

# *St. Paul's Church*

*of the United Church of Christ*



**"The Light" Newsletter**  
**May 2017 Edition**

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My Dear St. Paul's,

How do I extend the deepest of gratitude for all of your generosity, kind words, and support on my recent final Sunday with you? Words just don't quite do it justice. But, being a writer and wordsmith, I will put together some words that will, no doubt, fall short of how I truly feel.

On behalf of the Abbott family, we are incredibly grateful for your send off and final Sunday with us. From beginning to end it was abundantly clear how much love went into it all. From the music and songs sung by the choir to all of the very kind words shared with us both privately and corporately, to the parting gifts we received. We will be carrying each of these moments and items with us for years to come. Some of them will hang from walls in my office or from our back porch so that the wind can remind us of your kindness. I know that both Solomon and Isa expressed how much they enjoyed our time together and especially for all the teachers who taught them over the years. Shannon enjoyed having the chance to sing with you one last time and, wow, what a blessing that you invited my father and father-in-law to join in the music too. I promised myself that while I knew it would be hard, I wanted to completely soak in and cherish each moment of that day. This made the hugs just a little bit longer and the choir's song just a tad bit harder, but I will never regret a minute of our time, either on that day or any other day that I was able to share with you over the last 6 years. More than anything I write to just say thank you for everything and we will be carrying you with us. Please know that I am holding you in prayer and asking God to guide you towards someone who will love and care for you with the heart of a pastor.

As I write this, we have now closed on our home in Alexandria and moved all of our belongings up to Indianapolis. My journey as the new Conference Minister of the Indiana Kentucky Conference will have begun by the time you have read this and I covet your prayers that I may be faithful in my time of service there. Shannon and the kids remain in Alexandria through the end of the school year and we ask for your prayers as we try to get fully settled as a

family. We all wish you well and ask for God's loving presence to continue to guide you in the months that are ahead.

In case you missed this in the bulletin, here is our contact information.

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## **CHURCH TIDBITS**



### **St. Paul's Nursery**

**St. Paul's has child care for children ages infants to kindergarten during the worship service in the Nursery on the Lower Level. There is no adult supervision for children first grade and older. It is requested that these children remain with their parents/guardian in the sanctuary during the worship service.**

**Thanks, Church Council**

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### **Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee has put together a few activity bags for young school age children who are attending church services. The bags will be located in the vestibule and labeled by grade levels. These bags will be available Sunday.

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## **THANK YOU:**

I want to thank my St. Paul's family for all of the cards, visits, and gifts and Pastor Chad for his visits at Coldspring Transitional Care Center. Seeing friends and hearing from them makes my day. Thank you so much for caring.

Shirley Baldinger

## **THANK YOU:**

Thanks to all who packed up the food for the **Backpack Program!** We packed up 144 bags of food, each containing 10 food items for breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Special thanks to Dave and Cammy Burling whose employer, Thrivent Financial, donated \$250 to this program. Along with our Super Bowl donations, this allowed us to purchase a great variety of food for the kids at Campbell Ridge. We are one of many local churches who support each Campbell County School, making sure that the neediest kids have food for the weekend. Thank you!! -CE Board

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The Worship Committee is planning to honor past members of the Women's Guild. We plan to recognize these members during our church service on May 28th. If you were a member of Women's Guild, please contact Debbie Yeager at 859-431-4297 or [dayeager627@gmail.com](mailto:dayeager627@gmail.com) to let her know if you'll be able to attend the service.



Collections for Ronald McDonald House items, pop can tabs, pill bottles, plastic bags and other items are downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. If you have items to donate but cannot get to the lower level, please ask an usher for help...And thank you for your continued support!

