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Dear Members of St. Paul UCC,

As we reflect on the past month, I am filled with gratitude for the blessings and achievements we have experienced together as a community. Our annual meeting in March was a wonderful gathering filled with hope and optimism for the future of St. Paul UCC. It was heartening to see the enthusiasm and dedication of our members as we discussed our plans and aspirations for the coming year.

I am delighted to announce that six of our young members have graduated from confirmation, marking an important milestone in their spiritual journey. Their commitment and dedication serve as a source of inspiration for us all, and we look forward to supporting them as they continue to grow in faith.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of the church council who have faithfully served and fulfilled their term. Your hard work, wisdom, and guidance have been invaluable to our congregation, and we are deeply grateful for your dedication to our church family.

At the same time, I am excited to welcome the new council members who will be joining us. Your willingness to step forward and serve our community is commendable, and I have no doubt that your leadership will help us navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

In addition to these updates, I am thrilled to reintroduce a ministry at St. Paul UCC: Samaritan Outreach. This initiative aims to provide essential support to those in need within our community. We have designated a previously unused room on the lower level of the church to house clean clothing and household goods, which will be distributed once a month, free of charge to individuals and families in need.

I am pleased to announce that Maureen will be heading this ministry, and I encourage anyone who is interested in learning more or getting involved to speak with her. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who are struggling, and embody the spirit of compassion and service that lies at the heart of our faith.

As we continue on our journey together, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to love, support, and uplift one another. May God bless each and every one of you abundantly, and may His light guide us as we seek to spread love and kindness in our community and beyond.

Pastor Andy

ST. PAUL UCC YOUTH GROUP

The new youth group, led by Jed and Erica Leeper will have their first meeting April 7 at 11:30 at the church. All high school students are invited to attend. You do not have to be a member of St. Paul to join this group. If you have any questions, you can contact Jed at Jedaleeper@yahoo.com or 503-580-0143.

CONFIRMATION

Six confirmation students were confirmed on March 24th during the 10:15 morning worship service. Students were Katie Boedges, Penny Cramer, Averi Elsenraat, Nathan Menke, Lance Uthlaut and Alivia Witthaus. Thanks to Pastor Andy who taught the students with assistance from Linda Heck and LaNette Kotthoff.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Upcoming Women's Fellowship Meetings:

- Thursday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. Program on Special Olympics held at Hermann High School
- Friday, May 3 at 12:00 National Day of Prayer at the Christian Church
- Thursday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship with Hermann United Methodist ladies. Program on Touch of Hope project, Julie McCollum, speaker.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Fellowship will be held again this summer. Save your items as you do your spring cleaning. Date will be announced soon.

SUMMER HOURS FOR CHURCH SERVICES

From May 19th to August 4th, services at St. Paul will begin at 9:00 a.m.

ANNUAL MEETING

St. Paul UCC Annual meeting was held March 10. President Shawn Mayberry presented the 2023 Council President's Report. He thanked the members of the council, the staff, and the congregation for everything that they do.

Kenny Kunz presented the 2022 budget which was approved.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Those who were elected to the new council for 2024 are: Dawn Grosse, Chantele Watson and Vicki Estes to serve 3-year terms. There is a 1-year term to also fill, and Scott Jacobs will fill that term. These three persons join the continuing members, including Mary Leeper, Maureen Heck, Derek Menke, Craig Schannuth, and Dawn Maune. The officers for 2024 are President Craig Schannuth, Vice President Derek Menke, Secretary Dawn Maune and Treasurer Maureen Heck.

Those whose terms ended in January were Ernst Uthlaut, Krystal Witthaus and Shawn Mayberry.

