



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

HAPPY

MOTHER'S

DAY



A Mother...

*When you're a child she walks before you To set an example.
When you're a teenager she walks behind you To be there should you need her.
When you're an adult she walks beside you
So that as two friends you can enjoy life together.*

A Message from Pastor Paul Forrey ~

The period of weeks between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday (June 5 this year) marks the season of the church year that we call Eastertide. The primary theme of this season is to discover the myriad of small and large, ordinary and extraordinary resurrections that take place throughout our lives. Christ's experience of death and resurrection form the template—a kind of pattern—that we experience many times through our earthly journey.

Each of us knows a variety of “deaths”—the ending of former ways of thinking or acting, the ending of a job or an important relationship, the end of childhood innocence and concerns as the weight of adulthood presses on us, the end of an important work partnership or friendship. Some of us mourn the end of the church as we knew it in our childhood. These endings can be traumatic! We are not exaggerating when we call them forms of “death.” We ask, “What’s next? What do I do now?”

And that’s where our faith in resurrection comes in! Our faith kicks in and we remember the varieties of resurrections that take place throughout scripture. Jesus was raised up into a new body. Saul was raised up into a new person with a new mission, and changed his name to Saul. Abraham was raised up into a new life of following where God leads and trusting in God’s far-fetched promise of children and descendants. Jesus’ own disciples were raised up from their defeat and despair to the new truth that God is always still speaking. The list goes on.

Resurrection is God’s gift to you and to me. This promise is so steadfast and abundant that God intends for the gift to last beyond our mortal lives!

Patricia and I pray that each of us may rejoice in the new resurrections God has in store for us. How are you raised up to new life today? Please share the story with us!

You Can Have a Church Directory Right on Your Smartphone or Tablet!

Our congregation’s subscription to *Breeze* enables every one of us to have a full church directory right on our phones or tablets (access using a computer is possible too)! All you need is to download the FREE Breeze app to your device from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store, enter your username and password, and there you go—a full church directory.

Need to know someone’s address? It’s right there and clicking on it will open that address in your phone’s default maps app! Want to phone someone? Clicking on the phone number (home phone or mobile phone) will automatically cause your phone to dial that number. Need to know someone’s email address? Yep, that’s right there in Breeze, too! In fact, you can click on that email address and quickly send an email right through the Breeze system from your own email address. Wow!

Do you need some help downloading the Breeze app to your phone or tablet, and need help getting it set up? Want to know how to access Breeze from your computer? We can help! Please contact Craig McAlpin at the church office (859-635-9394) Monday-Thursday, or email Craig at craig@stpaulalexandria.org and Craig will walk you through every step to get you up and running.

And remember—this is all free to you! No cost at all!

Thank You from the Worship Team

Thank you to everyone who helped with our services during Lent and Easter. We had quite a lot of help with all the preparations in the sanctuary. Thanks to Pastor Paul and our music leaders and performers for providing meaningful services. All the extra work and time spent is always greatly appreciated.

Coffee Hour

We are trying to bring back the coffee hour on Sunday mornings. We need more volunteers in order to resume this fellowship opportunity. Right now, we only have 3 volunteers who bring donuts or pastries, make the coffee, set up, and clean up. We need at least 3 more volunteers so that we can have a 6-week rotation. Please contact Debbie Yeager at dayeager627@gmail.com if you are willing to serve.

THANK YOU!

Let's thank all our singers, musicians, and leaders!

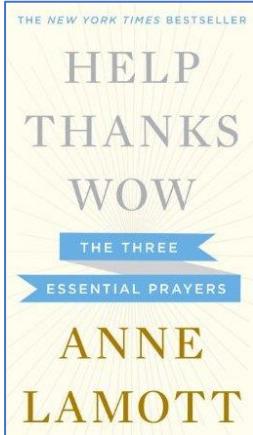
We offer SPECIAL THANKS to all our singers and musicians who have helped make all of our services during Lent and Holy Week moving and precious! Our Chancel Choir has performed regularly and offered a musical cantata featuring readings and songs that was deeply moving on Maundy Thursday. Our Bell Choir played every Sunday from the start of Lent through Easter. Soloists and musicians shared their talents with us, too!

Thank you all! And of course we especially thank Melinda Schamer and Mindy Connell for their leadership through all these performances.

