

Front Page News

The following passage of Scripture was proclaimed during this week's worship experience:

2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Generous Living

9 There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. ² For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. ³ But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. ⁴ For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident. ⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

Generosity Encouraged

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."¹⁰

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!



You can go to this link to view St. Paul's Church worship online service video after 2:00 pm every Sunday, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7mc51FNALonrw6cVRQblsw>

St. Paul's Prayer Concerns

Needs for God's healing, comfort, courage, or transformation:

God's Vision for St. Paul's Church
 Our nation
 Our country
 Our leaders
 Our enemies
 Peace among all people
 Pray for our military: Ethan Morsfield, Jeffrey Morsfield, Andrew Schummer

Emily Mays, daughter of David & Miriam Vance
 Keith Detamore, brother of Gail Malloy
 Max Williams, cousin of Barb Wieman
 Jane Parke Minton, niece of Rose Zimmerly
 Delores Young, niece of George and Evelyn Adam
 Vicki Froese, sister of Steve Thompson
 Rose Zimmerly
 Paula Ferguson, mother of Nichole Mace
 Shirley Ennis

Nursing Home/ Assisted Living/Independent Living:
 Leon Wood

Birchaven:
 Inez Robinson

Fox Run Manor:
 Carol Brodine
 Roy Lasater

Heritage:
 Roy Lasater

Inniswood Village of Westerville, Ohio:
 Dick & Vivian Dreisbach

Judson Palmer Home:
 Pat Schmidt

Legend of Allentown:
 Marlene Rayl

Primrose:
 Pauline Iler

Sunrise of Findlay:
 Shirley Schleucher

VanCrest of Ada: (Assisted Living)
 Dick & Sharon Lodge

At Home:
 Joann Blankenship
 Leona Burdock
 Jan Schlievert

Our College Students:

Kwynn Alge
 Taylor Beckley
 Sophia Dillon
 Kelly Donat
 Jenna Livingston
 David Mace
 Colby Miller
 Ethan Morsfield
 Jeffrey Morsfield
 Lillian Purvis
 Ally Rickenbacher
 Jacob Story
 Tiffany Stultz
 Kyle Van Horn
 Steven Wintringham

Our Missionaries:
 Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru)
 Florida—Chris & Karen Akers

Wycliffe Translators—Thailand
 David & Julie Eberhard

This Week at St. Paul's

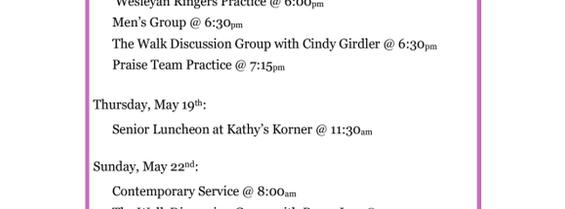
Monday, May 16th:
 Piano Lessons @ 3:30pm

Tuesday, May 17th:
 Hook N Needle Group (knit/crochet) @ 1:00pm
 The Walk Discussion Group with Karen Tharp @ 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 18th:
 The Walk Discussion Group with Janet Colvin-Mills @ 10:00am
 Wesleyan Ringers Practice @ 6:00pm
 Men's Group @ 6:30pm
 The Walk Discussion Group with Cindy Girdler @ 6:30pm
 Praise Team Practice @ 7:15pm

Thursday, May 19th:
 Senior Luncheon at Kathy's Korner @ 11:30am

Sunday, May 22nd:
 Contemporary Service @ 8:00am
 The Walk Discussion Group with Barry Jess @ 9:00am
 The Walk Discussion Group with Don Larsen @ 9:00am
 The Walk Discussion Group with Miriam Vance @ 9:15am
 Sunday School @ 9:15am
 Traditional Service @ 10:15am
 Community Dinner @ 11:30am
 Youth Group Meeting @ 6:00pm



Fun in the Sun!



The featured donation for the Christian Clearing House for the month of May is **Sunscreen** for babies, children and adults.

