

ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sharing God's love by serving others

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Dear Friends,

This is a difficult article to write since it will be my last one for the Hilltop Herald. Good-byes are always hard, especially in situations like this where I am saying good-bye to so many good friends. There are so many things I would like to say to you but in this short article I want to lift up three of the most important. First, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor and teacher for the past four-and-one-half years. You have welcomed me into your pulpit, your lives, and your community. You have invited me to share your times of greatest joy and sorrow. We have laughed, cried, and celebrated together as we embraced the many ups and downs of life. I have done my best to be there for you in all of those times and you have certainly been there for me and Mindy too. I am especially grateful for the times you have supported me while I was injured and sick.

Secondly, I want you to always remember how proud I am of you and all that we were able to accomplish together. I have every confidence that you will continue and build upon those ministries as well as respond to future needs as they present themselves. It is a joy to work with people like you who have vision, talents, and strong faith and work ethic. You have never failed to follow through on any of the commitments that you have made. How many pastors can honestly say that about the congregations that they have served?

Finally, I want to encourage you to continue to grow in love and faithfulness. I believe that the coming years will be particularly challenging for a church that dares to be prophetic and struggle against injustice. When Paul said farewell to the elders at Ephesus (Acts 20:17-35) he warned them that fierce wolves would come into the flock and destroy it after he left if those leaders weren't vigilant. In these times of steeplejacking and deception, I have no doubt that the wolves will be working among you too. They will attempt to deceive you and lead you from your denominational roots in order to steal your property and resources for their own purposes. All I can say is what Paul said, "Be alert". The danger is real.

May the Peace of Christ be with You Always,
Rodger

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, August 25th, following our Sunday Service, we are having a meal in the church basement to celebrate Rev. Kiepe's tenure with us. Church

service is typically over at 11:15 so we are planning lunch for 11:30.

In addition to the congregation, Rodger's family will be in attendance, other friends of Rodger, as well as members of the UCC South Central Conference. Since this is Rodger's last day with us it will be your final opportunity to thank him for what he has meant to our church and community and wish him the very best in his retirement.

Also, we are giving Rodger a handmade "Remembrance Quilt." If you have not yet signed a quilt block, you can sign the completed quilt for him on the 25th.

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 3-8pm. There will be food (fried chicken, homemade ice cream, bratwurst, sides, etc.), drinks, and entertainment for all ages.

Music will be provided 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 your children. There will be 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.

Any donations to help with the cost of the picnic is appreciated. Thank you.

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.

SEARCH FOR A NEW MINISTER HAS BEGUN

The Council received Rev Kiepe's letter of retirement on June 25 in which he stated that his last

day as our pastor would be August 25. In the letter he told us that he had contacted the Conference and that they would assign Tyler Connley as our contact for the Search and Call process. The Council met with Tyler on July 9th. During the meeting Tyler reviewed the process we would use as we begin our search.

The first step is for the Church Council to hire an interim pastor who is trained to assist with the search process. The interim will also perform many of the duties that a "settled" pastor will. These include preaching on Sunday; visiting shut-ins; nursing homes; and hospitals; conducting weddings and funerals; and maintaining scheduled office hours.

Tyler left us information to guide us during this process and we have posted this information on the Church's website (<http://hermannucc.com>). If you would like more information on the "Search and Call" I encourage you to visit the website and read the documents.

The first thing we had to do was to complete a Position Posting for our interim position which describes the scope of work, the compensation and support, and who we believe God is calling to minister with us. We have completed a draft of this posting and are now waiting for Tyler to review it. Once it has been reviewed and Tyler feels we have appropriately addressed our expectations of an interim pastor, it will be made available to interested interims. When the document is ready to be distributed, we will also post it on the Church's website.

The Council plans to begin interviewing applicants as soon as we receive their applications. Tyler will preach on Sunday, September 1 and hopefully we will have someone on board by the following Sunday. Regardless, we will keep the congregation up to date as we move forward.

Once the interim is in place, and with his/her guidance, the Council will select a search committee to do the formal search and call for a settled pastor.

Mark Leech, Chair, Church Council

AFTER SCHOOL BEARCATS

Another school year is fast approaching and our third year of After-School Bearcats will begin Sept. 4th. We are sad to lose Christina Menke but pleased to announce we have hired Peggy Clark as our new coordinator. The kids will love her.