SUPERBOWL WING DING

This fundraiser was very successful. We sold 1,248 wings! We are planning to do this again in 2025.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET SUNDAY

St. Paul UCC will observe Blanket Sunday on May 12 this year. Special envelopes will be available on the tables. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). God has blessed us with so much, and we have much to share. The congregation can share this love by providing CWS Blankets to those in need. Each blanket can be a vital and powerful resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION EVENTS

- Saturday, April 20 Earth Day Celebration at Camp MoVal (More information soon!)
- Eastern Association Spring Meeting Saturday, April 27 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Christ Evangelical UCC Cape Girardeau, Mo, or Zoom - featuring worship and a discussion on the five Strands that came together to form the UCC.
- Maggie Stiegman (573-619-2184) and Sharen Speckhals 573-220-0965) will be attending. If you wish to ride with either, please contact them.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

The church office would like to have information on all of our graduates since last summer. This includes high school, technical school, nursing school, college and graduate school. This includes the degree or certificate received and the major field it was awarded for, and future employment or plans.

Please call (or e-mail) the church office with that information as soon as possible. This information will be printed in a bulletin May 12.

STUDENT LOANS

Student loan application forms will be mailed in April to 2024 Hermann High graduates and to eligible college students (members of St. Paul Church). If the loans are repaid on schedule following graduation, they are interest-free. It is the responsibility of the loanee to notify the church office if your address has changed.

In addition, past-due letters will also be mailed out to all students soon.

Student loans are made possible by a special fund that was set up a number of years ago, with the interest from these invested funds being made available for student loans. Since that time, smaller estate monies or special memorial gifts have been added to the invested portion of the funds, to enhance the portion that is available to our students.

If you or someone you know would like an application form and did not receive one, please call the church office and we will send one.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The next Christian Education meeting will be May 5th, immediately following the church service. The last Sunday School class for the students will be May 12



AFTER-SCHOOL BEARCATS

After School Bearcats continue meeting on Wednesdays. We will continue to meet until May 8. Students have a healthy snack, read for 20 minutes, and work on homework. They have made bookmarks, an art activity lead by Linda Heck; stamped and made Easter/spring cards and envelopes, an activity lead by Becky Meyer; yoga with Susan Lenger; and music with Ketha Bounds.

Students will learn about the eclipse, work on Mother and Father's Day gifts and finish the school year strong.

Students in the Afterschool Bearcat Program are trying to gather information and postcards from each state in the United States. Friends and family members of St. Paul UCC are encouraged to send post cards from your state to:

Afterschool Bearcats
PO Box 352
Hermann, MO 65041

We will keep you posted on our progress!

We are thankful for the students and volunteers in this ministry!

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, contact Sharen Speckhals 573-220-0965 or Carol Paubel, 636-221-7108.

LIT n' LATTE BOOK CLUB

Our book club is continuing to meet at Miss Clara's on the second Monday of every month. We meet at 10:00 for discussion and then enjoy lunch and fellowship together.

If you enjoy reading and sharing your thoughts and feelings about books (or just listening to the discussion) we encourage you to join the group.

Here is a list of book selections through June.

Apr 8	<i>The Giver of Stars</i> , Moyes
May 13	<i>Behold the Dreamers</i> , MBUE
June 10	<i>Redeeming Love</i> , Rivers

We have many different churches and walks of life represented and all are welcome! If you have any interest or questions about the book club, call or text Nancy Kirchhofer at 573-291-1126.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Liturgists are needed to assist with worship services. Please contact the church office if you are able to help in any way. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

9:00 FELLOWSHIP HOUR Carol Paubel is doing a great job of this! Please give her a hand – sign up to bring “goodies” or help with coffee. Signup sheet in back of the church.

PASTOR/PARISH COMMITTEE

The Pastor/Parish Committee is a standing committee of St. Paul. The purpose of the committee is to support a healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation to enhance the effectiveness of the church's ministry. The committee serves in two primary ways:

- As an advisory group to the pastor: sharing ideas, dreams, expectations, and concerns of the congregation with the pastor.
- As a support group for the pastor's leadership: interpreting roles, functions, boundaries, opportunities and needs of the pastor to the congregation.

