



## June/July, 2024 Hilltop Herald

### Dear Congregation,

As we enter the vibrant months of June and July, I am filled with anticipation and excitement for the activities and changes ahead. The warmth of summer brings us opportunities to gather, celebrate, and grow together as a faith community. I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and events that we have planned for the upcoming months.

### June Schedule Changes and Special Events

**New Worship Time—Starting June 2:** Starting on June 2, our worship service will be held at 9:00 AM. This earlier time allows us to enjoy the more remarkable part of the day for worship. It leaves the rest of the day open for relaxation, family time, or community activities. I encourage you all to take this opportunity to invite friends and neighbors who might find this time more convenient. Let's make the most of these beautiful summer Sundays together!

**Youth Day at the Park: June 23** Mark your calendars for June 23, as we have a special Youth Day at the Park planned right after our worship service. This will be a day filled with fun, food, and fellowship. We will gather at the local park, with games, activities, and a delicious pizza lunch. This is a fantastic opportunity for our youth to connect and families to enjoy a wonderful afternoon outdoors. We want everyone to feel welcome, and I encourage you to bring a friend or two! Let's make this a day of community and togetherness.

### Looking Ahead to July

**Outdoor Movie Night: Drive-In Style:** In July, we are planning an outdoor movie night, drive-in style! This means we will be showing a family-friendly film on a large screen, and you can enjoy it from the comfort of your car or by bringing your blankets and lawn chairs. This will be a fantastic way to unite as a community and enjoy a family-friendly film under the stars. Stay tuned for more details on the date and movie selection. It's going to be a night to remember!

**Fourth of July Fundraiser:** We are excited to announce a Fourth of July fundraiser, where we will sell fried chicken and chips at the VFW. This is an important fundraiser for our congregation, and we need your help to make it a success. Please contact Dale Maune to learn how to contribute your time, talents, or resources. Together, we can make this event a fantastic opportunity to support our church and enjoy the holiday festivities.

## **Introducing Catechism Corner**

I am thrilled to introduce a new section to our newsletter: **Catechism Corner**. Each issue, we will explore a question from the Evangelical Catechism, diving deep into its meaning and significance in our faith journey. This month, we will begin with the first question of the Evangelical Catechism.

## **In Closing**

I look forward to seeing each of you at our worship services and special events and as we explore the catechism together. Let us embrace this season with joy, gratitude, and fellowship. May God bless you and keep you.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Andy

## **Catechism Corner: Reflections on the Evangelical Catechism**

### **1. What should be our chief concern in life?**

#### **A. Our chief concern in life should be to seek after the kingdom of God and to hold fast to the righteousness of God in all its life-giving, life-sustaining, life-transforming power.**

As believers guided by the Evangelical Catechism, we are reminded that our ultimate priority is pursuing the Kingdom of God. This encompasses a multifaceted journey:

- Seeking His presence
- Aligning our will with His
- Actively participating in His work of redemption and restoration in the world

It's not merely a passive endeavor but an active pursuit characterized by a sincere desire to see His reign manifested in every aspect of our lives and communities.

Furthermore, we are called to embrace and embody God's righteousness actively. This righteousness is not a moral code but a dynamic force that brings life, sustenance, and transformation. It's about living in alignment with God's character and values, allowing His righteousness to permeate our thoughts, words, and actions. It's about seeking justice, showing mercy, and walking humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

Our chief concern is orienting ourselves towards God's kingdom and righteousness. This pursuit is not just a path but a transformative journey that shapes our individual lives and influences the world around us. It's a journey of faith, obedience, and radical love—leading to abundant life now and in eternity.

## **SUMMER HOURS FOR CHURCH SERVICES**

At the annual congregational meeting in March a motion was made and approved to begin church service at 9:00 instead of 10:15. So beginning June 2 and ending August 11, services at St. Paul will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will not be any Sunday School during these months.

## **CONFIRMATION**

We will be beginning a Confirmation class in September this year. The class will be open to all students entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. Friends/nonmembers are also welcome to attend. One requirement is that you will need to be baptized before you can be confirmed. Pastor Andy can arrange that. Please contact Pastor Andy for details.

