



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

A Message from Pastor Paul Forrey

We have talked a great deal through the Season of Easter about various ways that we experience resurrection moments in life. I shared during my May 23 message some of the ways resurrection power has brought transformation and new opportunities to my own life. That message prompted some of you to talk with me about your own experiences of being raised up into new directions or opportunities in your life. Thank you for that! I was also moved that some of you certainly internalized the central point of that message: We can and must become agents of resurrection power for one another!

We certainly see this happening in our congregation. Knowing that a new St. Paul's Church constitution is in the works, many of our leadership teams have been working to assess and clarify team identity and mission. Some teams invested themselves so deeply into the discernment process that they are inspired to replace the team's name with language that better captures their transformed identity. Teams are already starting to use the new name they worked to create—a sign that they are keeping focused on their revised identity and mission—something I encourage. The Board of Christian Education has become the Faith Formation Team, the Stewardship Board has become the Development Team, and the Missions Board has become the Faith in Action Team.

The process these leadership teams have undertaken is nothing short of resurrection! As St. Paul tells us, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Traditionally, when someone is baptized that person is given a new name—a Christian name that reflects the transformation that the Spirit of Christ is working in that person. Indeed, at his baptism Saul became Paul before he went out and changed the world forever.

We experience resurrection in our congregation, too. As more of us return to Sunday worship services, I see so many joy-filled conversations going on. That excitement is so strong that some Sundays it's tough to get people to settle down so we can get the service started. Congregational singing is returning to our worship services, as is live vocalists. Doesn't this feel like resurrection for us?

Please do not miss the transformation going on in this resurrection. We do not seek to simply "return to normal" on Sunday mornings. Even as we rejoice that some of our treasured rituals can resume, we also commit to living out what we've learned about ourselves during the isolation and limitations of the pandemic. Expanded musical creativity will continue. Imaginative ways to engage children and their families will continue. Continued use of Zoom videoconferencing will continue to expand participation in leadership and faith formation gatherings.

We are NOT the same congregation we were before the pandemic. We are raised up into something new! "See, everything has become new."

As we move into the long season of Pentecost, we reflect on the diverse ways Christ's promised Holy Spirit continued to fuel resurrection experiences in us and through us. Together, we trust that God is still speaking, still present, and still active in and among us!

Praise God for all the blessings—and resurrection experiences—God's Spirit places before us. May we never fail to receive God's gifts or fail to embrace the new life they bring!

Pastor Paul and Patricia

A letter written by the young people of our church to the church council:

Oct. 9, 1932

The young people's league respectfully submits for your consideration the following suggestions and kindly prays for your sincere attention and ratification.

We view with admiration for many years of Christian service and spiritual fellowship provided by the members of this church for the young people. For these many blessings we are appreciative and thankful but further desire:

1. that the members of St. Paul evangelical church provide more adequate building facilities or quarters for Sunday school requirements.
2. that this improvement either for use or an annex to the church
3. that the children of primary ages can meet in their special rooms so that the Sunday school session can be conducted in a more interesting and beneficial manner for them
4. that by putting into reality the above suggestions, we are making provisions for the needs of every individual in the Sunday school, from the primary to the adult class
5. that this improvement be made for the convenience of every organization of the church. For the young people a place for recreation, social hours, meetings, plays and other entertainments, for the adults a place of social gathering, family nights, suffers, lottos, etc.

We will dedicate our efforts and means to this cause and pledge moral and financial aid to this needed improvement of the church. We kindly ask that the church members, as a whole, give this their kind consideration and hope that some arrangements be made to truly make our church is a modern edifice.

Kindly submitted,

Myron Hess, Hope Reinhard, Amelia Racke, G Engelbrecht

We will honor our 2020 Graduates in June. Please call or email the office by June 21 with the graduate's name, school they graduated from, and their future plans.