Don't miss the upcoming Queen City Bronze concert at 4:00pm on Sunday May 1! "Good Vibrations," "Happy," and "Sunshine" (along with the Tie Dyed background on the images Queen City Bronze provided us certainly sound like we'll enjoy some favorite songs from the 1960s and 1970s.

A free will offering will be received to support the Queen City Bronze music ministry.





Spring Book Club
May 9 & 23, June 6 & 20
6:30pm ~ Parish House

Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers by Anne Lamott

The 2022 Talent Show is Coming!
Saturday September 10

Contact Melinda Schamer or Evelyn Dietz if you would like to show us your talent!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION GROUP

**THE PRACTICE OF
MINDFULNESS**

- ✓ What is mindfulness and how can it help me?
- ✓ Can mindfulness help me to know and experience God more intimately?
- ✓ What practices help me to improve mindfulness?
- ✓ How is meditation different than prayer?
- ✓ How might journaling help me connect with God?

Wednesdays 7:00–8:00pm May 4–June 1

What is needed for this series?

○ A notebook or journal	○ An open mind
○ A pen	○ Persistence

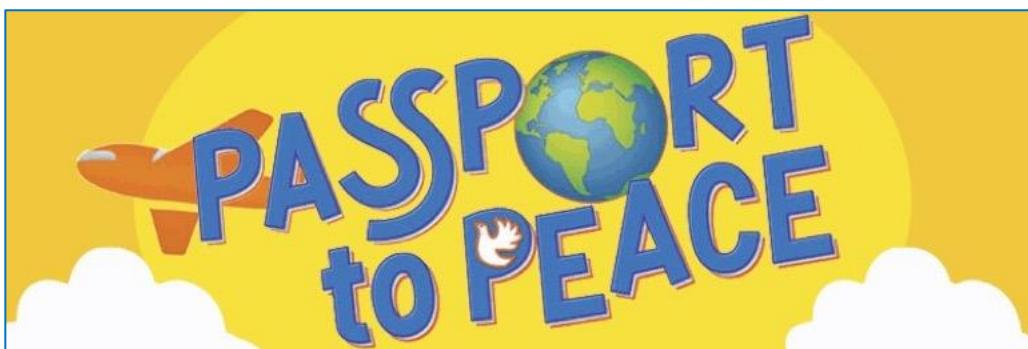
CONTACT PASTOR PAUL FORREY TO REGISTER

During the 10:00am Faith Formation Class on **Sunday May 1**, children will pack up food made possible through our financial contributions on Backpack Sunday in February!

2022 Vacation Bible School

June 27-30 9:00am-12Noon

Preschool – 5th Grade



Passport to Peace is an interactive Vacation Bible School program designed to help children make peace a way of life. Bible stories will encourage children to listen to and learn from people who are different, notice the needs of others and seek to help, creatively work to keep everyone safe, and refuse to respond to conflict with violence. Through worship and drama, Bible study, art projects, science explorations, and active games, children will discover that there are many ways to live as peacemakers. Children will learn peacemaking strategies, giving them tools they need to follow Jesus' way of peace. *Passport to Peace* invites children to see every person as part of God's family, and every interaction as an opportunity to make peace.

2022 Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you for supporting our Faith Formation ministries with your volunteer work and financial support! Each piece of curriculum, each new set of markers, and each Easter egg is made possible through your generous financial contributions. We are grateful for all the ways you make ministry with children possible.

Faith In Action Team May Update

Keeping our Promise to Support Families

In March and April, we were able once again to support the great work of Family Promise. During these opportunities, members from our church brought over meals, hung out with the family in the evening, and stayed overnight. Simple acts of kindness and sharing which made an impact on the family and a huge difference in our lives as volunteers.

We got to know the mom and her two boys, and she shared with us her journey and all the work she has been doing to get back on her feet. Her mantra is “to be grateful” she told us and even as she works through the process of getting her family a place to call their own, she is very grateful.

It was a wonderful experience to be a part of this family’s journey and we invite others to participate. Thursday June 2 is our next opportunity and we need:

Dinner and Evening Hosts (2 people) 4:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Overnight Hosts (2 people) 8:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Gap Volunteer (1 is okay) 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

The Family Promise Center is located at the corner of Patterson and Ninth Streets in Newport. If you would like to help – which we could greatly use – please let Sarah Lester know. Her email is lesters@fuse.net.

