



Sharing God's love by serving others

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August, September, October 2025 Hilltop Herald

Dear Congregation,

As the summer sun begins to soften and school supplies begin to fill shopping carts, we prepare once again for the joyful return of our fall rhythm here at St. Paul. I want to personally invite you—and encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor—to Rally Day on Saturday, August 17, at the Clara Eitmann Messmer Amphitheater. It will be a day filled with joy: the Blessing of the Backpacks, baptisms, live Christian music, bouncy houses, food and fellowship, and plenty of fun for all ages. It's a day to celebrate the gift of community and the God who gathers us.

Rally Day also marks the beginning of our fall programming. While there are no confirmation classes this year, we continue to offer Adult Sunday School, which runs year-round. Beginning August 3, I will begin a new study using the German Evangelical Catechism. This is the same catechism I use with our confirmands, and it's a rich and thoughtful guide to Christian faith. Whether you grew up in another tradition and have never encountered it, or it's simply been a long time since you've engaged with these foundational teachings, this study will be a meaningful opportunity to learn and grow together.

In addition to worship and study, many of our church ministries will be relaunching this fall. Children's Sunday School will begin soon. The Adult Choir will resume rehearsals. Our Afterschool Bearcats program continues to offer love and support to local kids. There are opportunities for music, mission, fellowship, and service—ways to use your gifts and grow in grace. Rally Day will feature sign-up opportunities for all these ministries and more. Whether you're new to our church or just ready to dive back in, now is the perfect time to get involved.

If summer pulled you away—on the road, to the lake, or just into a different pace of life—now is the time to come back. Back to Sunday mornings, where we remember who we are in Christ. It is time to get back to serving, where we discover the joy of giving ourselves for others. It is time to get back to fellowship, where we laugh, learn, and pray together.

This fall, I invite you to recommit:

- Come to worship.
- Join a ministry.
- Say yes to growing in faith.

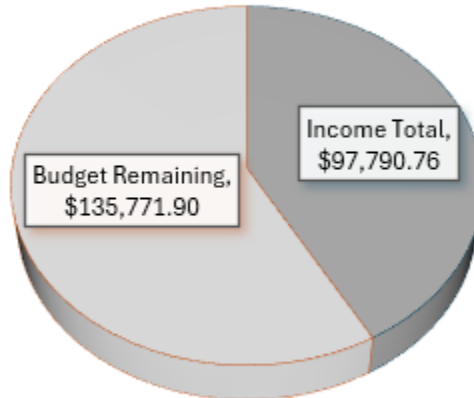
There is no substitute for the gathered body of Christ. There is no replacement for the grace that meets us in community. And there is no better time than now to say: "Here I am, Lord."

In Christ's Love, Pastor Andy

2025 BUDGET - \$223,562.66

2025 Income

Plate/Member Gifts	\$87,534.71
UCF Withdrawals	\$ 8,001.34
Fundraisers/Other	\$ 2,254.71
Total	\$97,790.76



MISSION BUCKET

Below are the totals from the Mission Bucket collect for 2025.

January	Hermann Food Pantry	\$401.90
February	Femme Osage Church	\$413.24
March/April	GCR-1 - School Lunch Debt	\$2,777.14
May	Special Olympics	\$414.21
June	Crusade Against Cancer	\$499.93

AUGUST MISSION CUP

Proceeds from the August mission cup will benefit CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS/GROUPS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, September 11 and October 9 at 2:00 p.m. (please note change in time) in the church basement. Programs and speakers for the meeting will be announced soon in the weekly bulletin.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We look forward to seeing our kids at Rally Day and the first day of Sunday School classes. Kids from age 3 and up are invited to join us. The first Sunday, we will start in the Sanctuary. We will have an emergency contact sheet for families to fill out when you arrive with your child. You will meet the teachers and then go to your classrooms. The schedule of classes is below.

- Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 7, 2025
- Sunday School will be canceled on Sunday, November 2, 2025
- Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025

- Sunday School will be canceled on Sunday, December 28, 2025
- Christian Education Sunday will take place on Sunday, May 10, 2026

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Susan Lenger, Sunday School Superintendent
573-694-5350
ssjmlenger4@gmail.com

LIT n' LATTE BOOK CLUB

The Lit n Latte Book Club is still meeting regularly at Miss Clara's every second Monday of the Month. We meet at 10:00 for discussion and then fellowship; and lunch at 11.

