



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at St. Paul's Church!



*"Walk a little slower, daddy",
Said a little child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
And I don't want to fall.*

*Sometimes your steps are very fast.
Sometimes they're hard to see.
So walk slower, Daddy.
For you are leading me.*

*Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.*

*And I would want to lead just right.
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy.
For I must follow you."*

Confirmation Sunday

June 5 ~ 10:00AM

On Sunday June 5, we will confirm five young men—Greyson Ballinger, Jackson Bittner, Logan Hayslette, Camren Losey, and Jack Thomas—who have been learning and exploring God within themselves and each other since September. We offer this sacred rite on Pentecost Sunday to acknowledge the presence of God's Holy Spirit who descends upon these young men and claim them for a life dedicated to service in Christ's name.



Confirmation is the affirmation of baptism through which people enter the worldwide community of the Christian church. The word “confirm” means to “make firmer or stronger,” so when people are confirmed they strengthen the baptismal vows taken for them by their parents. God will strengthen God's claim on their lives, and they will strengthen their membership in the life of this church. Through this journey, these five young people are giving themselves wholeheartedly to God and seek to know God's will for their lives.

Confirmation is not a “graduation;” it is the beginning of a new life chapter in which they will connect personally with Jesus Christ and let God's Holy Spirit guide them in all that they do.

Please pray for Jack, Camren, Logan, Jackson, and Greyson in the time to come! Additionally, we thank various church members who have participated in class leadership over these months. Most importantly, we thank the families of these young men who have made it possible for them to be part of the 2022 Confirmation Class! Thank you!

~ Pastor Paul Forrey



Join Patricia and Pastor Paul for the
Cincinnati 2022 Pride Festival and Parade.

The parade begins at 11:00am downtown
and ends at the festival site at Sawyer Point.



Our participation in the festival is a celebration that churches are places where all are not only welcomed but affirmed as beloved children of God. People today seek opportunities to raise their families in communities of faith that offer extravagant welcome. We will join in this celebration with people from other area UCC churches such as Pilgrim UCC, Truth and Destiny Ministries, and St. John UCC, Bellevue, and with other religious groups such as Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Parents of Gays and Lesbians, Christ Church Cathedral, Jewish Family Services, and Buddhist Dharma Center of Cincinnati.

What Family Resource and Youth Services Center are and Why They are so Important

On Sunday, April 24, we had the privilege of hearing from Campbell Ridge Elementary's Family Resource Counselor, Sarah Sterling. She gave us a lot of great information, that the Faith in Action team felt was worth reiterating.

Mission Statement

To enhance students' ability to succeed in school by developing and sustaining partnerships that promote:

- Early learning and successful transition to school
- Academic achievement and well-being
- Graduation and transition into adult life



The impact of poverty on children

- Frequent behavioral issues
- Bullying
- Struggle to complete assignments
- Parents aren't involved
- School not a family priority

Startling Stats



More than half (51%) of Campbell Ridge Elementary students qualify for Free or Reduced lunches



Campbell County-wide there are more than 250 students that are considered homeless—47 of those at Campbell Ridge



Over 2,380 backpack meals go out a year which is the equivalent to more than \$11,000 of food donated to students over the course of the year.

Our Help is Vitrally Important

FRYSC receives limited grant funding, that's why they rely on the support we provide to be successful.

Our 1 month a year (May) covers 4 weeks. This year, we donated 256 bags of food to feed 64 children. This year the bags we provided included: Mac & cheese cups, Chef Boyardee microwavable pastas, applesauce, oatmeal, chewy granola bars, Nature Valley granola bars, Goldfish crackers, peach cups, Cup of Noodles.

By providing this help to Campbell Ridge, we are:

- Ensuring children don't go hungry over the weekend
- Providing a little food security and stability for families
- Reducing some of the stress factors families are experiencing
- Helping children have the nutrition they need to succeed in school
- Living out Christ's call to help those in need
- Making a difference in our community, 1 bag at a time



Coffee, Cakes, and Caring for June 11 at 10am at Brighton Women's Recovery Center

For June's Coffee, Cakes, and Caring activity, we are looking to partner with The Brighton Women's Recovery Center by visiting their facility and inviting the residents to help us put together activity bags. Let Patricia Ross know if you would like to participate, and we can carpool.

The Faith Formation Team's 2nd Annual Family Fun Night was held April 29, 2022. We had lots of laughs during the Minute-to-Win-It Games and then enjoyed pizza!

