

St. Paul's Church

of the United Church of Christ



**"The Light" Newsletter
March 2019 Edition**

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I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

–The Book of Common Prayer

Communion during Lent to Easter

To mark this season – we will begin our journey with an Ash Wednesday service and part of that service will be communion. We will not have communion on Sunday, April 7 – since this fall during our Lenten season. We will have communion on Maundy Thursday (April 18) to remember when Jesus gave the gift of communion to us. And then on Easter morning we will have communion as a celebration of the resurrection. Please contact the Interim minister if you would like to have communion during the season if you are not able to attend the services.

Sermons series for Lent

Mar 10 **Lent 1** SPICE up your spiritual life:
Simplicity

Mar 17 **Lent 2** SPICE up your spiritual life:
Peace

Mar 24 Lent 3 SPICE up your spiritual life:
Integrity

Mar 31 Lent 4 SPICE up your spiritual life:
Community

April 7 Lent 5 SPICE up your spiritual life:
Equality

April 14 Lent 6 SPICE up your spiritual life:
Journey

Adult Class on Wednesday (12.30 and 7) - all
subject to change

**Mar 6 – Ash Wednesday Service at
7 pm**

Mar 13- Prayer: Intimacy with God

Mar 20- Compassion: the heart of Jesus' ministry

Mar 27- Creative Transformation

April 3 – Embracing Mystery

A Lenten Prayer

OUR Father, we turn to Thee in the quietness of this meditation period. It is but natural that we expose to Thee the things in us that seem most worthy and good that we may delight Thy Spirit and joy Thy Heart. The unworthy and the ugly things in us we almost instinctively seek to hide, to cover up, that we may seem pleasing in Thy Sight. But deep within us we know that this is not enough. We know that somehow we must be totally exposed to Thee, holding back nothing, seeking refuge behind no protecting screen or darkening shadows. We do not keep back the unsightly from Thee because we cannot trust Thee, dare not run the risk, but because we cannot deny the urge to offer in prayer the best that is in us. Teach us to know that Thy love is so whole and encompassing care. Teach us to share

with Thee the good and the bad in us, the ugly and the beautiful, the clean and the sordid, the success and the failure-all, everything complete in every part. With penitence for fumbings, failures, ignorances and sins; with thanksgiving for directness, successes, knowledge and rightness, we lay bare all that we are to Thy love and Thy understanding, O God our Father.

Howard Thurman

CHURCH TIDBITS



A Note from Donna Mader

Dear Friends and Family at St. Paul's UCC:

Hooray! After x-rays, nuclear bone density test and my first MRI, I'm finally the owner of a new back brace. And it's therapy time!! The therapist's goal is to get me out of the brace. My fingers are crossed! May 2019 bring all of your joy, love and laughter!

Donna Mader

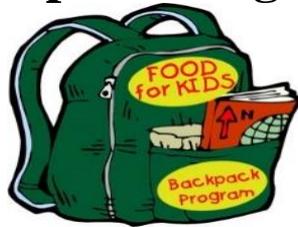
P.S. Keep bringing in can tabs. I have brought in over 12,000 tabs.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank those of you who sent cards, who called, who brought food and who visited, especially those who visited me while I recuperated from my knee replacement. Having people to talk with when you are not able to get out and about was an answer to prayer. Thank you all so much.

Charlene Rogers

Super Bowl Collection for the Backpack Program



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!

THOSE WHO SERVE IN MARCH

Liturgist

Mar. 3 Karey Thomas
6 Roger VonStrohe
10 Debbie Yeager
17 Amity Kukla
24 Debbie Fowee
31 Roger VonStrohe

Coffee

Mar. 3 Debbie Yeager
10 Shawn & Beekee Hayslette
17 Tim Ash
24 Shawn & Beekee Hayslette
31 Debbie Yeager

Acolyte

Mar. 3 Shae Weinel
6 Logan Hayslette
10 Greyson Ballinger
17 Shae Weinel
24 Kynslee Ballinger
31 Shae Weinel

Communion Set-up: Mar. 3 – Mindy Connell and Audrey Thomas
Mar. 6 – Barb Fausz and Helen McAlpin

Ushers:

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

Mar. 6 7:00 Shawn Hayslette and Pat Schuchter
PM

Mar. 10 10:30 Ron Sperry and Gary Sperry

Mar. 17 10:30 Leah McDonald and Sue Hatfield

Mar. 24 10:30 Jim Miller and Lee Walz

Mar. 31 10:30 Debbie Fowee and Cameron McDonald

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

MARCH

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Darlene Haigis | 11 Kenneth & Susan Voelker |
| 2 Ronald David Behymer | 27 years |
| 2 Daryl Knauer | |
| 2 Rachel Steelman | 15 Dennis & Karen Zimmerman |
| 5 Kriste Swanson | 35 years |
| 7 Sharon Ash | |
| 13 Carol Valerius | |
| 13 Stu Stormer | |
| 14 Dalton Schweitzer | |
| 17 Brian Clos | |
| 17 Aleene Schaber | |
| 17 Arlene Vogt Wagner | |
| 18 Cammy Bihl | |
| 19 Ted Hornsby | |
| 26 Alex Boehm | |
| 26 Todd Cox | |
| 29 Cammy Burling | |



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—January 19, 2019

PRESENT: Pastor-Houston Hall, President-Connie Ballinger, Vice President-Daryl Knauer, Financial Secretary- Jeff Enyart, Recording Secretary-Debbie Yeager C.E.-Claudia Chalk, Missions- Teresa Knauer, Stewardship-Jayelynn Weinel, Trustees-Tim Ash, Worship-Fred Losey.

