June 2 as Confirmation Sunday. It was also decided to schedule the installation of new Council members on Sunday, April 14.

Old Business:

- A. The Knox Box has been installed and the Fire Department has locked inside the keys to the church building and the parsonage.
- B. Council discussed the possible replacement of some of the air conditioner units. It has since been discovered that some of the heating units are also not working. The Council discussed the available options. After discussion, it was decided to have Darren Schutt work with Dennis Brune on the repair of the heating units and to get estimates on replacing the air conditioner units. Mike Grosse will contact Darren to relay this information.
- C. Kenny Kunz informed the Council that the wind had caused the old roofing over the Sunday School rooms to come up and, upon inspection, it was determined that the material underneath was rotten. Mike Groteweil suggested having a spray-on coating applied to the roof. Rudy's Roofing from Linn could do the installation. Kenny said the estimates for both company's repair work comes to \$10,837. After discussion, Dale Maune made a motion to accept this plan for repair. Mike Grosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. The discussion regarding office help occurred earlier in the meeting.
- E. There was nothing new to report on the Endowment Wall.
- F. Susan Nichols, Chair of the 175th Anniversary Committee, informed the members that work is moving ahead on the events being planned for this anniversary celebration.
- G. Council was informed that Keely Uthlaut agreed to chair the Audit Committee. Megan Boedges said she would chair the Nurturing Committee.

New Business:

- A. Council was informed that Fay needs the email addresses and cell phone numbers of all new council members.
- B. Council was informed that Bud Moellinger had worked on the carillon and it is now working. It will play at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Council members discussed upcoming events.

Susan Nichols, Jill Jacob, Sharen Speckhals and Dale Maune volunteered to serve communion at the Good Friday service at 6:30 PM on April 19.

Kenny Kunz, Nancy Kirchhofer, Mike Grosse, and Sharen Speckhals volunteered to serve communion at the Easter sunrise service at 6:30 AM on April 21.

Carol Paubel, Mark Leech, Susan Nichols and Dale Maune volunteered to serve communion at the Easter service at 10:15 AM on April 21.

Jill Jacob, Carol Paubel, Sharen Speckhals and Mark Leech volunteered to serve communion at the May 5th worship service.

Susan Nichols volunteered to help box items that don't sell at the end of the upcoming rummage sale on May 4.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for 6:30 PM, May 13, 2019.

There being no further business Carol Paubel made a motion to adjourn. Dale Maune seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Nichols, Secretary