



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

I am both impressed and immensely thankful for the progress the Monday Men, in partnership with the Trustees, have made on the downstairs renovation project so far in 2022. The June-July issue of this newsletter included some photos of their progress. If you have not walked through the downstairs spaces in some time, please feel free to do so and see how the project is taking shape.

- ✓ Classrooms are nearly finished.
- ✓ Painting throughout the rooms has steadily progressed.
- ✓ New ceiling tile and lights are installed. The wiring for Fellowship Hall lighting is redesigned so that it's much easier than it previously was to turn on all the lights.
- ✓ Transformation of the kitchen has already begun.
- ✓ Closet space has been created for the custodian and Faith Formation teachers.
- ✓ New cabinetry is installed in several rooms.
- ✓ A new rug is installed in one of the classrooms.

The work continues, of course. An overhaul of the hallway bathrooms is coming, as well as further work in the kitchen. Finally, a rug will be installed throughout Fellowship Hall and the hallways.

Please be sure to see the progress for yourself, and let's thank each person who's been working on the project. Many of them have been coming several days per week for months to increase the rate of progress. On top of that, the volunteers have been mindful of how the downstairs spaces are currently in use and have worked hard to ensure the spaces are operational, even if work in those spaces is still incomplete.

We praise God in Christ for the determination of each person working on the project, and for commitment among them to the life and ministries of our congregation.

Live Children's Chats Return to Sunday Worship!

Beginning in August, children will join us for the beginning of worship and participate in a children's message.

Children will hear from a variety of adults during their message time before they head off to Sunday School. We are excited to share in the imagination and energy that children

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

After reading the article below maybe you would like to write something for the newsletter about your service or sign up to volunteer.

Why I Serve by Claudia Chalk

There are two reasons I started my service to St. Paul's as a member of the Board of Christian Education, now known as the Faith Formation Team, my children Kris and Katarina. I felt it was something I should and could do for my kids and my church.

A few years went by and one of the Sunday School teachers had to stop teaching due to an illness in the family. I volunteered to be the interim teacher until his return. I am still a Sunday School teacher.

When I started teaching, I felt that I was learning as much and probably more about the Bible stories than the kids. Sometimes when I was preparing lessons I would think that there was no way that what I had planned was going to fill the time or even make sense. But it seemed that on Sunday morning the kids would ask a question or something would just click and it would be one of the best lessons ever. I knew that God was there and was speaking to me and the kids. Every person who is in a class teaches me something, teaches the others in the class and God is there speaking to all of us.

After serving as chair of the Board of Christian Education, I was asked to serve as Church Council Vice President and then President. As president I have to trust and listen to God and I know that God has put all of us here at St. Paul's for a reason. Many of you have been there to support me. I appreciate the conversations, texts, emails and sometimes the hugs (Covid is still a thing). I feel that we are a true family.

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I have also taught VBS, served with the Soup Kitchen folks, been an evening host with Family Promise and participated in the new Coffee, Cakes and Caring. Some of these experiences were out of my comfort zone but I have learned and grown from each experience.

My reason for starting to serve at St. Paul's was somewhat selfish and my reasons for still serving today are somewhat selfish. I have grown as a person and my faith in God is stronger by serving at St. Paul's in many different ways. Many of our members have had a long history in service to St. Paul's, but don't be afraid to volunteer to serve because you think you will get "stuck" forever. Service can be for an hour, a day, a year or for many years. I hope that you will find a way to serve God, our community, and St. Paul's in your unique and special way and that it will help you in your own journey in faith. You will not regret it.

Thanks to everyone who is presently serving in some way or has served in the past. I am grateful to each of you.

Faith in Action Team

This month, and all months going forward, the Faith in Action Team invites you to celebrate Creation. God created something wonderful, so wonderful in fact, that God gave humankind the privilege of taking care of it.

Creation includes everything God has made—the earth and everything on it. Take a moment to explore this word cloud and see how many ways you are helping to take care of God's creation. Then pick one or two new ways to show God your love by caring for what God has made.