**RECYCLE YOUR BULLETINS!** There is a gray recycling bin by the front door in church for bulletins and other papers.

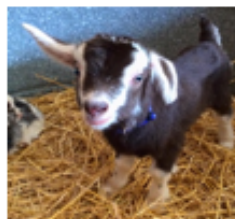
**PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS** are being collected to be made into waterproof blankets for the homeless. Please leave your donations in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions contact Dorothy Gosney at 859-240- 0111 or DMGosney39@gmail.com

**RECYCLE FOR A CAUSE....**Let us recycle your ink cartridges (toner cartridges are no longer accepted). Please give your used printer ink cartridges to Teresa Knauer. The money received for this recycling program will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

**RECYCLE PILL BOTTLES!** *In developing countries, medications (when actually obtainable) are often dispensed into hands, pockets, leaves or any other available container. We can help improve healthcare quality in developing nations by donating clean pill bottles to help the poor: medicine can be distributed in sterile containers. Please bring your empty pill containers [prescription bottles large & small, with and without child resistant caps and over-the-counter pill bottles] for recycling to help others and keep thousands of bottles out of landfills each year! And, placing a nickel, dime or quarter in each bottle helps with shipping costs. You can leave your donation in the collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!*

**RECYCLE YOUR 20 oz. PLASTIC POP BOTTLES**

**DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!** Sunrock Farm is an educational working farm. They use 20 oz. plastic pop bottles to allow visitors at the farm to help bottle feed the baby goats and lambs. Please help by dropping your used 20 oz. plastic pop bottles in the collection box in Fellowship Hall!



## **COUNTY MARKET RECEIPTS**

Since Women's Guild is no longer functioning, The Bell Choir is collecting County Market receipts. Please save them if you shop there and give them to any member of the Bell Choir or put them in the offering. They do expire in 6 months so don't save them too long before bringing them to church! Thanks!

## **Relay for Life of Campbell County**

Friday, May 12-Saturday, May 13

6 pm-6 am – Ft. Thomas Tower Park

Website: [RelayForLife.org/campbellky](http://RelayForLife.org/campbellky)

For Team information, contact Sandi Wilder @859/630-4295 or Jackie Baker @441-7903

For Sponsorship and Donation opportunities, contact:  
Lisa McCord @859/991-0822

## **READY TO HONK?**

On May 13 we'll be joining volunteers from First Presbyterian (Ft Thomas) at Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK), working on rehabbing homes for low-income families. If you'd like to join the crew, we'll meet in the church parking lot to carpool at 8:30am, planning to return around 1pm.

All talents and skill levels are welcome—and much needed! Just try one day...we think you'll like it. If you'd like to volunteer, talk to Daryl Knauer or email [dbknauer@yahoo.com](mailto:dbknauer@yahoo.com). Thanks!

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## **Upcoming Christian Education Events**

5/7 short informational VBS meeting right after church in the Sunday School room.

5/14 Mother's Day skit – rehearse at 9:30



VBS June 12-16 9am-noon, Volunteers needed:  
teachers & class helpers

See Evelyn [eedietz@aol.com](mailto:eedietz@aol.com) 635-1002





Join us for VBS  
June 12-16  
9am – noon

1<sup>st</sup> short informational meeting is May 7 right after church downstairs in the Elementary Sunday School Room. Contact Evelyn with questions [eedietz@aol.com](mailto:eedietz@aol.com) or 635-1002 or 513 519-2148



Dear Parents,

For a while now we have discussed how to help our Christian Education program grow. We want to keep our promises we make at every baptism and nurture each child and create a space for them to grow in God's love. Parents have repeatedly told us that having young kids at church from 9am to 11:30 or longer is too much for them and is a deterrent to bringing them in at all. After extensive conversations at our CE meetings, skyping with Chad's colleague from the UCC, meeting with parents, and responding to Pastor Chad's challenge to "dare greatly" we are making the following changes to our Sunday School program:

Starting on **Sunday May 7** we are changing the starting time for the pre-k, elementary, and pre-confirmation classes. Our Sunday School time will now be 9:45am – 10:15am.

Adult Classes will still meet at 9:00am.