We are hoping all of our volunteers will return this fall and we invite all of our church members to consider volunteering as a mentor and tutor. We have many volunteers from our membership as well as other churches in the area. We are proud to say this

has been a successful program in the eyes of the students, their teachers and our volunteers.

We meet every Wednesday with the students arriving about 3:30. Upon their arrival we serve them a snack/lunch which is prepared by a group of ladies that comes in at about 3:00. After this the students enjoy a music or art activity or perhaps even make themselves an ice cream sundae. We then have 35 to 40 minutes of homework, reading, games or just enjoying each other's company. This is a most rewarding time for everyone involved in the program.

Please consider volunteering. All of our volunteers are not teachers and certainly not teachers of every subject. We rely on each other and we have found the most important part of this job is making friends with these young people. If you give it a try you will not be sorry.

Questions?? Nancy Kirchhofer 486-2943

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new year of Sunday school will start on September 8 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. We are in need of substitute Sunday School teachers. If you are interested and willing, please contact Jill Jacob or Chris Menke.

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



CONFIRMATION

There are confirmation sign-up sheets in the back of the sanctuary. Anyone who will be in the ninth grade is eligible for confirmation school. Please sign up and turn it in to the office.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Here is a great way to kick off your confirmation year through getting to know each other, bible study and worship. If you would like to attend this retreat, please call the church office and we will gladly sign you up. The church will pay the registration fee.

CHOIR NEWS

"O SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG"

Senior Choir will resume practice 7:00 p.m. August 28th and will provide Music Ministry on September 1st 10:15 service. The choir will be busy preparing music for the regular Sunday worship services as well as special music for the Church's Anniversary month (November) and the annual Christmas Concert scheduled for December 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

The Riverside Singers are preparing a Gospel Concert for the September 22nd 10:15 worship service

We welcome anyone, any age, who enjoys singing and music to join us. We practice Wednesday's (Starting August 28th) 7:00 p.m. The choir sings the first and third Sundays of the month (with a few exceptions), plus special services and concerts.

Looking forward to an exciting season. Hope to see you August 28th.

Schedule

Sextet will practice Sunday, August 4, 11, 18, 25 - Sept. 1 - 9:00, Music Room.

Sextet sings – Sunday August 25 and Gospel Concert Sunday, September 22.

Choir Practice

Wed., August 28 - Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 - 7:00.

Choir will sing Sunday Sept. 1, 15, 29.

LaNette Kotthoff

HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS

Handbell practices will again resume on a weekly basis beginning mid-August, with the Chancel Ringers practicing at 4:30 and the full handbell choir at 5:30pm each Wednesday. We ring during the 10:15am worship service the 4th Sunday of each month from September thru May.

On September 22, 2019 both the bell choir and vocal groups will be participating in the morning worship. This is the morning after the church picnic, and a special service is planned.

As in previous years, the handbell choir and Chancel Ringers will play a significant part in the Starkenburg Concerts on the Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving. This year that date is November 23rd.

The 175th anniversary celebration on November 24th will also include handbell music by the choir and Chancel Ringers.

Once again, I feel the need to encourage the youth of our church to think about ringing with the bell choir. We currently have two young ringers, Ben Berkemeyer and Lydia Mayberry, who have rapidly become essential members of our group. In addition, we are grateful for Colter Scheible who continues to lead the base bell section, ringing the lowest/heaviest bells, even though attending college prevents him from being at some of the practice sessions. However, because the rest of us are advancing in age, we need more young ringers if the choir is to continue for years to come. If you or your preteen can read music, PLEASE think seriously about joining the bell choir. If you have questions or just want more information, contact me or any of the regular ringers. Ringing is a unique and fulfilling experience.

Ruth Hulsey, director (573-252-4653)

Jim Oncken, conductor

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.

MONTHLY CUP OFFERING

The church council has voted to designate a benevolence each month for the "Cup Offering" Any money placed in the cup located in the center of the offering plate will be forwarded to the benevolence for that month. Following is a list of the benevolences chosen so far this year, along with the balances collected each month.