Update

It's so exciting to share the news that Roxann and her 3 boys are on their way to having a home of their own. Roxann has been living at the Family Promise shelter for a few months and working so hard to find a safe and affordable home for her family. She appreciates all the volunteers that have stopped by to bring food, spent time with her and the boys, and provided assistance.

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With that news, we aren't sure if we will have the opportunity to serve Family Promise next month, but if so, the date is Thursday, Aug. 11.

The Soup Kitchen group meets on Saturday Aug. 20.

Congratulations 2022 Confirmands!

On June 5, 2022 we celebrated the confirmation of five young men—Camren Losey, Logan Hayslette, Greyson Ballinger, Jackson Bittner, Jack Thomas (pictured). In the UCC, confirmation is a rite of passage in which young people claim their identity and place in the family of God's people. During the ceremony, each confirmand expressed their vows of faithfulness and participation in the life of our congregation, and we expressed our commitment to welcome and include them in our common life. Congratulations Jack, Jackson, Greyson, Logan, and Camren!



Congratulations to our St. Paul's graduates!
On June 12 we recognized:

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| Shae Weinel | Campbell County HS |
| Zac Dietz | Campbell County HS |
| Brenna Losey | Highlands HS |
| Emma Losey | Highlands HS |
| Jocelyn Meyer | NKU |
| Jessica McDonald | EKU |
| Kayla McDonald | EKU |
| Cameron McDonald | NKU |

Each received a card, gift card, and blessing from the congregation.
All our best to all the graduates!





We had a great time at St. Paul's VBS!

Each day we learned a new Bible story, identified peacemaking strategies and applied them to our daily lives:

We can

*learn from people who are different than us (Philip and the Ethiopian), *care for others (be like the sheep not the goats), *be like Abigail finding a win-win solution by feeding David's men, and *walk away like Isaac did.

Each day a team of volunteers revisited the story through crafts (Leah & Janet), games (Barb & Helen), music (Connie & Melinda) and snacks (Kathy & Karen). Thank You!

Thanks also to our teachers for planting seeds of peace each day: Preschool (Debbie F. & Debbie Y.), Primary (Paula & Bryson & Greyson), Elementary (Amity & Evelyn)

In addition, Paul joined us each day, & added to our musical experiences, Jayelynn created our passports, & Sarah made sure we had the technology we needed.

This team made VBS happen, thank you so much!



These kids were amazing; they already make the world a better place and we can't wait to see how they change the world.

-your Faith Formation Team



Start Preparing for St. Paul's Talent Show!

September 24th at 2pm

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| Sing | Hula Hoop | juggle ake 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 |



September 24th 2pm
All ages welcome to perform!
Hosted by Melinda & the Faith Formation Team



Name(s): _____

Type of Act:

Name of Act:

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1) What was the first bird to leave the ark?
- 2) What was the name of Joseph's younger brother?
- 3) What was the name of the mountain where Moses received the Ten Commandments?
- 4) What is the longest book of the New Testament?
- 5) What is the longest book of the Old Testament?
- 6) Name a book of the Bible named after a woman?

Answers on the next page

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Janice woke up her son one Sunday morning and told him he needed to get ready to go to church. The son pulled the covers over his head and moaned, "Leave me alone. I don't want to go to church this morning."

"Nonsense," she replied. "Get up and get dressed."

"But everybody hates me, the sermons are boring, and none of my friends ever come," he whined. His mother signed and said, "Son, you have to go----you're the pastor!"

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the September newsletter will be on August 22nd.

THANK YOU

My church family, thank you for all of the support you have given me over the years. I grew up in this church and now I am opening up a new chapter in my life. I know I will always have my church family here to support me. I appreciate every one of you.

Lots of love,
Shae Weinel

ANSWERS TO THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1) A raven
- 2) Benjamin
- 3) Mount Sinai
- 4) Acts
- 5) Psalms
- 6) Ruth or Esther



NEEDING PICTURES

Please keep sending those pictures in. Submit your pictures to the office or put in the offering envelope. All pictures will be returned to you. The answer to this month's picture will be in the September newsletter. Can anybody guess who this is?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

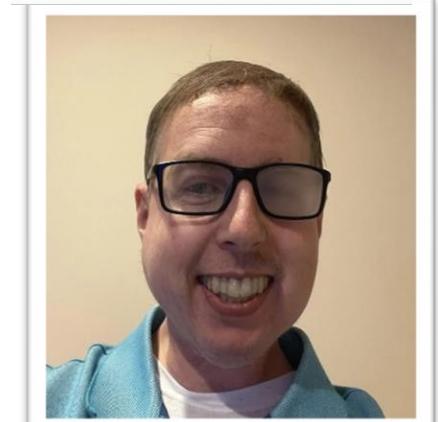
- 1) What is your favorite animal at the zoo?