In the near future, we hope to be able to hire a Director of Christian Education and have "Children's Church" during our worship service. This plan is in the Christian Education Board's 5 year plan of which we are in year 3. We will be discussing how we can make this come about in the next 2 years.

Thank you for all your support and we hope to see your children on Sunday May 7 at 9:45. If you have any questions or concerns, please see any of our Board Members.

Blessings,

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Board of Christian Education

## THOSE WHO SERVE IN MAY

### Liturgist

May 7 Marion Gosney  
14 Karey Thomas  
21 Debbie Fowee  
28 Amity Kukla

### Coffee

May 7 Linda Krebs  
14 D. Yeager & J. Baker  
21 Dave & Cammy Burling  
28 Tim Ash

### Acolyte

May 7 Lexi Nicholson  
14 Cole Johnson  
21 Kennedy Johnson  
28 Shae Weinel

Communion Set-up: May 7 – Mindy Connell & Audrey Thomas

### Ushers:

May 7 10:30 Asbury Turner, Lee Walz, Jim Miller  
and Debbie Fowee

May 14 10:30 Pat Schuchter and Shawn Hayslette

May 21 10:30 Ron Sperry and Cameron McDonald

May 28 10:30 Kayla McDonald and Jessica McDonald

**IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ASSIGNED DATE, PLEASE  
TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE AND LET THE CHURCH OFFICE  
KNOW.**



Do we have your email address? St.

Paul's is continuing to work on our communication and social media outlets so that we can best communicate with as many of you as possible. If you are not receiving our weekly Constant Contact emails about events and the sermon preview, please write your email on the line below and return it to the office or put it in the offering plate.

Thank you!

*The Church Office*

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# *Thank you....*

## **From the Choir Room**

May 1, 2017

Thank you all for joining us in our journey to the cross on Maundy Thursday and Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is such an essential journey for Christians to make every year. That walk, culminating in the miracle of Easter, is the glue that holds us Christians together. It is the hope everything else is built upon. We need that glue to hold us firm and steady... especially now.

I trust you are all feeling the loss of Pastor Chad and his dear family as much as the music ministry is. He has been pastor, counselor, teacher, colleague, choir member and friend and the hole he has left will not be easily filled. Quite simply, we are mourning the loss of him. But, remember the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for all things, and a season for every purpose under heaven."

We must not stay in mourning of the season past, or we may miss out on the joy and anticipation of the season yet to come. Instead of counting the days since the loss of our season with Pastor Chad, we invite you to join the music ministry in counting the days we are closer to the new season of joy God has instore for St. Paul's.

### *Day 8... and counting!*





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## WISH LIST

March, 2017

Cincinnati's Ronald McDonald House depends on donated food and supplies to keep our House stocked with all the basic necessities a home requires. When you're shopping for items for your own home, pick up a few things for ours, too! Or, collect items with your office or church, or with a community group, and drop them off at our front desk any day of the week between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

- ♥ Donated foods must be **store-bought**, unopened and within their expiration dates.
- ♥ Avoid items with nuts of any kind.
- ♥ For infection control and the safety of our guest families, we are **NOT** able to accept **USED** or **PREVIOUSLY OWNED** items of any kind. This includes stuffed animals (i.e. beanie baby collections), books, magazines, car seats/strollers, electronics, furniture, and clothing.
- ♥ Please do not gift wrap toys.

### FOR OUR KITCHEN

Commercial plastic wrap & foil  
Correx plates & 12 oz bowls (winter frost)  
Dish cloths/towels  
Paper plates  
Paper cereal bowls  
Plastic and foil wrap (household size)  
Pot holders  
Silverware (knives, forks, spoons)  
Trash bags (13 or 39-gallon)  
Ziploc bags (gallon-sized only)

### GENERAL HOUSE ITEMS

Forever stamps  
Gas & phone cards  
Gift cards to Target, Kroger, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club  
Movies on DVD (no Blu-ray) (NEW only)  
PS4, Wii or Xbox 360/Kinect games  
Storage containers/bins  
(6, 18, 30, 66, 70 quart)

