

Front Page News

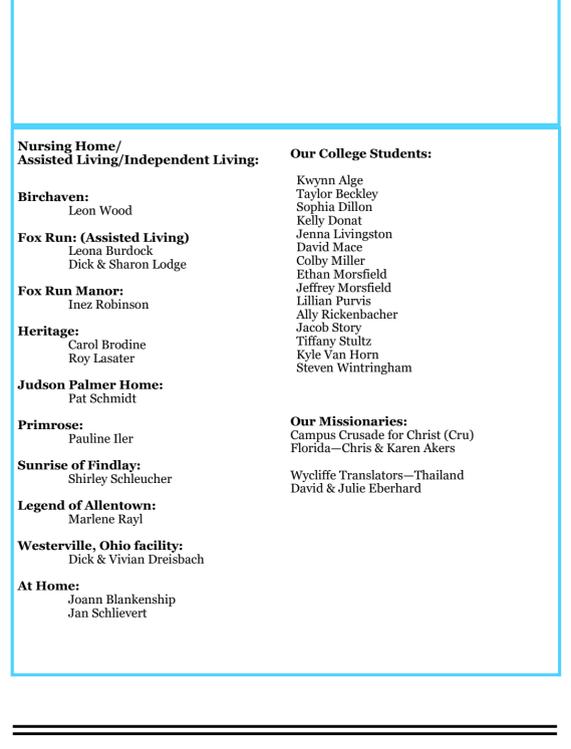
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The following passage of Scripture was proclaimed during this week's worship experience:

John 6:51-58

New International Version (NIV)

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.
⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."



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/UC7mc51FNALonrW6VROblsw>

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

Sandy Whitcomb, mother of Pam Story
 Emily Mays, daughter of David & Miriam Vance
 Keith Detamore, brother of Gail Malloy
 Cody Greeno, friend of Rick & Sharon Wyant and Sandy Schoonover
 Bill Deerwester and family, death of wife

Nursing Home/ Assisted Living/Independent Living:
Birchaven: Leon Wood
Fox Run: (Assisted Living) Leona Burdock, Dick & Sharon Lodge
Fox Run Manor: Inez Robinson
Heritage: Carol Brodine, Roy Lasater
Judson Palmer Home: Pat Schmidt
Primrose: Pauline Iler
Sunrise of Findlay: Shirley Schleucher
Legend of Allentown: Marlene Rayl
Westerville, Ohio facility: Dick & Vivian Dreisbach
At Home: Joann Blankenship, Jan Schlievert

Our College Students:
 Kymn 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 (Cruc)
 Florida—Chris & Karen Akers
 Wycliffe Translators—Thailand
 David & Julie Eberhard

This Week at St. Paul's

- Monday, January 17th:
 Office Closed
 Missions Committee Meeting @ 7:00pm
- Tuesday, January 18th:
 Hook N Needle (knit/crochet) @ 1:00pm
 Old Millstream Ringers Practice @ 6:30pm
- Wednesday, January 19th:
 Bible Study Group @ 10:00am
 Wesleyan Ringers Practice @ 6:00pm
 Men's Group @ 6:30pm
 Choir Practice @ 7:00pm
 Praise Team Practice @ 8:15pm
- Thursday, January 20th:
 Senior Luncheon @ 11:30am at 50 North
- Sunday, January 23rd:
 Contemporary Service @ 8:00am
 Sunday School @ 9:15am
 Traditional Service @ 10:15am
 Community Dinner @ 11:30am

BRR, IT'S COLD OUT THERE!

The featured donations for the Christian Clearing House for the month of January are *T-shirts, socks and underwear for men, women, and children of all ages and sizes.*



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.