Following are our book selections through November:

- Aug 11 - *The Magic Hour* Kristin Hannah
- Sept 8 - *James Percival*
- Oct 13 - *Call of the Wrens*, Walsh
- Nov 10 - *The President's Wife*, Tracey Wood

Everyone is welcome; and if interested call Nancy Kirchhofer 573.291.1126

HANDBELL CHOIR

The St. Paul UCC Handbell Choir will resume playing at Sunday services in September. Tentatively, we are scheduled to play on the fourth Sunday in September, October and November. The group will participate in the Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 21, and likely will play at the church service that morning.

Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 4:45-6:15, and rehearsals will continue at that time on Wednesdays throughout the Fall.

New ringers are welcome to join the bell choir. For more information, please contact Nancy Fagerness at 573-486-3700 or leave a message at the church.

The ringers are looking forward to getting back together after our summer break.

Nancy Fagerness

CHOIR

"For I will sing the Lord's renown. Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God! The Rock – how faultless are his deeds, how right all his ways!"

Our summer break is quickly coming to a close and it is time to come together to join our voices in song.

It was exciting to join our voices together for worship this past year and I am looking forward to another exciting year this year.

Choir will resume practice September 3rd, at 6:30 in the choir loft.

We welcome anyone who has a love for music to join us in song; or instrumentalists who enjoy using their talents to enhance the worship service, to join us for music and fellowship.

The choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and sing at least two Sundays a month plus special concerts. I am looking forward to an exciting year.

Hope to see you September 3rd.

"Sing for joy to the Lord, all the earth praise him with songs and shouts for joy! Sing praises to the Lord! Play music on the harps! Blow trumpet and horns, and shout for joy to the Lord, our King." Psalm 98:4-9

LaNette Kotthoff

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.

OUTREACH

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

The Neighbors in Need offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

St Paul UCC will receive this special offering throughout **October**. Special envelopes are on the table in back of church and included with the mailing of this newsletter. If you write a check, please make it payable to St. Paul UCC with the notation that it is for NIN offering.

AFTER SCHOOL BEARCATS

The mission of the After School Bearcat mentoring program is to provide local students with expanded academic, social, and enrichment opportunities is preparing for the 2025-2026 school year. The program will meet on Wednesdays from 3:15-5:00 p.m. The program needs volunteers to mentor or help prepare snacks. The program start date is targeted for August 27 and will meet each Wednesday through December 18. Susan Lenger and Sharen Speckhals will co-direct the program this year. They will be sending information to volunteers in the upcoming weeks. If you are interested in volunteering as a mentor or helping with food, please call or text Susan at 573-694-5350 or Sharen at 572-220-0965.

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 August are desserts, paper towels, and bathroom tissue. Requests for September are sugar, shortening and margarine. Requests for October are jelly, flour and soups. 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 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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.

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.

DROPBOX is located near the office door. Please use it for any office correspondence, offerings, etc. when office is closed.

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.

NEWSLETTER MAILING

If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, send 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.

Or, if you would prefer the newsletter in hard copy (and you are currently receiving it via e-mail), please contact the church office.

RECOGNIZING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

WEDDING

Korinna Bickmeyer and Craig Schluss were married May 24, 2025 at St. Paul UCC, with Pastor Andy Wilson officiating. The witnesses were Jeremy Schluss and Peyton Schafer. The couple live in Hermann, MO. Congratulations!

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES



50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Stan and Carolyn Massman will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on August 1. Gordon & Linda Heck will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on August 11. Joe & Janet Hart will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on August 20. Jack & Patricia Wendleton will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on August 21st. Merlin and JoAnn Cramer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 30. Wayne & Maureen Heck will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on September 2, 1967. Rodney and Lois Mochel will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on October 12th, Leon and Carroll LaBoube will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on October 18th,
Congratulations to all!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 2 - Michael & Dawn Grosse
- 7 - Howard & Barbara Schutt
- 11 - Gordon & Linda Heck, Glenn & Debbie Brethorst
- 14 - James & Susan Elder, Jerry & Rhonda Scheible
- 15 - Kenneth & Carol Kunz, Rodger & Mindy Kiepe
- 20 - Joe & Janet Hart
- 21 - Jack & Pat Wendleton
- 23 - James & Janet Murphy
- 27 - John & Nicole Koch, John & Diane Lause
- 30 - James & Megan Boedges, Merlin & JoAnn Cramer

