

--TIME & TALENT WORKSHEET – 2021--

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

Altar Flower:

___ Provide altar flower on _____

In honor/memory of _____

Presented by _____

Assist with worship service:

- ___ Help as an Usher for the worship service
- ___ Help as a Greeter for the worship service
- ___ Willing to prepare and deliver a sermon when the pastor is unavailable
- ___ Willing to be a Reader/Liturgist for worship service
- ___ Provide transportation for the worship service via the church van or private car
- ___ Help with communion preparation

Christian Education

- ___ I am willing to help with Sunday School
 - ___ As a teacher
 - ___ As a substitute teacher
- ___ Willing to help with youth activities
- ___ Help plan and supervise Vacation Bible School

Miscellaneous Items

- ___ Help at Victorian Place for pastor's devotion
 - ___ Volunteer pianist
 - ___ Help with communion or fellowship
- ___ Be a member of the Prayer Chain
- ___ Willing to help with various office duties
- ___ Help with After School Bearcats Program
 - ___ Prepare food
 - ___ Help with students
- ___ Help with sound system
- ___ Help load the bulletins onto the projection computer for Sunday services
- ___ Help run the projection system during worship service
- ___ Help pack brown bags for school Back Pack
- ___ Help maintain flower beds/landscaping

Committee Work

- ___ Audit Committee
- ___ Budget Committee
- ___ Christian Ed. Committee (3 years)
- ___ Church Council (3 years)
- ___ Dinner/Picnic Committee
- ___ Easter Breakfast Committee
- ___ Evangelism Committee
- ___ Family Life Committee
- ___ 4th of July Event Committee
- ___ Nurturing Committee
- ___ Pastor/Parish Committee (3 years)
- ___ Personnel Review Committee (3 years)
- ___ Property Maintenance Committee
- ___ Snow Removal Committee
- ___ Stewardship Committee
- ___ Student Loan Committee (3 years)
- ___ Technology Committee
- ___ Worship Committee
- ___ Serve as a Delegate to
 - ___ Missouri Mid-South Conference
 - ___ Eastern Association Meetings

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

= COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES: AN EXPLANATION=2020

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee is in charge of performing a basic "spot check" audit of the church books in January. The Chairperson of the Audit Committee or a representative thereof will present the audit report to the congregation.

Budget Committee: The Budget Committee meets to prepare the next year's budget and presents the proposed budget to the Council. The chairperson will present the proposed budget as approved by the Council to the congregation at the annual meeting in January.

Christian Education Committee: A person is elected at the annual meeting to the Christian Education Committee for a term of three years. The committee normally meets three times a year. At the February meeting, the working committee appointments are the main focus. At the October meeting the committee prepares a budget for the coming year and makes nominations for the ballot for Christian Education Committee members. Further responsibilities include reviewing the financial statements of the Sunday School, assisting in the selection of curriculum, making decisions on finances and benevolences, recruit teachers, and oversee the basic operation of the Sunday School. The committee is also responsible for planning and organizing the service for Christian Education Sunday. They also plan the Sunday School Christmas Program and make arrangements for the purchase of Christmas gifts and treats for the Sunday School children.

Council: A person is elected to the church council for a term of three years. A person must be a member of the church for at least two years before they can serve on the council. A person may not have served on the council for at least the previous three years. The Council is the governing body of the church and is responsible for overseeing the entire operation of the church.

Dinner/Picnic Committee: The responsibilities of the Dinner Committee consist of making all the necessary arrangements, preparations, and serving of the annual church dinner.

Easter Breakfast Committee: The Easter Breakfast Committee is in charge of making all the necessary preparations and serving the breakfast on Easter.

Evangelism Committee: The Evangelism Committee is in charge of mailing cards to the hospitalized, persons new to the community, visitors of the church and such other responsibilities as the Committee may devise.

Family Life Committee: The Family Life Committee is in charge of distribution of Mother's Day gifts; inviting, preparing and serving of the meal to the Golden Anniversary couples; preparing and serving the meal and arranging for activities at the Senior Supper; arranging for crafts and preparation of the meal at the advent workshop on the first Sunday of advent; preparing the advent wreath services and making arrangements for families to do the service for all the Sundays in advent; and preparing and serving refreshments after the Sunday School Christmas Program which is held in December of each year and the Christian Education Sunday in June.

Greeter Committee: Responsible for recruiting and training greeters for guests as they arrive for worship.

4th of July Event Committee: This Committee is in responsible for serving food at the Riverfront, Dale Maune, chairman.