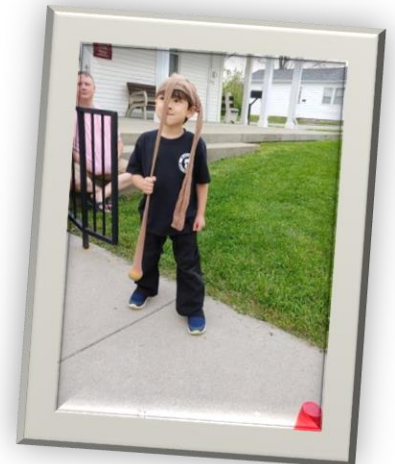
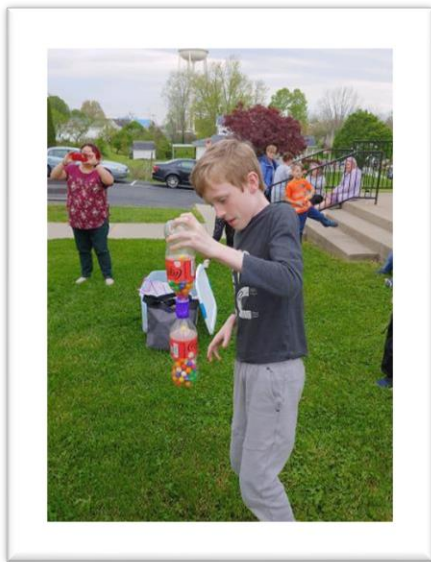
All are welcome

Upcoming Events:

VBS – Passport to Peace

June 27-30 9am – noon

Talent Show September 10, time TBA





2022 Vacation Bible School Registration and Waiver Release Form

Date: June 27th – 30th

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Location: St. Paul's UCC – 1 North Jefferson St., Alexandria, KY

Child's Name (Last, First)	Age	Last Grade Completed

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____ **Work Phone** _____

Parent email address(es) _____

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of St. Paul's UCC allowing the above child(ren) to participate in Vacation Bible School activities, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless St. Paul's UCC, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively herein the "Church") from any and all liability, claims, or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever that may be incurred by the undersigned and the above child(ren) while involved in Vacation Bible School. Furthermore, on behalf of my minor child(ren), I hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense as a result of participation in activities involved therein. As well as releasing the child(ren), if necessary, for transportation to and from the Vacation Bible School location, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless St. Paul's UCC, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims, or demands for accidental personal injury in the process of transportation.

MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION: I authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed on the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child(ren) pursuant to this authorization.

PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION: I DO / DO NOT (circle one) give my consent to St. Paul's UCC to use photo or video images taken of my child(ren) in church brochures, advertisements for the church, on the website, in social media, and in other church publications as they see fit. I agree to hold harmless St. Paul's UCC from any liability which may result from the use of said picture(s). This form will apply throughout my child(ren)'s tenure at St. Paul's UCC's Vacation Bible School. **None of the photos will be for personal use.** No names will be used with photos.

I hereby give permission for my child(ren) to participate in Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's UCC on June 27-30

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Complete the following for each child in the family.

All information will remain confidential to Vacation Bible School staff.

Child's Name _____ Age: _____
Allergies, Medications, and/or Medical Conditions we need to be aware of: _____

Activity restrictions: _____
Parent/Guardian phone number(s): _____
Emergency Contact: person(s) & phone numbers in case parent/guardian cannot be reached:
Name(s) _____
Contact Phone _____
People authorized to pick up my child _____

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You may wonder, “Why do we celebrate the 4th of July? What does it mean?” Well, this day is incredibly significant in American history, as it marks the day the United States officially became its own nation. The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4th, 1776—and thus, America was born. American citizens celebrate America’s birthday with festivals, parades, fireworks, barbecues, sparklers, and other festive activities.

All-Ages Church Day Adventure!

Salato Wildlife Education Center

1 Sportsman's Lane Frankfort, KY 40601

<https://fw.ky.gov/Education/Pages/Salato-Wildlife-Education-Center.aspx>



What we will see:

Living Bee Tree, Snakes of Kentucky, Warm Water Aquarium, Alligator Snapping Turtle, Bald Eagles, Bison, Black Bear, Elk, Deer, Turkey, Bobcats, Monarch Waystation, and more!



Wednesday July 6, 2022

Leave Church at 10am

Adults \$5, Youth \$3, Under 4 Free

Bring your own lunch

July 2022 Sunday Message Series

A Whale of a Series

The Book of Jonah

This 4-part message series will explore this unique Old Testament book. We will examine the major themes of Jonah's story, paying close attention to the overall message of the book and how that message is relevant for our congregation today.

July 3: Jonah 1:1-17

July 10: Jonah 2:1-10

July 17: Jonah 3:1-10

July 24: Jonah 4:1-11



Faith in Action Team Update - Backpack Program 2022 Complete!