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

- 2 - Wayne & Maureen Heck
- 3 - Robert & Diane Kottwitz, Doug & Debbie Smith
- 8 - Corey & Theresa Isaak
- 9 - Bill & Lolly Rogers
- 10 - Kurt & Janelle Bickmeyer, James & Manda Rucker
- 12 - Darren & Rebecca Rector, Scott & Diane Witthaus
- 13 - Shawn & Rebekah Mayberry
- 16 - Jason & Melissa Eikermann, Jesse & Krystal Witthaus
- 20 - Larry & Sharon Fredrick, Shannon & Dawn Pfautsch
- 21 - Keith & Wanda Ruediger
- 23 - Craig & Kate Schannuth
- 28 - Thomas & Andrea Held
- 29 - Matt & Jennifer Rogers, Ben & Sara Williams

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

4	Gilbert & Annette Witthaus	15	Doug & Carol Graue
6	James & Amanda Korman	18	Leon & Carroll LaBoube
10	Don & Chantele Watson	20	Steve & Susan Lenger

12	Rodney & Lois Mochel, Tom & Marilyn Rethemeyer	27	Jeff & Amanda Schaefer
		30	Steve & Tara Stephan, Scott & Jill Jacob

Congratulations to all.

BIRTHDAYS

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

1	Gigi Mueller, Jerry Scheible, Sharen Speckhals, Grace Berkemeyer	17	Evan Marinaccio, Jill Bacon
2	Bart Toedtmann	18	Steve Beckmann
5	Rob Schwartz	20	Zoe Schafer
7	John Lause, Lolly Rogers	21	Chery Fricke
9	Scott Witthaus	23	Carol Schluss
11	Marjorie Boedges, Justin Pfautsch	26	Lindsay Oncken
12	Darren Rector	28	Peyton Schaefer
13	Brooke Schaefer	29	Jeff Scheible
14	James Murphy	30	JoAnn Lenger, Gilbert Witthaus
16	Stephen Hasty, Jocelyn Schluss, Seth Witthaus	31	Julie Ruediger, Ernst Uthlaut

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

1	Kenneth Kunz, Carissa Rethemeyer, Summer Witthaus	17	Katy Menke
2	Donald Watson, Lydia Mayberry, Lillian Korman	18	Gary Blackwood
5	James Boedges, Jared Stiegman	19	Megan Boedges
6	Kenneth Meyer	20	Kelly Brethorst, Carol Uthlaut, Kurt Blaufuss
7	Anne Althausen, Kent Sherrow	21	Shirley Tilly
8	Sharon Fredrick, Jane Rehmert, Aiden Eikermann	23	Grant Ruediger
9	Chantelle Watson	24	Wayne Heck
12	Matt Wesselschmidt	26	James Elder
13	Julie Kopp	27	Rodney Mochel, Shannon Pfautsch, Mary Struttman
15	Teresa Grotewiel, Amanda Korman, James Rucker	28	Jesse Witthaus
16	Staci Elsenraat, Lois Mochel, Jeffrey Mueller	29	Amy Horton
		30	Kristan Wilson

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

1	Thomas Held, Craig Schannuth	13	Shane Schaefer, Ellen Scheible, Jennifer Schneider, Ashley Schreiner
2	Woody Heldt	14	Shanay Winkelmann
3	Ehren Oncken	21	Tesla Ruediger
5	Rebekah Mayberry	22	Donna Struttman
7	Darren Schutt	23	Clara Scheible; Allyson Hollrah
9	Parker Anderson	27	Bonnie Eikermann, Bryce Williams
10	Leslie Niro, Faith Williams	28	Nick Struttman
12	Lynn Koepke	30	Susan Lenger, Hailey Diebal
		31	Mike Grosse, Steve Lenger

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Janet Mueller who passed away June 18, 2025. Visitation was at Toedtmann-Grosse Funeral Home and the funeral service was at St. Paul UCC.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Frieda “Moe” Peters who passed away June 23, 2025.

MEMORIALS

Current Fund

In memory of Ray and Gladys Kessler

In memory of Leo and Gladys Hauser

In memory of Frieda “Moe” Peters

In memory of Janet Mueller

WORSHIP SERVICE

5/4	5/11	5/18	5/25	6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29	7/6	7/13	7/20	7/27
105	115	109	83	85	83	81	89	79	86	74	78	71

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	1-3	4-7	Confirmation	Adult	Staff	Total
5/4	3		6	7	15	1	32
5/11	5	2	5	7	15	1	35

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.