Coffee, Cakes, and Caring at Brighton Recovery Center

Our next Coffee, Cakes, and Caring event is Saturday, June 11 at 10 am and we are taking it on the road. As you may recall, this fellowship experience supports Brighton Center’s Early Childhood Development and Preschool Programs. For June, we’re going to the [Brighton Women’s Recovery Center](#) to volunteer with some of the residents. It’s Brighton Center helping Brighton Center and we get to be a part of it!

In building our relationship with Brighton Center, we learned that the women at the recovery center really like to give back, so we thought we could help them and come full circle in helping Brighton Center achieve its mission.

The center will be providing the coffee and we will be providing the treats and activities.

Please let Patricia Ross, at prrf1212@gmail.com, know if you would like to come, and if you would like to bring a treat to share, and we can meet at the church and carpool. You don’t want to miss this!

Mental Health and Children

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and this year we’re focusing on children’s mental health. We’ve included here some resources for parents, grandparents, and those who are involved in children’s lives to use for helping children.

Social media plays a huge, and often harmful role in children’s mental health. The film, Childhood 2.0, takes a deep dive into what coming of age really looks like today — and just how much things have changed thanks to technology and social media. Featuring actual parents and kids as well as industry-leading experts in child safety and development, this documentary is required viewing for anyone that wants to better understand the world their children inhabit as they navigate growing up in the digital age. Learn how access to social media and ever-evolving technology creates new issues that past generations didn’t have to face, including cyberbullying, near-instant access to porn, online predators, a rise in child suicide, and more. To watch the film at home, here is the link: <https://www.childhood2movie.com/>.

The Faith in Action Team will also be providing resources a couple Sundays throughout the month on the table when you come in the front door. Please feel free to use these and share them with loved ones.



Patricia Baker	May 4 th
Evelyn Dietz	May 8 th
Amy Meyer	May 11 th
Palmer Lee Fryman	May 12 th
Carol Turner	May 13 th
Lee Walz	May 14 th
Rick Carr	May 20 th
Annabelle Pohlman	May 25 th



Eric & Sherry Bihl	May 3 rd 28 years
Don & Sue Hatfield	May 11 th 59 years
Jim & Violette Fausz	May 29 th 43 years
Bill & Jackie Thomas	May 31 st 25 years

Serving in May

Liturgist

May 1 Sarah Lester

May 8 Kathy VonStrohe

May 15 Roger VonStrohe

May 22 Debbie Fowee

May 29 Amity Kukla

Ushers

May 1 Margaret Perry, Gary Sperry,
Debbie Fowee and Everett Harrison

May 8 Shawn Hayslette and Sarah Lester

May 15 Jim Miller and Sue Hatfield

May 22 Wanda Hornsby and Margaret Perry

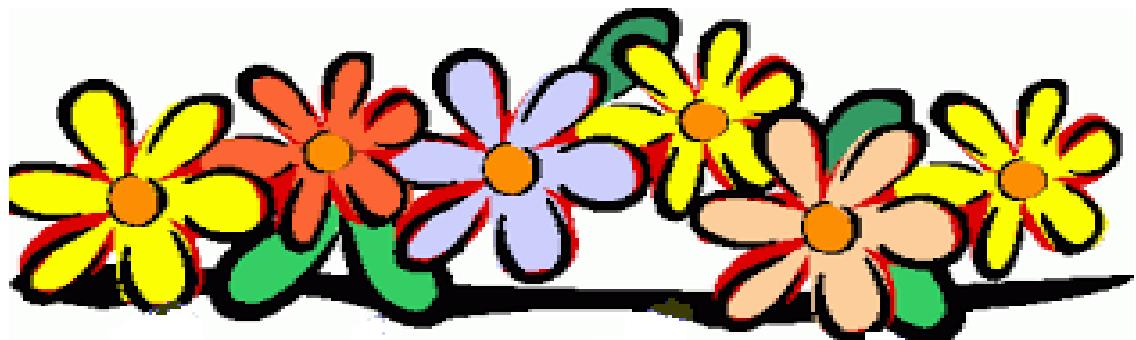
May 29 Sarah Lester and Gary Sperry

Communion set-up: Debbie Yeager and Sue Hatfield

NEW MEDIA SYSTEM UPDATE

ICB Audio & Video has let us know that worldwide production and delivery of computer chips continues to affect delivery of components we ordered. We are all disappointed that that the project is not yet completed! We are excited about the possibilities the new system will open for us; and we thank everyone for your patience.