### OFFICE SUPPLIES

White board markers  
White copy paper  
Post-it notes

**amazon smile**

Purchases made through Amazon Smile help our House thrive!  
<http://smile.amazon.com/cv31-0965333>

### FOR OUR FAMILIES

Infant and toddler toys  
Journals and pens  
Pillow protectors  
Toiletries (full sized)  
Travel umbrellas  
Small flashlights

### TO KEEP THE HOUSE CLEAN

All purpose cleaner/disinfectant  
Clorox Bleach  
Furniture polish  
Kitchen sponges & brushes  
Disinfectant spray (Lysol)  
Lint rollers  
Mr. Clean Magic Erasers  
Stain remover  
Toilet bowl cleaner  
Toilet plungers  
Vacuum cleaners

### FOR HOUSE MEALS

Condiments (large sizes):  
ketchup, mustard, relish, hot sauce, steak sauce, ranch dressing  
Fresh fruit and vegetables  
(store bought only)  
Salad dressing – gallon-sized  
Vegetable Oil – gallon-sized  
Tomatoes, diced & pureed – #10 cans

### ITEM OF THE MONTH



JOURNALS

### FOR THE PANTRY – FULL SIZES

Bottled/box juice  
Cereal – various including: Rice Krispies, Cheerios, Froof Loops, Raisin Bran  
Cheese – shredded  
Golden raisins  
Healthy snacks  
Instant iced tea & hot tea bags  
Ketchup  
Lemonade/fruit punch mix (large size)  
Non-stick spray  
Pancake mix & syrup  
Pop Tarts  
Powdered drinks  
Tuna  
Vegetable oil

### FOR THE PANTRY – SINGLE SERVING SIZES

Assorted snacks – salty/sweet/healthy  
Breakfast/granola bars  
Hot chocolate packs  
Ketchup/mustard/mayo – indiv packets  
Microwave meals/soups/mac & cheese

### FOR THE COMFORT CART

Bottled water and juices  
Craft kits – pre-packaged, small  
Legos – small boxes  
Meat sticks/beef jerky  
Small infant/baby toys/teethers under \$5

We are unable to accept **USED** items of any kind.

Additional items we do NOT need at this time: canned vegetables, ramen noodles, board games, puzzles, crayons and coloring books, stuffed animals, baby dolls, Barbie dolls, matchbox cars

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# Second Sunday Feast



**On Sunday, May 14th we will continue our tradition of the Second Sunday Feast immediately following worship. This will be a potluck luncheon shared by all members of the congregation. If you would like to bring a side dish, main dish, or a dessert to share with others, come get to know newer members, enjoy laughs with friends, and share some of your best recipes with one another. Each month we will always meet down in the fellowship hall for a potluck feast on the Second Sunday. See you then.**

# **MAY**

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

<b>4</b>	<b>Patricia Baker</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Eric &amp; Sherry Bihl</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Michael Vogt</b>		<b>26 years</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Evelyn Dietz</b>		
<b>11</b>	<b>Amy Meyer</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Andrew Saunders &amp; Kajsa Larson</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Jeff Fowee</b>		<b>5 years</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Palmer Fryman</b>		
<b>13</b>	<b>Carol Turner</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Don &amp; Sue Hatfield</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Lee Walz</b>		<b>54 years</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Rick Carr</b>		
<b>20</b>	<b>Luke Schamer</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Byron &amp; Laura Santee</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Ed Dietz</b>		<b>35 years</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Ellis Lang</b>		
<b>27</b>	<b>Julie Weber</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Dan &amp; Cindy Schneider</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Joanne Laws</b>		<b>44 years</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Gary Mulligan</b>		
		<b>22</b>	<b>Chad &amp; Shannon Abbott</b>
			<b>18 years</b>
		<b>25</b>	<b>Jeff &amp; Brenda Steelman</b>
			<b>38 years</b>
		<b>29</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Violette Fausz</b>
			<b>41 years</b>



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