



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

Holy Week and Easter Message

Pastor Paul Forrey

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity—we held him of no account. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 52:3,6).

Many of us have come to believe that Jesus' primary contribution through his crucifixion and resurrection was to “take away the sins of the world.” While there is certainly a redemptive element to these events, there is a far deeper truth for us to internalize. My colleague Kay Young reminds us that by reducing Jesus merely to the bearer of our shortcomings, we miss out on the fullness of his life and way. Further, we fail to recognize our responsibility in the redemptive process—if transforming us is achieved only through Jesus' death, then we really bear no responsibility for our own lives.

Rev. Young tells us, *“Jesus was the ultimate human, filled with all the goodness of God, who journeyed into the complete darkness of the human soul, where humans take away another's life because of greed, fear, an unwillingness to speak against a wrong, or love of power, or an out-of-control hatred and unchecked aggression.”* Jesus went to his death willingly because Jesus was full of love beyond our imagining. Jesus was fully human in ways that we are not. He sacrificed himself in order to bring about the eternal cycles of abundant life.

The real transformation of our lives that Jesus taught and made possible involves our

becoming, as much as we can, fully human and discovering our true selves—to discover the light and love and grace within us, and to share all of that with others.

The Covid-19 outbreak is devastating lives, businesses, communities, and is preventing us from being physically present together. We miss all of our activities together at church, particularly worship. Spiritually, we are experiencing a kind of death through the absence of opportunities to share life, worship, and education with one another. We are experiencing an extended Passion Week in which self-sacrifice is on our minds regularly.

We will get through this time. God is with us. God's love and light sustain us, and we know that the dawn of resurrection awaits—the resurrection of our worship and fellowship life, the resurrection of our community and way of life. For now, we can connect in other ways—emails, phone calls, [Facebook](#), our [church website](#), and of course prayer. Now is the time for us become a blessing for one another and to find creative ways to offer one another the love and peace of Christ. We are, for one another, bearers of hope.

*Christ
is
Risen!*

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

While facing the ever-changing environment the Coronavirus has brought, we are looking at options outside our standard practices and life routines. During the time our church services are canceled, we need to continue our sustaining support of St Paul's Church.

We would like to share ways in which you can continue to give to St Paul's.

You can mail in your check to: **St Paul UCC, c/o Financial Secretary, 1 Jefferson St. Alexandria, KY 41001**. Checks will be secured in the safe and will be recorded and deposited each week.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

- You can also use our secure online [donation portal](#). (click on word donation portal) or
- go to St Paul's website, at the top of the home page Click on DONATE
- this takes you to the next page, at the bottom of the page Click on DONATE
- Type in the amount you would like to give,
- Next click the drop-down arrow- select **Credit/Debit or by ACH Bank Transfer**,
- Next you can select - **to 4000 General Fund**, or by clicking the down arrow you can choose other funds. (General fund goes to paying our monthly operating costs)
- Next, enter your personal information (this information is visible to ONLY you).
- Next, you may opt to give a **one-time contribution, or opt to give a specific amount on a regular basis, such as weekly, every two weeks or monthly.**
- In the **Comments (optional)** field - please add your envelope number, if this is your tithe.
- Then click **Donate Now**.
- You will receive an email to the email address you provided, confirming your donation.

While we understand many of us may be impacted financially at this time, we hope that you will continue to support the work of St Paul's UCC Alexandria.

Blessings and peace to you and your family,
Stewardship Committee

Our Church Council will meet regularly to discuss evolving circumstances related to the Covid-19 outbreak and to make the best determination about when it is safe for us to resume activities at the church. We will honor recommendations or orders from state and local officials.

Please look for email and text-messaging communication for the latest updates. We will update our [church website](#) with the latest information. Please view short devotional videos from Pastor Paul and Patricia on the [Devotional page](#) of the website or the church [Facebook](#) page.

Sharing God's Love with Children in our Community

Jesus took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." – Mark 9:36-37

St. Paul's UCC is committed to helping children in our community and beyond. This month we're focusing on one of the UCC's [3 Great Loves](#) **Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation**—with a highlight of our church's mission in sharing God's love of children. We have a long history of being a positive influence in children's lives, both in our church and in our community.



Backpack Program

The Christian Education Committee calls on us to support the Backpack Program. The program serves children in our local schools who are eligible to receive free lunches, due to their families' financial circumstances. At Campbell Ridge, the program serves around 60 kids a week.

Each month, a local church sponsors the program, providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner items for the kids to eat on the weekends. This ensures that no matter their circumstances, these children do not go hungry.

Our month to support the program is May. Our efforts begin in February when those in our congregation are encouraged to "bet" on which team will win the Super Bowl. The last Sunday in April, before Service and during children's Sunday School we fill the backpacks. It's fun for all and a great way to give.

Club 21

Our commitment to children also includes something new this year, Club 21. Club 21 is an after-school program that supports kids on free lunch and who are considered at-risk, and provides structured exercise time, clubs, and homework help. Students in the program also receive dinner. Adult volunteers are needed to provide one-on-one reading help to students which prepares them to take AR tests. AR tests evaluate the student's ability to comprehend what they have read. Having an adult help them read and understand what they are reading is immensely beneficial when it comes to test time.