## **MEMORIAL BOOKLET**

The Memorial Booklet is available on the tables in church. This booklet contains a listing of deceased veterans who are buried in local cemeteries. If there is anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Women's Fellowship will host a meeting on Thursday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. Julie McCollum will present a program on "Touch of Hope" a local ministry that is support by St. Paul church. All are welcome to hear about this ministry. Refreshments will be served.

The Women's Fellowship will not meet in July or August. The **annual rummage sale** will be held in August (a date to be announced soon). Please save your items for the rummage sale.

## **HANDBELL CHOIR**

The handbell choir played on Sunday, May 26 at the worship service, but now will take a break during the summer. Practices will resume sometime in August, and plans are for the choir to play monthly from September through December.

There are anticipated to be some personnel changes heading into the fall season. Additional ringers are welcome and needed. Anyone interested in playing with the bell choir should contact the church office or Nancy Fagerness at 573-486-3700. Members of the bell choir are available to work with new ringers during the summer.

## **AFTER-SCHOOL BEARCATS**

The Afterschool Bearcats program has been meeting weekly on Wednesdays. The program had sixteen -eighteen students from Grades Kindergarten through grade 8. We had approximately twenty-five volunteers serving as tutors/mentors, substitute mentors, or helping with food preparation. Volunteers prepare peanut butter sandwiches, fruit, and other snacks for the students.

Students arrived at approximately 3:30 p.m. They ate snack for 20 minutes, read 20 minutes, worked on homework and academics for 30 minutes, and did enrichment activities for the last 20 minutes of the session. Enrichment activities have included yoga lead by Susan Lenger, journal writing, and social skills, using role play and charades to help students deal with real life situations. Students have learned some Spanish and wrote letters to Veterans. Veteran Gordon Heck came to speak with students about his service. This spring, students made bookmarks and Mother and Father's Day cards.

This program is funded by donations. We would like to thank all that donated money or food to this program. We recently received a large donation from the Eagles Auxiliary. We would also like to thank all who volunteered to mentor, for food preparation, or lead enrichment activities.

We are preparing for the 2024-25 school year. We need more volunteers and are looking for someone to direct the program or co-direct with Sharen Speckhals. If you are interested in becoming the director or co-directing, please contact the church office at 486-5525 or Sharen Speckhals at 573-220-0965 or email [sharenspeckhals2011@hotmail.com](mailto:sharenspeckhals2011@hotmail.com). This is a part-time paid position.

## **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.

June 10      *Redeeming Love*, Rivers  
July 8        *Half Broke Horses*, Wells  
August 12    *Crow Lake*, Mary Lawson  
Sept 9        *The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett*, Annie Lyons

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.



## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

On May 12, our high school and college graduates were recognized. The graduates include:

### High School Graduates

**Allison Boedges** is the daughter of James and Megan Boedges.

**Michaela Grannemann** is the daughter of Brian and Amy Grannemann. She will be attending Missouri State University, West Plains, majoring in Early Education/Special Education.

**Brady Grosse** is the son of Mike and Dawn Grosse. Brady plans to attend State Technical College of Missouri, studying Diesel Mechanics; and work on the family farm.

**Jule Lehmann** is a German foreign exchange student currently living with Brian and Amy Grannemann.

**Lydia Mayberry** is the daughter of Shawn and Rebecca Mayberry. She will be attending East Central College, then transferring to Missouri State University in Springfield, with a major in Graphic Illustration and minor in Coding.

**Gavin Moore** is the son of Donnelle Hopkins and Nick Moore and the grandson of Mark and Margaret Stiegman. Nick will be attending State Tech in Linn, and is enrolled in their lineman program.

**Amelia Uthlaut** is the daughter of Ernst and Keely Uthlaut. Amelia will be attending Kansas State University studying Agriculture Science/Pre-Vet.

### College Graduates

**Hannah Grosse** is the daughter of Mike and Dawn Grosse. She graduated from Northwest University in Maryville on April 27<sup>th</sup>, with a degree in Agronomy/Crop Science, Minor in Precision Ag, with Geographic Information Systems Certification.

## STUDENT LOANS

Student loan application forms were mailed in April to 2024 Hermann High graduates and to eligible college students (members of St. Paul Church). Approximately \$60,000 is on loan to our students at this time. If the loans are repaid on schedule following graduation, they are interest-free.

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 as soon as possible and we will send one.

## **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.

## **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.

## **MISSION CUP**

The Mission Cup for June will benefit the Hermann Area Crusade Against Cancer. In July the Cup will help purchase Back to School Supplies.

