

St. Paul's Church

of the United Church of Christ



**"The Light" Newsletter
February 2019 Edition**

From the Interim

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Music on the Avenue

Our brothers and sisters at St. John's-Bellevue has a wonderful musical concert series, now in it's 20th year. You will find a poster in our entrance with the whole concert series listed. Like last year I would like to see if we can get a group to go to dinner and then the concert on Feb. 8, please contact Pastor Houston if you would like to join the group and or carpool -

Adult Class on Wednesday (12.30 and 7)

Call to Covenant -

Feb 6 - A Kingdom without walls

Feb 13- Social Justice: Realizing God's vision

Feb 20 – Incarnation: Divinely human

Feb 27- Prayer: Intimacy with God

Mar 6 – Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm

Mar 13- Compassion: the heart of Jesus' ministry

Mar 20 – Creative Transformation

Mar 27 – Embracing Mystery

CHURCH TIDBITS



THANK YOU

To the good people of St. Paul's UCC:

Your puffy envelope was filled with wonderful cards that raised my spirit and touched my heart. May your blessings be many and may love, joy and laughter be yours in 2019. Thank you again.

Donna Mader

THANK YOU

Thank you for the Christmas cards. I was very pleased to read such nice cards. Thank you everybody. Have a Merry Christmas!

Betty Bihl

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who were involved in caroling and sending cards to our shut ins!

We had a great time having a meal together, singing, and spending time with our wonderful members!

It was such a blessing to be able to deliver so many Christmas cards to them.

-CE Board

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, food and gifts. Also thanks to all the carolers that came and sang to me.

Glen Racke

THANK YOU

Thank you Charlene, Mission Team and all the church! What a wonderful Christmas you provided for 10-11 families. Thank you for your generous investment in our families and community!

Kriste Swanson, Campbell Co. FRC

Thank you from families are hanging on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall if you would like to read them.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES

The Confirmation Picture binder was recently updated, including pictures recently found or sent in by families. If you sent a picture in, please let me know so I can return it to you.

The Binder will be on display in the library for folks to look through for the month of March. If your picture is missing, and you have a copy, bring it to me, please. I'll make a copy and return yours to you. Please include the names of the Confirmands.


Charlene Rogers

A Note from the Worship Committee

For the past few years, we have offered a monthly communion service at Caresprings in Cold Spring. This service has been held on the 4th Sunday of the month at 3:00. The service usually includes singing a few hymns, reading the scripture, a brief devotional, and communion.

We are in need of someone to take over coordinating this ministry if it is to continue. Thank you to Teresa Knauer for coordinating this ministry for the last few years. If you would like to be the coordinator of this ministry or help with it, please let Fred Losey or Pastor Hall know. We would like to have enough volunteers to form a few teams so that no one has to be there every month.

Upcoming Christian Education Activities:
2/3 Superbowl collection for the Backpack program

Let's predict the winner again! 

3/10 Movie night



4/13 Palm noon

Saturday family event 10:30-

5/5 pack up backpack



food

June 17-21 VBS



February 3, 2019

Super Bowl Collection for the Backpack Program

Vote for the winner by contributing to the food collection fund for local kids!



Then join us on May 5th in Fellowship Hall, starting at 9:30 am to pack up the food! All food goes directly to the kids at Campbell County Schools.

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!

WHITE GIFT 2018 – A STELLAR YEAR

A stellar year; yes, a star-spangled goal, met! This year we served nine families with fourteen boys and nineteen girls with gifts and food and another family with three children with food only. We also provided canned goods for our soup kitchen closet, for the Bread of Life Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church on Tug Fork Road, and for our friends at Turfway Park Raceway. Of course, it takes the Thanksgiving Food Drive at Crossroads and Cline Elementary schools, Kriste Swanson, the Family Resource Center Coordinator at both schools, our whole congregation, the Gold Star Chili in Wilder, and toys from the St. Vincent DePaul Society to do it. But, the number of people we help is huge.

Because it is such a huge undertaking for our church, it is impossible to thank every individual who provides food, money, gifts, and time; some doing more than one of these things. This program begins in late October/early November and ends the night the families pick up their gifts and food. Several teams of people work many hours to do this:

- Kriste, at the schools, selecting families for us, and teachers and students working to collect food
- a team of our members who pick up all of the food collected
- a group of people collecting boxes to house the food and gifts
- a team to sort the kinds of food and other items into groups
- our folks setting up and arranging tables to hold the food and gifts and putting them all
back
- a team to buy perishable foods and add to areas in which we need just a little more
- a team to check off the gifts and wrap extra gifts
- a team to distribute the food and gifts to the boxes for each family
- a team to help families load the food and gifts in their cars
- a team to write Thank You's

And so, Thank You to every person who took a part in one or several of these areas. Job well done! We helped a lot of people enjoy Christmas in 2018 just a little more. God is smiling, St Paul's.

