

ST. PAUL'S
United Church of Christ German Township
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Evansville, IN 47720

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ, German Township
Church: 812-963-3394 Fax: 812-963-3447
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Pastor
Pastoral Assistant
Accompanist
Choir Director
Nursery Attendant
Office Administrator & Bookkeeper
Custodian

Church Staff

Reverend Terry Farmer	812-602-3571
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President	Donna Schmidt
Vice President	Daryl Hopple
Secretary	Beth Gilles
Treasurer	Susan Henze

Church Council

Sheila Bender	Janice Ricketts
Steve Sampson	Ruby Deutsch
Bonnie Garwood	
Jeffrey Tillman	

Steve Sampson
Gary Johnson
Ron Tillman

Trustees

Tony Steurer
Randy Ricketts
Keith Ahrens

Sound System, Bonnie Garwood

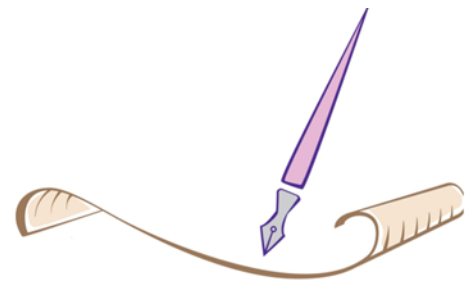
Individuals At Home

Bill Moad-5538 #6 School Road-Evansville, IN 47720
 Marian Coghill-9701 Big Cynthiana Road-Evansville, IN 47720
 Emaline Alexander-10490 Wilsey Road-New Harmony, IN 47631
 Helen Johnson-8900 #6 School Road- Evansville, IN 47720
 Joyce Herron-5705 N Happe Road-Evansville, IN 47720
 Glenna Hale-5718 Plainview Dr.- Evansville, IN 47720
 Marilyn Schneider-6416 Big Cynthiana Road-Evansville, IN 47720

Please remember our members and friends of
 St. Paul's with a card, phone call, or visit.

★ *Pray for our* *Military* ★

Jonathon and Joshua Kelly -grandsons of Jim & Joan
 Baughn & nephews of Leonard & Roberta Lenfers
August Clarry - great- grandson of Roland & Alice
 Garland
Jacob Toelle-great nephew of Deborah Schneider
Joseph Hale-grandson of Glenna Hale
Ryan Skeels-son of Charlie and Beth Skeels
Keelan Calvert and Gary Huggins- nephews of Arthur
 & Ellie Lukenheimer
Ryan Grover, US Marine- grandson
 of Gene and Elaine Goebel



Nursing Home Residents

Holiday Retirement Village-812-303-2610
 1200 W. Buena Vista-47710
 Peggy Pingel-Apartment 113

North River Health Campus-812-876-7256
 811 E. Baseline Road-Evansville, IN 47725
 Don & Eva Lasher-Room 605

Park Terrace Village-812-423-7468
 25 S. Boehne Camp Road-Evansville, IN 47712
 Linda Marshall

Heritage Nursing Home-812-429-0700
 1201 W. Buena Vista-47710
 Mark Wortman-Room 158



12/1	Ann Hettenbach	12/18	Bennett Minor
12/6	Ben Field	12/18	Nate Nanninga
12/7	Greyson Skeels	12/19	Charlie Moad
12/10	Ron Duncan	12/19	Jack Skeels
12/10	Jeremiah Johnson	12/20	Gary Johnson
12/11	Jenny Byers	12/21	Doris Karns
12/12	Donna Schmidt	12/21	Natalie Skeels
12/12	James Young	12/21	Donald Knowles
12/12	Kenneth Young	12/22	Mark Johnson
12/14	Krista Robards	12/25	Christine Garrison
12/15	Isaac Field	12/28	Teresa Tenhumberg
12/15	Shawn Johnston	12/31	Morgan Lovell
12/16	James Gist		

COME TO JOIN US

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK *Luncheon*

**BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT
TO SHARE!**



Let's come together for a heartwarming lunch filled with delicious food, good company, and what we have all been waiting a whole year for: Rev. Farmer's Christmas jokes. . It's time to share the joy of the holiday season. The MOC will provide fried chicken and great fellowship.



AFTER CHURCH ON DEC. 8TH



Hanging of the Greens is December 1 starting at 9:00am. There will be some unloading to be done before church on Sunday. The rest of the work will be done immediately following worship.



