

St. Paul's Church

of the United Church of Christ



**"The Light" Newsletter
May 2019 Edition**

A Message from Pastor Paul Forrey ~

Patricia and I wish to thank all of you for a wonderful weekend that we enjoyed with you on April 27-28. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you during the fellowship gathering on Saturday and again on Sunday morning. Thank you so much for electing me to serve you as your next settled pastor; I look forward to every opportunity to grow with you in our shared experience of Christ's ongoing presence and power as we minister with one another and in the wider community.

Patricia and I offer you our prayers throughout the season of Easter. As we witness together to Christ's continuing presence, we realize that Christ is always working to transform lives, churches, and communities. Christ is present with us as we worship and each time our leadership teams meet to empower and equip us for ministries. Christ is present with us as we gather for educational experiences that expand our perspectives and offer us new ways of thinking about ourselves and our world. As our missions teams work out in the community, we discover Christ is there too.

Patricia and I praise God for all the ways that we experienced Christ's active presence in our congregation while we were with you for the weekend. Bless all of you, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Marion Gosney has graciously agreed to provide Interim Pastoral care for our congregation. Please contact him at 859-512-4517 should you or a loved one have a need or concern requiring this type of care.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

The Call Weekend went very well! The reception on Saturday could not have happened without the help of Jeanne and Tom Greiser, Rick Barton and Karey Thomas. The council dinner with Pastor Paul and Patricia provided a wonderful opportunity for all of us to get to know each other better. Our Worship Service on Sunday morning was very well attended and we were able to experience the Spiritual leadership of Pastor Paul. The attendance at the special congregational meeting showed the love and support this congregation has for our beloved church. Our Pastoral Search Committee worked very hard to make sure that our Settled Pastor would be exactly who we needed. We cannot thank them enough for completing the task we asked them to do on our behalf.

God Bless all of you as we continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and share His love for all through the Ministries of this church. With God's help and the leadership of Pastor Paul, the future indeed looks bright for St. Paul's.

Connie Ballinger

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

May 5th: Marion Gosney will lead us in worship

May 12th: Third Annual Song Fest; Worship in song and verse

May 19th: Dennis Zimmerman will lead us in Worship

May 26th: Rev. Carl Robinson, Designated Association Minister (SONKA), will lead us in worship

June 2nd: Worship led by St. Paul's Church Council with committee reports

June 9th: **TENTATIVE:** Worship led by Rev. Paul Forrey

2019 FIRST QUARTER GIVING AND EXPENSE REPORT

GIVING JANUARY THROUGH MARCH: \$37,022.96

EXPENSES JANUARY THROUGH MARCH: \$43,487.98

The Last Hoot from Houston Hall

Thank you are small words to express my heart felt feeling as I leave St. Paul-Alexandria. Thank you to our staff, Darlene, Craig, Melinda and Ben. Thank you for all of the people who served in leadership during my interim time. You have such wonderful dedicated people who know how to go the second mile to push our church forward. Thank you for the gift from the congregation and to you who gave me personal notes and gifts- thank you for your kindness. Thank you for also providing me a break to well not sure if it is rest – rather it is lengthened time to work around Lily Ivy and to spend time with family. Congratulations on the election of your new settled pastor- Pastor Paul – please be as kind and welcoming you were to me – will sure help Pastor Paul have a very successful time as your new minister. I will look forward to hearing about the wonderful events that God is doing at St. Paul.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN MAY

Liturgist

May 5 Daryl Knauer
12 Debbie Fowee
19 Debbie Yeager
26 Karey Thomas

Coffee

May 5 Debbie Yeager
12 The Hayslettes
19 Tim Ash
26 The Hayslettes

Acolyte

May 5 Mitchel Haddix
12 Kynslee Ballinger
19 Logan Hayslette
26 Shae Weinel

Communion Set-up: May 5 – Barb Fausz and Helen McAlpin

Ushers:

May 5 10:30 Asbury Turner, Jim Miller,
Debbie Fowee and Cameron McDonald

May 12 10:30 Leah McDonald and Sue Hatfield

May 19 10:30 Marion & Dorothy Gosney

May 26 10:30 Lee Walz and Gary Sperry

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

MAY
Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 4 | Patricia Baker | 3 | Eric & Sherry Bihl |
| 5 | Michael Vogt | | 25 years |
| 8 | Evelyn Dietz | | |
| 11 | Amy Meyer | 5 | Andrew Saunders |
| 12 | Jeff Fowee | | & Kajsa Larson |
| 12 | Palmer Lee Fryman | | 4 years |
| 13 | Carol Turner | | |
| 14 | Lee Walz | 11 | Don & Sue Hatfield |
| 20 | Rick Carr | | 53 years |
| 20 | Luke Schamer | | |
| 22 | Ed Dietz | 25 | Jeff & Brenda Steelman |
| 23 | Ellis Lang | | 37 years |
| 25 | Annabelle Pohlman | | |
| 27 | Julie Weber | 29 | Jim & Violette Fausz |
| 28 | Joanne Laws | | 40 years |
| 28 | Gary Mulligan | | |



