



FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

Hilltop Herald

FROM THE PASTOR:

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21

Greetings Church Family!

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. As you may know, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the forty-day countdown (minus Sundays) to Easter. During these forty days, Christians are encouraged to take up a spiritual discipline such as prayer, fasting, and alms giving (see. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 for Scriptural support of these disciplines).

In the Christian church, we all look forward to Easter celebrations. We cannot wait to join the choruses of joy with all the generations that stood before us as we encounter the risen Christ who is victorious over sin and death. However, most of us are not overjoyed about the call for increased spiritual discipline during the season leading up to Easter. Why should I fast from things that I enjoy? Who has time for more prayer and devotion throughout our already busy day?

The reason that we find Lent to be such a burden, is because we make it about having to surrender something. It's forty days of either not getting to do something I want to do, or being forced to do things I may not immediately enjoy. However, I propose that this is precisely why we need Lent. Lent is an opportunity for us to force ourselves to slow down and reflect upon our behaviors and attitudes toward God and our neighbors. In other words, it's a time where we can decide where our hearts truly are, and what we treasure.

Lent is not a season for us to quit eating fast food so we can lose the extra winter weight we packed on during Christmas. Lent is not a forty-day self-help program directed to build healthy habits through exercise and dieting. Lent is not the time to revisit lost and long forgotten New Year's resolutions. Lent is our intentional journey with Jesus to Jerusalem – to the cross. And make no mistake, we cannot truly understand the joy of Easter without first coming to the cross.

So, I encourage you to embrace this season of spiritual discipline and reflection as a way to prepare for Easter. Honestly, it really doesn't take much extra time in the week to pick up a new spiritual practice. Maybe you can pick up a free online daily devotional to do in the morning. Or perhaps you may join our Sunday morning Bible study to wrestle with God's Word in a group setting. Or you may prefer to commit to going on a daily walk where you can connect with God through nature. Of course, there will be opportunities for communal worship during Lent such as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In short, there will be plenty of ways for you to make this Lenten season fruitful in your Easter preparations.

Well, that is all I have for now – until next time my friends, be blessed. As always, keep our church in your prayers. If you find you are in need of support, please reach out to me. Always serve God with joy and praise; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; support the weak; and help the afflicted. And let's pray that Punxsutawney Phil doesn't see his shadow on February 2nd!

Peace & Blessings,
Pastor Andy

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY, MARCH 27

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. **Suggested offering date: March 19, 2023.**

Envelopes are included with the newsletter.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who donated for the blood drive in December. Thirty-two units were collected, with a potential of 96 lives saved. Thank you!!

MISSION CUP

The Mission cup for February benefits the UCC fund "Strengthen The Church." The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations in the UCC community.

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 February are sugar, shortening, and margarine. Requests for March are jelly, flour and soups. Monetary gifts are always welcome.

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.

The committee met on November 13th and will have the next scheduled meeting on February 12th.

Members of the current Committee are: Sharen Speckhals, Mike Grosse, Scott Jacob and Maureen Heck.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held March 12, 2023, immediately following the worship service. If you would like to have an article included in the booklet about your group or committee, please send it to the church office by February 20.

ANNUAL STATEMENTS MAILED

The annual statements of giving for 2022 were mailed the week of January 22. 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, 2022. 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.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of church offering envelopes for 2023 are on the table in back of church. Your numbers are the same as last year. If you are not using offering envelopes at the present time but would like to receive a box, please let the office know.

Please contact the office if you would like a Sunday School box of envelopes. Your number for the Sunday School envelopes will **NOT** be the same as last year. A new number will be assigned.

NEWS FROM THE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

After a six-week hiatus, the handbell choir is resuming rehearsals every Wednesday at 4 p.m. The ringers are anxious to get back to making music in preparation for playing on the fourth Sunday of every month from February through May.

I am happy to report that during her recovery, Ruth continues to be involved with the bell choir by helping with the selection of music and attending as many rehearsals as possible to give us guidance and to critique our playing. Now, we're counting the days until she'll be back ringing with us full time.