DECEMBER GAME DAY DATE

DECEMBER 3 & 17

Bring your cards, dominos or other favorites and enjoy some friendly competition and good company. Make plans to be there now.

If you have any questions see Daryl or Susan Hopple.



SCRIP CARDS

If you would like to order Scrip Cards there is a form back on the desk in the Sunday School Hall.

Beth Skeels will be placing an order on December 6. So please have your order form to her or to the Church Office by December 5.

If you have any questions, you can contact Beth at 812-480-7108



I would like to discuss:

- History Project
- December activities and schedule *Living Nativity – skip this year and resume in 2025. Daryl made motion. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.
- Benevolence Fund
- Vacation (second try) Nov. 11 through 18

Upcoming events:

- Trunk or Treat Oct. 27
- Fall Vespers Nov. 3
- Thanksgiving Service Nov. 26
- Hanging of the Greens Dec. 1

Head Trustee: Steve

- Menards has order for panels for basement women's restroom
- Moved hand sanitizers

VP's Report: Daryl

- Game days still going strong
- Has list of people for Council in 2025: Donna Schmidt will be going off the council – Will make replacement recommendations at next meeting

President's Report: Donna

- Updated Building Project – still meeting with contractors

Bonnie:

- Ushers
- Needs service call about the speakers.
- Problem with hearing impaired headphones. Planning to buy ten stereo headsets for ~\$26.00 each.

Sheila:

Ministry of Opportunity

- Next meeting 11/3/2024.
- Hanging of the greens will be 12/1/24. Sign up sheets available starting 11/3/24.
- Trunk or Treat 10/27/24
- German Fest went well. \$404.00 raised for hurricane relief
- Planning a winter event – probably for February 2025

Janice: Absent

Ruby:

- There will be a meal in November at Sister Joanna's Table, but we are not serving.

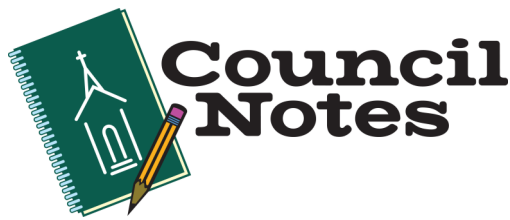
Jeff

Old Business – None

New Business-None

Ruby made motion to adjourn at 7:32. Jeff seconded. Motion carried

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St Paul's UCC German Township
Church Council Meeting
October 24, 2024

Present: Sheila Bender, Ruby Deutsch, Terry Farmer, Bonnie Garwood, Beth Gilles, Susan Henze, Daryl Hopple, Steve Sampson, Donna Schmidt & Jeff Tillman

Absent: Janice Ricketts

Meeting called to order at 6:00 & Terry led in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Beth

Correction from last month's minutes: There will be a November meal at Sister Joanna's Table, but we will not be serving. Bonnie made a motion to accept as amended. Ruby seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan

July Income: \$15,313.00 July General Fund: \$57,250.87

July Expenses: \$21,466.69 July Capital Fund: \$1,033,325.66

September Income: \$19,458.00 September General Fund: \$57,493.10

September Expenses: \$19,215.77 September Capital Fund: \$1,076,423.97

Sheila made motion for file for audit. Daryl seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Terry

Since the date of my last report (8/21/24), I have spent significant time on the following:

- Worship planning, choir, the 3M, Men's Ministry, and the Study Window
- Preaching at Good Sam
- Hospital, home, and nursing home visits
- Hygiene kit delivery
- ETSA matters
- Serving at Sister Joanna's Table
- Vacation
- Covid outbreak related issues
- Sala, Johnson, and Flick funerals
- Installation service for Rev.J.D. Rose
- German meal presentation
- Preliminary work on online church directory
- Preliminary work on history project
- Vacation (second try) Nov. 11 through 18

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December 1	First Sunday of Advent and Christmas Season 2024
Message	<i>Is This Trip Necessary?</i>
Scripture	Genesis 11:31-12:1-5(a); Exodus 20:1-2; Deuteronomy 31:7-8
December 8	Second Sunday of Advent
Message	<i>Rome</i>
Scripture	Luke 2:1-3; Romans 1:1-7
December 15	Third Sunday of Advent
Message	<i>Jerusalem</i>
Scripture	Luke 1:5-17
December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Message	<i>Nazareth</i>
Scripture	Luke 1:26-38
December 24	Christmas Eve
Message	<i>Bethlehem</i>
Scripture	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:39-45; Luke 2:1-7; Luke 2:8-20 John 1:1-5, 14(a)
December 29	First Sunday of Christmas
Message	<i>Persia</i>
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12