## **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 June are vegetables, juices and fruits. Requests for July are bar soap, cleaning products, and hygiene products. Monetary gifts are always welcome.

## **MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE**

Anyone who is in need of assistance may call the Hermann Area Ministerial Alliance at 573-569-2082. The 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **BAPTISM**

Daniel and Ashton's 4 children were baptized April 21

Josephine Rae Tappmeyer

Evelina James Tappmeyer

Lorelei Burke Tappmeyer

Abigail Bennet Tappmeyer

Godparents are Heather & Brian Homes, Janis & John Boehim, Amy & Jimmy Whisler, and Ben & Ellis Tappmeyer

### **SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy to the family of Lyndon Ruediger who passed on April 15, especially his wife Janice and many other friends and relatives. Visitation was at Toedtman-Grosse Funeral Home and the funeral service was at St. Paul UCC.

Also, our sympathy to Gabe Gleeson and family on the passing of her step-father, Clinton Dee Odle.

Our sympathy to Donna Struttman & husband Mike on the passing of Donna's step-father Don Kuester, who passed April 27. Also surviving are his wife Linda and many other relatives and friends. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Elizabeth Klemme, Donna Erling, Mary Korman, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Sharon Elliott, Mary Fritz, Robert Buesking, Moe Peters, Gary Grannemann, Joe Claus, Megan Daniels, Taylor Sanders, Glen Holtgrewe, Janet Mueller, Shawn Davis, Tim Randles, Jane Mueller, Richard Fennesey, Christine Gleeson, Jeanne Hoffman, Jan Dial, Pat Watson, Nancy Kirchhofer, Joe Hart, K.C. VonBehren, Carl Bounds, Nancy Wright, Jim Elliott, Rhonda Nauman, Brenda Todd, Heinrich Grabau, Dan Wendleton, Avery Sherrow, 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 at 486-5525.

**FRENE VALLEY OF HERMANN STONEBRIDGE**

Janet Mueller

**VICTORIAN PLACE (2120 Village Lane)**

JoAnn Lenger, 573-282-0923

Gladys Schulte, Rm. 24

**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.

**MEMORIAL**

**Current Fund**

In memory of his Mother, Ada Heinlein on Mother’s Day

*Wayne Rupp and Family*

**BENEVOLENCES INCOME**

April 2024 Benevolences

	AMOUNT DONATED	AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED
Non-Budgeted Benevolence		
Hermann Food Pantry	251.15	151.15
Emmaus Homes	101.00	86.00
Samaritan Outreach	407.00	407.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	365.00	0.00
Riverbluff Industries	84.00	0.00
Special Olympics	520.25	0.00
BackStoppers	272.00	272.00
Total non-budgeted benevolences	2,000.40	916.15

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26
77	87	125	90	89	145	88	85

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

	Nursery	K-4	5-8	Adult	Staff	Total
4/7	1	1	1	13	1	17
4/14	2	3	0	14	1	20
4/21	1	1	2	16	1	21
4/28	2	3	2	15	1	23
5/5	0	6	3	13	1	23
5/12	3	5	3	15	1	27
5/19	--	--	--	14	1	15
5/26				14	1	15

**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](http://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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **NEWSLETTER MAILING**

If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, send an e-mail to [churchoffice@hermannucc.com](mailto: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.



## 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](mailto:churchoffice@hermannucc.com).

To change your contact information, complete and return this form to the Church office, or put in the offering basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES



### 50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Barbara Groppe were married June 12, 1951, and will celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this year.

Wilmer & Josie Erfling were married June 12, 1951, and will celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this year.

Don & Anne Althausen were married June 20, 1964, and will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Terry & Marilyn Loehnig were married June 22, 1968, and will celebrate their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Mark & Sharon Leech were married June 26, 1970, and will celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Duane and Elaine Bierwirth were married June 29, 1974 and will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 1 - Jason & Rachel Hunley
- 2 – Joe & Staci Elsenraat
- 4 – Jayson & Raylene Hollrah, Dennis & Jonelle Loehnig
- 7 – Corey & Nichole Landolt, Jed & Ericia Leeper
- 10 – Tim & Linda Landolt
- 12 – Wilmer & Josie Erfling, Don & Barbara Groppe
- 14 – Kent & Angela Sherrow
- 15 - Steve & Chelton Hasty
- 19 - Darren & Darla Schutt
- 20 – Don & Anne Althausen, Joshua & Megan Pohlmann
- 22 – Terry & Marilyn Loehnig