In the coming months, the choir plans to play some of their favorite numbers from years past. In February, we will feature some traditional, old-time hymns.

Nancy Fagerness, Ringer

CHOIR NEWS

The senior choir and Sextet have resumed practice after a brief break and are busy preparing for the upcoming Lent, Easter and Spring season.

The sextet along with instrumentalists from the high school band, Sunday School department and Rev. Andy, are preparing for a special service on February 19th celebrating Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday with Gospel music.

The choir invites anyone who enjoys singing to join them in song and fellowship. They practice on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the choir loft.

“Sing Unto the Lord a New Song; Sing to the Lord, All the Earth. Sing to the Lord, Praise His Name!”

LaNette Kotthoff

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.

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.

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. Also, help is needed to assist with videotaping services.

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.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, February 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be a slide show and presentation about Afterschool Bearcats. Linda Heck has prepared a slide show along with several of our members who are volunteers will speak about the routine/procedures used in the program. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, March 9 to play Bingo. Details to follow in bulletin and at February meeting.

Please join us!

Sharen Speckhals, President

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. Call Nancy Kirchofer at 486-2943 if you are interested. All are welcome.

In February we will discuss "*The Island of Sea Women*" written by Lisa See.

Our March book will be "*The Salt Path*" written by Raynor Winn.

April 10th "*The Alice Network*" by Kate Quinn;

May 8th "*Ordinary Grace*" by Kent Krueger.

Nancy

SNOW CANCELLATIONS

In case snow and ice would make it necessary to cancel worship service on a Sunday morning, check Fox 2 News, KRCG 13, and KPLR. A message will be scrolled across the bottom of their broadcast along with whatever other cancellations they may have. So, if you are wondering about worship service, please check there.

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.

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.

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.

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. All of your receipts really add up. In 2022, we received **\$641.95!**

SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS

There is a box located on the table next to the church office for box tops which are being collected by the Hermann schools as a fundraiser. This includes the little red box top label from General Mills, Kleenex, Betty Crocker, Nestle, Green Giant, Cottonelle, Ziploc and various other brand products. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ to our school. For more information, go to boxtops4education.com.

Campbells is no longer accepting labels for education. Box Tops and Best Choice continue to benefit schools and are collected in a box on the table outside the church office .

BENEVOLENCES INCOME

As of January 29, the following organizations have received directed benevolences:

Benevolence	Amount Donated
Touch of Hope	88.88
Camp MoVal	35.00
Total	123.93

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
JoAnn Lenger 573-282-0923
Gladys Schulte, Rm. 24

FRENE VALLEY OF HERMANN STONEBRIDGE

Delores Smith, AndyAnderson

HOME BOUND

Carol (Grannemann) Collins, 31467 State, Hwy. Y, Jonesburg, MO 636-488-3166

Delores Huxol, 524 West 8th St., Hermann 486-2455

Darrell Reinhardt, 30091 State Hwy. 94, Hermann 486-2469

June Faerber, 411 Stark Blvd., Hermann. 486-3684

Geneva Brink, 149 Black Oak, Hermann, 486-2187

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Angie Scheidegger, Elizabeth Klemme, Lyndon Ruediger, Carol Collins, Rose Faes, Donna Erling, Mary Korman, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Sharon Elliott, Marilyn Buchholz, Mary Fritz, Robert Buesking, Moe Peters, Jayme Lewallen, Gary Grannemann, Joe Claus, Megan Daniels, Julie Konys, Renata Ellis, Bev McKee, Yoko Rupp, Mike Groteweil, Tom Goff, Taylor Sanders, Glen Holtgrewe, Ruth Hulsey, Pat Watson, Andy Anderson, Jane Mueller, Stanley Meyer, Dan & Connie Wendleton & Family, Ed Meyer, Harvey Cramer, Geneva Brink, Angela Sherrow and the staff and residents of area hospitals and care centers.