Items that are always appreciated include: bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers (all sizes), toilet paper, tissues, feminine products, dish soap, laundry detergent, household cleaning supplies, etc.



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

During Sunday School & 2nd and 4th Sunday 10:15am Service

Contact Diane Egbert @ 419-422-7051



SENIOR LUNCHEON

May 19th @ 11:30am



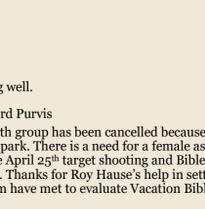
Sign up in the Welcome Center



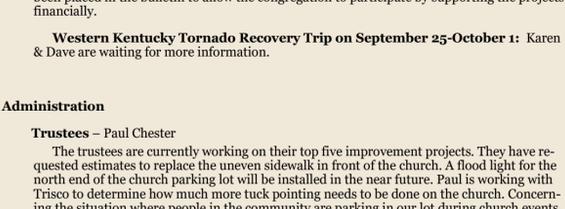
Youth Group Outing

MINI GOLF Tuesday, May 31st 3:30pm-6:00pm

Cost \$5.00 (includes miniature golf & pizza)

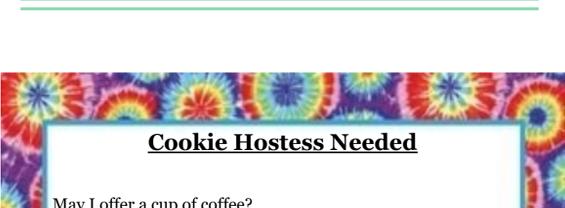


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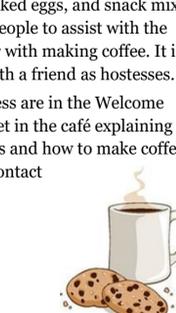
Scholarships

Applications for scholarships are available in Welcome Center. Deadline is May 31st



SUPPER CLUB

Thursday, June 9th 6:00pm



Sign up in the Welcome Center



Graduate Sunday

we honor you Sunday, June 12th

St. Paul's United Methodist Church Church Council Meeting

May 9, 2022

Present: Richard Purvis, Paul Chester, Janet Colvin-Mills, Sandy Crosser, Jayme Dillon, Steve Dillon, Tom Mills, Gary Mohr, Paul Refner, Katie Stahl, Karen Tharp, Scott Wintringham
Absent: Don Larsen, Dave Tharp, Miriam Vance
 Gary opened the meeting with prayer.
 The minutes were approved as presented.

Unfinished Business
Sanctuary Decorations – Brenda Bader, Sandy Crosser, Sharon Jess, Ellen Mohr
 Sandy said that there are new banners that will be used after we finish the series *The Walk*. The Easter banners turned out very well.

Easter Breakfast
 Gary thanked Carol Wintringham, Karen Tharp, and Sandy Crosser for the delicious food and a nice fellowship time. It was a great way to celebrate Easter.

New Business
Church Management Software Project – Paul Refner
 We are replacing our old church computer software with a package called Breeze. The new system will continue to maintain contact information and giving records for tax purposes, but will also be able to email and text the congregation when needed to communicate effectively. The new system will be much more user friendly than our current system, and the goal is to have it in place on June 1st.

Vision
Progress by the Vision Team – Gary Mohr
 The study by Adam Hamilton entitled "The Walk" started on April 24 with 6 classes meeting that week and 70 people participating. The classes discuss the 5 essential practices of the Christian life. To promote *The Walk*, Sandy Crosser, with help from Karen Tharp, Sandy's daughter Kelly Alge, and Sally Hause, created the interactive walk in the Welcome Center with many thought-provoking displays. In addition, Pastor Richard and Sandy were interviewed by "The Courier" which resulted in an article on its front page for some good publicity for St. Paul's.

Outreach – Katie Stahl
 Katie is working on pictures for the promotional video. She also needs to get signed releases before she can go public with the video.