VICTORIAN PLACE (2120 Village Lane)

JoAnn Lenger, 573-282-0923

Gladys Schulte, Rm. 24

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers are requested for Marilyn Rethemeyer, Gary Grannemann, Joe Claus, Megan Daniels, Glen Holtgrewe, Tim Randles, Jane Mueller, Richard Fennesey, Christine Gleeson, Jeanne Hoffman, Jan Dial, Nancy Kirchhofer, Joe Hart, K.C. VonBehren, Nancy Wright, Jim Elliott, Brenda Todd, Avery Sherrow, Ketha Bounds, Helen Davis, Rev. Beth McLaughlin, Bob Todd, Ruby Hetlodge, Don Hilgert, Michael Benvenuti Sr., Emily Benvenuti, and Michael Benvenuti Jr., Daryl Heck, Darrell Reinhardt, Tara Stephan, Joyce Schutt, Levi Schulte, Tracy Vandelicht, Dale Maune, Kenny Tilly, Colby Unger, Rodney Mochel, staff and residents of area hospitals and assisted care living.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to Dale Maune and all of his helpers at the July 4 Chicken Fundraiser.

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

Thank you to Anne Althaus, Mary Leeper and Elaine Lalk for helping with office work recently.

Thank you to everyone who provides music every Sunday, including LaNette Kotthoff, Lois Kruse, Margie Greene, Josephine Tappmeyer, Craig Schannuth, Jim Oncken, Margie Greene, the Handbell Choir, the Sunday School students and teachers, and the Senior Choir.

THANK YOU NOTES

To the Members of St. Paul UCC,

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you all for your generous donation for lunch debt relief. This generosity allows for our students to have better opportunity to be as successful as they can be.

Sincerely, Krystal Witthaus & Dawn Grosse

Dear St. Paul UCC,

On behalf of myself and the rest of our Special Olympics Team, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous monetary donation. Your support will continue to make a meaningful impact for all of our athletes. Thanks to your kindness, we will be able to continue to celebrate their abilities and accomplishments in a truly special way. Thank you for being a part of this important mission.

With sincere appreciation,

Missy Ash, Director of Special Olympics

St. Paul UCC membership and St. Paul UCC Women's Fellowship,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$400 to Hermann Families in Action. Your support means everything to the youth in our community. The graduating class of 2025 was able to enjoy a night at Bowlero in St. Peters playing games, lazer tag, and bowling; not to mention eating lots of great food. We appreciate all you do.

Hermann Families in Action

Tammy Lane, Vice President

Dear St. Paul UCC,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$413.24. We thank the Lord for you and people like you who have graciously contributed to our Bridge Rebuilding Fund. We are confident that because of the prayers and financial support from you, and others like you, the bridge to our historic church will be rebuilt.

As we have quickly learned, this project will take a very long time to complete. Therefore, we are posting updates on our website (www.FemmeOsageUCC.org) as we progress. Please refer to the Bridge Rebuild tab on the main page.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support; and for thinking of us with this major project.

With gratitude, Mrs. Mary Rehmeier, Femme Osage Church Council Treasurer

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.

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: _____

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – April 21, 2025

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Craig Schannuth, President, Dawn Grosse, Vice-President, Derek Menke, Treasurer, Dawn Maune, Secretary, Vicki Estes, Chantele Watson, Raylene Hollrah via zoom, Megan Boedges, and Merlin Kramer.

1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments. Dawn Grosse brought up the Pastor's student loan forgiveness and it was agreed to let Ken Kunz and the student aid committee bring a recommendation to the council to possibly use student aid funds to help with this.
3. The meeting agenda was reviewed. Derek Menke made a motion to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Dawn Grosse; the motion carried.
4. The March minutes were reviewed and approved via an email vote.
5. Old Business
 - A. Checking accounts – All accounts are moved to PSB. Reviewed under new business Treasurer's report. No longer needed in old business.
 - B. Bookkeeping – Reviewed under new business Treasurer's report. No longer needed in old business.