Nurturing Committee: Responsible for assisting the pastor with: 1) visitation to shut-ins, 2) those in nursing homes, 3) residential care, 4) and congregation members who are hospitalized. In addition, this committee will help keep the pastor aware of pastoral needs within the congregation and create programs that provide ministry and a sense of belonging to those who are no longer able to attend worship.

Pastor/Parish Committee: The Pastor/Parish Committee's main function is to provide healthy communication between the pastor and the congregation for the more adequate life of the church. The term of responsibility will be three years.

Personnel Review Committee: This committee's responsibility will be to evaluate the church employees.

Property Maintenance Committee: Willing to be in charge of maintenance projects and work nights.

Snow Removal Committee: Willing to remove snow or ice on sidewalks and parking areas.

Stewardship Education Committee: Responsible for planning and implementing: 1) the annual fund drive, 2) special fund raising projects, 3) capital campaigns, 4) and, planned giving seminars.

Student Loan Committee: A person is appointed to this committee for a term of three (3) years. It is the responsibility of this committee to oversee the student loan program, interview applicants for student loans, grant or deny student loans, and pursue action on delinquent student loans

Technology Committee: This team would oversee the recording and broadcasting of our Sunday morning worship services; and other technology improvements or issues.

Usher Committee: Responsible for recruiting ushers for worship.

Worship Committee: This committee will work with the pastor and music staff in planning worship services.



February 2021 Hilltop Herald

Dear Friends,

Today finds me sitting in my recliner at home, attending to church business. Part of that business is writing my February article for the Hilltop Herald. The reason I am at home with my foot propped up is that I fell in my kitchen which resulted in a fracture in the fibula of my lower left leg. As many of you know, accidents like this happen unexpectedly and without warning. They happen quickly but are not resolved quickly. I had having surgery on January 20 as my break was not healing as it should. I will then need to stay off my left foot for three weeks. During this time, I will become better acquainted with my newfound friends ... crutches and a walker.

I wonder if there is a parallel with COVID-19. It seemingly appeared out of nowhere, yet it continues to spread and to change the way we live our daily lives. While we are approaching the one-year anniversary when we went into our first lockdown, the final chapters of this story are still to be written. Meanwhile, please be vigilant as you take care of yourself and others.

Being vigilant is one of the many themes of Lent. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 17 and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 4. As Lent begins, we recognize the sin and shortcomings of our lives and promise to dedicate the forty days of Lent as a time to increase our vigilance against all those things that pull us away from God and God's way. Lent ends as we promise to remain vigilant and present to Jesus during his agonizing final hours which end on Good Friday's cross. Are we and will we remain faithful to God in the living of our lives?

Please join me as we begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 PM. Worship will be online and in person. And then let us walk forward (or in my case hobble) with vigilance and determination as we prepare for Easter Sunday.

Lenten blessings,
Pastor Kurt

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Pastor Kurt is working on a series of daily reflections for Lent. He will be focusing on our sanctuary's stained-glass windows and other artwork which teach us the meaning of our faith. If you would like a copy, please call the church office.

HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS

In order to remain COVID-safe, the handbell choir and ensemble have not been meeting for practice, and have not been ringing for worship. We all hope that these safety precautions will soon be lifted. Meanwhile, the members of the handbell choir encourage everyone to remain vigilant and continue using precautions, so that when COVID is no longer a threat, we may safely worship with the sound of ringing bells.

Our hope is that in early February, we can resume our handbell program.



**ST. PAUL UCC MEMBER
FREE BRATWURST DINNER**

PICKUP 11 - 12:30 OR DELIVERY

Adult Meal - bratwurst, sauerkraut,
mashed potatoes and bean salad
Kid's Meal - bratwurst on bun, bean salad,
macaroni and cheese

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 5th
with your choice of adult or kid meals
& choice of pickup or delivery!
Call Sharen 486-2474 or Ellen 486-3242



Sponsored by the Family Life Committee

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of church offering envelopes for 2021 on the table. If you are not using offering envelopes at the present time but would like to receive a box, please let the office know. Your numbers are the same as last year.

ANNUAL STATEMENTS MAILED

The annual statements of giving for 2020 were mailed the week of January 10. If there are any questions, please call the church office at 486-5525. Please remember that these statements reflect those gifts that were received between January 1 and December 31, 2020. Thanks to everyone who supported your church and its many projects and services. If you did not get a statement and want one, please call the office.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held March 14, 2021, immediately following the worship service.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9 am to noon and other hours as arranged. Church office hours may vary, in the short term, due to Pastor Kurt's injury and rehab. Please call the office before you come in on days other than Mondays and Tuesdays.