If you feel the need to voice a concern on any topic, please follow St. Paul's policy by speaking with a member of the committee. We all have a right to our opinions but we need to think about our actions and the potential consequences they might create. Open, honest discussion will help resolve issues as they might arise.

Current members of the committee are: Sharen Speckhals, Mike Grosse, Scott Jacob and Maureen Heck.

MISSION CUP

The mission cup in April will benefit the Hermann Special Olympics. There are 17 school districts in attendance with nearly 1,200 athletes and volunteers. Those districts, athletes, and volunteers travel near and far to join us on this day. Athletes from Steelville are in attendance, Bowling Green, Mexico, New Haven, Montgomery, Owensville, Wellsville, and New Bloomfield; just to name a few.

In addition to the regulation track events, each athlete and volunteer receives a t-shirt as well as food and drink for free all day. We believe that this day is about celebrating the accomplishments of our special athletes and all of their abilities; not their disabilities. We want them all to enjoy the day and remove barriers or worries about the cost of food, drink, and other incidentals. The t-shirt is simply a way to commemorate this very special occasion.

This event would not be possible without the generous donations and support from different civic organizations, businesses, and community members. All donations can be made to Gasconade County R-I Special Olympics.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Sunday School students and After-School Bearcat students decorated paper bags for our Lenten Food drive. Over 33 bags of food and miscellaneous items were collected.

VILLAGE MARKET CASH SAVER RECEIPTS

Please save your receipts from Village Market Cash Saver and place them in the boxes on the tables. The church receives a 1% rebate for them. All of your receipts really add up.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

“**Box Tops for Education**” has gone digital, making it easier to donate to our schools using your smart phone! No more cutting up boxes or peeling off labels.

Steps: 1. Download the Box Tops App to your phone, 2. Choose Gasconade R-1 Schools as recipient, 3. Scan your receipt with the App. The Box Top App will identify products that are eligible. If you order online, the Box Top App will direct you on how to scan the digital receipt. *Be sure to scan receipts within 14 days of purchase.* If you don't have a smart phone, you can give your receipts to any member who does!

FOOD PANTRY

St. Paul UCC members are asked to bring food items for the community food pantry and place them near the church office. Requests for April are breakfast foods, crackers and peanut butter. Requests for May are canned meats, pasta and dried staples. Monetary gifts are always welcome.

CHURCH VAN

Please call the church office 486-5525 if you would like the church van to pick you up for worship service at St Paul. This service is free.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

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

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Girl Scout Troop 30657 has constructed a Little Free Pantry, as a project toward earning the Girl Scout Silver Award. It is located in front of the Hermann United Methodist Church on Hwy. 100 West, and needs: canned food, personal care items, kid-friendly snacks, and non-perishables. Donation boxes are located in the grocery stores and in the narthex and front entrances of St. Paul UCC. Please donate and help everyone out. Good job girls!

TOUCH OF HOPE PROJECT

The Women's Fellowship is assisting the "Touch of Hope" project. This group distributes purses or shoe bags to women, men and children for various reasons such as domestic violence or homelessness, primarily in the state of Missouri. They fill the bags with personal care items to make them feel supported, such as new/gently used purses, new hygiene products such as tampons, pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, disposable razors, combs, brushes, lotion, first aid supplies, etc. There is a collection box near the church office. On it is a list of items requested. Information about this project is posted outside the church office.

ACTIVITY BAGS FOR CHILDREN

We have put together church bags with crayons, color pages and plain paper for children to enjoy during the service. They are on the tables as you come into the sanctuary. Please take any papers with you after the service and replace the bags on the tables so we can refill them during the week. If you have suggestions for other things to include, please let the office know.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please keep the church office updated on any changes to your phone number, e-mail or address. It is often difficult for us to contact you because you have changed your phone number. You can call or e-mail the church office at churchoffice@hermannucc.com.