Answer: the Bengal tiger

- 2) If you could change your first name, what would you choose?

Answer: Adam

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3) What is your favorite family tradition?
July 4th because I celebrate being cancer free every year.

4) What was your best birthday?
When I turned 36 because we went on a Disney vacation.

5) What has been the biggest joy in your life?
When I purchased my first home.

Serving in August

Liturgist

Aug. 7 Connie Ballinger
Aug. 14 Kathy VonStrohe
Aug. 21 Roger VonStrohe
Aug. 28 Debbie Fowee

Ushers

Aug. 7 Margaret Perry, Gary Sperry
Sarah Lester and Debbie Fowee
Aug. 14 Sue Hatfield and Everett Harrison
Aug. 21 Wanda Hornsby and Jim Miller
Aug. 28 Shawn Hayslette and Logan Hayslette

Communion set-up: Debbie Yeager and Sue Hatfield



Aug. 2 Owen Pohlman
5 Evelyn Keifer
6 Jim Webb
12 Marion Gosney
18 Mike Ballinger
18 Jackie Thomas
18 Karey Thomas
20 Lori Davis
20 Wyatt Pohlman
29 Mark Vogt
31 Wilma Smith



Aug. 25 Bobby & Kim Bowling

The Word Puzzle

St.Paul's UCC, Alexandria, KY

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 10, 2022

PRESENT: President - Claudia Chalk, Vice President – Mark Vogt; Recording Secretary - Janet Van Nevel; Financial Secretary - Jeff Enyart; Worship Team - Debbie Yeager; Development - Cammy Burling; Missions - Sarah Lester; Trustees - Sally McNichols; Faith Formation - Amity Kukla; Tech Support - Craig McAlpin; Staff Parish Team – Jeanne Greiser, Pastor Paul Forrey.

Claudia called the meeting to order, over Zoom. She opened the meeting with a prayer and read the Council Covenant.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT: No changes to April minutes. Motion made by Debbie and seconded by Cammy to approve minutes. Approved.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeff gave a summary of Sandy's report. We have \$36,174 in the checking account and \$33,371 in the temporary account. Mark motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills, Sarah seconded. Motion passed.
3. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jeff reported there is an immediate opening for another counter to replace Pat Schuchter. They are planning to conclude the 2021 this week and report results on Saturday. April giving was \$13,271. Our year-to-date monthly giving is \$15,787. This is an increase over the past few years.
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Claudia informed that Zac Dietz's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be June 12th at 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Undercroft. Zac's Eagle Scout project was building the Labrinth at the cemetery. Claudia thanked everyone who brought food for the Easter Breakfast. It worked out well. She suggested we plan an outing to a Florence Y'all baseball game. Traditionally we've gone for Friday Night Fireworks games. Friday July 29th was selected.
5. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mark reported that the Development Committee met on March 19th. They reviewed the purpose of the committee; to protect investments and provide funds to cover operational shortfalls and building and grounds projects. They are entrusted to enhance the value of the funds. They are meeting Saturday to review the portfolio and financial audit results. They are working with an advisor from Morgan Stanley.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. Staff Parish Committee - Jeanne Greiser was welcomed as a new member of council. The committee members will rotate attending council meetings. Council emails will be sent to Jeanne, and she will forward to whoever is attending that month.
 - b. Missions – Sarah reported that the backpacks have been delivered, our next Family Promise rotation is the first weekend of June. Coffee, Cakes and Caring is scheduled for June 11th with Brighton Center's Women's Recovery Center.
 - c. Worship – Debbie thanked Mindy and Sally for getting the Mother's Day flowers. The Trustees have a plan to remove the front pews.
 - d. Trustees – Sally reported they will make a request for help moving the pews upstairs once they decide when to do it. Monday Men will have them disconnected so that they just need to be moved upstairs. There is a safety issue with the steps facing Jefferson Street, the railing is rusted through and no longer connected. The stairs opening to the parking lot need to have the railing replaced and the cracks in the landing repaired. The stairs toward the Parish House are safe and usable but need some major work. They are looking into contractor. New railings that would be up to code and match the Parish House.
 - e. Faith Formation – Amity reported that plans have been made for Confirmation on June 5th and honoring the Graduates on June 12th. They are looking for Sunday School aids and will be looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School.
 - f. Tech Support - Craig shared the average # online view. Children's Chats have the most views.
7. CONSTITUTION: Sarah reported on the Constitution revision. The Draft was reviewed, it is a start but will need some minor tweaking as we work on the bylaws. Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Mark to approve this as our working draft. Motion approved. The next step will be to revise the Bylaws. The various teams have already created their purpose statements. It was decided to put together a Bylaws Task Force. They would meet monthly. We will need participation from all the teams. It was decided to begin by asking people to serve on the Task Force.
8. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Sally and seconded by Amity to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:
Janet Van Nevel