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. This information will also be posted on our church's Facebook page.

LIT n' LATTE BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be February 8th at 10:00 am in the Adult Sunday School room. Our book is "The House Girl" by Tara Conklin. All are welcome.

SAMARITAN OUTREACH

Anyone who is in need of assistance may call Samaritan Outreach at 573-569-2082. It operates under the direction of the Hermann Area Ministerial Alliance. The 5th Sunday offering of each month is designated for Samaritan Outreach.

MISSION CUP

The mission cup for February will benefit Samaritan Outreach, which provides emergency assistance when everyday needs become too difficult.

NEW MEMBERS

Anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Paul UCC is asked to please call the church office at 486-5525 or speak with the pastor so a date can be set up to receive you into our church family.

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS

It is time for the annual circulation of our Time and Talent sheets. Please review the committees, their role and scope, ask questions if you need more clarification, and then select a committee or committees where you know you can make a difference.

The Time and Talent Sheets for the 2021 year are available on the tables near the church entrances. A copy is also attached to this newsletter. Please remember to return them to the church office or place them in the box **on or before February 7**.

These sheets are very helpful to the council for choosing the 2021 committees. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE					WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24		
Pre-Kindergarten – 1st	1	2	2	1	1/3	36
2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Grades	1	2	3	2	1/10	48
5 th , 6 th & 7 th Grades	4	5	4	4	1/17	33
Adult Class		2			1/24	51
Staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		
Total	7	12	10	8		

NURSING HOME & SHUT-INS

St. Paul members and friends who are residents of Victorian Place, Frene Valley of Hermann Stonebridge, and other shut-ins may enjoy a call or a card. If you know of someone living at home, in a care facility, or a caregiver who needs a church member to call or visit, please contact the church office so that we can reach out to them.

The Nurturing Committee; Church Office - 486-5525.

VICTORIAN PLACE (2120 Village Lane)

Janet Mueller 573-486-5857
Georgia Jordan 573-680-7687
Thelma Kattelmann 573-486-5650
LaVerne Wagner-Suite 1314; 573-486-2282

FRENE VALLEY OF HERMANN STONEBRIDGE

Sally Confer, Forrest Koeller, Homer Roney Jr., Delores Smith, and Truman Eikermann

HOME BOUND

Frank Struttman (Mary), 208 Main St., McKittrick, MO 486-2904
Carol (Grannemann) Collins, 31467 State, Hwy. Y, Jonesburg, MO 636-488-3166
Delores Huxol, 425 West 8th St., Hermann 486-245
Darrell & Betty Reinhardt, 30091 State Hwy. 94, Hermann 486-2469
June Faerber, 411 Stark Blvd., Hermann. 486-3684
Joe Hart (Janet), 117 Hwy. K, Rhineland 573-252-4766

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Angie Scheidegger, Elizabeth Klemme, Bob Soetebier, Lyndon Ruediger, Carol Collins, Rose Faes, Donna Erfling, Mary Korman, Kate Engemann, Kenny Black, Jim Oncken, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Sharon Elliott, Jim & Marilyn Buchholz, Thelma Kattelmann, Mary Fritz, Robert Buesking, Skylar Favor, Melvin Propst, Truman Eikermann, Harvey Lalk, Maura Winkelmann, Marty Crowe, Carol Paubel, Pastor Kurt, staff and residents of area nursing homes and Victorian Place, the staff & students at Hermann Schools and a friend of a member who has bone cancer.

SYMPATHIES

Our sympathy to the family of Selma Humburg & Family on the passing of her daughter, Barbara Humburg, last week.

Our sympathy to the family of Nick Althausen who passed away January 15, especially his brother Don & wife Anne Althausen.

FUNERALS

Barbara M. Humburg passed away January 11, 2021. She was born in Hermann on May 10, 1948, the daughter of Harvey and Selma (Ball) Humburg. She is survived by her mother Selma Humburg; three sisters Ileen Theissen, Beverly & husband Mike Theissen, and Sheila & husband Alvin Theissen. Internment will be in the Suedmeyer Family Cemetery on the Humburg-Suedmeyer Family Farm. A memorial service in her honor will be held at a later date.