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—March 12, 2019

PRESENT: Pastor-Houston Hall, President-Connie Ballinger, Vice President-Daryl Knauer, Recording Secretary-Debbie Yeager, Treasurer-Sandy Smith, C.E.-Claudia Chalk, Missions- Teresa Knauer, Stewardship-Jayelynn Weinel, Trustees-Tim Ash, Worship-Fred Losey.

Connie opened the meeting. Pastor Hall said a prayer, and Council recited the Council Covenant together. Connie thanked Council members for posting reports on One Drive.

- 1) SECRETARY’S REPORT---Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Claudia Chalk and seconded by Tim Ash. Motion carried.**
- 2) TREASURER’S REPORT—February 2019 Expense and Temporary Reports were reviewed. Motion to accept reports and pay bills was made by Daryl Knauer and seconded by Fred Losey. Motion carried. Sandy mentioned that BB&T will be merging with Sun Times.**
- 3) PASTOR’S REPORT---Pastor Hall provided his written report of pastoral meetings, visits, classes taught and phone calls made. He also reminded Council of his vacation plans. His current plan is to be on vacation from April 29-May 8 and July 15-31.**
- 4) TRUSTEES’ REPORT--- Tim reported the following:**
 - Stripping and waxing the floors in Fellowship Hall has been put on hold.**
 - Carl continues to work on the sound system. A piece has been purchased but not installed yet.**
 - Monday Men continue with basic painting and maintenance.**
 - The cemetery fence should be repaired at minimal cost.**
 - The parking lot will need to be repaved this spring.**
- 5) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION---Claudia reported the following:**
 - Council President Connie Ballinger attended the March meeting to discuss sprucing up the Sunday School rooms. The Board would like to have each room a different color and theme.**

- Board is still working on revisions to the Safe Church Policy. The plan is to have it ready for VBS and volunteers trained.
 - Eight people attended movie night on March 10.
 - Book Club is reading *Church of the Small Things*. Ten people attended.
 - No Sunday School on Easter. There will be an egg hunt between the services.
 - The nursery was cleaned last month.
 - 5 Year Plan--brainstorming a wish list for a Christian Education Director.
- 6) **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**---Teresa reported the following:
- Campbell County Schools Resource Center—Care Packs will be assembled at VBS with donated items.
 - Family Promise of Northern Ky—Remaining 2019 dates are March 26, June 11, and August 20. St. Paul's volunteers donated a basket for the silent auction at their fundraiser.
 - HONK-- Two members helped paint on 2/16. Volunteer dates remaining in 2019 are 5/18, 8/17, and 11/16.
 - Due to scheduling conflicts there will not be a summer mission trip this year. The budgeted money will be released to the general fund with a portion being used for the Mission area in the Fellowship Hall. The committee has discussed ways of making the collection area neater and more visible and accessible for donations.
 - Our first quarter pledge to Washington UCC (\$650) will be requested to be sent in March.
- 7) **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**---Fred reported the following:
- Ash Wednesday service was well done but not well attended.
 - Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00. Artificial palms have been purchased for the altar and will be re-used. Easter Sunday services will be at 8:00 and 10:30. Breakfast will begin at 9.
 - Evelyn Kiefer has volunteered to coordinate the Carespring Ministry. She will contact their activities coordinator.

- Usher training will be held on Sunday, May 19 @ 9 AM. The committee will also invite anyone who wants to be an usher to attend.
 - Church suppers and kitchen renovations are being discussed.
- 8) **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**—Jayelynn reported that February 2019 giving was \$14,096. Jayelynn is working on finding a way to send cards to new home owners.
- 9) **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**---Daryl reported the following:
- Daryl, Fred, Charlene, and Darlene are working to bring the church's paper records of membership, births, confirmations, weddings, and deaths up to date. They are considering creating an electronic database of records.
 - UCC's agreement form on pastor's retirement, health and welfare plans have been submitted it to UCC Pensions Board.
 - Investment committee is scheduled to meet on March 16.
 - Daryl presented ideas for a proposal regarding a Space Usage Policy. After a discussion by council, it was decided that Daryl will work on developing a policy for the use of church facilities by outside groups. Council wants our facilities to be used only by members and non-profit organizations. Outside groups must have a safety policy or be trained in ours.
- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**—Connie reported the following:
 - **Five Year Plan**—Council's part is overseeing renovations and development of leadership. It would be a good idea for council members to create a summary of their duties and committee's function and purpose in preparation for when it's time for someone else to take over. Also, Council meetings are open to any member of the congregation.
 - The Planning Committee is meeting again and moving forward. This committee will present its Renovation Plan to the Trustees for approval. The Plan will then be presented to Council for approval before presenting the Plan to the congregation.
 - We need to continue to move forward with plans to spruce up the Fellowship Hall.