- C. Parking lot stripes – Some of the stripes were finished before Easter but they ran out of paint and had to order more. Stripes will be completed when the paint comes in.
 - D. Review of policies – The council reviewed the personnel policies, and a motion was made by Derek Menke to change the policies as amended, Raylene Hollrah seconded the motion, motion carried. Maureen Heck left a copy of the building policies and the general policies for the council to review for the May council meeting.
 - E. The sausage dinner fundraiser will be held on October 5.
6. New Business
- A. Mission Bucket – May will go to Special Olympics
 - B. Pastor Andy shared the events of last month as well as upcoming events. Pastor Andy reported that worship attendance has been good with Maundy Thursday service at about 32, Good Friday at 58 and Easter Sunday about 220 total. Pastor Andy reported that our hymnals have been disappearing from the sanctuary. This was discussed and he recommended that we possibly purchase new hymnals that will continue to be available to replace, unlike the ones we have now, which are no longer in print. The hymnals are Worship and Rejoice from Hope Publishing for \$16 each. First, it will be investigated how many we would need since many don't use them.
 - C. Treasurer's report: Derek Menke highlighted various things to explain the different reports that are new. He also explained the new bequest and special gift report and asked to re-designate them to be in the general fund, but they will still be designated to the specific fund.
 - D. Ushers: May – Dawn Grosse
 - E. Positive pay on checking account at PSB – Chantele Watson explained this and recommends that we do not need this.
 - F. Sponsor senior in local paper – Lane Cramer is the only one and the council agreed to sponsor him. It was also asked if an email could be sent out to request information on post-secondary graduates to be recognized in the bulletin.
 - G. Mary's vacation – The council reviewed the attachment and discussed what should be done with the offering money while Mary is on vacation. Derek Menke said that he would talk to her about what would be best to do with it.
 - H. Donation to Families in Action – After discussion Derek Menke made a motion to again donate \$200 to come out of Outreach Missions account #5726-01, Dawn Grosse seconded the motion, motion carried.

At this time Dawn Maune brought up a steak dinner fundraiser that Dale Maune asked if he could have. The council thought at this time that maybe we could wait a while before introducing a new fundraiser to the members.

- I. Council reviewed upcoming events.
 - 1. Wednesday, April 23: After School Bearcats 3:15-5:00; Bell rehearsals 4:45; Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - 2. Sunday, April 27: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Fellowship Hour 9:00; Sunday School 9:00; Worship Service w/communion 10:15.
 - 3. Wednesday, April 30: After School Bearcats 3:15-5:00; Bell rehearsals 4:45; Youth Group 6:00; Choir rehearsals 6:30; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - 4. Fay's last day April 30.

5. Sunday, May 4: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Fellowship Hour 9:00; Sunday School 9:00; Worship Service 10:15; Christian Ed Meeting after services.
6. Tuesday, May 6: Scouts 7:00
7. Wednesday, May 7: After School Bearcats 3:15-5:00; Bell rehearsals 4:45(?); After-School Bearcats appreciation dinner 5:30; Youth Group 6:00; Choir rehearsals 6:30; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
8. Thursday, May 8: Women's Fellowship Meeting 2:00
9. Saturday, May 10: Samaritan Outreach 8:00 – 11:00
10. Sunday, May 11: Christian Ed Sunday (ice cream and popsicle social); Adult Bible Study 9:00; Fellowship Hour 9:00; Sunday School 9:00; Worship Service 10:15
11. Monday, May 12: Book Club 10:00
12. Tuesday, May 13: Scouts 7:00
13. Wednesday, May 14: After School Bearcats 3:15-5:00; Bell rehearsals 4:45(?); Youth Group 6:00; Choir rehearsals 6:30; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
14. Thursday, May 15: Scouts 7:00
15. Sunday, May 18: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Fellowship Hour 9:00; Sunday School 9:00; Worship Service 10:15
16. Monday, May 19: Council meeting 7:00
17. Tuesday, May 20: Quilters 8:00 a.m.
18. Saturday, May 24: Bickmeyer/Schluss Wedding
19. Tentative Scout meetings May 20, June 3 & 10
7. There being no further business, Derek Menke made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Megan Boedges seconded the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
8. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted, Dawn Maune, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – May 19, 2025

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Craig Schannuth, President via zoom, Dawn Grosse, Vice-President, Derek Menke, Treasurer, Dawn Maune, Secretary, Vicki Estes, Chantele Watson, Raylene Hollrah, Megan Boedges, and Merlin Kramer.

1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments. None
3. The meeting agenda was reviewed. Dawn Grosse made a motion to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Raylene Hollrah; the motion carried.
4. The April minutes were reviewed and approved via an email majority vote.
5. Old Business
 - A. Review of policies – The council reviewed the general and building policies. There was discussion as to whether some of the general policies were needed and it was agreed at this time to approve them as amended by Maureen Heck and a motion was made by Megan Boedges and seconded by Merlin Cramer, motion carried. There are no further policies to review.
 - B. New hymnals – off agenda, no action at this time.
 - C. Pastor Andy's loan forgiveness – Craig Schannuth read a recommendation from Kenny Kunz and the student loan committee. The proposal is to give Pastor Andy \$5000 this year to put toward paying down his student loan. Raylene Hollrah made a motion to accept this proposal, Megan Boedges seconded the motion; motion carried. There was also discussion

as to why we loan the money to students instead of offering grants since there is money available for this. The student loan committee will be asked to investigate this.

