

St. Paul's Church

of the United Church of Christ



"The Light" Newsletter
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Holy Week

April 13 -Palm Saturday Event 10.30 - Noon

April 18 – Maundy Thursday Service with music 7 pm

April 21 – Easter Day

8.00 First Service

9.00 Breakfast

10.00 Easter Egg Hunt

10.30 Second Service

Adult Class

April 3 Embracing Mystery – last of the series

April 10 TBA

April 17 and 24 off for Holy week and Easter

Road Trip One

The confirmation class is going on a field trip to experience Evensong – a service of music, scripture and prayers at the Episcopal Cathedral in Cincinnati we are leaving at 4 pm from the church and have a bite to eat on the way home.

Road Trip Two

The Fort Thomas Library is having the Cincinnati Chamber string quartet is bringing light classical music from around the world – on Friday, April 26 at 7 pm – thinking of going to eat before hand - we will need to request (free) tickets for it ASAP.

Thank you

Welcome Reverend Forrey & Patricia Ross

The search committee would like to introduce our candidate for the settled minister position at St. Paul's. Please join us as we welcome the Rev. Paul Forrey and his wife, Patricia Ross.

The open pulpit weekend will be on April 27 & April 28. On Saturday, the 27th there will be a gathering for everyone to meet and greet Paul & Patricia.

On Sunday, April 28, there will be an open pulpit and congregational vote to formally accept Rev Paul Forrey as our new settled pastor. Following the service there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall. More details about these events as the dates get closer.

Reverend Paul Forrey and his wife, Patricia Ross



Paul Forrey was born and raised in New Jersey. He attended The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, NJ from which he graduated with honors in 1982. Paul attended Rutgers University where he studied fine arts, art history, and religious philosophy. His artistic focus was working with oils, acrylics, watercolors, and enjoys painting today, primarily in acrylics and pastels. He graduated with honors in 1986. Following

college, Paul worked at an art gallery, where his artistic skills gave him an edge.

In 1989, Paul enrolled at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, PA as a student in care of the Central Atlantic Conference of the UCC. In 1992 a UCC congregation in Lancaster called Paul to serve as pastor. Paul graduated cum laude in 1993 and was awarded the Spessard Prize at graduation for best essay in Christology. Paul was ordained on August 1, 1993.

Paul moved to FL in 1995 and served two churches in that state. Paul also wrote Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany resources for the Inviting Word Christian education curriculum. Paul also taught online college classes in world religions, ethics, philosophy, and western culture for Kaplan University and University of Phoenix. In 2013 Paul and Patricia moved to West Liberty OH where Paul served as pastor of the UCC congregation there. During his pastorates, Paul has always maintained an active presence in the local community, including service on the board of directors of several local nonprofit agencies and senior living communities. Paul actively serves on ministry teams with regional UCC Associations and was a delegate to the 1995 UCC General Synod.

Paul also served as Vice President of Development with Adriel, a faith-based nonprofit agency that provides foster care services, family preservation services, and clinical services to foster children and families in Ohio.

Patricia Ross was born in California, but lived most of her life in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. She attended Dunedin High School and the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Patricia currently works as a freelance marketing content developer and copywriter, and most recently worked at the Marysville Public Library as a circulation clerk. She has also served on two non-profit mental health agency boards, supporting these organizations in the delivery of services to the

community, and being a positive force in helping to remove the stigma of mental illness.

Patricia Ross and Paul Forrey were married in 2012. They share their lives with three small dogs — Millie, a miniature schnauzer; Harry, a miniature poodle; and Kami, a havanese — and a cat, Lynx. They are also faith-based volunteers for the Humane Society of the U.S. Together, they enjoy reading, going to cultural events, hiking, and bicycle riding. Patricia and Paul are avid Reds fans. Paul enjoys reading and playing golf and tennis, while Patricia spends her free time knitting, crafting, cooking, baking and doing yoga.

Palm Saturday Family Event **April 13, 2019 10:30am - noon**



Come prepare for Easter by:

- making crosses out of Palm leaves
- making a set of Resurrection eggs for your family
- helping make St. Paul's Easter Banner
- creating Easter cards for our shut-ins
- making communion bread

This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends to participate with the children they love! All are welcome!

THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL

Liturgist

Apr. 7 Debbie Yeager
14 Karey Thomas
21 8:00 am Need a Volunteer
10:30 am Amity Kukla
28 Debbie Fowee

Coffee

Apr. 7 Shawn & Beekee Hayslette
14 Tim Ash
21 Easter Breakfast
28 Cammy Burling

Acolyte

Apr. 7 Kynslee Ballinger
14 Shae Weinel
21 8:00 am Greyson Ballinger
10:30 am Mitchell Haddix
28 Shae Weinel

Communion Set-up: Apr. 18 – Mindy Connell and Audrey Thomas
Apr. 21 – Marion & Dorothy Gosney

Ushers:

Apr. 7 10:30 am Asbury Turner and Leah McDonald
Apr. 14 10:30 am Sue Hatfield and Gary Sperry
Apr. 18 7:00 pm Lee Walz and Ron Sperry
Apr. 21 8:00 am Asbury Turner and Debbie Fowee
10:30 am Pat Schuchter and Cameron McDonald
Apr. 28 10:30 am Jim Miller and Gary Sperry

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 1	Janie Haddix	7	Rob & Jayelynn Weinel
3	Samantha Gunning	2 years	
3	Mitchel Haddix		
3	Logan Hayslette		
3	Ava Rose Losey		
7	Betty Bihl		
8	Betty Lou Pfeiffer		
10	Keaton Ballart		
10	Dorothy Gosney		
10	Melinda Schamer		
13	Olivia Davis		
13	Scott Dawson		
14	Linda Krebs		
14	William Vogt		
15	Austin Jones		
16	Jim Fausz		
16	Peach Webb		
17	Jean Baker		
17	Sue Hatfield		
17	Denny Schweitzer		
17	Anna Wheeler		
18	Kathy VonStrohe		
23	Beekee Hayslette		
24	Michael Franzen		
24	Susan Geiman		
29	Diana Mote		



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—February 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.

- 1) SECRETARY'S REPORT---Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Claudia Chalk and seconded by Teresa Knauer. Motion carried.
- 2) TREASURER'S REPORT—January 2019 Expense and Temporary Reports were reviewed. We will transfer \$50.00 from the general fund to cover a carryover deficit from the backpack program from 2017. Motion to accept reports and pay bills was made by Teresa Knauer and seconded by Jayelynn Weinel. Motion carried.
- 3) PASTOR'S REPORT---Pastor Hall provided his written report of pastoral meetings, visits, classes taught and phone calls made. He also assured Council that he is not actively searching for a new position.
- 4) TRUSTEES' REPORT--- Tim reported the following:
 - One more coat of paint is needed on the front door.
 - Work is being done on the urinals.
 - Carl continues to work on the sound system.
 - We will need to budget for a new snow blower in next year's budget.
 - Fred shared an Insurance Board survey.
 - Connie shared a document that outlines the guidelines for using the kitchen. Our kitchen is a rewarming kitchen, not a prep kitchen. She will post these guidelines. We are forming a Kitchen/Hospitality Ministry. Rick and Judy Barton have agreed to chair this ministry. We hope to have 3 or 4 church wide activities per year.

5) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION---Claudia reported the following:

- Superbowl collection was \$374.
- The Adult classes are going well. They will finish the Living the Question Series. If Campbell County Schools are closed due to weather, the Wednesday classes will not meet.
- Sunday, February 17...Valentine's skit and the children will pass out candy after church.
- Melinda has provided some short songs that the children can use for the introit or benediction.
- Board is still working on revisions to the Safe Church Policy.
- March 10...movie night. The movie will be *Hidden Figures*.
- Book Club will start on March 11 at 6:30. The book is *The Church of the Small Things* by Melanie Shankle.
- April 13...Palm Saturday Family Event. Planning is going well.
- The Sunday School schedule for teachers has been planned through May. There will not be Sunday School on Easter. There will be an egg hunt.
- Board continues to discuss year 5 of the 5 Year Plan. They will go forward with a job description for a Christian Education Director. They are also discussing the possibility of an Intergenerational Retreat.