Connie opened the meeting. Pastor Hall said a prayer, and Council recited the Council Covenant together.

- 1) SECRETARY'S REPORT---Minutes from the December 2018 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Jeff Enyart and seconded by Teresa Knauer. Motion carried.
- 2) TREASURER'S REPORT—End of 2018 Expense and Temporary Reports were reviewed. Motion to accept reports and pay bills was made by Tim Ash and seconded by Teresa Knauer. Motion carried.
- 3) PASTOR'S REPORT---
 - Pastor Hall reminded Council that his housing allowance must be approved every year. Teresa Knauer made a motion that \$22,000 of his compensation package be designated for housing (on a pro-rated basis). Jayelynn Weinel seconded. Motion carried.
 - The Bell Choir has asked if their donations and expenses could be a separate line on the reports. Jeff said this can be done eventually.
 - A discussion was held on the need for a plan to notify members if church has to be cancelled. This was tabled until August when we will create a weather policy/plan. Jayelynn has volunteered to research a way to get our cancelation information on local media.
- 4) TRUSTEES' REPORT--- Tim reported the following:
 - Air conditioner has been sealed for the winter.
 - We continue to tweak the sound system.
 - The snow blower has a wheel problem but is usable.

- Trustees have discussed security at the Parish House. After a discussion Council recommended that the door be locked and a door bell be installed.
 - A discussion was held regarding the legal requirement of reporting abuse to authorities.
 - Insurance:
 - 1) Safe Church Policy should be reviewed by law enforcement.
 - 2) We need an extra quote to cover the stained glass windows.
 - 3) Fred will check into whether or not we need insurance coverage for other groups that use the church or whether they have their own.
- 5) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION---Claudia reported the following:
- Retreat was held on Jan.5, 2019, to review and update Safe Church Policy.
 - Cards for shut-ins were appreciated.
 - The children's Epiphany skit and reception were well-attended.
 - Upcoming 2019 events: Super Bowl collection for Backpack Program; Movie Night March 10; Palm Saturday Family event.
- 6) MISSIONS COMMITTEE---Teresa passed out copies of a flyer that explains opportunities for mission outreach and donations needed for 2019. These will be added to the Welcome Bags and hopefully placed in the pews.
- 7) WORSHIP COMMITTEE---Fred reported the following:
- Committee reviewed Advent and Christmas season services; all went well. Blue Christmas attendance was up.
 - Currently planning for Lent and Easter. Planning for more time for events and fellowship between first service (8 AM) and second service (10:30) on Easter. Breakfast will be hosted between the services.
 - There have been scheduling issues but good attendance for the Carespring Ministry; program is

on hold and a coordinator for the program is being sought.

- There will be no communion 4/7 since there will be communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter.

8) STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE—Welcome to Jayelynn Weinel as new Stewardship Chair. Connie expressed interest in continuing to provide positive stewardship messages throughout the year.

9) VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT---Daryl reported that gift cards were presented to staff and Pastor Hall during the Christmas season.

10) PRESIDENT’S REPORT—Connie reported the following:

- Committees should be evaluating their progress on the five-year plan. We will revisit the plan in March.
- We continue to use OneDrive to store and share documents. Connie recently posted the Constitution and will be adding the Church Profile and the Five-Year Plan.
- We are currently seeking leadership for a Hospitality Committee.

NEW BUSINESS—Claudia reported that Paula Pompilio and Beekee Hayslette would like to host the Fruitful Labor Auction. Council expressed their support for this.

Next Council Meeting is February 12, 2019 at 7 PM in the Parish House.

Teresa Knauer motioned to adjourn; Tim Ash seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting ended with Council reciting the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Yeager, Recording Secretary

What to Give Up...

- Give up complaining... focus on Gratitude*
- Give up pessimism ... become an Optimist*
- Give up worry ... trust Divine Providence*
- Give up bitterness ... turn to Forgiveness*
- Give up hatred ... return Good for evil*
- Give up negativism ... be Positive*
- Give up anger ... be More Patient*
- Give up pettiness ... become Mature*
- Give up gloom ... enjoy the Beauty all Around you*
- Give up jealousy ... pray for Trust*
- Give up gossiping ... control your Tongue*
- Give up sin ... turn to Virtue*
- Give up giving up ... Hang in there!*

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