- 23 – Kurt and Mary Schaller Blaufuss
- 26 – Mark & Sharon Leech
- 27 – Chad & Jenny Schneider, Todd & Maranda Anderson
- 29 – Duane & Elaine Bierwirth
- 30 - Edmond & Marcella Knehans
- 30 - Derek & Christina Menke

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

- 4-Andy and Kristan Wilson
- 8-Jason & Summer Witthaus
- 9-Michael & Ashley Lamke
- 11-Jordan & Lauren Dickerson
- 18-Brian & Amy Grannemann
- 20-Brad & Chery Fricke
- 22-Ernst & Keeley Uthlaut
- 23-Mark & Marilyn Koenig
- 27-Bart & Kris Toedtmann

Congratulations to all.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

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

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| 1-Nancy Bartel, Jed Leeper                              | 16-Krystal Witthaus                             |
| 3-Tim Cramer, Fern Wray                                 | 20-Craig Schluss, Pat Wendleton,<br>Joyce Davis |
| 5-Marcella Knehans                                      | 21-Janet Mueller                                |
| 6-Laura Rethemeyer                                      | 22-Erin Kinion, Ashley Kopp                     |
| 8-LuVern Schweerkotting,<br>Michaela Grannemann         | 23-Shirley Jacob, Madison Dixon                 |
| 10-Scott Jacob, Elaina Uthlaut                          | 25 Alison Heying, Nicole Koch                   |
| 11-Cody Bruckerhoff, Raylene Hollrah,<br>Judy Toedtmann | 27 Ronald Fredrick                              |
| 12-Janet Hart, Ben Lloyd                                | 28-Darrell Reinhardt,<br>Julaine Maczuk         |
| 15-Wyatt Schaefer                                       | 30-Brett Schulte                                |

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

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| 2-Makena Mayberry                         | 13-Wesley Heying                          |
| 3-Brad Fricke, Donald Groppe, John Bartel | 14-Leon LaBoube                           |
| 4-Lynn Roetemeyer                         | 17- Barbara Groppe                        |
| 5-Gladys Schulte, Elizabeth Klemme        | 18-Margaret Stiegman, Tiera<br>Walkenbach |
| 6-Dylan Pfautsch, Kristopher Kunz         | 19-Don Althausser, Susan Nichols          |
| 7-Carroll LaBoube                         | 20-Doug Graue, Lisa Schulte               |

8-John Bohl  
9-Kim Crowe, Kate Schannuth,  
Shanna Greminger, Todd Anderson,  
Colten Elsenraat  
10-Shelly Abbott  
11-Wayne Grannemann, Mary Leeper,  
Susan Elder  
12-LaDonna Ottinger, Corrine Tilly,  
Manda Rucker

26-Wilmer Erfling  
28-Michael Mueller  
29-Nancy Wright  
30-Glenn Brethorst, Richard  
Schaumberg, Michael Struttman  
31-Keith Ruediger, Shawn Mayberry

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who helped with landscaping.

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 Nancy Kirchhofer, Susan Lenger, Matt Wesselschmidt, Steve Lenger, and Dawn Maune for serving as liturgists.

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

Thank you to everyone who provides music every Sunday, including LaNette Kotthoff, Lois Kruse, Becky Mayberry, Bonnie and Jim Oncken, the Handbell Ensemble, the Senior Choir, and Sunday School Students assisted by Susan Lenger, Chantelle Watson and Allie Boedges.

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

Dear Members of St. Paul UCC:

Thank you for your recent food drive and donation to the Hermann Community Food Pantry. Your community support is appreciated.

Your past and continuing gifts and generosity are truly amazing. Please keep working with us. Everything counts. Thanks again!!

The Hermann Community Food Pantry

Dear Friends,

On behalf of The BackStoppers, I want to express our sincere appreciation to you for the generous donation of \$272.00 in memory of Mason Griffith and in honor of Adam Sullentrup.

Your contribution has a direct impact on the families of our fallen heroes. Since 1959 The BackStoppers has provided assistance with mortgage payments, health insurance, educational costs, and other needs a family may have. You help us continue our mission of alleviating burdens so these families may continue to pursue their goals.