January - Hermann Schools - \$161.77

February - Birthright - \$109.45

March - Crusade Against Cancer - \$203.65

April - Mission Trip to Honduras - \$518.13

May - CASA - \$305.58

June - Hermann Hospital Auxiliary - \$400.59

The benevolence chosen for July was the School Back Pack Program. Any money received in the cup was used for school supplies for underprivileged children. With your help we were able to collect 100 backpack and supplies.

Chosen for August is Ebenezer UCC in Levasy, MO. The levees broke there and this church incurred 9 1/2 inches of water throughout the church and 2 inches in the parsonage. Ebenezer does not have flood insurance and the federal government did not declare the flooding a disaster so they need our financial support as well as our prayers. If you are interested in helping with cleanup there, please contact the Missouri Mid-South Conference office at 314-962-8740.

MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

The annual budget for 2019 is \$222,052.04. As of June 30, we have collected \$93,255.67 which equals 42%. We spent \$102,027.49 which equals 46%.

The Pony Express estimate total for the year was \$173,402.00. We have received 54% of that amount.

Thank you to everyone who helps support St. Paul UCC.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A group of women from St. Paul UCC were guests of the women from Hermann United Methodist Church on Tuesday, June 4. A musical group called Simple Strings provided entertainment in the sanctuary followed by a delicious salad supper in their church basement.

St. Paul UCC Women's Fellowship will begin meetings for the 2019-2020 year on Thursday,

September 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. Holly Block will do a presentation on services available from Hermann Area Hospital. Hermann Area Hospital Auxiliary was the recipient of the mission cut offering in June this year.

Women's Fellowship is open to any women at St. Paul UCC or the community. Women's Fellowship strives to unite all women in Christian Fellowship; to develop an understanding of the working of the church, deepen spiritual life, stimulate sacrificial giving and promote Christian service in the home, the church, the denomination, the community, the nation and the world.

LIT 'n LATTE BOOK CLUB

Our book club is still meeting every month, on the second Monday, 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 12th – *The Life She Was Given* written by Ellen Marie Wiseman. This is a book about the lives of a 1930s Circus performer and a 1950s runaway daughter that intersect at an upstate New York horse farm.

September 9th – *I Am Malala* - The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban - is an autobiographical book by Malala Yousafzai, co-written with Christina Lamb. The book details the early life of Yousafzai, her father's ownership of schools and activism, the rise and fall of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan in Swat Valley and the assassination attempt made against Yousafzai, when she was aged 15, following her activism for female education. It has received a positive critical reception and won awards, though it has been banned in many schools in Pakistan.

Nancy Kirchhofer

NEW MEMBERS

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

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.

ST. PAUL UCC FLOAT

Our St. Paul UCC float won first place in the Montgomery County Fair and first place in the Gasconade County Fair parade.

VILLAGE MARKET RECEIPTS

Please save your receipts from Village Market and place them in the boxes on the tables. The church will receive a 1% rebate for them.

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 office.

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE

<u>6/2</u>	<u>6/9</u>	<u>6/16</u>	<u>6/23</u>	<u>6/30</u>
146	88	66	86	87

<u>7/7</u>	<u>7/14</u>	<u>7/21</u>	<u>7/28</u>
77	78	72	80

PRAYER LIST— *Please keep the following persons in your prayers:* Angie Scheidegger, Elizabeth Klemme, Bob Soetebier, Gene Schaefer, Lyndon Ruediger, Carol Collins, Jim Held, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Viola Koeller, Georgia Ann Rohlfing, Dillon Stiers, Walt Willimann, Toni Backs, Casey Gleeson, Forrest Koeller, Kathy Thorson, Emma Todd, Janet Rector, Malerie Schutt, Nadine Ulrich, Kay Jameson

FUNERAL

Rose Marie Eldringhoff passed away Monday, June 17, 2019 at Frene Valley of Hermann Stonebridge. She was born in Swiss on January 16, 1928, a daughter of the late Waldo & Rose (Jacquin) Schermann. She was the widow of Glennon Eldringhoff.

Rose was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ of Hermann. She is survived by a brother, Herbert Schermann & wife Audrey, of Milford, IL; a sister-in-law, Melva Stolte of Stony Hill; a brother-in-law Alvin "Squeaky" Marquart of Washington, and by many nieces & nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother Calvin Schermann, and her sister Opal Marquart.