6) MISSIONS COMMITTEE---Teresa reported the following:

- Campbell County Schools are reorganizing their Resource Centers. Evelyn would like for the children at VBS to put together back to school hygiene bags for the older students.
- HONK is Saturday, February 16.
- White Gift Program went very well.

- 7) WORSHIP COMMITTEE---Fred reported that the Committee did not meet in February. Lenten season is planned. He is still looking for someone to organize the Caresprings Ministry.
- 8) STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE—Jayelynn reported that January 2019 giving was \$9240.00. A discussion was held regarding using a postcard to invite new homeowners in Alexandria to visit our church.
- 9) VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT---Daryl had nothing to report.
- 10) PRESIDENT’S REPORT—Connie reported the following:
 - Committees should continue to evaluate their progress on the five-year plan.
 - We continue to use OneDrive to store and share documents. Craig has merged all 2018 reports into one folder.
 - We need to have a better way to track our membership records. If we no longer have Church Windows, we need another type of computer program. (For example, either an Excel or Data base type program.)

NEW BUSINESS—None

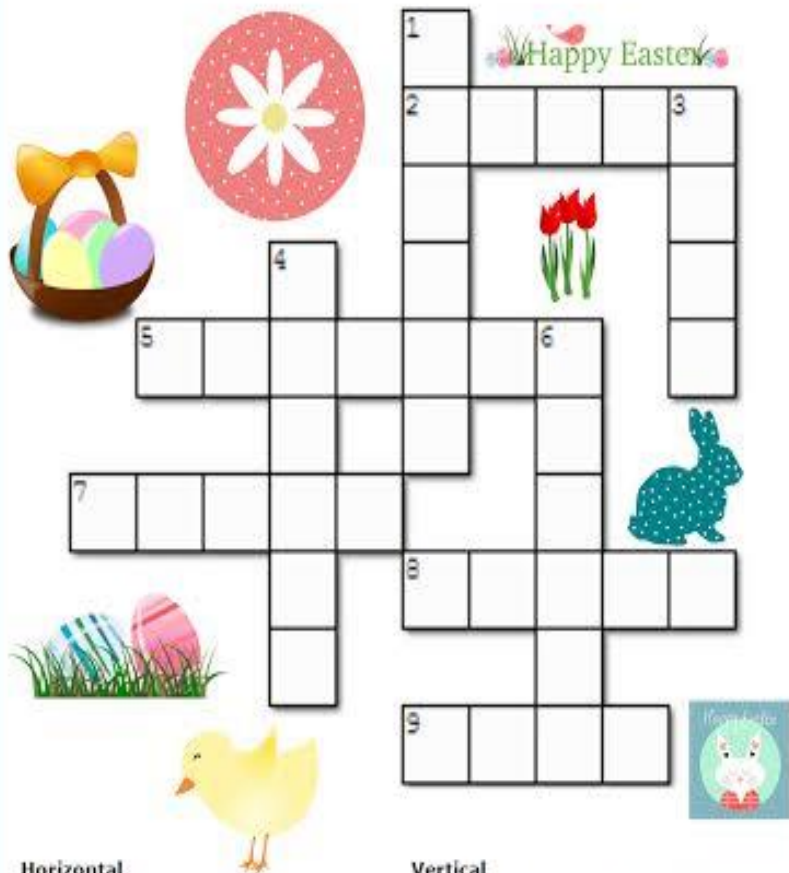
Next Council Meeting is March 12, 2019 at 7 PM in the Parish House.

Teresa Knauer motioned to adjourn; Tim Ash seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting ended with Council reciting the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Yeager, Recording Secretary

Easter Crossword Puzzle



Horizontal

- _____ showers bring May flowers
- Bees love them and there are lots of different kinds
- I hide the eggs for you to find.
- I am a baby chicken
- The Easter bunny hides them for you to find

Vertical

- You put the eggs that you find in me
- March rolls in like a lion and goes out like a _____
- A lady wears this kind of hat with her Easter dress
- What season comes before summer?

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