Special thanks to those who have continued to donate toward the cost of the project!



St. Paul's UCC, Alexandria, KY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—February 8, 2022

PRESENT: President - Claudia Chalk, Vice President - Mark Vogt, Recording Secretary - Janet Van Nevel , Treasurer - Sandy Smith, Financial Secretary - Jeff Enyart, Worship Team - Debbie Yeager, Development - Cammy Burling, Missions - Sarah Lester, Trustees - Sally McNichols, C.E. (Faith Formation) -Amity Kukla, Tech Support-Craig McAlpin, Pastor Paul Forrey.

Claudia called the meeting to order over Zoom. Paul gave an opening prayer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT— No changes to the January minutes. Sally moved to accept the January Council meeting minutes as posted to OneDrive. Mark seconded and the motion carried.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT— Sandy reported that we have the following balances: Temporary account = \$33,370.51; Checking account = \$27,863.66. Jeff moved to accept the report and pay the bills. Mark seconded and the motion carried.
3. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT- Jeff reported that January giving was high (\$25,529) well above our monthly target income of \$14,707. Although this is good, its uncertain if its due to a true increase in giving or just timing of some large gifts that have been received in February in the past. Jeff thanked the Development Team for the “Thank You Letter” that went out with the 2021 Giving Statements. Jeff and Paul are meeting next week to go over the donor information approved at last month's council meeting. Jeff requested that Sandy be granted online access to Breeze so she has access to the information to run her reports without having to wait on Jeff to provide it to her. Access approved. Craig will set Sandy up with access to the Breeze system and Jeff will get with her to show her how to use it.
4. PASTOR'S REPORT—Paul has reached out to ICB regarding the status of the media system and is waiting for a reply. Gary Baxter was hired as custodian in early November with a three-month trial period, which is coming to an end. Sally reported that the Trustees haven't heard of any problems with his work. It was moved and seconded to move him from trial to “settled” status and increase his wages from \$11,250 to \$11,500 annually.
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Claudia reported that current Covid rates for our area have dropped to 71.4, but according to the Health Department anything above 25 is considered critical.
6. WORSHIP/MINISTRY - Debbie reported the committee will hold their next meeting in the Sanctuary. They want to show everyone where things are located, Craig stated he could probably put together an instruction sheet. They also want to look at the space to see if there's a way to make more room, without renovations.
7. TRUSTEES - Sally reported they have been working on the ceiling in the lower-level classrooms. Helen and Barb have been putting the new tiles in. However, that process will be on hold due to need for more tiles. They are doing the classroom floors next in anticipation of classes resuming. The small nursery is nearly completed. Last Saturday Roger, Kathy, Barb, Helen, Gary, Paul and Patricia worked on the sidewalks and parking lot to clear the ice for Sunday. Olympic scraped the lot.
8. DEVELOPMENT TEAM - Cammy reported the “Your Church, Our Future” event will probably be pushed to the fall. They are finalizing the 6 questions and will share when complete.
9. MISSIONS/FAITH IN ACTION TEAM - Sarah reported they have decided to do quarterly planning with each quarter having a focus. 1st quarter is Women, 2nd quarter is Children, 3rd quarter Creation and 4th quarter Family. A special service on women will be February 27th. Family Promise is resuming March 6th. They have

joined with Welcome House and are converting from a church hosting model to a team model. Offices have been converted into bedrooms.

10. TECH REPORT—Craig is still working with Amity to try to find a large screen.

11. FAITH FORMATION (Christian Education) - Amity reported:

12. VICE-PRESIDENT---Mark reported that the Endowment Committee needs four members to serve. Members are Fred Losey, Cammy Burling, Charlene Rogers and Jeff Enyart.

13. OTHER BUSINESS: The Council Retreat is Saturday February 12th at 9:30 at Charlene Roger's. Breakfast, juice, coffee and tea will be provided.