Visitation and services were held June 21 at Toedtmann & Grosse Funeral Home with Rev. Rodger Kiepe officiating. Burial was at Oak Haven Memorial Gardens.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Rose Marie Eldringhoff who passed away recently.

Our sympathy to the family of Audrey Bruckerhoff, which includes Marty & Dana Bruckerhoff & Family

Our sympathy to the family of Marcia Bucker.

Our sympathy to Ronald & Jeannie Fredrick on the passing of his sister Geraine Schaefferkoetter

Our sympathy to the family of Debra Struttman, who includes Steve and Kelly Hanger.

Our sympathy to Yona Leimkuehler on the loss of her mother Brenda McGuire.

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, Forrest Koeller, Viola Koeller, Homer Roney Jr., Eunice Ploeger

FRENE VALLEY FALLS

Gladys Hauser

VICTORIAN PLACE (1120 Village Lane)

Andy Anderson	486-3172
Janet Mueller	486-5857
Truman Eikermann	486-1006
Ben & Thelma Kattelmann	486-5650
LaVerne Wagner-Suite 1314;	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

Eloise Sturkey, The Waterford, 601 Universe Blvd, Juno Beach, FL 33408

WEDDINGS

Benjamin Cory Leech and Rowena Lopez Gosgolan were married June 26, 2019 at the Gazebo at the Hermann Park with the Rev. Rodger Kiepe officiating. The couple resides in Cotati, California.

GOLDEN WEDDING RECOGNITION

The Family Life Committee will again be sponsoring the Golden Anniversary Celebration on September 15, 2019 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 - Craig & Kate Schannuth
- 25 - Darrell & Betty Reinhardt
- 28 - Thomas & Andrea Held
- 29 - Matt & Jennifer Rogers
Ben & Sara Williams

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 - Brooke Schaefer
- 14 - James Murphy
- 16 - Stephen Hasty, Jocelyn Schluss,
Seth Witthaus
- 17 - Jill Bacon
- 18 - Steve Beckmann
- 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

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 - 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
- 16 - Staci Elsenraat, Lois Mochel,
Jeffrey Mueller
- 18 - Gary Blackwood
- 19 - Megan Boedges

- 20 - Kelly Brethorst, Carol Uthlaut
- 21 - Shirley Tilly
- 23 - Grant Ruediger
- 24 - Wayne Heck
- 26 - James Elder
- 27 - Rodney Mochel, Shannon Pfautsch,
Mary Struttman
- 28 - Jesse Witthaus
- 29 - June Faerber

MEMORIALS

Current Fund

In memory of Rose Marie Eldringhoff

Handbell Fund

St. Francis Borgia Class of 1965

In Memory of Marcia L. (Heberle) Bucker

THANK YOU LETTERS

I would like to thank everyone at St Paul Church who helped with the back to school backpack program. With your help we were able to collect 100 backpack and supplies. The kids were very excited to get a new backpack and supplies. Our community is lucky to have a church that support programs like this one. Thank you again for your help.

Amy Grannemann
Back to School Backpack program



“I would like to say thank you again to all of those who made donations or gave supplies to my medical trip to Honduras. It was an amazing experience and we were able to serve over 900 patients in just 3 days. That means that over 900 families and children were able to receive hygiene bags

filled with the items you donated! The communities were extremely thankful and a common phrase was “We thank God for having you here and may God bless everyone who made this possible.” Brooke Grosse

Hermann Area Crusade Against Cancer thanks you for our \$230.65 monetary donation and for making and donating the delicious homemade ice cream. We appreciate your kindness!

The HADH Auxiliary appreciates the cup donation of \$400.59. It will be put to good use, helping us provide needed equipment to aid in the care of the patients.

Anne Althaus, President.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$200 to help strengthen communities worldwide. Through your support of Church World Service, you are helping to fight the connected challenges of hunger, lack of access to safe water and improved sanitation and extreme poverty.

The men, women and children with whom CWS works are both strong and determined. They are building the futures they deserve, and we are proud to help them as they do. I am so moved by the determination of generous people like you, who are standing in solidarity with families in need in the United States and around the world.