MEMORIALS

Current Fund

In memory of Melvin Berkemeyer

ENDOWMENT FUND

We are continuing our endowment fund program. There is a copy of the policy on the back table. Consider making a gift to St. Paul that will support this historic congregation into perpetuity. For as little as \$1,000 you can establish a named fund that will support this ministry even after you are gone. Please contact the church office with any questions.

ST. PAUL MAIL

Please be sure to send your mail to the church to **P.O. Box 352**, rather than our street address. The post office will **not** deliver to the street address.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Paul UCC members are asked to bring food items for the community food pantry and place them near the church office. February requests: sugar, shortening, and margarine. Monetary gifts are always welcome.

VILLAGE MARKET RECEIPTS

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

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PHOTOGRAPHS

If you provided pictures for our Golden Anniversary Celebration, they are ready to be picked up in the church office.

ON-LINE GIVING

On-line giving can make a big difference at St. Paul Church UCC as COVID-19 remains a concern. We still need your financial support to continue our ministry. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring donations can be set up for weekly or monthly donations.

- Consistency: Your support will allow us to continue important ministries and to help our community.
- Convenience: You provide your support in the comfort and safety of your home.
- Cost-Effective: This reduces printing and mailing costs, and is better for our environment! We can use this saved money to further our ministries in the community.

Make a Donation or Access your account at:

<https://giving.congregationsoft.com/app/giving/st136101>.

There are links on St.PaulUCCHermannMissouri Facebook page and on our website www.hermannucc.com.

There are currently 2 options to pay (credit card or automatic debit—ACH). The church is charged a fee for each transaction, which is minimal; **however, the use of ACH results in the lowest fee.** If you have any questions about how to make a donation, please call the church office.

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship committee would like to mention a feature of the new tax law that could be of benefit to those who have attained age 72, who hold investments that are subject to RMD's (required minimum distributions) from IRA accounts. The account owner may direct the distribution check to an exempt charity, avoiding federal and state taxes, rather than receiving the required RMD check themselves. To be tax exempt, the distribution must be made payable directly to a qualified charity or church.

RMDs required from other investments such as 401(k) or 403(b) accounts do not qualify for this tax exemption. However, this same benefit can be obtained by transferring the desired RMD amount from these accounts to an IRA before December 31 of the year before the RMD is required.

So, for those over 72 with investment accounts, this new tax provision can be a major advantage to church members. And, this exemption is not limited to the required minimum—more can be distributed if desired.

For more information, a call to your tax advisor or financial institution is advised.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Steve & Chelten Hasty on the birth of their daughter, Gatlen River Hasty, born 12/19/20. Grandparents are Brad & Chery Fricke.

ANNIVERSARIES

The following members of our church family will be celebrating their anniversaries in February. Ken & Jane Meyer will celebrate their 56th anniversary on February 8; and Wayne & Doris Grannemann will celebrate their 53nd anniversary on February 17.

8-Ken & Jane Meyer
14-Ken & Fern Wray
17-Wayne & Doris Grannemann
22-Jeff & Ellen Scheible

BIRTHDAYS

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

1 - Kelly Hanger Linda Landolt, Lisa Winkelmann	12 - Lane Cramer
2 - Howard Horstmann	15 - Andrea Held, Carol Paubel
3 - Lauren Dickerson	18 - Nancy Fagerness
5 - Betty Held	19 - Ed Knehans
6 - Maranda Anderson, Eleanor Bickmeyer, Linda Heck	21 - Debra Brethorst
8 - Allison Boedges	22 - Thelma Kattelmann
9 - Sharon Hoerstkamp	23 - Ashley Schaefer, Larry Schulte
10 - Alex Gleeson, Mike Koepke	24 - Tara Stephen, Keely Uthlaut
11 - Mason Scheible	26 - Terra Landolt, Alex Smith
	27 - Brad Hart, Rhonda Scheible

THANK YOU

Thank you to Darren Schutt for various maintenance and custodial work and for sanitizing the building.

Thank you to Gordon Heck for work on the sound system.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the projection system, loading the information and displaying it for worship services.

Thank you to Mary Schaller Blaufuss and others for recording the services.

Thank you to Mary Schaller Blaufuss for preaching at services in January.

Thanks to everyone who served as liturgists.

Thank you to Mary Leeper for helping with office work recently.

Thank you to everyone who provides music every Sunday, including Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Ruth Hulsey, LaNette Kotthoff, Nancy Fagerness, Marilyn Loehnig, Dawn Maune and Becky Mayberry.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Pastor Kurt,

Thank you for supporting Every Child's Hope Christmas Appeal. Your donation of \$200 will help ensure our children receive the support they need as we adapt to our new normal. We strive to provide a safe place for young people to live and succeed every day.