MAIL LIST

Please notify the church office if your loved ones are in a long-term care facility, including the location, and if they are home bound or if they have moved, to ensure they receive member mailings and cards from the church.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open 9-noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; and other dates/times by appointment or by chance.

If you need to contact the church, please email churchoffice@hermannucc.com or call 573-486-5525; messages will be returned by the next business day. If you have an issue that needs immediate attention, you may call Pastor Andy at 618-578-2772.

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.

SCAM

Beware! If you receive a text, email or telephone call from Pastor Andy requesting gift cards, **this is a scam**. Pastor Andy will never contact you directly with a request for gift cards. This scam reappears frequently throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

NEWSLETTER MAILING

If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, send an e-mail to churchoffice@hermannucc.com with your name and indicate that you want to receive the newsletter by e-mail. If your email address changes, please keep the church office updated.

BAPTISM

James Hynes was baptized February 28, 2024.

Kinslee Leitzow baptized March 17. She is the daughter of Austin Lietzow and Ashlee Kiderlen. Her godparents are Krystal and Jesse Witthaus.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Doug and Carol Graue on the health of Carol's Aunt Rose Marie Faes on March 24, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Our sympathy to the family of June Faerber who passed away March 31. She is survived by two daughters, Susan Faerber, Nancy Faerber & special friend Lance Carlson, a son, John Faerber & special friend Sherry Ruediger, of Hermann, two grandsons, five great grandchildren, and many nieces & nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert, two sisters, Ruth Bickmeyer and Shirley Moeckli and a brother, Lloyd Moeckli.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 5th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Toedtmann & Grosse Funeral Home, Hermann. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, Hermann, Missouri, with Rev. Andy Wilson officiating. Burial will be at St. George Cemetery, Hermann. Memorials may be given to Hermann Hospital or St. George School.

PRAYER REQUESTS Elizabeth Klemme, Lyndon Ruediger, Donna Erfling, Mary Korman, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Sharon Elliott, Marilyn Buchholz, Mary Fritz, Robert Buesking, Moe Peters, Gary Grannemann, Joe Claus, Megan Daniels, Taylor Sanders, Glen Holtgrewe, Janet Mueller, Stanley Meyer, Shawn Davis, Tim Randles, Jane Mueller, Richard Fennesey, Christine Gleeson, Jeanne Hoffman, Jan Dial, Pat Watson, Nancy Kirchhofer, Joe Hart, Ketha Bounds, K.C. VonBehren, Carl Bounds, Nancy Wright, Jim Elliott, Rhonda Nauman, Brenda Todd, Betty Held, Dan Wendleton, staff and residents of area hospitals and care centers.

If anyone knows of names of people on the prayer list who have recovered from their health issues, please let the church office know so we can remove their names. Of course, we will continue to pray for those who still need our prayers.

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.

FRENE VALLEY OF HERMANN STONEBRIDGE

Janet Mueller

VICTORIAN PLACE (2120 Village Lane)

JoAnn Lenger, 573-282-0923

Gladys Schulte, Rm. 24

EASTER MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund

In memory of Edmund Bickmeyer and

Mark Bickmeyer

Eleanor Bickmeyer

In memory of Leon James Held and

James Richard Held

Betty Ann Held

In memory of William Tilly and Brian Tilly

Shirley Tilly & Family

In memory of Don Witthaus,

Edmund Bickmeyer and Mark Bickmeyer

Scott & Diane Witthaus & Family

In memory of Jenna Lenger,

Lee & Anna Mae Lenger,

and Dave Huxel

Steve & Susan Lenger

In memory of George & Opal Rethemeyer and Francis & Henrietta Schneider

Tom & Marilyn Rethemeyer

In memory of their parents and brothers

Don and Anne Althaus

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Graves,

Dr. & Mrs. M.P. Leech & Larry Leech

Mark & Sharon Leech

Music Department

In memory of their parents

Terry and Marilyn Loehnig

Floral Gifts

In memory of Betty Reinhardt

Darrell, Mike, Charlotte, Bob & Lisa

ENDOWMENT FUND

There is a copy of the endowment policy on the back table. You may 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.