Thank you again for your generous support of The BackStoppers and the families we serve.

Sincerely,

Chief Ron Battelle, Executive Director

Dear Sibling in Christ,

Thank you for your contributions to the UCC's programs and initiatives! Because of you, people are finding a place to belong, learn and serve. The UCC connects us to something bigger, something hopeful, something nurturing and healing near and far.

Our latest UCC statistical report reveals that, in 2023, thanks to you and others like you;

- 609 Members in Discernment are listening to God’s call to ministry across the UCC – and a growing number identify as people of color.
- More than 4,000 people viewed new webinars to Join the Movement for Anti-Racism.
- Attendance for the ever-popular Our Whole Lives series tripled since the pandemic started, reaching almost 12,000 viewers
- 1,826 new members joined the UCC congregations

When you send your gift, hope blooms. Together, our ministries of connection create a just world for all, nited in Christ’s love!

Peace and blessing,

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **St. Paul United Church of Christ Minutes of the Annual Meeting March 10, 2024**

President Shawn Mayberry, called the meeting to order, noting that a quorum had been met.

Pastor Andy led the members in prayer.

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda & Schedule of special services

The congregational meeting agenda and schedule of special services was presented to the members.

- a. Kenny Kunz made a motion to approve the schedule of special services with worship services from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. Carol Paubel seconded the motion; the motion carried.

2. A motion was made to approve the March 12, 2023, meeting minutes by Derek Menke and seconded by Dale Maune. The motion carried.

3. Members of the congregation were asked to review the other printed reports included in their packets. After review, Dale Maune made a motion to approve other printed reports. Maureen Heck seconded the motion; the motion carried.

4. Dawn Maune, member of the Audit Committee, reported that the bank statements and investments have been examined and found to be in balance. The committee also performed a spot audit on deposits and disbursements and found them to be accurate. The report was signed by Chairperson, Keely Uthlaut and members, Chantele Watson and Dawn Maune. Anne Althaus made a motion to approve the report as given; Nancy Fagerness seconded the motion; the motion carried.

#### 5. Kenny Kunz presented the 2024 budget:

- a. He thanked the committee for all of their work
- b. He reported that we were 12,000 under budget.
- f. There are small raises proposed, utilities, postage, office supplies have increased, there will also be start-up money for the Youth Group this year.

A motion was made by Susan Lenger to approve the budget and seconded by Maggie Stiegman; the motion carried.

6. Members of the congregation were asked to review the financial reports included in their packets. After review, a motion was made by Anne Althaus and seconded by Dale Maune to approve the financial reports. The motion carried.

7. Pastor Andy presented his report. There have been a fair amount of Baptisms and new members. Rally Sunday and fundraisers have been successful. The confirmation class has 6 confirmands. A review of the 2023 goals and progress was had. The average attendance for the year was 89, which surpassed the goal of 85. We are still moving in the direction of a balanced budget. The 2024 goals are to have an average attendance of 90, continue to work toward a balanced budget and to begin a Youth Group with Mr. and Mrs. Jed Leeper running the group. He would also like to see the membership grow by 10!

8. The congregation was presented with the names of three nominees for church council; Dawn Grosse, Chantele Watson and Vicki Estes to serve 3 year terms. There is a 1 year term to also fill, and the congregation was presented with Scott Jacobs to fill that term. Maureen Heck made a motion to accept these nominations and moved to vote them in as members of the council. Dale Maune seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Those going off of the council are Shawn Mayberry, Ernst Uthlout, and Krystal Witthaus. In addition, Sharen Speckhals has volunteered to be a delegate for the Eastern Association and Missouri Mid-South Conference

9. There was no other business addressed.

10. There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Craig Schannuth and seconded by Dale Maune to adjourn the meeting; the motion carried. The meeting concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary

### **St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – March 18, 2024**

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary, Maureen Heck, Treasurer, Shawn Mayberry, President, Dawn Maune, Craig Schannuth, Derek Menke, Mary Leeper, Vicki Estes, Scott Jacob, Dawn Grosse, and Chantele Watson. Non-council members present: Lance Uthlout; confirmand.