6. New Business

- A. Mission Bucket – June will go to Crusade Against Cancer.
- B. Pastor Andy shared the events of last month as well as upcoming events. Pastor Andy reported that worship attendance has been good but is lower due to the summer months starting. There were 26 attending the first contemporary evening service. Pastor Andy then brought up the need for cameras for his office and Sunday school rooms or hallways for safety. It was agreed to pursue this, and Pastor Andy will talk to Clayton for more information. Pastor Andy also informed the council that Steve Parker requested the use of the church for free dance lessons. Chantele Watson made a motion to allow the dance lessons; Vicki Estes seconded the motion; motion carried.
- C. Treasurer's report: Derek Menke gave the report and pointed out important items, that giving is up from last year at this time and stated that payroll was taken care of before Mary left for vacation. The new reports are clearer and easier to understand.
- D. Ushers: June – Vicki Estes
- E. Classroom doors/safety committee – The Christian Ed. Committee brought up the need for classroom doors and safety procedures. Darren Schutt has some of the existing doors and Dale Maune will be asked to contact Darren to see if the doors can be used or if new ones will need to be ordered. 5 doors with windows will be needed. There is also a need to form a safety committee at some point to establish safety procedures for the classes in the event of emergencies.
- F. The Christian Ed. Committee brought up purchasing the same bibles that the Sunday School has, to replace the existing bibles in church. After discussion, a motion was made by Dawn Grosse to purchase a case to have on hand for new members or current members who would like one and the funds are to come from bequest interest income. The motion was seconded by Megan Boedges; motion carried.
- G. Implementation of a teller committee/process – After Derek Menke and Mary discussed taking care of the offering on Sundays, Derek brought a proposal to the council to form a teller committee of hand-picked volunteers and develop a process for getting the offering money deposited after church. There was much discussion, and the council had concerns about the confidentiality of volunteers opening the envelopes and recording amounts. It was the council's decision to put this item on the agenda under old business and monitor for the next few months after Mary gets back from vacation to see how it goes and have ongoing discussions. Craig Schannuth also brought up tasks not done since Fay retired and is going to discuss with Mary the things that Fay took care of and see if she needs help.
- H. New computer for Mary – Derek Menke informed the council that Mary needs a new computer. Dawn Grosse made a motion to allow her to spend a max. of \$1500 to come out of the general fund. Raylene Hollrah seconded the motion; motion carried.
- I. ParishSoft Accts Receivables for student loans – Derek Menke informed us of the cost of the annual bill for this software and he also inquired about the cost of some additional functionality. He will investigate further into something different in the future and bring it to the council.

- J. Remove Fay Scheible from accounts – In light of Fay’s retirement, a motion was made by Dawn Grosse to remove her from all Peoples Savings Bank accounts and the UCF accounts. The motion was seconded by Megan Boedges; motion carried.
- K. Tasks not covered since Fay’s retirement – Discussed under item G.
- 7. Council reviewed upcoming events.
 - A. Tuesday, May 20: Quilters 8:00 a.m.; Scouts 7:00 p.m.
 - B. Wednesday, May 21: Bells 5:00; Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - C. Friday, May 23: Wedding rehearsal
 - D. Saturday, May 24: Bickmeyer/Schluss wedding
 - E. Sunday, May 25: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Service 10:15; Contemporary service 6:30 pm
 - F. Wednesday, May 28: Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - G. Sunday, June 1: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Serv 10:15 w/communion; Contemporary service 6:30 pm
 - H. Tuesday, June 3: Scouts 7:00
 - I. Wednesday, June 4: Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - J. Sunday, June 8: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Service 10:15; Contemporary service 6:30 pm
 - K. Monday, June 9: Book Club 10:00
 - L. Tuesday, June 10: Scouts 7:00
 - M. Wednesday, June 11: Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - N. Thursday, June 12: Women’s Fellowship Meeting 2:00
 - O. Saturday, June 14: Samaritan Outreach 8:00 – 11:00
 - P. Sunday, June 15: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Service 10:15; Contemporary service 6:30 pm
 - Q. Monday, June 16: Council meeting 7:00
 - R. Tuesday, June 17: Quilters 8:00 a.m.; Scouts 7:00 p.m.
 - S. Wednesday, June 18: Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - T. Sunday, June 22: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Service 10:15; Contemporary service 6:30 pm
- 9. There being no further business, Derek Menke made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vicki Estes seconded the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
- 10. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer
Respectfully submitted, Dawn Maune, Secretary

St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – June 16, 2025

Members present: Pastor Andy Wilson, Craig Schannuth, President, Dawn Grosse, Vice-President, Derek Menke, Treasurer, Dawn Maune, Secretary, Vicki Estes, Chantele Watson, Raylene Hollrah, Megan Boedges, and Merlin Kramer.