WORSHIP SERVICE

12/4	12/11	12/18	12/24	12/25	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
76	102	98	148	74	53	88	72	84	66

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	K-4	5-8	Adult	Staff	Total
12/4	2	4	3	0	1	10
12/11	3	0	0	8	1	12
12/18	3	2	3	10	1	19
1/8	2	3	4	12	1	22
1/15	3	2	4	10	1	20
1/22	4	2	4	8	1	19
1/29	1	3	4	9	1	18

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.

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.** If you have any questions about how to make a donation, please call the church office.

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.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Eugene Johnston who passed away recently, especially his wife Nancy and family.

MEMORIALS

Current Fund

In memory of Georgia Jordan
In memory of Jim Buchholz
In memory of Betty Reinhardt

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Current Fund

In memory of Edmund and Mark Bickmeyer
Eleanor Bickmeyer
In memory of Edmund Bickmeyer, Mark Bickmeyer and Don Witthaus
Scott & Diane Witthaus
In memory of Eric Hampton
Barb Schutt and Family
In memory of Patricia Anderson
Andy Anderson and Family
In memory of Harvey Lalk
Elaine Lalk
In memory of Erwin & Ethel Mochel
Rodney & Lois Mochel
In memory of Ben & Thelma Kattelman
Rodney & Lois Mochel
In memory of William and Brian Tilly
Shirley Tilly & Family

Christmas Floral Gifts

In memory of James Hoemann and their parents
Sharen Speckhals & Family
In memory of Rueben Peters and Mr. & Mrs. Otto Peters
Friedia Peters
In honor of the Baptism of Olivia and Max Leeper
Mary Leeper
In memory of Patricia Anderson
Andy Anderson
In memory of Wiff Kotthoff and LaVerne Wagner
LaNette Kotthoff

Bell Choir

In memory of their parents
Terry & Marilyn Loehnig

Choir

In memory of their parents
Terry & Marilyn Loehnig

BAPTISMS

Olivia Jo Leeper and Max Alan Leeper were baptized December 25, 2022. Their parents are Jed and Erica Leeper; and godparents are Tara and Dustin Zaugg.

Cyd Marie Erich was baptized December 27, 2022. She is the daughter of Maynard and Patricia Anderson.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES



ANNIVERSARIES

The following members of our church family will be celebrating their anniversaries in February. Ken & Jane Meyer will celebrate their 59th anniversary on February 8; and Wayne & Doris Grannemann will celebrate their 56th anniversary on February 17.

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

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

4-Mike & Julie Ruediger
14-Dave & Nancy Fagerness
18-Dale & Dawn Maune

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
4- Tara Stephan	19 - Ed Knehans
5 - Betty Held	21 - Debra Brethorst
6 - Maranda Anderson, Eleanor Bickmeyer, Linda Heck	23 - Ashley Schaefer, Larry Schulte
8 - Allison Boedges	24 - Tara Stephen, Keely Uthlaut
9 - Sharon Hoerstkamp	26 - Alex Smith
10 - Alex Gleeson, Mike Koepke	27 - Brad Hart, Rhonda Scheible
11 - Mason Scheible	

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

3 - Wayne Rupp; Brady Grosse	19 - Megan Pohlmann
4 - Ben Berkemeyer	24 - Nathan Eikermann, Robert Kottwitz, Angela Sherrow

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| 6 - Cathy Foust, Nancy Kirchhofer,
LaNette Kotthoff | 25 - Shane Graue |
| 8 - Mary Goth, Marilyn Loehnig | 26 - Dalton Bickmeyer, Kurt Bickmeyer |
| 9 - Carol Graue | 27 - Frank Struttman III |
| 11 - Chad Struttman | 28 - Korinna Bickmeyer |
| 13 - Duane Kraettli | 29 - Sheri Schneider, Adlee Witthaus |
| 15 - Melissa Eikermann, Shelby Schutt, Forrest
Koeller | 30 - Lindsey Peterson |
| 18 - Tyler Groteweil, Katlyn Rector | 31 - Dan Bohl |

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with landscaping.