Youth Group

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday School & Youth Events

Contact
 Pastor Richard
 OR
 Any Member of SPRC
 OR
 Sign Up in The Welcome Center

SENIOR LUNCHEON

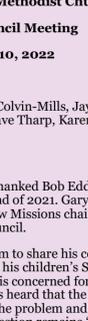
50 NORTH

January 20th @ 11:30am

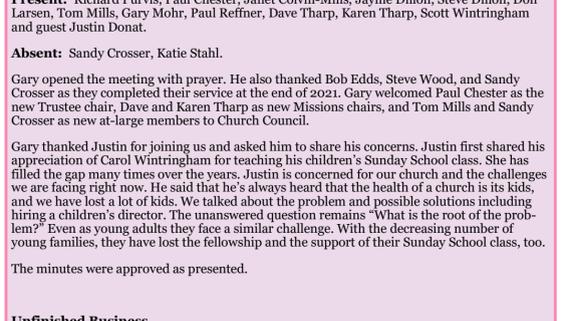
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SUPPER CLUB

Thursday
 February 10th
 6:00pm

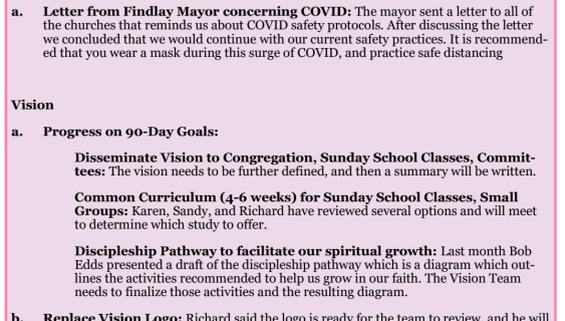


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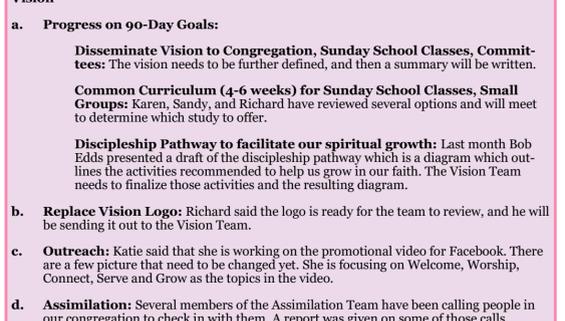
Ash Wednesday Service

March 2, 2022
 6:30pm



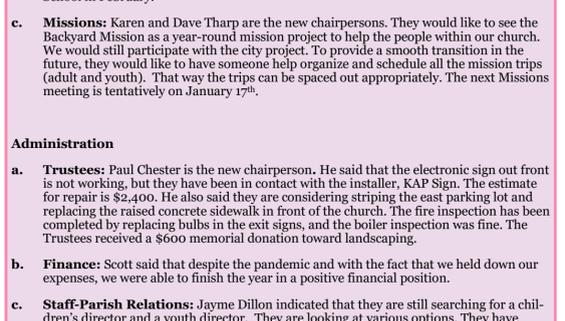
PALM SUNDAY

April 10th



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

APRIL 14TH
 6:30PM



COME AND CELEBRATE

WITH US THIS EASTER

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

July 17th-23rd

Sign-Up In Welcome Center

Contact Tom Mills at 419-721-1465

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
January 10, 2022

Present: Richard Purvis, Paul Chester, Janet Colvin-Mills, Jayme Dillon, Steve Dillon, Don Larsen, Tom Mills, Gary Mohr, Paul Refner, Dave Tharp, Karen Tharp, Scott Wintringham and guest Justin Donat.
Absent: Sandy Crosser, Katie Stahl.

Gary opened the meeting with prayer. He also thanked Bob Edds, Steve Wood, and Sandy Crosser as they completed their service at the end of 2021. Gary welcomed Paul Chester as the new Trustee chair. Dave and Karen Tharp as new Missions chairs, and Tom Mills and Sandy Crosser as new at-large members to Church Council.