- 1. Pastor Andy led the Council in prayer.
- 2. The floor was open for comments. None
- 3. The meeting agenda was reviewed. President Craig Schannuth added an item to both the old and new business. Dawn Grosse made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. This was seconded by Vicki Estes; the motion carried.
- 4. The May minutes were reviewed, and Derek Menke made a motion to approve the minutes. Vicki Estes seconded the motion; motion carried.
- 5. Old Business

- A. Classroom doors/safety committee – There is conflicting information regarding the doors so Craig Schannuth is setting up a meeting with Darren Schutt, Dale Maune, Pastor Andy and any others that would like to attend to come up with a solution. Regarding safety procedures, Darren Schutt says that we already have them, we just need to find them and make sure everyone has them that needs them.
 - B. Teller committee – off agenda, on hold.
 - C. Tasks not covered since Fay's retirement – Craig Schannuth will continue to talk with Mary about this.
 - D. Student loans vs. grants or scholarships – Craig talked to Ken Kunz from the student loan committee, and he felt that it might be difficult to write guidelines as to who gets the grants/scholarships. There was much discussion on how it could work. Craig will talk with Ken and get a meeting set up and Dawn Grosse volunteered to help with the guidelines and requirements. This would be a new program for the student aid funds and will need to have the approval of the congregation.
6. New Business
- A. Mission Bucket – July will be for backpack school supplies. August will be for CASA.
 - B. Pastor Andy shared the events of last month as well as upcoming events and reported that worship attendance has still been good between the 2 services, and the average is still up from last year. Pastor Andy asked if we should consider hiring someone to review our media presence. There was some discussion on who we are targeting on social media and how to best reach potential new members. It was suggested that everyone investigate what other churches are doing, etc. to have more information for our next meeting. Pastor Andy is also going to ask Marie Newell if she has any suggestions. Pastor Andy reported that he has a bid for the video cameras of \$1000. Raylene Hollrah made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the cameras for that amount. Megan Boedges seconded the motion; motion carried.
 - C. Treasurer's report: Derek Menke reported that our funds are still in a comfortable range and that many of the benevolences were paid out. Derek also stated that he will continue to consolidate the benevolence and special gifts reports and that the student aid fund report will be clearer and show the balance including payments and loans.
 - D. Ushers: July – all council will help.
 - E. The bathroom in the multi-purpose room has been causing issues and it was agreed to remove it to hopefully eliminate future problems. A plumber will fix the current sewer back-up.
7. Council reviewed upcoming events.
- A. Tuesday, June 17: Quilters 8:00 a.m.; Scouts 7:00 p.m.
 - B. Wednesday, June 18: Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - C. Thursday, June 19: Free social dance classes for couples, 7-9 pm
 - D. Sunday, June 22: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Service 10:15; Contemporary service 6:30 pm
 - E. Wednesday, June 25: Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - F. Thursday, June 26: Free social dance classes for couples, 7-9 pm

- G. Sunday, June 29: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Service 10:15; Contemporary service 6:30 pm
 - H. Tuesday, July 1: Scouts 7:00
 - I. Wednesday, July 2: Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - J. Thursday, July 3: Free social dance classes for couples, 7-9 pm
 - K. Friday, July 4: Chicken Fundraiser
 - L. Sunday, July 6: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Service 10:15 w/communion; Contemporary serv. 6:30 pm
 - M. Tuesday, July 8: Scouts 7:00
 - N. Wednesday, July 9: Youth Group 6:00; Community Theology Class at St. Paul 6:30
 - O. Thursday, July 10: Women's Fellowship Meeting 2:00; Free social dance classes, 7-9 pm
 - P. Saturday, July 12: Samaritan Outreach Open 8-11
 - Q. Sunday, July 13: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Service 10:15; Contemporary service 6:30 pm
 - R. Monday, July 14: Book Club 10:00
 - S. Sunday, July 13 – Saturday, July 26 Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale set up and sale (actual sale is Thursday, July 24 – Saturday, July 26).
 - T. Sunday, July 20: Adult Bible Study 9:00; Worship Service 10:15; Contemporary service 6:30 pm
 - U. Monday, July 21: Council meeting 7:00
8. There being no further business, Derek Menke made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dawn Grosse seconded the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.
 9. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer
- Respectfully submitted, Dawn Maune, Secretary