May God bless you for your support.
Rev. John L. McCullough,
President and CEO Church World Service

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your contribution of \$140.80 to the Children’s Backpack Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Your generosity furthers the impact philanthropy can make to address today’s complex needs and opportunities. The CFO is committed to place-based philanthropic leadership through its extensive network of donors, regional affiliate foundations and nonprofit partners living and working across central and southern Missouri. Honoring your gift’s intent through excellent service and secure, trusted financial management is our guiding purpose

Sincerely, Brian Fogle, President

Dear St. Paul UCC:

Thank you for your generous contributions of \$5,875 to Our Church’s Wider Mission Fund. As you know, with the support of our churches, the Conference is able to support our Search and Call transitions, lead various retreats throughout the conference, participate in the celebration of our ministers’ ordinations and celebrations, and continue our work with our various ministries!

Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, Conference Minister

To St. Paul UCC:

Thank you for the loan of your projector and screen for the Grand Marshal Reception at the 2019 Maifest. It made the photos of Blondie Haerberle even more enjoyable.

Mary Kunstmann, 2019 Maifest Committee

THANK YOU

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

To Rev. John Kinard for being supply pastor during Rodger's vacation.

To Richard & Mona Schaefer for providing altar flowers and changing altar cloths.

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

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

Thanks to Darren Schutt and Kenny Kunz 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 prepare food and helped serve for the Fourth of July event.

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – May 13, 2019

Members present were Pastor Kiepe, Mike Grosse, Susan Nichols, Kenny Kunz, Nancy Kirchofer, Jill Jacob, Carol Paubel, Dale Maune, Sharen Speckhals, Mark Leech, Megan Boedges, and Keely Uthlaut.

1. Pastor Kiepe led the Council in prayer.

2. The floor was opened for comments by members of the congregation or Council members

A suggestion was made by Council to advertise in the Hermann Visitor magazine, which is published quarterly by the Hermann Advertiser-Courier. The advertisement could show the normal worship service schedule as well as special events throughout the year, including the upcoming 175th anniversary events. Sharen Speckhals shared the pricing information with Council.

Pastor Kiepe suggested that in the future committee reports be provided in writing rather than being done verbally.

3. Consent agenda items were considered:

A. Minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting were discussed.

B. The financial reports were reviewed by Council. It was suggested that Fay include a YTD comparison on actual income and expense. A question was raised about the income from the Easter breakfast. Information about the breakfast income will be provided at the next meeting.

C. The payment of bills was reviewed.

D. Pastor Kiepe shared the Pastor's Report with the Council. He said he would like to attend worship service at Mindy's church in Fulton on May 26. The church is celebrating the 25-year anniversary of her ordination. Pastor Kiepe said he has spoken to John Kinard to serve in his place at St. Paul that day and he said he would personally pay John for his service. Council agreed that Pastor Kiepe should attend this service on May 26.

Carol Paubel made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Nancy Kirchofer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Old Business:

A. President Leech reminded the Council that when Mary Binkholder was hired as office staff, it was not with the intent that the office would be covered 5 days a week. The office will be covered Wednesday through Friday by Fay, Mary or both. This schedule seems to be working well to this point.

B. President Leech reminded the Council that the approval had been given at last month's meeting to join the Hermann Chamber of Commerce. The annual dues are slightly reduced from \$100 to \$75 since we are already through a portion of the year.

C. Pastor Kiepe informed the Council that ALICE training is scheduled for June 8 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St. Paul UCC. This is a community-wide training and is being sponsored by the ministerial alliance. There is no cost for the event, however, we need to have at least 15 people in attendance. Council was instructed to email Pastor Kiepe if they are available to attend.

D. Pastor Kiepe discussed the upcoming Missouri Mid-South Conference annual gathering scheduled for June 6-8. Sharen Speckhals is attending part of the conference. If anyone else is able to attend, the registrations need to be in by May 15.

5. New Business:

A. Council members were provided with a proposed, revised job description for St. Paul's custodian position. Only one revision had been suggested by the Personnel Committee and that was for all maintenance issues to be reported to the Chair of the Property/Maintenance Committee as soon as possible. A suggestion was made to increase the dollar amount of maintenance issues to be reported to the Property/Maintenance Committee Chair from \$50 to \$100. After discussion, a motion was made by Carol Paubel to approve the revised job description with the suggested change. Sharon Speckhals seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mike Grosse informed the Council that Darren Schutt had given him a list of items to discuss with the Council. Darren is going to get prices on a new vacuum cleaner. He is also asking to get prices on a leaf blower. It was suggested that he get bids on a battery powered blower. He also asked about removing a dead tree on the southwest corner of the church property. It was suggested that he talk to Kenny Kunz for assistance from the Property/Maintenance Committee on the tree removal.