Gary thanked Justin for joining us and asked him to share his concerns. Justin first shared his appreciation of Carol Wintringham for teaching his children's Sunday School class. She has filled the gap many times over the years. Justin is concerned for our church and the challenges we are facing right now. He said that he's always heard that the health of a church is its kids, and we have lost a lot of kids. We talked about the problem and possible solutions including hiring a children's director. The unanswered question remains "What is the root of the problem?" Even as young adults they face a similar challenge. With the decreasing number of young families, they have lost the fellowship and the support of their Sunday School class, too.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Unfinished Business

a. Sanctuary Decoration: Sandy Crosser and Sharon Jess. Gary will be asking two additional people to join this team.

New Business

a. Letter from Findlay Mayor concerning COVID: The mayor sent a letter to all of the churches that reminds us about COVID safety protocols. After discussing the letter we concluded that we would continue with our current safety practices. It is recommended that you wear a mask during this surge of COVID, and practice safe distancing

Vision

a. Progress on 90-Day Goals:

- Disseminate Vision to Congregation, Sunday School Classes, Committees:** The vision needs to be further defined, and then a summary will be written.
- Common Curriculum (4-6 weeks) for Sunday School Classes, Small Groups:** Karen, Sandy, and Richard have reviewed several options and will meet to determine which study to offer.
- Discipleship Pathway to facilitate our spiritual growth:** Last month Bob Edds presented a draft of the discipleship pathway which is a diagram which outlines the activities recommended to help us grow in our faith. The Vision Team needs to finalize those activities and the resulting diagram.

b. Replate Vision Logo: Richard said the logo is ready for the team to review, and he will be sending it out to the Vision Team.

c. Outreach: Katie said that she is working on the promotional video for Facebook. There are a few pictures that need to be changed yet. She is focusing on Welcome, Worship, Connect, Serve and Grow as the topics in the video.

d. Assimilation: Several members of the Assimilation Team have been calling people in our congregation to check in with them. A report was given on some of those calls.

e. Discipleship Pathway: Janet shared three definitions with the council. A Disciple is one who follows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ, and sharing Christ. Discipleship is an intentional journey into a relationship with Jesus. The Discipleship Pathway leads to stages of spiritual development that a person travels in the process of becoming a fully-committed follower of Jesus Christ. She also shared a picture with definitions of each stage in the growth process.

Our Core Values

a. Discipleship: No report.

b. Children and Youth Ministries: No report. Janet volunteered to lead youth Sunday School in February.

c. Missions: Karen and Dave Tharp are the new chairpersons. They would like to see the Backyard Mission as a year-round mission project to help the people within our church. We would still participate with the city project. To provide a smooth transition in the future, they would like to have someone help organize and schedule all the mission trips (adult and youth). That way the trips can be spaced out appropriately. The next Missions meeting is tentatively on January 17th.

Administration

a. Trustees: Paul Chester is the new chairperson. He said that the electronic sign out front is not working, but they have been in contact with the installer, KAP Sign. The estimate for repair is \$2,400. He also said they are considering striping the east parking lot and replacing the raised concrete sidewalk in front of the church. The fire inspection has been completed by replacing bulbs in the exit signs, and the boiler inspection was fine. The Trustees received a \$600 memorial donation toward landscaping.

b. Finance: Scott said that despite the pandemic and with the fact that we held down our expenses, we were able to finish the year in a positive financial position.

c. Staff-Parish Relations: Jayme Dillon indicated that they are still searching for a children's director and a youth director. They are looking at various options. They have identified several jobs that Kyle did that are not part of the children or youth director jobs. These positions need volunteers. They are: Supper Club coordinator, women's ministry support, Encounter coordinator, adult ministry support and ordering materials, website/Facebook/YouTube, scheduling and working the sound booth, adult mission trips, monthly church newsletter, church-wide fellowship events, and nursery.

d. Nominations: Richard reported that we still need one person for Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and an Assimilation chairperson.

The Pastor's Report

a. Activities Completed or in Progress: Richard reported that on January 2, 2022 we had the Wesleyan Covenant Service. He is in the process of planning for Lent and Easter.

b. Information from Staff Meetings, Northwest Plains District & West Ohio Conference: Richard had nothing new to report.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:45 pm
 Janet Colvin-Mills, Secretary

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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