Volunteers are in demand, so if you would be interested in volunteering for Club 21, you must first get a volunteer card from the central office. The process of getting a volunteer card is easy and involves a background check. Bring your driver's license when you go to fill out the paperwork.

There are three homework groups that run from 3:45-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Once you have your volunteer card and are ready to help, let the Evelyn Dietz or the Family Resource Coordinator know when you would like to come in.

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Other Ways We Help

St. Paul's love of children is evident in the many activities we provide for children within our church, such as Children's Chat and Sunday School where they can learn more about Jesus and God's purpose for them. We also invite youth from throughout our community to take part in Vacation Bible School, giving them a chance to play, learn about God, and experience God's love through us. Our support also includes the White Gifts program at Christmas, providing needy families with food, hygiene supplies, clothes, and Christmas gifts to make their season a bit brighter. Most recently, we have reached out to our congregation to provide food for children during the unexpected school closings due to the coronavirus.

If you know of anyone or any organization whose mission is to serve children, please contact the Missions Committee via [our email](#) or reach out to a Committee member. We can share that information with others in our congregation who may also be interested.

Missions Committee Members:

Sarah Lester
Evelyn Dietz
Daryl Knauer

Patricia Ross
Karen Zimmerman

April Mission Opportunities

- **Isaiah House Ministries Food Distribution**
Saturday, April 25 – starting at 8am
Parking lot of [St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1500 James Simpson Jr Way, Covington](#) (click on link for directions)
- **Packing Backpacks**
Sunday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m. and completed by the children during Sunday School.

Christian Education News

We miss seeing the children each week! Our hope is that we can come back together in April. If we are able to gather for Easter on April 12 we will have our Easter Egg hunt at 9:45. We remember a wonderful song called "Every Morning is Easter Morning;" if we are unable to have our Easter Egg hunt on Easter we will plan on having it later on in the spring or summer. We plan to tell the children the story of Holy Week and Easter when we are together again.

We are looking forward to the children singing for residents at CareSpring once our monthly worship program there resumes. We are also planning a very much needed Parents Night Out as soon as possible after the orders for social distancing are lifted.

***Vacation Bible School is planned for June 22-26.
Mark your calendars!***

We look forward to seeing all of you soon!



TEMPLED HILLS CAMP SUMMER SESSIONS 2020

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

GENERAL SESSIONS:

- FAITH ADVENTURES
JULY 12-18, 2020
- MINI FAITH ADVENTURERS
JULY 15-18, 2020
- YOUTH COUNSELOR-IN-
TRAINING
JUNE 10-13, 2020
- HAND IN HAND
JULY 5-9, 2020

SPECIALTY SESSIONS:

- CHOIR
JUNE 14-20, 2020
- MMADD
JUNE 28-JULY 4, 2020
- SPORTS
JUNE 21-27, 2020
- LOVE THE POOL
JULY 5-11, 2020

FAMILY & ADULT/CHILD SESSIONS:

- GRANDPARENT/GRANDCHILD
JUNE 14-17, 2020
JUNE 17-20, 2020
JULY 12-15, 2020
- ME AND MY PAL
JULY 9-11, 2020
- LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2020



Scan this QR code or go online to register:
<http://www.heartlanducc.org/all-project-list/outdoor-ministries/>
 Or call the conference office:
 (800) 282-0740

thank
you!

To the good people at St. Paul's,

You did it again! In the first week of March I sent 36,000 can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House There were nine gallon zip-lock bags, and each one contained 4,000 tabs.

You are certainly the "good people at St. Paul's"!

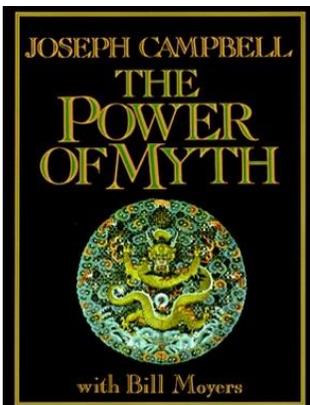
Love, joy, laughter, and blessings,
 - Donna Mader

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and good thoughts during my recent confinement.

- Audrey Thomas

Wednesday Night Discussion Video Series Coming soon! Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth



The Power of Myth launched an extraordinary resurgence of interest in Joseph Campbell and his analysis of world mythology. To Campbell, mythology was the "song of the universe, the music of the spheres."

This extraordinary video series explores how the themes and symbols of ancient narratives continue to bring meaning to birth, death, love, and war. From stories of the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece and Rome to traditions of Buddhism, Hinduism, and Christianity, myths explore the universal human experience across time and culture. Bill Moyers' interviews with Joseph Campbell present a timeless distillation of Campbell's work. *The Power of Myth* continues to exert a profound influence on our culture through popular literature, film, and television.