NEW BUSINESS—Fred Losey asked that St. Paul’s continue sponsoring the three Boy Scout Troops. Claudia Chalk made a motion to continue this sponsorship. Debbie Yeager seconded. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting is April 9, 2019 at 7 PM in the Parish House. Teresa Knauer motioned to adjourn; Jayelynn Weinel seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting ended with Council reciting the Lord’s Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Yeager, Recording Secretary**

CHURCH TIDBITS



THANK YOU

St. Paul’s,

Thank you for the love and support you have shown to Mom and our family throughout her illness and passing. Your prayers, cards, visits and words of support have meant a lot. Thank you Houston for visiting Mom and singing hymns.

Our family enjoyed the delicious luncheon and the time to visit with family and friends. Your hard work and care are much appreciated.

Mom loved her God, her family and her church. Thank you for being an important part in her life.

Betty Lou’s family

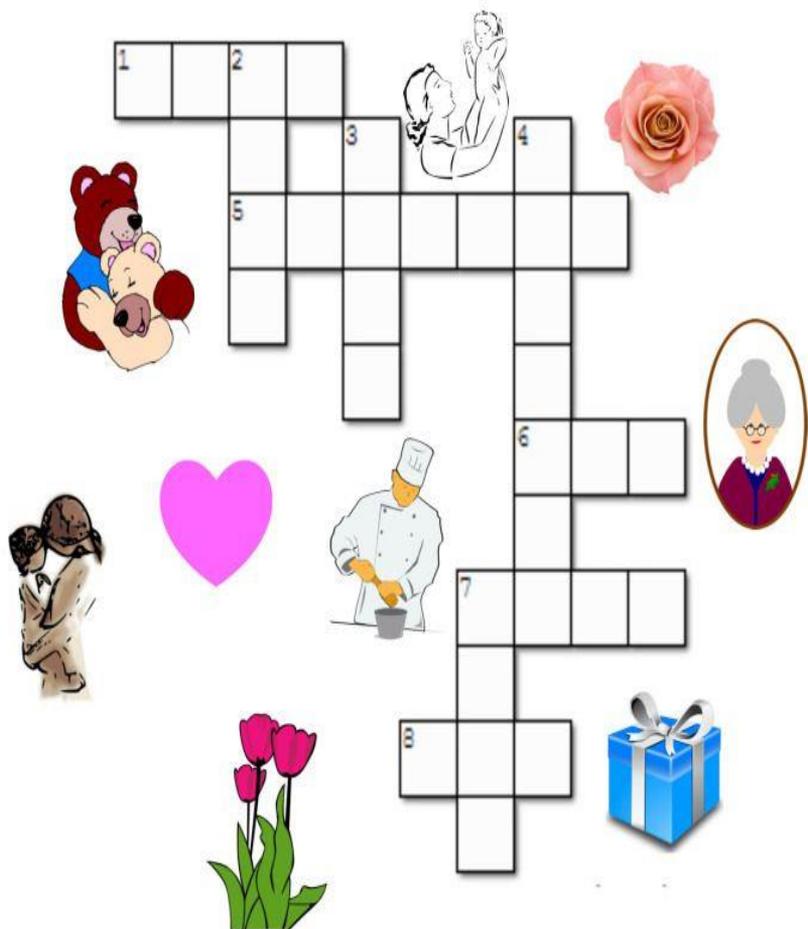
Hi Dear Friends & Family at St. Paul’s,

I’m thinking that maybe I’m making some progress! The doctor said I could wear the back brace less time at home. But if I leave the house I have to wear it. Will see him next Monday and maybe he’ll have good news.

Hope you are all well and doing great things (even small things!) That’s what makes the world go around.

Love, joy and laughter, Donna Mader

Mother's Day Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. I love ____ and kisses from my mom.
5. Mom plants _____ in her garden
6. Happy Mother's ____.
7. I will make my mom a Mother's Day ____.
8. ____ is short for mother.

Down

2. This is another word for a present.
3. I ____ my mom.
4. I call my mom's mom and my dad's mom _____.
7. My mom is a great _____. I love everything she makes.

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