Men's Ministry

**Plan on attending the
Men's Ministry Meeting
December 3 @5:30pm**

**St Paul's United Church of Christ
FINANCIAL REPORT
October, 2024**



Income	
Contributions	17,119.00
Other Income	
Total Income	17,119.00
Expenses	
Payroll & Benefits	12,408.73
Administrative Expenses	1251.34
Church Property Maintenance	5533.18
Outreach & Missions	2280.25
Nurture & Discipleship	0.00
Worship & Church Renewal	650.70
Congregational Life	
Total Expenses	22,124.20

Sunday Service is now livestreamed at 10am. We will still send out the email link post to Facebook and on the website later in the day on Sunday. But you can subscribe to our YouTube channel or just find us on YouTube if you do not wish to wait for the link to be made available in one of these other ways. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office.

St. Paul's News

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Study Window for December 2024

Looking out my study window, I am thinking about verbs.

At this time of year, we expect to hear the words of Isaiah 9:6, that were also immortalized by Georg Frideric Handel in his masterwork *Messiah*. You will recognize these nouns used to name God: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (I know that Handel put the King James comma between Wonderful and Counselor along with a rest in the music. But the better translation is without it.) For those of us who have been away from school for a while and could use a reminder, a noun is a word that names something, such as a person, place, thing, or idea.

At Christmas, we celebrate the coming of God incarnate in the person of the infant Jesus. So, using various scriptural names for God, in celebration of that event, is completely expected and appropriate. Likewise, Handel's upbeat and exciting recitative of *For unto Us a Child is Born* is equally appropriate. In fact, I am humming it right now as I write this! This event we celebrate is certainly a time for joyfulness. God coming to earth in human form.

In contrast with nouns, verbs describe actions. Did you ever notice that generally when the Hebrew people referred to God, they did so by the use of verbs? They talk about the God who "forms", who "creates", who "reveals", who "makes", who "treads", who "speaks", who "seeks", who "calls", and so on. They certainly wanted everyone to know what was unique about the God they worshipped -- how this God differed from gods worshiped by others. Other gods made of stone, or wood, or gold. Other gods who expected little other than an occasional sacrifice and who only performed on a quid pro quo basis. Or in this age, the false gods of popularity, wealth, fame, professional success, political power, or military might.

In this season of celebration, we should also be at pains to describe how the reason for our celebration is distinguished from the overly commercial and secular celebrations that more commonly hold exclusive sway in our modern era. We can do this with the words and tune of Isaiah and Handel. But we should also do it with verbs. See, the world does not easily remember or understand what we hold true—what God has done, is doing, and will do for us. Recall that we are here, in part, to be sure the explanation is repeated again and again. And with that "sounding joy" of our beloved carol.

It saddens me to think of the increasingly large number of people who do not understand the meaning of Advent and Christmas beyond just knowing, rather vaguely, the outline of parts of the accounts in Matthew and Luke. I suppose I could imagine living without God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit if they were just nice ideas or part of a good philosophy. But I cannot imagine living without this triune God when I think in terms of all that God does. How God is more like a verb than a noun. And how Jesus is God's ultimate verb.

These are not the first Advent and Christmas seasons we have celebrated. Frankly, we already know the stories, the carols, and the scriptures we will hear. We expect the Advent Candles to be lit. We expect to enjoy festive worship services. But if we are honest, we are also looking for something just a bit more. Something that touches us a bit more deeply. Perhaps we might find it by taking inventory of the "verbs" that God has done and is doing in our lives and in the lives of our family and friends.

Now lest you think my personal celebrations are somehow different than yours, let me close by saying that I too will be trimming the tree, putting up the lights, doing some shopping, and will sing about a Red-Nosed Reindeer and dashing through the snow. But in the quiet moments that I will set aside, I will be naming God's verbs and will doubtlessly be overwhelmed by the unfathomable love shown us by our God.

May peace, joy, warm memories, and abundant hope be yours in these special seasons of the Church.

Pastor Terry