



UNITED CHURCH
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St. Paul's Church

"The Light" Newsletter
August 2019 Edition

A Message from Pastor Paul Forrey

Patricia and I are so thankful to share our lives with a congregation that lives out Christ's commission to strive for peace and abundance for all people in the wider community! We rejoice that our congregation is so active in ministries that directly benefit people. As I write this message we are putting together a Sunday bulletin that includes a thank you from the Family Resource Youth Service Center at the Middle School for the toiletries we collected and dropped off. Patricia and I helped prepare the food for the July Soup Kitchen ministry, and we helped out at the Isaiah House ministry on July 27.

Some wonderful opportunities for ministry are coming up in August. Our next date to serve as a support congregation for Family Promise of Northern KY is **Tuesday August 20**. Our congregation provides van-driver transportation from the Day Center to St. Joseph's Church in Cold Spring, dinner and evening hosts, overnight hosts, and van transportation the next morning. Family Promise is faith-based organization that provides shelter, meals, transportation and case management services to homeless families. The day center coordinates daily activities, ensures the children get to school and provides other essential social services.

On **Saturday August 17**, some of us will help with the Soup Kitchen ministry while others will lend a hand working with Housing Opportunities of NKY (HONK). HONK helps low-income families live in safe, quality housing. We have the opportunity to help rehabilitate houses and, through God's power, support families in need.

Each of these mission activities provides us not only with the opportunity to directly assist people in need, but to share our lives with people through fellowship and kindness. St. Paul tells the Christians in Rome, "Share with

the Lord's people who are in need.... Practice hospitality" (Romans 12:13). Paul's message is clear. First, we share some of the abundance God has given us with people in need. We serve people and lift them up. Second, we practice hospitality. This means that we give not only the gifts of our resources, but the gifts of our time, compassion, and friendship. We talk with the people that we serve and come to know and understand them, honoring the dignity of each person whom God loves.

Patricia and I hope that you will offer the gift of your presence and time at any or all of these mission activities of our congregation. May God bless all of us, and especially the people in need served by these rich ministries.

CHURCH TIDBITS



Dear friends and family at St. Paul's,

I love it that you keep in touch---it speaks to my heart and soul. Thank you!

One more week and it will be time for the shots in both knees—Hooray!

Love, joy and laughter to all of you.

Donna Mader

THOSE WHO SERVE IN AUGUST

Liturgist

Aug. 4 Amity Kukla
11 Charlene Rogers
18 Debbie Yeager
25 Roger VonStrohe

Coffee

Aug. 4 Tim Ash
11 Debbie Yeager
18 Tim Ash
25 Debbie Yeager

Acolyte

Aug. 4 Shae Weinel
11 Mitchel Haddix
18 Greyson Ballinger
25 Kynslee Ballinger

Communion Set-up: Aug. 4 - Marion & Dorothy Gosney

Ushers:

Aug. 4 10:30 Asbury Turner, Jim Miller,
Gary Sperry and Leah McDonald

Aug. 11 10:30 Pat Schuchter and Leah McDonald

Aug. 18 10:30 Sue Hatfield and Lee Walz

Aug. 25 10:30 Ron Sperry and Gary Sperry

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

AUGUST
Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Dean Windgassen	17	Greg & Susan Geiman
2	Owen Pohlman		32 years
5	Evelyn Keifer		
6	Jim Webb		
9	Eola Barrett		
11	Dylan Schweitzer		
12	Marion Gosney		
18	Mike Ballinger		
18	Karey Thomas		
20	Bunny Clos		
20	Lori Davis		
20	Anna Olson		
20	Wyatt Pohlman		
23	Alex Enyart		
29	Mark Vogt		
31	Wilma Smith		





**Join Us on Saturday,
August 3rd, from 4-7 pm
for the St. Paul's UCC Summer Social
(formerly Lawn Fete)**

SAME GREAT EVENT, INVITING NEW NAME!

While Lawn Fete has a long tradition at St. Paul's, Council decided to change the name to better reflect how the event has grown, and to provide a more familiar name that helps ensure the community feels welcome.

Join us for a fun afternoon of Food, Ice Cream, Bake Sale, Games, Crafts and Raffles...and fellowship!

- If you would like to donate items for the Bake Sale, a Basket for the raffle, or are available to help, please contact Connie at connieb@fuse.net.
- We're also looking for vendors to sell craft items—contact Connie for more information.

Proceeds this year will go toward Landscape and other outdoor church grounds projects.

St. Paul's UCC, Alexandria, KY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—
June 11, 2019

PRESENT: President-Connie Ballinger, Vice President-Daryl Knauer, Recording Secretary-Debbie Yeager, Financial Secretary-Jeff Enyart, Treasurer-Sandy Smith, Trustees- Sally McNichols, C.E.-Claudia Chalk, Worship-Fred Losey, Stewardship-Jayelynn Weinel, and Pastor Paul Forrey joined us via phone.

Connie opened the meeting and led us in prayer. Council recited the Council Covenant together.