Charlene Rogers

PLEASE JOIN ST. PAUL'S MISSION OUTREACH IN 2019 There are a lot of opportunities to be involved in throughout the year...

Family Promise of N.Ky. - faith-based organization that provides shelter, meals, transportation and case management services to homeless families. St. Paul's support dates in 2019 are: January 15, March 26, June 4, August 20 at St. Joseph Parish in Cold Spring. St. Paul's provides an evening van driver pick up from Day Center (4:30 pm); dinner/dinner-evening hosts (5-8 pm); overnight hosts (8 pm - 6:30 am); morning van driver to Day Center (6:30 am). Contact Sarah Lester at 859-635-5803 or lesters@fuse.net

Soup Kitchen - Help prepare food for Tender Mercies meals here in our church kitchen at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of each month. January 19, February 16, March 15, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21. For more information, contact Gary Sperry GMSperry59@gmail.com

Isaiah House Ministries Outreach - Volunteer to help distribute food for those in need the last Saturday of each month: January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28, October 26, November 30, December 21. Be at the volunteer tent in the parking lot at St. Elizabeth - Covington by 8:15 a.m. to sign in and help with distributions. For more information, go to <http://isaiah-house.com/events/>

Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK) - Quarterly work dates for 2019 are: February 16, May 18, August 17, November 16. Come join us in helping rehab homes to give opportunities for home ownership to low income families. All skill levels are welcomed! Please let us know a week before if you are interested in joining us. Contact Daryl Knauer 859-801-3616 or dbknauer@yahoo.com

Mission Trip - Summer 2019. Watch for details. For more information, contact Daryl Knauer dbknauer@yahoo.com

White Gifts - Volunteer and donation opportunities to help local families in need over the Christmas holiday. Watch for details beginning in November. Charlene Rogers sophjazzsam@gmail.com

Also, donations are always welcome! Collection bins are in Fellowship Hall –

+ Campbell County Schools Resource Center collections throughout the year. Contact

Evelyn Dietz.

+ NKU Fuel collections continue periodically throughout the year. Watch for details.

Contact Brianna Harrell.

+ Pill Bottles are collected to improve healthcare quality in developing countries.

+ Plastic Grocery Bags are used to make waterproof blankets for the homeless.

+ Printer Ink Used Cartridges are recycled for funding the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. + Racetrack Donations are collected throughout the year for those who work and

live at the racetrack. Contact Mindy Connell 859-635-3340 or mindyconnell@gmail.com

+ Ronald McDonald House donations of travel size toiletries, personal care items, booboos

buddies and journals. For more information contact Kathy VonStrohe vonstrohek@fuse.net

· Also for Ronald McDonald House: Pop Can Tabs can be left in the kitchen for Donna Mader

THOSE WHO SERVE IN FEBRUARY

Liturgist

Feb. 3 Roger VonStrohe
10 Debbie Yeager
17 Amity Kukla
24 Debbie Fowee

Coffee

Feb. 3 Debbie Yeager
10 Tim Ash
17 Debbie Yeager
24 Tim Ash

Acolyte

Feb. 3 Kynslee Ballinger
10 Shae Weinel
17 Greyson Ballinger
24 Kynslee Ballinger

Communion Set-up: Feb. 3 – Barb Fausz & Helen McAlpin

Ushers:

Feb. 3 10:30 Asbury Turner, Jim Miller,
Debbie Fowee and Cameron McDonald

Feb. 10 10:30 Pat Schuchter and Sue Hatfield

Feb. 17 10:30 Lee Walz and Leah McDonald

Feb. 24 10:30 Gary Sperry and Ron Sperry

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

FEBRUARY
Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Carl Schuchter
2 Helen McAlpin
10 Barb Fausz
10 Dakota Schweitzer
12 Tanner Clos
12 Taylor Clos
14 Allison Steelman
14 Sarah Steelman
15 Mindy Connell
15 Michael Pohlman
16 Richard Barton
16 Abigail Davis
16 Fred Losey
17 Donna Mader
19 Leah McDonald
21 Dennis Zimmerman
22 Robin Stacey
23 Sherry Bihl
23 Colleen Losey
24 Don Nelson
26 Julie Behymer
26 Josie Meyer
26 Kenneth Racke
28 Keith Behymer
28 Connie Gunning
28 Stefan Steelman

11 Gary & Wanda Mulligan
25 years



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