BENEVOLENCES INCOME

March 2024 Benevolences

	AMOUNT DONATED	AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED
Non-Budgeted Benevolence		
Hermann Food Pantry	151.15	151.15
Emmaus Homes	86.00	86.00
Samaritan Outreach	407.00	407.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	130.00	0.00
Riverbluff Industries	79.00	0.00
Backstoppers	<u>193.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	1,046.15	644.15

WORSHIP SERVICE

2/4	2/11	2/14	2/18	2/25	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/29	3/31
95	102	63	81	81	91	105	127	138	48	202

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (*N/R – not reported)

	Nursery	K-4	5-8	Confirmation	Adult	Staff	Total
2/4	4	5	2	5	12	1	29
2/11	4	8	4	5	13	1	45
2/18	3	4	1	6	15	1	30
2/25	3	4	1	6	15	1	30
3/3	3	5	3	6	16	1	34
3/10	2	7	3	6	13	1	32
3/17	2	2	2	6	13	1	26
3/24	3	5	3	6	12	1	30
3/31	3	4	2	Class Completed	Did not meet	1	10

DID YOU KNOW?

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 RMDs (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.

If you have questions, you may contact Kenny Kunz, Finance/Budget Committee Chairman. For more information, a call to your tax advisor or financial institution is advised.

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.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st136101>

There are links on St.PaulUCCHermannMissouri Facebook page and on our website www.hermannucc.com. **Currently there are two 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.**

There are instructions printed in the front and back of church for this process. If you have any questions about how to make a donation, please call the church office.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



The following members of our church family will be celebrating their golden anniversaries in April and May: Melvin & Shirley Jacob will celebrate their 60th anniversary on April 4. Ervin & Jane Rehmert will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on April 8. Ken & Betty Oelschlaeger will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on April 29. Ron & Jeannie Fredrick will celebrate their 62nd anniversary on May 12. John & Nancy Bartel will celebrate their 72nd anniversary on May 18.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

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| 4 – Melvin & Shirley Jacob | 12 – Dan & April Wilson |
| 8 – Erwin & Jane Rehmert | 29 – Don & Lois Kruse,
Kenneth & Betty Oelschlaeger |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 3 – Mark & Mary Goth, Richard & Ellen Schaumberg, John & Shelly Abbott,
Steve & Kelly Hanger
- 6 – Shane & Jenna Schaefer, Mike & Donna Struttman
- 7 – Martin & Kim Crowe
- 9 – Eric & Susan Nichols
- 12 – Ronald & Jeannie Fredrick
- 13 – Don & Aimee Viehmann

- 14 – Mark & Margaret Stiegman
- 18 – John & Nancy Bartel
- 23 – Mike & Gigi Mueller
- 26 – Jesse & Ashley Nickles, Robert & Lisa Winkelmann
- 28 – Cody & Ashten Huff

BIRTHDAYS

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

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| 1-Brian Grannemann | 17-Jill Jacob, Madalynn Wolk,
Brooke Witthaus |
| 3-Sharon Leech | 18-Josie Erfling |
| 8-Merlin Cramer, Trent Anderson | 19-Jayson Hollrah, Spencer Puchta |
| 10-Erich Loehnig | 20-Joshua Foust |
| 11-Holly Heldt | 21-Dianne Kottwitz |
| 12-Amelia Uthlaut | 22-April Wilson |
| 14-Travis Schulte | 24-Rachel Hunley |
| 15- Ashley Rethemeyer, Jeffrey Schaefer | 25-Lisa Heying |
| 16-Terry Loehnig, Diane Witthaus | 30-Martin Crowe,
Ralph Grannemann Jr. |

