

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
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Church Staff

Pastor	Reverend Terry Farmer	812-602-3571
Pastoral Assistant	Jessica Minor	812-430-6326
Accompanist	Rayna Brown	812-449-7952
Choir Director	Noah Farmer	812-963-3394
Nursery Attendant	Kinsey Peralta	812-963-3394
Office Administrator & Bookkeeper	Norma Helm	812-963-3394
Custodian	Vickie White	812-963-3394

Church Council

President	Donna Schmidt	Sheila Bender	Janice Ricketts
Vice President	Daryl Hopple	Steve Sampson	Ruby Deutsch
Secretary	Beth Gilles	Bonnie Garwood	
Treasurer	Susan Henze	Jeffrey Tillman	

Trustees

Steve Sampson	Tony Steurer
Gary Johnson	Randy Ricketts
Ron Tillman	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.



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 143



11/2	Caleb Lewis	11/13	Emmett Johnson
11/6	Clenneth Besing	11/14	Lucas Moad
11/6	Diana Wellimeier	11/18	Myron Razor
11/7	Kim Schauss Berry	11/19	Billy Johnson
11/8	Linda Steurer	11/22	Sheila Bender
11/9	Nicole Damm	11/24	Levi Walden
11/10	Drake Johnson	11/26	Ian Walden
11/13	Layne Damm	11/27	Gladys Ludwig

*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



Better late than never. To say "thank you" for the cards and phone calls during my illness and recovery, which all brightened my day. I am glad to be back to church and seeing my church friends Happy Faces and to chat a little. Once again "Thank You."

Eloise 'Ellie' Lunkenheimer

I appreciate all the prayers, cards and calls after my recent surgery. Surgery went well but two weeks later I was back in the hospital due to dehydration. Hopefully now on road to recovery.

Sarah Guinn



SERVICE OF *Remembrance*

We will be conducting our annual Memorial Service on Sunday, November 24, which is the last Sunday of the Church year. If you would like to have your loved one remembered as a portion of this service, please notify the church office no later than Monday, November 18. We track names in the office, but do not want to leave anyone out. So your call is important to make sure all are included.

Fall Vespers– Sunday November 3– 6:00pm
Memorial Sunday-November 24
Thanksgiving Service-Tuesday, November 26-6:00pm



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Once again, we will be ordering large poinsettias to decorate for Christmas. Should you wish to order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the Poinsettia Order Form below. The form and \$15.00 can be mailed to the church or dropped in the Sunday offering plate.

REMEMBER: Deadline for ordering is November 17th.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM
(Deadline: November 17, 2024)
Large Poinsettia \$15.00

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

PRESENTED BY _____

Please plan to take your poinsettia with you following worship service on December 29, 2024., or arrange to pick it up Monday or Tuesday. Thank You.

The Altar Committee

Thank you

The family of Sandra Flick would like to thank:

- Reverend Terry Farmer. Thank you for your visits, guidance, prayers , and the beautiful funeral service. They were greatly appreciated.
- Norma Helm for all your assistance preparing the funeral bulletins.
- MOC and Jessie Ricketts for the fine meal and the many fine members of the church who helped out with desserts and cleanup of the social hall.
- Dave Henze, Sue Henze, and Bonnie Garwood for running the sound and video equipment during the streaming of the funeral service.
- The many people who contributed to the Memorial Lighthouse Maintenance.
- Sandra really appreciated the love and friendship she received during her many years of membership and attendance at St. Paul's.



NOVEMBER GAME DAY DATE

November 19

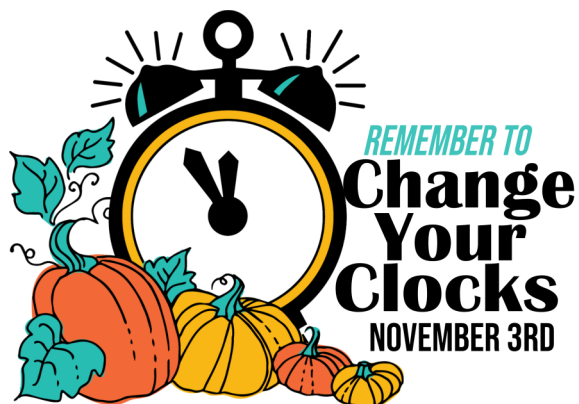
Bring your cards, dominos or other favorites and enjoy some friendly competition and good company. Make plans to be there now.