Sincerely

Michael P. Brennan, CEO

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting Every Child's Hope Christmas Appeal. Your donation of items for the HopeChest store will help ensure that our children will have a happy holiday season.

Every Child's Hope is essential to the lives of over 1,400 children across Missouri each year, which is only possible because of the generous support of donors like you. As we anticipate the new challenges and needs that will arise this fall and winter, we will continue to keep your generosity in our thoughts.

We thank you for being a part of our on-going mission!

Sincerely,

Michael P. Brennan, CEO

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your contribution to the Hermann Food Pantry Fund (\$840), 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

Sincerely,

Brian Fogle, President

Dear St. Paul United Church of Christ,

Thank you for supporting Franklin County CASA with your donation of \$173.28 in 2020. As a non-profit organization, we rely on community support to make it a success. All contributions are beneficial not only to the children we serve, but the community as a whole. For all these reasons, we are grateful for your help.

Franklin County CASA's mission is to recruit and train community volunteers to advocate for children in foster care in Franklin and Gasconade counties to find a safe and permanent home in a timely manner. 2020 has been a year of uncertainty, a little bit of fear and unexpected changes for all of us. Thankfully because of your donations and the actions of our CASA volunteers, 232 children found some comfort in having a constant and friendly face to talk with them and advocate on their behalf. There are currently 399 children from Franklin and Gasconade counties who are living in foster care. We will continue to seek donations and train volunteers until every child has the opportunity to have a CASA volunteer appointed to them.

Thanks again for your help.

Glenda Volmert, Executive Director

St. Paul UCC,

Thank you very much for your donation of \$325 to the Backpack Program. We greatly appreciate your continual support over the years! It is great people like you that make this community a great place to live.

Sincerely, Dawn Grosse

St. Paul UCC,

Thank you for the generous donations. We are very grateful for your financial support as well as your prayers.

Despite the pandemic we were busy. In 2020, we fielded 130 phone calls and added 22 new clients. Also, we, provided 3 baskets to newborns, utility assistance to 10 families, gas cards for 2 families, and maternity clothes for 4 mothers.

Your prayers and generosity make this ministry of life possible. Thank you for helping us to continue our life-giving mission.

Gratefully, Hermann Birthright

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – 6:30 PM, December 8, 2020

Members present via Zoom were Pastor Blaufuss, Kenny Kunz, Mike Grosse, Megan Boedges, Ed Knehans, Chris Heldt, Steve Lenger, Jill Jacob and Susan Nichols. Not present was Dale Maune.

1. Pastor Blaufuss led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments from Council or members of the congregation.
3. Ed Knehans made a motion to approve the agenda for the December 8 meeting. Megan Boedges seconded the motion and the motion carried.
4. Minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed. After review, Carol Paubel made a motion to approve the minutes. Megan Boedges seconded the motion and the motion carried.
5. The November financial reports were reviewed. It was noted that the expense for the change to a new webhost in order to secure our website was taken from the bequest funds. The expense for repairs to the boiler was also taken from bequest funds.
6. The payment of bills was reviewed and approved.
7. Old Business:
 - A. President Kunz reported that the Pastor Evaluation Committee had met to evaluate Pastor Blaufuss' performance over the last year as his contract required. The evaluation was very positive considering the difficulties due to COVID-19. Both Pastor Blaufuss and the Evaluation Committee had suggestions for improvement with particular emphasis placed on communication.
 - B. President Kunz gave an update on the PPP loan. We have received a request for verification of our forgiveness application. First Bank is now sending it to the Small Business Administration for their approval. It could take up to 15 weeks to receive a response.
 - C. President Kunz reported that we have not yet received a bid for carpet stretching in the sanctuary.
 - D. Council was informed that we have received \$655 in on-line giving donations to date.
 - E. Council discussed the recording of worship services. The recordings are going well and will appear on Facebook Live as well as YouTube and our website. Mary Blaufuss has been doing the recordings.
 - F. Council was informed that we received an additional \$259.65 through the Meramec Planning Commission grant to cover custodial supplies and at-home internet expense. Office staff will continue to send in expenses for reimbursement.
 - G. In person worship was discussed under New Business.
 - H. Council decided to continue the tabling of discussion regarding the carillon.
 - I. Council was informed that the changes to the church's website have been made and it is now a secure site.
 - J. Council was informed that there are still a few open spots to fill for the Ministerial Alliance bell ringing. Sharen Speckhals has volunteered to make some phone calls to fill the empty spots.
8. New Business:
 - A. Council discussed extending Pastor Blaufuss' contract with St. Paul. When St. Paul first contracted with Pastor Blaufuss in December 2019, it was for an initial one year period that could be extended after evaluation. After discussion, Megan Boedges made a motion to extend Pastor Blaufuss' contract for 6 months in hopes that we will be "post-COVID" by that point and will be able to hold a congregational vote. Mike Grosse seconded the

motion and the motion carried. It was suggested that President Kunz write a notice to the congregation to be included in the upcoming Hilltop Herald.