Thanks to your generous donations at our Superbowl collection, we were able to purchase enough food for 256 bags



Every Campbell County School has churches supporting this program – we are one of many who feed kids all school year!

Backpack food ensures that kids have food each weekend. This fulfills one goal of the FRYSC (Family Resource Youth Service Centers), which is to remove non-academic barriers in order to enhance student academic success.

At Campbell Ridge, 51% of the 583 students qualify for free/reduced lunch, 47 students are considered homeless.

Over 2,380 bags of food are delivered each year to just Campbell Ridge – that's over \$11,000 of donated food in one school year!

We are grateful for your support!

CHECK OUT THE PROGRESS ON THE LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION



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TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

- 1) Which psalm begins with, “The Lord is my shepherd”?
- 2) Where was Joseph taken when his brothers sold him?
- 3) Which disciple doubted Jesus’ resurrection?

NEEDING PICTURES

We are putting a new idea in our newsletter which requires your help. Each month we are going to put a picture of someone that belongs to the church and your job is to see if you can identify that person. For example, a picture when you were young, or a picture with a funny outfit. The answer will be posted in the following newsletter. Please submit your pictures to the office or put in the offering envelope. The pictures will be returned or you can scan the picture and send it to the office.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the August newsletter will be on July 21st. Committee leaders have plenty of time to get those articles submitted but don’t delay.

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

God looks out at the Pearly Gates and says, “Welcome to heaven. I want the women to go with St. Peter and the men to form two lines here. All men who think they were in charge of their relationship on earth stand here, and the men who believe their wife was in charge, stand here.”

There’s much movement, but eventually the women are gone and there are two lines left. The line of the men who were not in charge is miles long. In the other line stands just one man.

God turns to this man and says, “You’re the only one in this line. How did you manage this?”

The man shrugs and says, “I don’t know; my wife told me to stand here.”

Answers:

1) Psalm 23 2) Egypt 3) Thomas

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Pastor Paul



1) What is your biggest joy in the ministry?

Answer: Seeing all the ways God changes people's lives.

2) How long have you lived in Alexandria?

Answer: 3 years

3) What is your favorite food?

Answer: Mexican

4) What do you do in your spare time?

Answer: Read

5) What is your favorite movie?

Answer:

A tie between "For Once in my Life" and "The Last Samurai".



June

07 Jim Miller
 07 Ron Sperry
 12 Teddy Fausz
 18 Tim Ash
 19 Glen Racke
 25 Kynslee Ballinger
 25 Amity Kukla
 27 Richard Barton
 27 Debbie Yeager
 29 Sally McNichols

July

01 Kyle Ballinger
 09 Jeff Steelman
 10 Reid Kukla
 13 Lewis Connell
 16 Tom Greiser
 22 Leah Fryman
 25 Erin Stacey
 27 Jeff Enyart
 30 Audrey Haddix
 30 Violette Fausz
 31 Brenna Losey
 31 Emma Losey



June

03 Steve & Janie Haddix
 17 years
 05 Glenn & Amity Kukla
 11 years
 08 Jim and Kathy Miller
 38 years
 15 Chris & Leah McDonald
 31 years
 23 Scott & Leah Fryman
 11 years
 26 Larry Giesmann & Laura Trice
 24 years

July

03 Robert & Mary Weinel
 57 years
 05 Carl & Pat Schuchter
 64 years
 06 Greg & Lori Davis
 31 years
 08 Tom & Anna Wheeler
 55 years
 19 Rodney & Amy Meyer
 30 years
 20 Tim & Sharon Ash
 38 years
 21 Keith & Julie Behymer
 32 years
 28 Mike & Connie Ballinger
 49 years
 31 Shawn & Beekee Hayslette
 17 years

Serving in June

Liturgist

June 5 Claudia Chalk
June 12 Evelyn Dietz
June 19 Debbie Yeager
June 26 Charlene Rogers

Ushers

June 5 Wanda Hornsby, Jim Miller, Margaret Perry and Gary Sperry
June 12 Sarah Lester and Debbie Fowee
June 19 Sue Hatfield and Everett Harrison
June 26 Shawn Hayslette and Logan Hayslette

Communion set-up: Sally McNichols and Mindy Connell

Serving in July

Liturgist

July 3 Sarah Lester
July 10 Kathy VonStrohe
July 17 Roger VonStrohe
July 24 Debbie Fowee
July 31 Connie Ballinger

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July 31 Wanda Hornsby and Jim Miller