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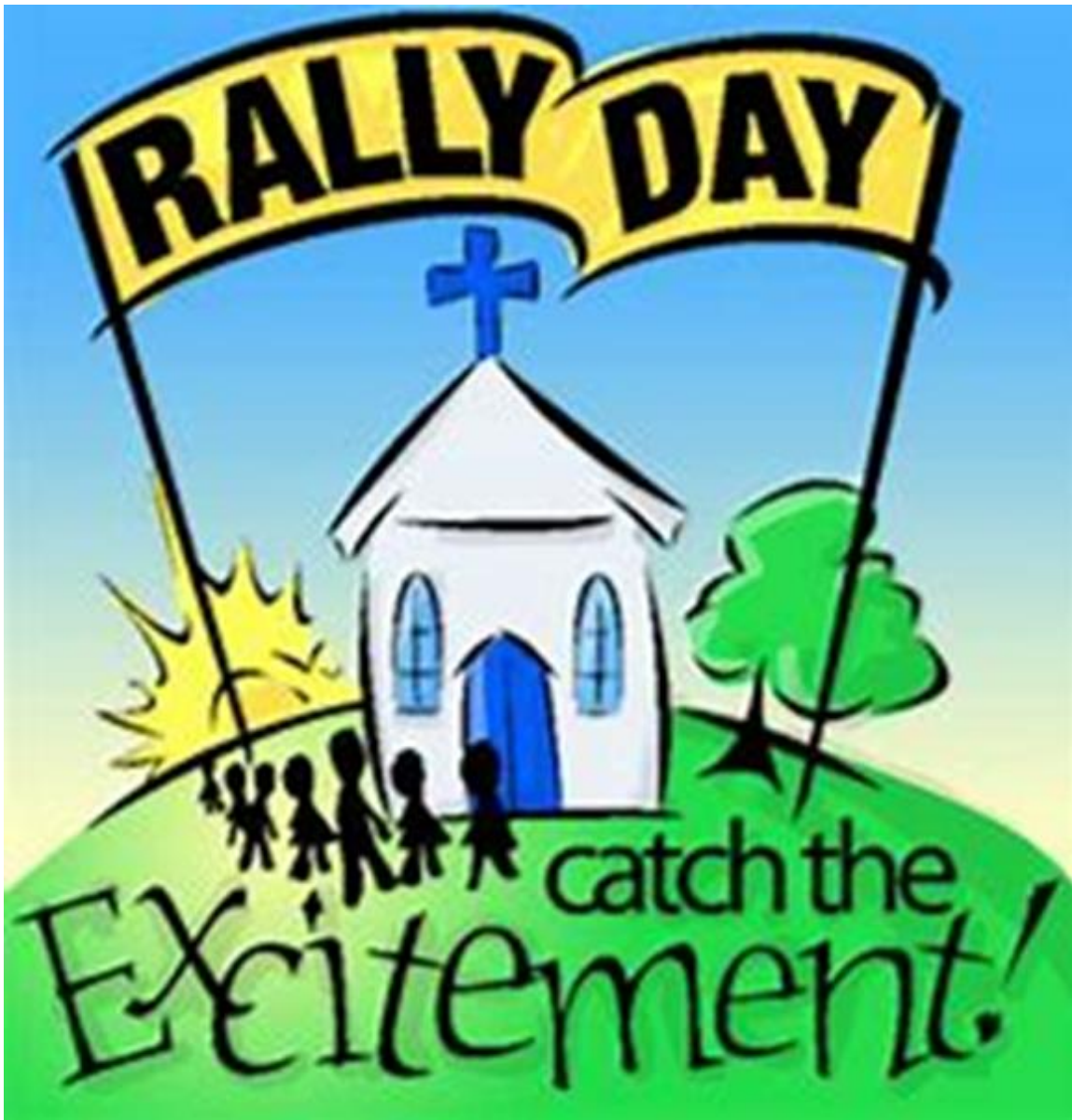
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September 2025

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Mark your calendars
Rally Day, August 17, 2025
Clara Eitmann Messmer Amphitheater
10:15 a.m.

Bring your friends and neighbors