- B. Council discussed returning to in-person worship services in January. After discussion, Ed Knehans made a motion to go back to in-person worship in January. Mike Grosse seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- C. Council discussed the Mission Cup donations for the month of January. After discussion, it was decided to extend the Mission Cup donations to Community Health Care Appreciation. Meals will be sent to local health care facilities to show our appreciation for their service during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- D. Council discussed Christmas Eve worship service. Council members agreed that it is important to the congregation to have in-person service on Christmas Eve. After discussion, Steve Lenger made a motion to hold three services on Christmas Eve at 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM by reservation. Chris Heldt seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- E. Council was informed that CASA would like permission to advertise in the worship bulletin regarding the sale of 399 raffle tickets to “give the gift of justice to change a child’s story” for the children in foster care in Franklin and Gasconade counties. These raffle tickets can be purchased through Ellen Scheible. After discussion, Steve Lenger made a motion to allow CASA to advertise in the bulletin. Ed Knehans seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- F. Council was informed that St. Paul has received a charitable grant of \$2,000 from the Gladys Hauser estate to be used where needed. This money has been placed in the Bequest Fund for the time being.
- G. Council was informed that if worship services need to be cancelled because of inclement weather, the cancellations will be shown on FOX 2 News and KPLR as well as posting on Facebook.
- H. Council was informed that changes have been made to the insurance company that St. Paul uses for workers compensation insurance. The policy remains the same, however, the premium will be about \$100 less.
- I. Council was reminded that the terms of four current members – Ken Kunz, Susan Nichols, Jill Jacobs and Mike Grosse – will end in March. Sharen Speckhals chairs the Council nominating committee and they will need to find three new members.
- J. Council was informed that St. Paul is the beneficiary of the Viola Koeller will. Paperwork has been sent and it is currently in progress. We also received another \$12,500 from the Ploeger Estate. Council discussed the United Church Fund and asked that a representative provide an update on fund activities. After discussion, it was decided that Council review the funds at the January or February meeting and come up with a plan for how to handle all of our funds.
- K. Council discussed a memorial for Wiff Kotthoff. After discussion, Carol Paubel made a motion to give a \$100 memorial to the Valley Hope Rehabilitation Center in Boonville. Megan Boedges seconded the motion and the motion carried.

9. Pastor Blaufuss shared his pastor’s report with Council.

Pastor Blaufuss said he would message Miranda Anderson regarding decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services.

Pastor Blaufuss informed Council that in the United Church of Christ a pastor’s ministerial standing is held in the association where his or her ministry setting is. This includes holding membership in a local congregation in that association. He said it is his opinion that because he is a designated transitional pastor at St. Paul, that his membership be at a neutral church. He said he has also discussed this with the Conference Minister who agreed with this

opinion. He has decided that it would be best to become a member of St. Peter UCC in Washington, MO. He said this would only be for the transition period. Council expressed their desire that he join St. Paul but felt it was his decision to make. NOTE: After the meeting Council was informed that Pastor Blaufuss had prayerfully reconsidered his previous decision and would be joining St. Paul UCC. He said he truly loves his service at St. Paul and is committed to our congregation.

Pastor Blaufuss said he has continued to work on daily devotionals for Advent and is currently posting them on Facebook. He asked for any Council members that are able to video one of the devotionals.

10. Council reviewed upcoming events.

11. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

12. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Nichols, Secretary

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

All calendar events are tentative, due to Covid. We will post any necessary cancellations on our Facebook page.

February 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00 & 6:00 Scouts	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service w/communion 11:00 Christian Ed Committee Meeting	8 10:00 Book Club	9 6:30 p.m. Church Council	10	11	12	13
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service 11-12:30 Carry Out Dinner	15	16 5:00 Scouts	17 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday services w/communion	18	19 5:00 Scouts	20
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service	22 5:00 Scouts	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service						