If you have any questions see Daryl or Susan Hopple.



SCRIP CARDS

If anyone would like to purchase Scrip Cards. Please let Beth Skeels know. She will put the order in the first week of December. You can contact Beth at 812-480-7108



- Discussed creating hygiene kits for people facing disaster displacement. Talk with Jessica about buying items and prices for kits. MOC may spearhead this. Bonnie made a motion to okay funds. Susan seconded. Motion carried
- Discussed on-line church directory. Daryl made motion to accept the premium monthly pricing. Sheila seconded. Motion carried.

Head Trustee's Report: Steve

- Tuckpointed roof, etc. for leaks. Basement project stalled – thinset applied, but not dried. Sprayed mold armor in women's restroom. Sprayed wasps' nests.
- Replaced some rose bushes. Cleaned and mowed cemetery. Cleaned storm damage
- Discussed weather damage treatment for the pew outside the lobby – maybe varnish

VP's report: Daryl

- Game days continue. Discussed changing date/time.
- Discuss solar panels, but shelved until after building project completion

President's Report: Donna

- Still working on building project. Several components are necessary to complete the project. Still gathering bids, etc.

Bonnie:

- Ushers
- Sound update – so far, so good. Terry has taken impressive care of the wires, thereby lasting a great deal longer than most pastors.

Sheila:

- Ministry of opportunity report
- Help with hygiene kits. (see pastor's report)
- Picnic was successful. Over 90 people were in attendance
- Hanging of the greens 12/1/24
- Trunk or Treat 10/27/24 – possible time 2-4 pm
- Discuss German themed lunch for Oktoberfest

Janice:

- Report on funeral dinner volunteers
- New directory – see pastor's report
- West side improvement would like to use the freezers in the basement

Ruby:

- Sister Joanna's Table
 - o Next date – 9/14/24. Serving shepards' pie & cucumber salad. We're to provide the drinks
 - o No meal in November

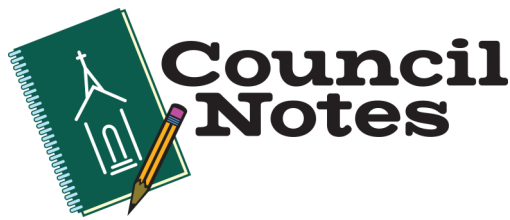
Jeff: absent

Old Business – none

New Business – none

At 7:17 Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth seconded. Motion carried.

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St Paul's UCC German Township
Church Council Meeting
August 22, 2024

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

Absent: Jeff Tillman

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm. Terry led in prayer

Secretary's Report: Susan took notes in Beth's absence: Janice made a motion to accept as amended, Bonnie seconded, motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Susan

Income June: \$19,638.77 June General Fund: \$66,741.36

June Expenses: \$21,006.33 June Capital Fund: \$1,023,546.34

Income July: \$18,322.00 July General Fund: \$63,404.56

July Expenses: \$21,658.80 July Capital Fund: \$1,037,422.75

Filed for audit

Pastor's Report: Terry

Since the date of my last report (6/25/24), I have spent significant time on the following:

- Worship planning, choir, the 3M, Men's Ministry, and the Study Window
- Wedding counseling
- Preaching at Good Sam
- VBS
- Hospital, home, and nursing home visits
- Chautauqua presentation
- ESTA matters
- Johnston/Frasier wedding
- Serving at Joanna's table
- Vacation

I would like to discuss the possibility of starting an online church directory, a history committee, and a mission project through Church World Service. I will have specific information on each to present.

- Discussed possibility of creating a small committee to put together a history, including oral recollection.