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

Thanks to Barb Schutt, Sharen Speckhals, Susan Lenger, Mary Leeper, Nancy Kirchhofer, Kristan Wilson, Steve Lenger and Dawn Maune for serving as liturgists.

Thank you to the Todd Anderson Family, the Jim Boedges Family, the Scott Jacob Family, and the Darren Schutt Family for reading and lighting the Advent candles.

Thank you to everyone who helped put up the Christmas tree and for taking it down later.

Thank you to Carol Paubel and Sharen Speckhals and others for recording the services.

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

Thank you to everyone who provides music every Sunday, including Ruth Hulsey, LaNette Kotthoff, Margie Greene & Jonelle Loehnig, the Handbell Ensemble, the Senior Choir, and the Sextet Singers.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you,

Andy Anderson would like to thank everyone for their Christmas cards, visits, thoughts and prayers.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A big thank you to all, for the prayers, cards, well wishes, and of course the prayer blanket that I received during my illness and hospitalization. I have now sufficiently recovered from the surgery and am undergoing further chemo to assure that all the cancer cells have been eliminated.

Thank you so much!!

Ruth Hulsey

St. Paul UCC,

On Sunday afternoon the front door bell rang and there stood this nice lady (Ellen) with a hand-made card and a tray full of homemade cookies. I ate 2 real fast and told myself I could eat 2 later. Just wanted to say thank you to all who had a part in this.

Thanks again and Happy Holidays

Moe Peters

Hello Emmaus Friends

Emmaus Homes has always turned to our faith community for help, and today is no exception. I want to sincerely thank you for your gift of \$88.00. Emmaus depends on the continued support of donors like you, especially our faith-filled friends. We truly hope that the congregation at St. Paul United Church of Christ is thriving. Thank you again for sharing your blessings with the people of Emmaus.

Thank you

Lisa Key, Chief Development Officer

St. Paul UCC,

Thank you for your donation to Community Christmas and to the Backpack Program. We truly are blessed by your congregation to support our local efforts in the Hermann Community. We thank each of you for your continual support and want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Dawn Grosse

Dear Friends

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Eden Theological Seminary, thank you for your gift of \$200 on 12/13/22 in support of the annual fund, in honor of Andy Wilson. Your support helps form leaders with a broad understanding of God and equips them to put into action the congregational and community ministries so vital for the church.

Thank you for being a part of the Eden story that trusts in Emmanuel, God-with-us.

In gratitude

Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Vice President for Advancement.

Dear St. Paul United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,516 for the Hermann Food Pantry. The Community Foundation of the Ozarks, along with our regional affiliate foundations, is committed to enhancing the quality of life of our region and we are very grateful for the confidence you have shown by entrusting your gift to us.

Sincerely,

Brian Fogle, President & CEO, Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Dear St. Paul UCC,

Thank you for supporting Every Child's Hope this Christmas season with your donation of \$209.50. Your donation is truly appreciated.

The holiday season can be a difficult time of the year for the young people in our care, as well as for their families. It is through your support, though, that ECH is able to help these children experience joy, love and support during the season. Together, we are able to help them discover the hope and strength needed to build a better life for themselves.

Sincerely,

Michael Brennen, CEO

Dear St. Paul UCC,

Thank you for your continued support (\$65.00) of Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses). Words cannot express our gratitude for your generosity. Because of you, UP remains committed to supporting our children and families. Thank you for helping Unleashing Potential enrich, empower and engage families in educational experiences.

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy New Year,

Darlene Sowell, President and CEO

Dear St. Paul,

Thank you for another donation to support our mission. In 2022 you donated \$468.96. Your prayers and kindness to our staff is greatly appreciated and your help gives us the opportunity to reach even more kids in need.