Next council meeting is March 8th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Debbie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Van Nevel, Recording Secretary

St. Paul's UCC, Alexandria, KY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—March 8th, 2022

PRESENT: President- Claudia Chalk, Vice President-Mark Vogt, Financial Secretary - Jeff Enyart, Treasurer - Sandy Smith, Development-Cammy Burling, Faith Formation-Amity Kukla, Faith in Action - Sarah Lester, Trustees - Roger Von Strohe, Pastor Paul Forrey.

Claudia called the meeting to order over Zoom. Paul gave an opening prayer. Claudia read the Council Covenant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT— Claudia shared that Janet is on vacation and left some of her notes at home, so she couldn't finish her report. We will approve them at the next meeting.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT— Sandy reported on the current finances. Temporary account=\$33,370.77; Checking account=\$21,550.60, \$5,280 outstanding, \$16,270 balance. Sandy asked Fred to transfer money from the investment funds for the renovation. He is transferring \$30,000, and it should be in the account tomorrow. This will only be used for the renovations. Mark moved to accept the report and pay the bills. Cammy seconded and the motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT- Jeff presented his report. February's total giving amount was \$10,777. This was less than February 2021, but it's better to look at the year-to-date amounts. The monthly average for 2022 is higher than normal. (We had a very good January.) Jeff also shared that the media system continues to be funded. Jeff and Cammy are currently working on communicating with the people who no longer give using the envelope boxes.

4. WORSHIP —Paul presented the Worship Team's report. The team met recently and assessed the needs in the sanctuary (mostly pertaining to music). There are 3 areas that the team would like to see changed. The proposed (3-part) motion is as follows:

- Remove entire front pew in front of area where the Bell Choir performs.

- Remove the entire second pew from the center area and move the front half-pew back one row.
- Allow the Worship team to collaborate with the Trustees (with input from the choir and musicians) to develop a proposal that includes removal of all pews in the choir loft and replacement with high quality, attractive chairs that can be rearranged as needed. NOTE: The Worship Team and Trustees will return to Council with a final proposal for #3 as this involves expenses not currently budgeted. We will also actively fundraise to meet the expense of new chairs.

Council discussed the motion as presented. Roger shared that the Trustees have a concern about moving the pews on the Jefferson Street side. The front pew is not the same length as the 2nd row pew. Trustees suggested removing the entire front (half) pew, removing the diagonal side pew of the 2nd row (closest to Jefferson St), and keeping the longer pew in the 2nd row.

Motion was made by the Worship Team with the Trustees' amendments. Sarah seconded and the motion carried.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT---Claudia reported that Darlene's father passed away, and the funeral was held this past week. Darlene asked about bereavement leave, but there is no policy for that. It was decided that she could take 3 days paid leave. Claudia also led a discussion about whether we want to bring back the passing of the peace since Covid numbers are improving. Council decided to table this until April to see how things are at that point. People have been asking about the Easter breakfast that we had pre-Covid. Fellowship Hall is currently a construction zone. Currently, there's no team to plan the breakfast, so that would fall on Council. Claudia recommended that we host something smaller such as pastries and fruit in the library. If it is nice, we can set up on the porch. Council agreed and will sign up to bring items at the next meeting. The continental breakfast will start at 9am on Easter.

6. PASTOR'S REPORT - Paul shared that after Helen Bain's funeral, her daughter, Nancy Horn, expressed that she had missed St. Paul's. Paul moved her membership from inactive to active.

7. FAITH FORMATION- Amity reported on upcoming events such as movie night (3/13), the Egg Hunt (9:30am on Easter), Family Game Night (4/29), VBS (6/27-6/30 from 9-12), and summer book club (May/June). Information will be shared in the bulletin.

8. TRUSTEES - Roger reported that Alan Woeste is working on the downstairs renovations. We are paying him by the hour as we have done in the past. Fred will keep an eye on the budget.

9. DEVELOPMENT TEAM—Cammy reported that they are continuing to work on plans for the “Your Church, Our Future” event for October.

10. MISSION/FAITH IN ACTION TEAM - Sarah reported that the committee has been researching and discussing ways to impact Ukrainians and will be sharing that information with the congregation soon. Monetary donations can be made to the global UCC organization, and tangible donations can be taken to Matthew 25.

11. “TECH REPORT—No report

12. VICE-PRESIDENT---Mark reported that the investment committee has its first meeting on 3/19.

13. Our next meeting will be held on April 12th at 7:00 via Zoom. Cammy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amity Kukla



Where God is still speaking