B. ALICE training was discussed under Old Business.

- C. Kenny Kunz reported to Council that the furnace issues have been resolved and he has received bids to replace two of the air conditioner units. After discussion, Mike Grosse made a motion to approve the bid from Brian Granneman to replace units 5 and 8. Dale Maune seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- D. The following committee reports were provided to Council:
 - 1. Susan Nichols reported on the progress of the 175th Anniversary Committee. The parade float which had been constructed by Kenny Kunz and Craig Schannuth will be driven in the upcoming Maifest parade. It was suggested that children from the Sunday School classes be asked to walk with the float. Other upcoming activities to commemorate the anniversary include the September picnic and special worship services in November.
 - 2. Dale Maune reported that the menu has been set for the July 4th picnic at the Riverfront Park and a schedule of workers has been set.
 - 3. Mark Leech reported that the Personnel Committee met to discuss revisions to the Custodian job description.
 - 4. Kenny Kunz reported that the Property/Maintenance Committee has discussed several issues including the installation of the roof vents and new roof; lights on the north sidewalk; caps on the retaining wall and flowerbed walls; banister at south narthex door; missing lights at south narthex door; and paint on the sanctuary trim.
 - 5. Nancy Kirchhofer reported that the Student Loan Committee will be meeting with one student who has applied for a loan. The Committee has also been discussing how to deal with unpaid student loans.
 - 6. Sharen Speckhals reported that Greeter training has been conducted and the suggestion has been made to hold this training a couple times a year as a refresher.
 - 7. Pastor Kiepe reported that the Stewardship Committee is awaiting the donor tree which will hang in the sanctuary.
 - 8. Pastor Kiepe reported that confirmation is scheduled for June 2 and students have been asked to do research papers on the denomination or history of the church.
 - 9. Maureen Heck provided the Council with a report on the recent rummage sale and thanked everyone for their help. The rummage sale brought in \$2400, with \$1000 of that going to toward the church budget.
 - 10. President Leech provided the Council with a list of the 2019 committees. He asked that the chairs provide him with names of committee members that are missing from the list.
- 6. Council members discussed upcoming events.
Carol Paubel, Sharen Speckhals, Nancy Kirchhofer and Mark Leech volunteered to serve communion on June 2.
- 7. The next meeting of the council is scheduled for 6:30 PM, June 10, 2019.
- 8. There being no further business Dale Maune made a motion to adjourn. Carol Paubel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 9. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Nichols, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – June 10, 2019

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

- 1. Pastor Kiepe led the Council in prayer.
- 2. The floor was opened for comments by members of the congregation or Council members:
Council discussed a suggestion that had been made at the Congregational Meeting in March regarding quarterly, individual pledge updates. The group was reminded that at this time Fay does not have a computer program capable of providing individual updates. After discussion Sharen Speckhals made a motion that we continue to research how to provide these updates. Dale Maune seconded the motion and the motion carried.
Council discussed the mission cups that are placed in the collection plates each Sunday. It appears that some members of the congregation may be placing their regular weekly offering in the mission cup rather than in the plate. It was suggested that a clarification be made before the offering is taken as well as a reminder note be placed in the bulletin each week.
- 3. Carol Paubel made a motion to approve the agenda for the June 10 meeting. Mike Grosse seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- 4. Consent agenda items were considered:
 - A. Minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting were discussed.
 - B. The financial reports were reviewed by Council. At last month's meeting a question was raised regarding the income from the Easter Breakfast. Fay responded that the income of \$504.00 had been shown under "miscellaneous income" on the May financial report and the expense of \$283.61 was included in "church and office supplies" paid in May.
 - C. The payment of bills was reviewed.
 Nancy Kirchhofer made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Dale Maune seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- 5. Old Business:
 - A. There were no updates to be made regarding committee members.
 - B. Committee reports were made:
 - a. Kenny Kunz reported on the Property Maintenance Committee. Brian Granneman is currently working on the air conditioner units. He will determine what is wrong with unit 2 and repair it. Then he will work on replacing units 5 and 8.
The new roof vents will be installed as soon as they come in.