Franklin County CASA

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – November 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Steve Lenger, President (via Zoom), Krystal Witthaus, Secretary, Maureen Heck, Treasurer, Ed Knehans, Chris Heldt, Shawn Mayberry and Mary Leeper

1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.

2. The floor was open for comments from Council or members of the congregation. Gordon Heck presented information on the Carillon proposal. He has a quote from Chime Master.
3. The November agenda was approved as Maureen Heck made the motion to approve the agenda with noting that items may be added as discussion ensued. This was seconded by Chris Heldt. The motion carried. As the meeting progressed; additional items were discussed and added accordingly to the minutes.
4. The October Minutes were approved as Mary Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes; Ed Knehans seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed. Chris Heldt made a motion to approve the reports; Maureen Heck seconded the motion and the motion carried.
6. The council reviewed the payments for the month.
7. Old Business
 - A. Camera: Chris Heldt reported that the system is ready to go.
 - B. HVAC: Darren Schutt was not present to discuss this any further.
 - C. Paint eaves: Maureen Heck is continuing to search for someone to do this.
 - D. Carpet in Conference Room: Steve Lenger will follow up with Dale Maune.
 - E. Men's Group: Pastor Andy reported that they have had a good turnout and are looking for a different venue. The proposed venue for the next meeting is the Bank Bar Bistro. Ed Knehans suggested that members of the Men's Group look at the sign-up sheet for the Ministerial Alliance Bell Ringers at Village Market.
 - F. Carillon System: Chris Heldt made a motion to pursue the proposed quote from Chime Master and to order the system utilizing the funds in the Carillon fund, the camera fund, and the estate fund. In addition, seeking potential grants to offset the cost. Krystal Witthaus seconded the motion and the motion carried.
8. New Business
 - A. Mission Bucket for December: Every Child's Hope
 - B. Ministerial Alliance Bell Ringers at Village Market: the list was passed around to council members. Pastor Andy will ask the Men's group to sign up for times as well.
 - C. Time and Talent Sheet changes: Changes were suggested
 - D. Christmas service ad in the Hermann Paper: Maureen Heck made a motion to put an ad for the Christmas Eve service in the Hermann Paper. Mary Leeper seconded the motion; the motion carried.
 - E. Side rail for ramp adjacent to pulpit: there have been concerns about the safety of the ramp adjacent to the pulpit. Steve Lenger will speak with Tom Rethemeyer to get a bid to build a ramp.
 - F. Personnel Reviews: Chris Heldt will complete personnel reviews by the end of January.
9. Pastor's Report: Pastor Andy shared the events of last month and special worship services. He also discussed upcoming events or special worship services.
10. Council reviewed upcoming events:
 - Sunday, November 20: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School; Worship Service w/Totenfest; 7:00 p.m. Evening Community Thanksgiving service at St. Paul (followed by refreshments)
 - Sunday, November 27: 9:00 Advent Workshop; 10:15 First Sunday of Advent
 - Sunday, December 4: Worship with Communion (Ushers: Chris Heldt, Mary Leeper, Ernst Uthlaut); Nursing Home services
 - Monday, December 5: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Blood Drive
 - Sunday, December 11: 11:30 a.m. lunch followed by caroling
 - Monday, December 12: 7:00 Council meeting
 - Sunday, December 18: 2:00 Choir/Bells Concert

Saturday, December 24: 7:00 Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 25: 10:15 Christmas Service with baptisms

December 2-3, 9-10, and 16-17 Ministerial Alliance bell Ringing at Village Market:

November 15, 17, 21, December 5: Tentative Scouts' meeting:

11. There being no further business, Krystal Witthaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ed Knehans seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
12. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted,
Krystal Witthaus, Secretary