1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments, there were none.
3. The March agenda was approved as Maureen Heck made the motion to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Mary Leeper. The motion carried.
4. The February minutes were approved as Derek Menke made a motion to approve the minutes; Craig Schannuth seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed. It was decided here to add the Treasure's report to the agenda.
6. The council reviewed the payments for the month.
7. Review of Annual meeting, went well, no complaints.
8. Old Business
  - A. Paint eaves: Craig reported that Darren was promised the lift the second week of April.
  - B. Railing: Completed and installed. Thanks to Jim Oncken and Tom Rethemeyer.
  - C. Time & Talent Sheets: These are now complete and Chairpersons of each committee will be contacted with the list of volunteers for their committees. One minor change was to combine the greeters and the ushers committee.

- D. Confirmation: Palm Sunday, March 24. Lance Uthlaut was asked how it was going, and he said “Good”. There are 6 confirmands and a reception will be held for them after church.
9. New Business
- A. Elections of Officers: Maureen Heck volunteered for treasurer, Craig Schannuth volunteered for President, Derek Menke volunteered for Vice-president and Dawn Maune volunteered for secretary. Scott Jacob made a motion to accept the slate of officers by acclamation, Mary Leeper seconded the motion; motion carried. Past council members were thanked and exited.
- B. Installation of new officers will be held on April 14.
- C. Meeting times: Council meeting time will stay on the third Monday at 7:00 pm.
- D. Mission Bucket for March: Special Olympics, Dawn Grosse will write a small description for the bulletin.
- E. Pastor’s Report: Pastor Andy shared the events of last month as well as upcoming events. There are 50 more hymnals to be picked up which will supply us with a few more than we need. Confirmation class continues to go well and will take place on 3/24/24. Steve Nolte from St. James UCC asked to use the van for shuttling to the Clary Cemetery sometime in June. Maureen Heck made a motion to let them use the van, Dawn Grosse seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- F. Ushers: There was some discussion and it was decided that the council members will continue to count the offering during their chosen month. Derek Menke volunteered to take care of finding ushers from the combined usher/greeter list. It was also decided to pass the mission bucket along with the offering plate to increase the participation of the confirmands and young adults attending worship. The council volunteer months are as follows: April-Scott Jacob, May-Chantele Watson, June-Dawn Maune, July-Mary Leeper, August-Vicki Estes, September-Craig Schannuth, October-Maureen Heck, November-Dawn Grosse, December-Maureen Heck, January-Craig Schannuth, February-Dawn Grosse.
- G. After Prom breakfast and Project Graduation (Hermann Families in Action) are asking for our support again. (We have donated \$200 the past few years.) Maureen Heck made a motion to again donate \$200, Mary Leeper seconded; motion carried. Maureen will check with the office as to what account the donation can be made from. (Maybe close out the New Beginnings account?)
- H. Maureen Heck asked who is going to mow the church lawn for the upcoming year. Craig Schannuth is going to ask Darren Schutt if he’s still willing, if not, we will have to seek another source.
10. Council reviewed upcoming events:
- A. Sunday, March 24: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 9:00 Confirmation/Sunday School; 10:15 Worship Service w/Confirmation
- B. Friday, March 29: 7:00 Good Friday service
- C. Sunday, March 31: 6:30 Sunrise service; 8:00 Easter Breakfast; 10:15 Easter Worship Service
- D. Saturday, April 6: 8:00 Men’s Breakfast

- E. Saturday, April 13: 12-3 Bridal Shower
  - F. Sunday, April 14: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 9:00 Sunday School; 10:15 Worship Service
  - G. Monday, April 15: 7:00 Council meeting.
11. Tentative Scout meetings: March 19, 21, April 2, 9, 16  
March 19: 8:00 Quilters
  12. There being no further business, Mary Leeper made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vicki Estes seconded the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
  13. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer  
Respectfully submitted, Dawn Maune, Secretary

**St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – April 22, 2024**

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Craig Schannuth, President, Derek Menke, Vice-President, Maureen Heck, Treasurer, Dawn Maune, Secretary, Mary Leeper, Vicki Estes, Scott Jacob, Dawn Grosse, and Chantele Watson.