Darren Schutt was given approval to purchase caulk for the windows. Darren has also removed the tree from the southwest corner of the church property and the stump has been ground.

Council suggested that Kenny and Mark meet with Darren to discuss other repair items.

- b. Dale Maune reported on preparations for the July 4th picnic. He has been informed by the Chamber that there is a possibility that the picnic may be moved to the upper city park because of the flooding at the Riverfront Park. We will still be able to serve food and ice cream at the new location. Dale asked that the History Committee provide a history display at the food booth.
 - c. Susan Nichols reported on the Anniversary Committee. A flyer listing the year's 175th anniversary activities was included with the latest issue of the Hilltop Herald. Susan is working with Riverbank Apparel on a t-shirt order. Research continues on the history book that will be done to commemorate the anniversary.
 - d. Nancy Kirchhofer reported on the After-School Bearcats program. She said the committee met to discuss four candidates to replace Chris Menke as the director of the program. However, all four candidates have declined the position. A suggestion was made to place an advertisement in the newspaper as well as the weekly church bulletin. Council members suggested a couple of possible candidates for Nancy to contact.
 - e. President Leech reported on the Personnel Committee. He said he has discussed the updated Custodian job description with Darren Schutt and he understands the expectations.
- C. Pastor Kiepe reported on the ALICE training that had recently been held. He said we need to establish a security team to come up with recommendations on how to handle church security. A suggestion was made to install a door buzzer to alert the office when someone comes in the church. Another suggestion was made that the weekly offering deposit be taken to the bank's night deposit after the Sunday service. Nancy Kirchhofer said she would talk to ushers about taking the deposit after the service.
 - D. Pastor Kiepe and Sharen Speckhals reported on the Missouri Mid-South Conference annual gathering which was held on June 6-8. There was a focus on shared ministry including Easter services, choirs, bell choirs and women's groups. A certificate was given to St. Paul to commemorate its 175th anniversary.

6. New Business:

- A. Pastor Kiepe requested approval from Council for vacation from June 12 thru June 19. John Kinard will be preaching on June 16. After discussion, Dale Maune made a motion to approve the vacation. Carol Paubel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. President Leech suggested that he talk with Darren Schutt about doing a walk thru on church property to determine repairs that will need to be made before the November anniversary services. A group will be formed to perform this walk thru.
A suggestion was made that the meeting time for Council meetings thru October be changed to 7:30 PM. Megan Boedges made a motion to approve the new meeting start time. Dale Maune seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- C. Council members discussed how to handle the proceeds from the silent auction which will be held at the 9/21 picnic. After discussion, Nancy Kirchhofer made a motion that the proceeds from the auction go to youth missions. Carol Paubel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- D. Council members discussed the endowment wall design and the location. Pastor Kiepe and President Leech will meet with Tom Rethemeyer and report back to Council at the next meeting.
- E. Dale Maune made a motion that the church advertise in the quarterly issues of the Hermann Visitor magazine. Mike Grosse seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- F. President Leech shared with Council a request regarding the use of a portion of St. Paul's 150th Anniversary history book in a book that is being compiled about the Case and Gore area. Sharen Speckhals made a motion to approve the request as long as a proper citation is made in the book. Dale Maune seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- G. Nancy Kirchhofer made a motion that the July mission cup proceeds be given to the Backpack Program. Megan Boedges seconded the motion and the motion carried. Sharen Speckhals said she would ask Dawn Grosse about suggested items for the backpacks.
- H. Council members discussed bids for a new vacuum cleaner and leaf blower. After discussion, Carol Paubel made a motion that a new vacuum cleaner be purchased not to exceed \$300. Dale Maune seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mike Grosse made a motion that a leaf blower be purchased not to exceed \$150. Dale Maune seconded the motion and the motion carried.

7. Council reviewed the Pastor's Report.

8. Council reviewed upcoming events. It was noted that the Men's Club meeting scheduled for July 6 will be held at The Corner in Rhineland instead of the Hermann Diner.

Mike Grosse, Mark Leech, Jill Jacob and Keely Uthlout will serve as ushers at the July 7 worship service with communion.

9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Nichols, Secretary