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1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments from Council or members of the congregation. There were no comments.
3. The December agenda was approved as Maureen Heck made the motion to approve the agenda with noting that items may be added as discussion ensued. This was seconded by Mary Leeper. The motion carried. As the meeting progressed; additional items were discussed and added accordingly to the minutes.
4. The November Minutes were approved as Krystal Witthaus made a motion to approve the minutes; Mary Leeper seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed. Chris Heldt made a motion to approve the reports; Ernst Uthlout seconded the motion and the motion carried.
6. The council reviewed the payments for the month.
7. Old Business
 - G. Camera: All seems to be completed. At this time there is no further discussion needed for this matter.
 - H. HVAC: Darren Schutt was not present to discuss this any further.
 - I. Paint eaves: Maureen Heck is continuing to search for someone to do this.
 - J. Carpet in Conference Room: Maureen Heck is discussing this with Dale Maune.
 - K. Carillon: This has been ordered. Payment will be made at the time of installation.
 - L. The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: Maureen Heck made a motion that this group may use the Fellowship Hall and the church itself on September 8th and 9th of 2023, for the quilt show; without the need of any additional liability insurance. Mary Leeper seconded the motion; the motion carried.
 - M. Parsonage repairs: There are repairs needed to the parsonage that are not yet completed. Maureen Heck made a motion that Pastor Andy can shop for a new refrigerator and microwave and return to council with cost on each to then be approved and then be taken from the Parsonage Fund and add further to it if necessary. Krystal Witthaus seconded the motion; the motion carried.
 - N. Side rail for ramp: Tom Rethemeyer was contacted and will be putting in a bid.

New Business

- G. Mission Bucket for January: Touch of Hope
- H. Security Company call list: Fay will be removed and Pastor Andy will be added as the first contact.

- I. Floor Buffer: Steve Lenger will call Richard Lionberger to ask if he does repairs on buffers. If not we will look into purchasing a new one.
 - J. Scout Lock in: Maureen Heck made a motion to allow the scouts to have the lock in. Krystal Witthaus seconded the motion; the motion carried.
8. Pastor's Report: Pastor Andy shared the events of last month. He reported that attendance seems to continuously be increasing. He also discussed upcoming events and special worship services. Discussion was had in regards to the computer to operate the screens and camera. Pastor Andy suggested using PowerPoint for the screens. This would be more efficient; therefore, eliminating a lot of time that volunteers put into being sure everything is ready for Sunday morning. Council agreed to move forward with this.
9. Council reviewed upcoming events:
 Sunday, December 18: 9:00 Sunday School; 10:15 Worship; 2:00 Choir/Bells Concert
 Saturday, December 24: 7:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Ushers: Shawn Mayberry, Maureen Heck)
 Sunday, December 25: no Sunday School; 10:15 Christmas Service with baptisms
 Sunday, January 1: no Sunday School; 10:15 Worship with Communion (Ushers: Steve Lenger, Maureen Heck, Ernst Uthlaut, Keely Uthlaut); Nursing Home Service
 Sunday, January 8: 9:00 Sunday School; 10:15 Worship Service
10. There being no further business, Mary Leeper made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Krystal Witthaus seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
11. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer
 Respectfully submitted,
 Krystal Witthaus, Secretary

February 2023						
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			1 3:30 After School Bearcats 4:00 Handbells 5:30 Sextet 6:30 Senior Choir	2	3	4
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship service w/communion Scout Sunday	6 5:00 Scouts	7	8 3:30 After School Bearcats 4:00 Handbells 5:30 Sextet 6:30 Senior Choir	9 1:00 Women's Fellowship	10	11 8:00 Men's Club
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship service Induct New Members 11:30 Christian Ed. Meeting	13 10:00 Book Club 7:00 Church Council Meeting	14	15 3:30 After School Bearcats 4:00 Handbells 5:30 Sextet 6:30 Senior Choir	16	17	18
19 8:00 Pancake breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship service Mardi-Gras Sunday 11:15 Pastor/Parish Meeting	20 5:30 Sextet 6:30 Senior Choir	21 8:00 Quilters 6:00 Scouts	22 3:30 After School Bearcats 7:00 Ash Wednesday Services	23	24	25
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship service	27	28				

March 2023						
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