St. Paul's UCC, Alexandria, KY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 14, 2022

PRESENT: President - Claudia Chalk, Vice President – Mark Vogt; Recording Secretary - Janet Van Nevel; Financial Secretary - Jeff Enyart; Development - Cammy Burling; Faith In Action - Sarah Lester; Trustees - Sally McNichols; Faith Formation – Evelyn Dietz; Tech Support - Craig McAlpin; Staff Parish – Jeanne Greiser, Pastor Paul Forrey.

Claudia called the meeting to order, over Zoom. She opened the meeting with a prayer and read the Council Covenant.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sarah requested that we use the name Faith in Action instead of Missions in future minutes. Motion made by Sarah and seconded by Cammy to approve minutes. Motion carried.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Claudia gave a summary of Sandy's report. We have \$30,663 in the checking account and \$33,372 in the temporary account. So far we've spent \$17,053 on the lower level renovation with an additional \$4,926 pending for carpet. We still have \$8,021 remaining from the

\$30,000 we transferred from the investment account, plus \$3,078 in the temporary account allocated for renovation; for a total of \$11,099 left for the renovation. Jeff motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills, Mark seconded. Motion passed.

3. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jeff reported that Lila Losey will be added to the counting schedule beginning in August. May giving was \$12,666. Our year-to-date monthly average is \$15,162. We're on target to meet budget with just a little help from our investments. The 2021 Annual Audit was completed. Giving statements to individual givers will be available upon request. Invoices should be approved by the appropriate committee chair before being given to Sandy for payment.
4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. Team Reports were reviewed by Council prior to meeting. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Jeff to accept committee reports.
 - b. Faith in Action – Sarah reported they are looking at a possible Mission Weekend, probably with Matthew 25. Motion to approve made by Cammy, seconded by Claudia. Motion approved.
 - c. Faith Formation – Evelyn reported that all the volunteer spots for Vacation Bible School are covered. They are very excited to see the kids in person.
 - d. Pastor's Report – Paul reported that Shawn Hayslette has applied to be a Honor Flight Ambassador. If selected his fee to participate is \$600. Shawn has requested permission for request donations. Claudia moved and Sally seconded to grant permission to request donations if he's selected. Motion approved.
 - e. Trustees – Sally reported the water heater needs to be replace. Roger is taking care of it. Cost is approximately \$500. They would like to have a dinner to celebrate the basement renovations when completed
5. VICE PRESIDENT – Mark thanked Jeff for a very efficient internal audit. Are investments are continuing to collect dividends even though the market is down. They are looking to increase the interest on cash.
6. PRESIDENT – Claudia will notify committee chairs when reports are due to Darlene for the newsletter. It's usually the beginning of the third week of the month.
7. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Sally and seconded by Evelyn to adjourn meeting. motion passed. Next meeting will be July 12th.

Respectfully Submitted
Janet Van Nevel