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

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| 2-Shelby (Ruediger) Gradel | 15-Carol Kunz |
| 5-Linda Blackwood, Nathan Oncken, Ercia
Leeper | 16-Nichole Landolt |
| 6-Mark Leech | 19-Maureen Heck, Ashten Huff,
Elizabeth Kelsey |
| 7- Julaine Cabot, Chelten Hasty,
Marjorie Greene | 20-Bill Rogers |
| 8-Joe Hart | 23-Garrett Jacob |
| 9-Melvin Jacob, John Koch | 24-Stephen Nauman |
| 11-Billy Cramer, Janet Murphy | 26-Theresa Isaak |
| 12-Doug Smith | 27-Ashlee Kiderlen, Dawn Maune |
| 14-Amanda Schaefer | 30-Kyle Crowe, Jeremy Schluss |
| | 31-Elaine Lalk |

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with landscaping.

Thanks to Maureen Heck for painting rooms in the Sunday School area.

Thanks to LaNette Kotthoff for changing out flowers in the church

Thanks to everyone who helped to record and display the liturgy on the projection system.

Thanks to Averi Elsenraat, Susan Lenger, Matt Wesselschmidt, Steve Lenger, Katie Boedges, Derek Menke, Ken Kunz, and Dawn Maune for serving as liturgists.

Thank you to MaryLeeper and Elaine Lalk for helping with office work recently.

Thank you to everyone who provides music every Sunday, including LaNette Kotthoff, Margie Greene, Lois Kruse, Becky Mayberry, Craig Schannuth, Dawn Maune,

Keely Uthlaut, Colter Scheible, Jim Oncken, the Handbell Ensemble, the Senior Choir, and Sunday School Students.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to Dale Maune, Ernst & Keely Uthlaut and family, Jeff and Ellen Scheible, Merlin and JoAnn Cramer, and Robert and Diane Kottwitz for helping with the Easter Breakfast.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Members of St. Paul UCC,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$100 to the Hermann Community Food Pantry. Your generosity and thoughtfulness mean more than you know.

Not only does your gift go directly to those in need, but it helps us to continue our mission to help the under-served in our area. We appreciate your continued support!

The Hermann Community Food Pantry

Dear St. Paul United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$86.00. We deeply appreciate your partnership and support. For 130 years, Emmaus has supported adults with developmental disabilities in the greater St. Louis region. With your gift, we can continue to provide high-quality services for the people we serve, empowering them to thrive.

On again, thank you for your compassion and dedication to our mission.

With Gratitude,

Lisa Key, Chief Development Officer.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – January 16, 2024

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Krystal Witthaus (via Zoom), Secretary, Maureen Heck (via Zoom), Treasurer, Shawn Mayberry (via Zoom), President, Dawn Maune, Craig Schannuth, Mary Leeper (via Zoom). Non-council members present: Nathan Menke and Alivia Witthaus; both confirmands.

1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments from Council or members of the congregation. No comments were discussed.
3. The January agenda was approved as Craig Schannuth made the motion to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Maureen Heck. The motion carried.
4. The December minutes were approved as Mary Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes; Craig Schannuth seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed. Maureen Heck mentioned that the organ testing payment should have come out of the Organ Fund. She will speak to the office about this.
6. The council reviewed the payments for the month.
7. Old Business
 - A. Paint eaves: There is nothing new to report at this time.
 - B. Railing: Tom Rethemeyer has taken measurements.
 - C. New roof for parsonage: There is nothing new to report at this time.
 - D. Projector: This seems to be resolved.