- 1) SECRETARY'S REPORT---Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Sally McNichols and seconded by Jeff Enyart. Motion carried. Debbie informed Council that minutes from the April 28 and June 2 special congregational meetings have been posted in the Council folder in One Drive.
- 2) TREASURER'S REPORT---May 2019 Expense and Temporary Accounts were reviewed. Motion to accept reports and pay bills was made by Jayelynn Weinel and seconded by Jeff Enyart. Motion carried.
- 3) PASTOR'S REPORT---Pastor Forrey expressed that it is his honor and privilege to begin his ministry at St. Paul's. For the first several months, he will listen more than talk in order to learn about the congregation, our ministries, and how our leadership teams function. Marion Gosney has contacted him about a couple of members who have been in the hospital this week, and Marion will visit/contact them.
- 4) TRUSTEES' REPORT--- Sally reported the following:
 - Monday Men have been dodging the rain but making progress.
 - Work continues on the front doors.
 - Landscape is being weeded and trimmed.
 - The bushes between the ramp and the parking lot have been removed, and the new landscaping will be installed June 12 (weather permitting).
 - Sound system is being tweaked.
 - Outside lower level window sills have been painted.
 - A sign reminding people not to unplug the sump pump will be placed by the plug in the kitchen.
 - Weather is holding up the parking lot repavement project
 - Claudia Chalk mentioned that the AC in church has been very cold. It can be turned up.
- 5) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION---Claudia reported the following:
 - The Safe Church Policy was discussed. Sandy Smith made a motion to approve the Safe Church Policy as prepared by the BOCE. Jayelynn Weinel seconded. Motion carried.
 - Preparations continue for VBS.
 - Skit on Father's Day and candy will be distributed to the men of the church.

- We will continue to have Sunday School during the summer.
- Babysit Ease has approved that their workers can assist with Sunday School if there are no children in the nursery.
- Florence Freedom outing is July 19.
- Planning for another book club in late summer or early fall.
- Celebration Sunday will be August 18.
- We need to celebrate Charlene Roger's many years of teaching Confirmation.
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6) MISSIONS COMMITTEE---Daryl reported the following:

- Family Promise continues to need more volunteers.
- We are collecting personal care items for the FRC at CCMS. The items will be assembled into packs during VBS. Evelyn Dietz is coordinating this project.

7) WORSHIP COMMITTEE---Fred reported the following:

- Services for June are planned and Pastor Forrey has given us the topics for July.
- June 23 is the 62nd anniversary of the UCC.
- We hope to start up the Carespring ministry again in September.
- Usher training will be held in September.
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8) STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE---Jayelynn reported the following:

- April 2019 giving was \$14,404.65 (April 2018---\$13,952)
- May 2019 giving was \$14,486 (May 2018---\$10,988)
- Ideas for postcards to be sent out to members of the community were presented. This project was tabled until Pastor Forrey is settled.
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9) VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT---Daryl reported the following:

- Connie and Daryl worked with the UCC Pension Boards to have Pastor Forrey's medical benefits in place by June 1. This also included dental and life/disability insurance.
- A draft of a policy for facility usage guidelines was revised to create a form and posted to Council OneDrive for review and feedback. A motion was made by Claudia Chalk to approve the policy. Jeff Enyart seconded and the motion carried. Daryl will make sure groups already using our facilities receive a copy.
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10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT---Connie reported the following unfinished business:

- Lower Level Renovation---Pictures of a possible finished product will be posted as work is being done.

- Council members have been asked to write a description for their job by Sept 2019.
- Please make sure Craig gets updates and pictures for the web page.
- All committees and groups will be asked to help with the Lawn Fete on August 3. Proceeds will be used for outside church beautification projects.

NEW BUSINESS--None

Next Council Meeting is July 9, 2019 at 7 PM in the Parish House. Daryl Knauer motioned to adjourn; Jeff Enyart seconded. Motion carried. Meeting ended with Council reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Yeager, Recording Secretary

GRADUATES FOR 2019

Lauren Franzen Barkley graduated from NKU and will be teaching.

Lilian Campbell graduated from NKU and will be teaching.

Madeline Franzen graduated from NKU and will be working.

Ava Rose Losey graduated from Highlands High School and will be going to Gateway.

Josie Meyer graduated from UC.

Hannah Winstel graduated from Highland High School and will be going to NKU.

2019 Mid-year Financial Report

Through the first half of 2019, giving to support the mission and ministries of our congregation totaled \$78,508. This figure is up 2.6% for the same period in 2018.

Should current giving levels continue, the finance team projects total 2019 giving to be \$157,000--\$160,000. At the same time, we project total expenses to come in under the 2019 budgeted projection, but we still forecast a giving to expense shortfall of \$10,000--\$13,000. We will provide updated information at the end of the third quarter 2019. The data tells us that we are not far off our financial targets for the year. If each of us steps up our weekly or monthly giving we can reach our goal of fully funding our ministries and missions for the year without drawing from our investment income!

We thank you for your faithful giving to support the ministries of St. Paul's United Church of Christ! We do so trusting that God will continue to turn our giving into good work that furthers Christ's kingdom. "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19).

Kids Bible Wordsearch

People in the
book of Acts

Puzzle #4

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward,
backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Acts Chapter 1:1-12



ABRAHAM
ALEXANDER
ANANIAS
ANDREW
ANNAS
BARSABAS
CAIAPHAS
DAVID
ISAAC
JACOB
JAMES
JESUS

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

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