June Birthdays

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

June Anniversaries

03 Steve & Janie Haddix	15 Chris & Leah McDonald
05 Glen & Amity Kukla	23 Scott & Leah Fryman
08 Jim & Kathy Miller	

July Birthdays

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

July Anniversaries

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

Serving in June

Liturgist

June 6 9:00 am Evelyn Dietz
10:30 am Connie Ballinger

June 13 9:00 am Claudia Chalk
10:30 am Amity Kukla

June 20 9:00 am Debbie Yeager
10:30 am Charlene Rogers

June 27 9:00 am Patricia Ross
10:30 am Sarah Lester

Ushers

June 6 9:00 am Wanda Hornsby and Jim Miller
10:30 am Shawn Hayslette & Pat Schuchter

June 13 9:00 am Margaret Perry and Patricia Ross
10:30 am Sarah Lester and Debbie Fowee

June 20 9:00 am Wanda Hornsby and Jim Miller
10:30 am Roger & Kathy VonStrohe

June 27 9:00 am Margaret Perry and Gary Sperry
10:30 am S. McNichols and Everett Harrison

Serving in July

Liturgist

July 4 9:00 am Claudia Chalk
10:30 am Kathy VonStrohe

July 11 9:00 am Evelyn Dietz
10:30 am Roger VonStrohe

July 18 9:00 am Debbie Yeager
10:30 am Debbie Fowee

July 25 9:00 am Patricia Ross
10:30 am Connie Ballinger

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10:30 am Roger & Kathy VonStrohe

July 25 9:00 am Margaret Perry and Gary Sperry
10:30 am Debbie Fowee and Sue Hatfiel

Join us!

Starting May 16th at the 10:30 service

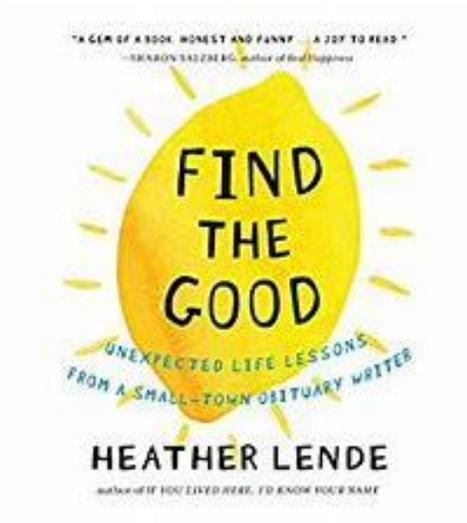


We'll have class in Fellowship Hall:
Socially distanced, (siblings at the same table),
masks required,
using individual supplies

Can't wait to see you!

Book Club is back!

Aka summer porch book club



Unexpected life lessons from a small-town
obituary writer

June 14, 28

July 12, 26

6:30pm outside

Bring a chair and your wonderful self!

Contact amity.kukla@yahoo.com

Start Preparing for St. Paul's Talent Show! (date to be announced)

Sing Hula Hoop juggle cake decorating
Dance tell a story whistling
Play an instrument puppet show origami
Read poetry impersonations
Perform magic tricks science demos
Teach us something new paint
Perform a comedy routine fashion design
Read a monologue karate
Lip sync drum
Jump rope yo-yo



More details to come!

Perform outside on the porch to thunderous applause!

Bring chairs and prepare to be entertained!

All ages welcome to perform!

Hosted by the CE/Faith Formation Team

St. Paul's UCC, Alexandria, KY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—April 13, 2021

PRESENT: President- Charlene Rogers, Vice President-Claudia Chalk, Financial Secretary-Jeff Enyart, Recording Secretary-Debbie Yeager, Treasurer-Sandy Smith, C.E.-Amity Kukla, Missions-Sarah Lester, Stewardship-Cammy Burling, Worship/Ministry-Mindy Connell, Trustees-Roger Von Strohe, Tech Support-Craig McAlpin, Pastor Paul Forrey.