Assimilation – Miriam Vance
 The team is still contacting our shut-ins and checking on people they haven't seen in worship so that they can welcome them to St. Paul's.

Our Core Values
Discipleship – Richard Purvis
 The church wide study *The Walk* is going well.

Children and Youth Ministries – Richard Purvis
 The planned Cedar Point trip for the youth group has been cancelled because of the lawsuits that have been filed against the theme park. There is a need for a female assistant youth leader to maintain two-deep leadership. The April 25th target shooting and Bible study at the Buffalo Trading Company was well received. Thanks for Roy Hause's help in setting up this event. Scott Fleming and Carol Wintringham have met to evaluate Vacation Bible School this year.

Missions – Karen and Dave Tharp, Sandy Crosser
Kenya Well Project: Sandy shared a report from the Kenya Well Project. The project is complete, and we received a very detailed report. The community had a celebration when the well was commissioned. It will serve more than 1,000 households. The community gives thanks for St. Paul's for hearing their need and supporting them.

Backyard Mission Trip: Karen reported that on April 30th, we had great help and completed the jobs that we signed up for. Thanks to Paul Chester for leading our team. For St. Paul's version of the Backyard Mission Trip, there have been three requests for help from within our church.

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip to Frakes, Kentucky on July 17-23: Tom reported that there is still room on the team for additional people to go. A project sheet has been placed in the bulletin to allow the congregation to participate by supporting the projects financially.

Western Kentucky Tornado Recovery Trip on September 25-October 1: Karen & Dave are waiting for more information.

Administration

Trustees – Paul Chester
 The trustees are currently working on their top five improvement projects. They have requested estimates to replace the uneven sidewalk in front of the church. A flood light for the north end of the church parking lot will be installed in the near future. Paul is working with Trisco to determine how much more tuck pointing needs to be done on the church. Concerning the situation where people in the community are parking in our lot during church events, we will be purchasing another sign asking them not to do so.

IT Team – Scott Wintringham, Will Brown, Jon Opperman
 Scott said that they are working on the phone system. There is loud crackling on the phones.

Finance – Scott Wintringham
 Finances are just about where they were anticipated to be when we set the budget.

Staff Parish Relations – Jayme Dillon
 They are working on the forms that are to be in the conference office by June 1st.

Nominations – Richard Purvis
 As the congregation was notified by email, several open positions have been filled. The Nominations Committee is still looking for someone to coordinate the St. Paul's Facebook page.

The Pastor's Report – Richard Purvis
Activities Completed or in Progress – Local Church and District/Conference
 June 1st is the deadline for conference reports to be filed.

Information from Staff Meetings, Northwest Plains District & West Ohio Conference
 Clergy Session, a meeting of all West Ohio Conference pastors, took place on May 10. Annual Conference is June 3rd and 4th via Zoom.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
 Janet Colvin-Mills, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:45 pm

Cookie Hostess Needed

May I offer a cup of coffee?
 Yes! Please!
 Now is your opportunity to serve as Cookie Hostess for your friends at church.

Our church offers coffee, tea, and treats between services; thus is a valuable ministry. This time offers an opportunity to build fellowship among us and to welcome visitors into our church. Fellowship makes us stronger, lifts our spirits, and strengthens our faith. Spending time with others allows us to share our blessings and concerns, and offer love and caring for each other. It is a time to connect with people from both services.

Treats may be purchased cookies, ready-to-bake cookies, donut holes, fruit, cheese, hard cooked eggs, and snack mixes are a few ideas. There are several people to assist with the coffee maker if you are not familiar with making coffee. It is also a great opportunity to team with a friend as hostesses.

The sign up sheets for Cookie Hostess are in the Welcome Center. There is an instruction sheet in the café explaining the details for being the Cookie Hostess and how to make coffee. If you have any questions, please contact
 Kay Chester 419-722-5281

Contemporary Worship Gathering 8:00

Sunday School 9:15

Traditional Worship Gathering 10:15

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