1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments. Ken Kunz was present and reported on the Student Loan committee's ideas for scholarships. Many different requirements were discussed, and it was decided that the committee should revisit it and have something more concrete on paper before proceeding. Another idea for some of the money was for the new youth group through different activities. Ken also reported on students who owe on their loans and that most are paying. Letters were sent out for overdue loans. He also said that Keely Uthlaut has been helping with the financial reports through spreadsheets and workbooks.
3. The April agenda was approved as Dawn Grosse made the motion to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Maureen Heck. The motion carried.
4. The March minutes were approved as Mary Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes; Derek Menke seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed. Maureen Heck has been working on these along with the office.
6. Review of payments was discussed, and it was decided that the council no longer needed to see the everyday transactions so it should be removed from the agenda.
7. Old Business
  - E. Paint eaves: Craig got the phone number from Darren for the lift company and called. They promised to have the lift here May 13. If it's not, they understand that we are seeking other bids.
8. New Business
  - A. Mission Bucket for May: Ministerial Alliance. It was mentioned that passing the bucket down the pews worked well getting the young people involved and seemed to produce more donations.
  - B. Pastor's Report: Pastor Andy shared the events of last month as well as upcoming events. He reported that attendance is staying up. Pastor reported that the youth group had their first meeting, and it went well, they need more bibles for the kids attending. Pastor Andy called the city about Rally Day and said the amphitheater is already booked for the weekend we had it last year.

The date was discussed, and the council decided to move the event to August 18. As a result, the fall start time for church will be moved as well.

- C. Treasurer's report was discussed earlier in the agenda.
  - D. Ushers: May is Chantele's month.
  - E. UCF withdrawals are still being investigated.
  - F. The first quarterly UCF withdrawal is scheduled for 4/15/2024 so will be shown next month. Noted.
  - G. The Franklin County Fire Extinguisher's annual inspection was completed on March 22. He said that we have a hood suppression tank and cartridge in the kitchen that needs to be replaced. This was noted in a previous year's inspection, but at that time they said it could wait. However, it needs to be done. I should have a better estimate on Monday, but estimate it will be between \$700 and \$1,000. A motion was made by Maureen Heck to have these items replaced, the motion was seconded by Dawn Grosse, motion carried. The funds for this will come out of Project Property.
  - H. The door alarm has been having issues. On April 16, Dale Maune met with Roger from Central Alarm and he installed a new board for the alarm. Roger also left a bid for a whole new system. We will go with this fix for now but will look into getting other bids depending on how long the new board lasts. When we need a new alarm system, we will also have to look into compatibility with the existing doors.
  - I. Derek Menke suggested that we do something with the grass lot below the parking lot. Different ideas were discussed and will be investigated more in the future.
9. Council reviewed upcoming events:
- A. Sunday, April 21: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 9:00 Sunday School; 10:15 Worship Service
  - B. Saturday, April 17: 10:0, Eastern Association meeting at Cape Girardeau or via zoom
  - C. Sunday, May 5: 10:15 Worship Service w/communion
  - D. Sunday, May 12: 8:00 Adult Sunday School; 9:00 Fellowship Hour; 9:00 Sunday School; 10:15 Christian Education Sunday & Senior Recognition
  - E. Monday, May 20: 7:00 Council meeting
  - F. Sunday May 26: Memorial Sunday
10. Tentative Scout meetings: April 16, May 7, 14, 16, 21  
April 16: 8:00 Quilters
11. There being no further business, Derek Menke made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Scott Jacob seconded the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
12. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer  
Respectfully submitted, Dawn Maune, Secretary



June 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast
<b>2</b> 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service w/communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 Scouts	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service	<b>10</b> 10:00 Book Club	<b>11</b> 6:30 Scouts	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2:00 Women's Fellowship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service	<b>17</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>18</b> 8:00 Quilters 7:00 Scouts	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 Scouts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 Worship Services 10:30-1:00 Fun in the Park	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 Worship Services						

July 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast
<b>7</b> 9:00 Worship Services w/communion	<b>8</b> 10:00 Book Club	<b>9</b> 6:30 Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>28</b> 9:00 Worship Services	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

# FUN IN THE



**Date: June 23, 2024**

**Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm**



### **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**Come join us after church for an afternoon of fun at the Hermann City Park. We will have the pavilion reserved by the Fire Department.**

**Lunch and drinks will be provided!**

**Bring your whole family and/or extra friends!**

**We hope to see you there!**

**RSVP to Fay & Mary @ the church office if you can attend by June 16th. 573-486-5525**

*Christian Education Committee*