Charlene opened the meeting with a prayer and Council recited the Council Covenant.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) SECRETARY'S REPORT— Claudia Chalk made a motion to accept the March Council meeting minutes as posted to OneDrive. Mindy Connell seconded and the motion carried.
- 2) TREASURER'S REPORT—In addition to her report posted on OneDrive, Sandy reported that there is \$19,699.16 in the temporary account and \$26,332.85 in the checking account. Jeff Enyart moved to accept the report as posted on OneDrive and pay the bills. Cammy Burling seconded and the motion carried.
- 3) FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT-Jeff reported:
 - 2021 Giving continues to be good so far.
 - He showed Council a year-to-date comparison using 2019, 2020, and 2021 numbers. 2021 giving is up 11% over 2020.
 - Capital Projects—Scope for new sound system now includes video but no increase in costs.
 - A line for sound system donations can be added to Breeze.
- 4) TECH REPORT-Craig reported that he continues to do research for the new audio/visual system.
- 5) PASTOR'S REPORT-- Paul reported:
 - Attendance and participation in in-person services continues to increase. Many people returning have commented positively on the creative music ministry.
 - He is impressed with the work of the leadership teams as they work on revising the constitution. He thanked Sarah Lester for her leadership in this process.
 - He and Patricia will be on vacation May23-May 30.
- 6) CE BOARD—Amity reported:
 - Family Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, April 16 at 7. There will be games, snacks, and a movie.
 - Sunday School will resume on May 16 at 10:30. The children will meet as one group in the Fellowship Hall. Evelyn is working on curriculum.
 - Charlene added that the adult Sunday School class will begin meeting the first Sunday of May.
- 7) MISSION—Sarah reported:
 - We are still waiting for some agencies to accept volunteers again.
 - A donation of \$125.00 and 20 five-dollar gift cards was made to the Area Referral Connection program at the Alexandria Police Dept.
 - The team is considering ways to roll out the Brighton Center projects by June.
 - Continuing to work on the Constitution revisions.
 - Continue to look for ways to get input from the congregation on ways to meet needs in the community.
 - Charlene and Gary have continued to deliver food to the Soup Kitchen and are waiting to hear when they can begin serving again.
- 8) STEWARDSHIP—Cammy reported:
 - The team has completed their constitution revisions.
 - They need 1 or 2 questions from each team for the Your Church, Our Future event.
 - They will provide the message on May 30 when Paul is on vacation.
 - Working on finalizing a fund raiser with Snappy Tomato Pizza.
- 9) TRUSTEES—Roger reported:
 - Trustees have been meeting about the media system but are not quite ready to bring the plan to the congregation.
 - Carl and Fred are picking up where they left off on the lower level restoration, working within the 75,000 dollar budget approved by the congregation.
- 10) WORSHIP/MINISTRY—Mindy reported:
 - Lenten and Easter services went well.
 - We will begin having monthly communion on the first Sunday of each month beginning on May 2. We will continue using the individual communion elements.

- Mindy made a motion to begin introducing congregational singing by having the congregation quietly sing the Doxology. Sarah seconded and the motion carried.
- Roger asked about beginning to have coffee hour again. After a discussion, this was tabled until the May meeting.

11) VICE-PRESIDENT---Claudia reported:

- Darlene will be on vacation the week of April 19. Jeanne Grieser has organized volunteers to cover the office.
- Paul will be on vacation from after church on May 23 through May 30. Claudia will check with Ben to have the church opened and locked up after church on the 30th.
- The Investment Committee met on March 13. The fund has over \$575,000, including \$107,00 in cash and equivalents. On the advice of the rep from Morgan Stanley, the committee sold \$25,000 of our Pepsi stock to buy Verizon stock.

12) PRESIDENT’S REPORT—Charlene reported:

- In addition to her report posted on OneDrive, the Constitutional Task Force will be meeting on Thursday, April 15.

The next meeting will be held on May 11 at 7 PM via Zoom. The meeting was adjourned and Council prayed the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Yeager, Recording Secretary