- E. 2024 Council members: There have been two members identify interest. We are still in need of two others, with one serving a one year term. There was also discussion of the possibility of Junior Council Members.
 - F. Time & Talent Sheets: we have received a few, but are still in need of many more. It was suggested that these be put in the bulletins.
8. New Business
- A. Mission Bucket for February: Food Pantry
 - B. Pastor's Report: Pastor Andy shared the events of last month as well as upcoming events. He will be on vacation from January 20th – 28th. For the first time ever, there will be a Super Bowl Wing Ding Fundraiser. Dale Maune will be making chicken wings at the VFW for carry out. Confirmation continues to go well. Two confirmands were present for this meeting. Pastor Andy identified new goals for the year of 2024, and will discuss these at the Annual Meeting.
 - C. Ushers: Craig Schannuth has found Ushers for the month of February.
 - D. Lenten Food Drive: Dawn Maune will be putting paper bags and information together to give to Sunday school classes and potentially After School Bearcats.
 - E. Confirmation: Discussion was had on the significance of robes; thus, council is interested in the stoles versus purchasing robes. Pastor Andy will identify possible gifts and let the council know of the options.
 - F. Suggestion for the 2024 Budget: Derek Menke has a suggestion to have Sunday School as a budgeted line item. There will be further discussion with the budget committee.
 - G. Lunch, January 28th: Dale Maune will be making soup for lunch after service. Council members will provide deserts. A free will offering will be collected and donated to the Food Pantry.
9. Council reviewed upcoming events:
- Wednesday, January 17: After School Bearcats
 - Friday & Saturday, January 19 & 20: Scouts overnight lock-in
 - Sunday January 21: 8:00 Adult Sunday school; 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 9:00 Confirmation/Sunday School; 10:15 Worship Service
 - January 20-29: Pastor on vacation
 - Sunday, January 21: Rev. Sandy Boehlein to preach
 - Sunday, January 28: Rev. Gilford Bisjak to preach
 - Ministerial coverage: Rev. Dawn Gerard, UMC pastor
 - Saturday, February 3: 8:00 Men's Club
 - Sunday, February 4: 7: 8:00 Adult Sunday school; 9:00 Confirmation & Sunday School 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15 Worship services w/communion
 - Monday, February 19, 2024: 7:00 Council meeting
 - Tentative Scout meetings: January 15, February 6, 13, 15, 20
 - Quilters 8:00 1/16/24
10. There being no further business, Craig Schannuth made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mary Leeper seconded the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
11. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – February 19, 2024

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary, Maureen Heck, Treasurer, Shawn Mayberry, President, Dawn Maune, Craig Schannuth, and Derek Menke. Non-council members present: Penny Cramer, Katie Boedges, and Averi Elsenraat; all confirmands.

1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments from Council or members of the congregation. Kenny Kunz was present to discuss the proposed budget for 2024. He mentioned that some of the increases in the budget have come from utilities, postage and insurance. He shared that we fell \$12,000 under budget from last year; however, are still \$16,000 short on income. He shared that the finance committee is recommending that Keely Uthlaut be present with office staff to discuss accounting procedures. Maureen Heck made a motion to approve the proposed budget as submitted. Craig Schannuth seconded the motion; the motion carried.
3. The February agenda was approved as Craig Schannuth made the motion to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Maureen Heck. The motion carried.
4. The January minutes were approved as Maureen Heck made a motion to approve the minutes; Dawn Maune seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed.
6. The council reviewed the payments for the month.
7. Review of Annual meeting Agenda and Financial Reports: Maureen Heck made a motion to not approve the agenda until the corrections have been made and then emailed to council members for approval. Krystal Witthaus seconded the motion; the motion carried. Maureen Heck made a motion to authorize Keely Uthlaut to work with office staff to clarify accounting and the financial situation printed in the reports; prior to the annual meeting, if possible. Craig Schannuth seconded the motion; the motion carried.
8. Old Business
 - A. Paint eaves: The equipment is hoped to be here by the end of March or early April.
 - B. Railing: Nothing new to report.
 - C. 2024 Council members: 4 members of the congregation have indicated that they would be willing to join council.
 - D. Time & Talent Sheets: These have been organized. Chairpersons will be identified and notified.
9. New Business
 - A. Mission Bucket for February: Back Stoppers
 - B. Pastor's Report: Pastor Andy shared the events of last month as well as upcoming events. He reports that the Mardi Gras Sunday pancake breakfast went well. It seems that the Super Bowl Wing Ding Fundraiser went over well also and will be something that is continued. There were 64 in attendance for Ash Wednesday and the last time that there was a number close to that was in 2013, with 67 in attendance. Confirmation class continues to go well and will take place on 3/24/24. Three confirmands were present for this meeting. Pastor suggested council consider a software program to provide additional support and resources for services. Maureen Heck made a motion to purchase the recommended software at \$650, to come out of the general fund and then