Communion set-up: Barb Fausz and Helen McAlpin

Church Word Search Puzzle

P Y K S U B N T F A K R T P N
O R B L K B M A E N M P E W S
H T T L Q V F B E H K Z P E C
S S T E E P L E Q W E Y E T W
I E A B Y A L R E T S I N I M
B V U U L I S N N O M R E S M
K Y X I N I Z A S O I X R V U
L X T G Y V S C Y A R P E J S
T I J L S P Y L Z W W R A O I
B F H E I R D E K N T M D L C
R I Y P N I X O R G A N I S T
I C M S G E E L B I B A N D K
O U N O I S R O B E S J G W C
H R S G N T L H K M M O S Z H
C C C W G S C R O S S A Y H M

BELLS

BIBLE

BISHOP

CHOIR

CROSS

CRUCIFIX

GOSPEL

HYMNS

KNEELING

MINISTER

MUSIC

ORGANIST

PEWS

PRAY

PRIEST

READINGS

ROBES

SERMON

SINGING

STEEPLE

TABERNACLE

VESTRY

PRESENT: President - Claudia Chalk, Recording Secretary - Janet Van Nevel; Treasurer - Sandy Smith; Financial Secretary - Jeff Enyart; Worship Team - Debbie Yeager; Development - Cammy Burling; Missions - Sarah Lester; Trustees - Sally McNichols; Faith Formation - Evelyn Dietz; Tech Support - Craig McAlpin; Pastor Paul Forrey.

Claudia called the meeting to order, over Zoom. Paul offered an opening prayer.

Claudia read the Council Covenant.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT: No changes to February minutes. Claudia requested corrections of two typos in the March minutes. Motion made by Sally and seconded by Jeff to approve minutes. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Sandy reported that we have \$45,758.17 in the checking account and \$33,371.05 in the temporary account. There are \$8,465.60 in renovation charges to be paid. We collected \$1,050 for Ukraine support. Paul will let Sandy know where to send the money. Sandy reported we still have the funds collected for Kentucky tornado relief. Sarah will let her know where to send it. Cammy motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills, Evelyn seconded. Motion passed.

3. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jeff reported that April giving through 4/12/2022 was \$8,246.50. The first quarter average monthly giving was \$16,625. The counting file has been updated for the 200 series ID's. A communication to the non-envelope givers will take place soon.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS: To expedite review of individual committee reports to allow more time for discussion of other business council members reviewed committee reports prior to the meeting. Claudia moved and Sally seconded accepting the committee reports. Approved.

a. Worship Committee reported that Queen City Bronze is scheduled to perform May 1st. Paul will be on vacation the end of May. Melinda will be on vacation May 1st. Coffee Hour will remain on hold for now. We need at least three more volunteers to consider bringing it back.

b. Trustees (Sally) reported that a piece of siding is loose on the steeple. Arrangements have been made to have it fixed. The light across the street is out. Duke is scheduled to fix it. Plans are being made to move some pews to make more room for Bell Choir.

c. Endowment Committee met on March 19th. Their report will be coming.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Church Directory - The last directory was done in 2017. It was reported that photos can be uploaded to Breeze to use it as a directory, the contact information is already there. Craig offered to assist members with uploading photos. The Breeze directory works especially well on mobile devices. It was decided to table using a company to do a directory for now.

b. Easter Breakfast will be a continental breakfast (bagels, donuts, muffins, coffee cake, fruit) this year at the Parish House.

c. Paul recommended we add a member of the Staff Parish Team (current members are Jeanne Greiser, Evelyn Dietz, Connie Ballinger & Karen Zimmerman) as a representative to Council. They work with hiring/supervising/evaluating staff and make recommendations for budget. A motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Janet to add Parish Team as a voting member of Council. Motion passed. They will be invited to the next council meeting.

d. Constitution Revision: In the fall of 2020 a task force consisting of Charlene Rogers, Jeff Enyart, Sarah Lester and Paul Forrey was appointed to work on a revision to the Constitution. A draft was provided for review. Sarah gave an overview. The Constitution serves as the foundation. If done well it wouldn't require updates. New By-Laws would be developed to spell out "How we do business". They could be updated as necessary. The Constitution is the skeleton, the By-Laws are the flesh. More people will need to be involved to revise the By-Laws. Everyone on Council should be part of the development. We will explore it over the next several months.

e. Passing of the Peace: It was decided to table "passing the peace" during the service for now. People seem to be greeting others before and after services.

f. Children's Chat: Craig reported that we need more people on the children's chat list. It was decided now that weekly Sunday School is back we can cut back to one Children's Chat and one children's book per month.

6. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Sally and seconded by Debbie to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janet Van Nevel



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 UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Where God is still speaking