~ Serving in April ~

Subject, of course, to scheduling due to the virus outbreak

Liturgist

Apr. 5 Debbie Yeager
 Apr. 9 Roger VonStrohe
 Apr. 12 Debbie Fowee (8am)
 Amity Kukla (10:30am)
 Apr. 19 Debbie Yeager
 Apr. 26 Karey Thomas

Ushers

Apr. 5 Asbury Turner, Jim Miller, Debbie Fowee
 Apr. 9 Dorothy Gosney, Marion Gosney
 Apr. 12 Sue Hatfield, Lee Waltz (8am)
 Gary Sperry, Leah McDonald, Cameron McDonald,
 Sue Hatfield (10:30am)
 Apr. 19 Ron Sperry, Debbie Fowee
 Apr. 26 Pat Schuchter, Lee Waltz

Acolyte

Apr. 5 Shae Weinel
 Apr. 9 Mitchell Haddix
 Apr. 12 Greyson Ballinger (8am)
 Apr. 19 Shae Weinel
 Apr. 26 Kynslee Ballinger

Coffee

Apr. 5 Tim Ash
 Apr. 12 Easter Breakfast
 Apr. 19 Patricia Ross
 Apr. 26 Debbie Yeager

Communion Set-up

Apr. 9 Sally McNichols
 Apr. 12 Mindy Connell, Audrey
 Thomas

Apr 1 Janie Haddix
 Apr 3 Samantha Gunning
 Apr 3 Mitchel Haddix
 Apr 3 Logan Hayslette
 Apr 3 Ava Rose Losey
 Apr 7 Betty Bihl
 Apr 10 Keaton Ballart
 Apr 10 Dorothy Gosney
 Apr 10 Melinda Schamer
 Apr 13 Olivia Davis
 Apr 13 Scott Dawson
 Apr 14 Linda Krebs
 Apr 14 William Vogt
 Apr 15 Austin Jones



Apr 16 Jim Fausz
 Apr 16 Peach Webb
 Apr 17 Jean Baker
 Apr 17 Sue Hatfield
 Apr 17 Denny Schweitzer
 Apr 17 Anna Wheeler
 Apr 18 Kathy VonStrohe
 Apr 23 Alex Kukla
 Apr 23 Patricia Ross
 Apr 23 Beekee Hayslette
 Apr 24 Michael Franzen
 Apr 24 Susan Geiman
 Apr 29 Diana Mote

Apr 7 Rob and Jayelynn Weinel (3 years)



St. Paul's UCC, Alexandria, KY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—Feb. 11, 2020

PRESENT: President- Daryl Knauer, Vice President-Charlene Rogers, Financial Secretary-Jeff Enyart, Recording Secretary-Debbie Yeager, C.E.-Claudia Chalk, Worship and Ministry-Fred Losey, Stewardship-Cammy Burling, Missions-Sarah Lester, Pastor Paul Forrey.

Daryl opened the meeting and shared a devotion, and Council recited the Council Covenant.

- 1) SECRETARY'S REPORT---Claudia Chalk made a motion to approve the January minutes that were posted on OneDrive. Cammy Burling seconded and the motion carried.
- 2) TREASURER'S REPORT—Fred Losey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. Jeff Enyart seconded and the motion carried. Jeff will be meeting with Sandy to get samples of giving and expenses from 2019 for the March Investment Committee meeting.
- 3) PASTOR'S REPORT---Paul is focusing on planning ahead for Lenten and Easter services and messages. He thanked Council and Committees for helping during his bout with the flu.
- 4) BOCE---Super Bowl Sunday collection for the Backpack Program Bowl was \$372.00. The committee has concerns about using a concrete floor in the nursery and will research other options and discuss with Trustees.
- 5) MISSIONS---The committee is focusing on the 5-year plan. They are looking into the possibility of surveying the congregation and perhaps other committees could participate.
- 6) WORSHIP---The committee is working with Paul to plan Lenten and Easter services. We will not have communion on Palm Sunday. Melinda Schamer is researching some musical equipment for the sanctuary. We may need a new keyboard and a sequencer. The committee is also discussing the need for more fellowship opportunities for the congregation. Fred and Jeff informed Council that they will be meeting with the Scouts regarding the future of our charter.
- 7) TRUSTEES---The floor in the sample room is finished. It is economical and durable. Fred informed Council that the Trustees will be discussing options for the alley beside the house on Jefferson St. The city is probably going to give the alley property to the adjacent owners.
- 8) STEWARDSHIP---The committee will be meeting on February 13. Jeff is gathering and preparing information for that meeting. A discussion was held on ways to acknowledge gifts to the church.
- 9) VICE PRESIDENT---Charlene has met with Daryl and is learning her duties.
- 10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT—
 - Craig is still willing to offer extra training on OneDrive for members who want it.
 - Zach Dietz would like to create a memorial garden or a labyrinth at the cemetery for his Eagle Scout project. Jeff Enyart recommended that Council affirm his project, and all agreed. We look forward to seeing his final plan.
 - Council spent some time reviewing and discussing our section of the 5-year plan. Committees will continue reviewing their sections. Daryl asked committees to discuss whether there is anything that is not in the current plan that needs to be considered.
 - Daryl suggested a need to revisit the Constitution. He will form an ad hoc committee for this purpose.

Cammy Burling made a motion to adjourn and Jeff Enyart seconded. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 PM in the Parish House. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Yeager, Recording Secretary.