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November 3	24th Sunday after Pentecost and Communion Sunday
Message	<i>Digital Twins</i>
Scripture	Amos 7: 1-9
November 10	25th Sunday after Pentecost
Message	<i>Boiling It Down</i>
Scripture	Mark 12: 28-34
November 17	26th Sunday after Pentecost-Guest Worship Leader-Daryl Hopple
Message	<i>Change</i>
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15, Malachi 3:6
November 24	27th Sunday after Pentecost and Memorial Sunday
Message	<i>What is Truth?</i>
Scripture	John 18: 33-38, Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
November 26	Thanksgiving Service
Message	A life of Giving Thanks
Scripture	Colossians 3: 12-17



Men's Ministry

There will be no meeting in November.

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



Income	
Contributions	15,213.00
Other Income	
Total Income	15,213.00
Expenses	
Payroll & Benefits	11,477.05
Administrative Expenses	817.21
Church Property Maintenance	5,881.51
Outreach & Missions	2420.20
Nurture & Discipleship	0.00
Worship & Church Renewal	417.36
Congregational Life	353.36
Total Expenses	21,366.69

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 November 2024

Looking out my study window I am thinking about giving.

I come to this month thinking about Pilgrims, Native Americans, and turkeys. And if I am honest, also dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy—beef not turkey—and pie. Lots of pie—and whipped cream. In November, I am also looking forward to two special worship services that fall this month. Fall Vespers (Sunday, November 3rd, 6:00 pm) is always a wonderful experience where we come together in the shelter house to reconnect with the wonder of Creation. I also get so much from our Thanksgiving Service (Tuesday, November 26, 6:00 pm). November is always a time to give special attention to the spiritual discipline of giving thanks. Of course, this includes when the board is spread on Thanksgiving Day.

But while I could easily let my thoughts lazily turn to those things just mentioned, something keeps bringing me back to meditating about how I use my financial resources. Too often folks in the church, both clergy and laity, talk about giving with a focus on the financial needs of a particular part of the Universal Church. It might be the local organization, the denomination, mission projects, or other ministries. And there is no denying that no matter how successful we might be at being good stewards of these outposts of God's work, they almost always require some level of financial support. We have been fortunate at St. Paul's during my time as your pastor. Giving has been steady. While it has not grown at a rate to perfectly keep up with inflation, it would be misleading to say that there is any immediate crisis building. Thanks be to God!

No, the tug I am feeling is to point out to all of us how the way we spend our resources, whether they be great or modest, defines us--and has the fortunate potential to transform us.

Jesus says this in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6:19-21): *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

I sometimes hear comments that run something like these. “I will give when the church really needs the money.” “There is plenty of money in the account, the church does not need mine.” “Others are not doing their part.” “We have to be careful about how we talk about the money we have saved for special purposes, or it might discourage contributions to the general offering.” In the ways of the world, these ideas might be understandable. But in the ways of God, they most definitely are not.

We are called to be faithful stewards of what God has given us. And how we use what we have defines our priorities. It says who we are. And not one part of this has anything to do with the level of current need, or lack thereof, of the ministries we have been called to support. (Those who are charged with balancing our budgets may wish I had not pointed this out. Sorry. But it is right there in Jesus' own words.)

We are to prepare ourselves to live in the age to come. We do this in so many ways. But sometimes we feel like certain areas of our lives are “off limits.” In truth, there are no such areas. Yet we continue to fool ourselves into thinking some are. Money is one of those. We do not like anyone to talk to us about how to spend our money. I have the same feelings myself. But Jesus chose to speak directly to us about it. And we ignore that at our peril.

Of course, not everyone has the same resources available to them. No one is called to do more than they can. Granted the story of the Widow's Mite is a compelling example of someone being “all in” for God. But Deuteronomy 16:17 teaches: *All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.* See, God calls us to prayerfully consider what we can give. But I think we are sometimes afraid to pray about this for fear of the possible answer.

Giving thanks keeps us in a proper orientation and relationship to God. Giving of the resources we have under our stewardship is a deep, counter-worldly way to give substance to our faith.

Let me close with this. I loved these words we sang at St. Paul's when I was a child. Maybe you remember them too.

*We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

May the blessings of this season of thankfulness and giving be yours.

Pastor Terry