to also make a line item in the budget for Worship. Dawn Maune seconded the motion; the motion carried.

- C. Confirmation: Will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024
10. Council reviewed upcoming events:
- A. Sunday February 25: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 9:00 Confirmation/Sunday School; 10:15 Worship Service w/Bell Choir
 - B. Saturday, March 3: 8:00 Men's Breakfast
 - C. Sunday, March 4: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 9:00 Confirmation/Sunday School; 10:15 Worship Service w/Communion
 - D. Sunday, March 11: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 9:00 Confirmation/Sunday School; 10:15 Worship Service followed by Annual Meeting
 - E. Sunday, March 24: 7: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Confirmation & Sunday School
 - a. 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15 Worship services w/Confirmation
 - F. Monday, March 18: 7:00 Council meeting
 - G. Friday, March 29: 7:30 Good Friday service
 - H. Sunday, March 31:6:30 Sunrise service; 8:00 Easter Breakfast; 10:15 Easter Worship Service
- Tentative Scout meetings: February 20, February 24 Pinewood Derby, March 5, 12, 19
Quilters 8:00 2/18
11. There being no further business, Maureen Heck made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Craig Schannuth seconded the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
12. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – Addendum, February 27, 2024

There was a motion to accept the changes to the Annual Report, by Maureen Heck. This motion was seconded by Dawn Maune and all members approved the motion; the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary

April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 Scouts	3 3:30 After School Bearcats	4	5	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast
7 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Sunday School; Fellowship Hour; 10:15 Worship Service w/communion	8	9 6:30 Scouts	10 3:30 After School Bearcats 6:00 Choir	11 1:00 Women's Fellowship	12	13 Bridal Shower in Fellowship Hall
14 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Sunday School; Fellowship Hour; 10:15 Worship Service w/installation of officers	15 7:00 Church Council	16 8:00 Quilters 7:00 Scouts	17 3:30 After School Bearcats 6:00 Choir	18	19	20
21 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Sunday School; Fellowship Hour 10:15 Worship Service	22	23	24 3:30 After School Bearcats 6:00 Choir	25	26	27 10-1 Eastern Assn. Zoom meeting
28 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Sunday School; Fellowship Hour 10:15 Worship Service	29	30				

May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:30 After School Bearcats 6:00 Choir	2	3 12:00 Women's Fellowship, National Day of Prayer at Christian Church	4 8:00 Men's Breakfast
5 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Sunday School; Fellowship Hour 10:15 Worship Service; 11:15 Christian Ed. Meeting	6	7 7:00 Scouts	8 3:30 After School Bearcats 6:00 Choir	9	10	11
12 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Sunday School; Fellowship Hour 10:15 Worship Service; Christian Ed Sunday; Recognition of Seniors	13	14 6:30 Scouts	15 3:30 After School Bearcats 6:00 Choir	16 7:00 Scouts	17	18
19 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Fellowship Hour 9:00 Worship Service	20 7:00 Church Council	21 7:00 Scouts	22 6:00 Choir	23	24	25
26 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Fellowship Hour 9:00 Worship Service Recognition of deceased veterans	27	28	29	30	31	