

ST. PAUL'S
United Church of Christ German Township
8701 Big Cynthiana Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

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ORGANIZATION
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St. Paul's United Church of Christ, German Township
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Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm Monday-Thursday

Church Staff

Pastor
Pastoral Assistant
Accompanist
Choir Director
Nursery Attendant
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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



NURSING/REHAB/RETIREMENT HOME

Holiday Retirement Village-812-429-0701
 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

Individuals At Home

Bettye Conley-10445 St. Wendel Road-Evansville, IN 47720
 Bill Moad-5538 #6 School Road-Evansville, IN 47720
 Marian Coghil-9701 Big Cynthiana Road-Evansville, IN 47720
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 Joyce Herron-5705 N Happe Road-Evansville, IN 47720
 Glenna Hale-5718 Plainview Dr.- Evansville, IN 47720
 Marilyn Schneider-6416Big Cynthiana Road-Evansville, IN 47720

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



4/1	Angela-Garrison Deakins	4/12	Cameron Johnson
4/1	Faith Jones	4/13	Mason Paul
4/1	Tyler Lewis	4/15	Carolyn Boylis
4/1	Lor Phillips	4/17	Jeff Dossett
4/3	Barbara Steurer	4/17	Ryan Skeels
4/4	Taylor Farmer	4/21	Janice Ricketts
4/5	Denise Farmer	4/22	Jan Palmer
4/6	Angie Sampson	4/24	Michael Phillips
4/7	Drew Walden	4/24	Toby Kraft
4/9	Sandra Duvall	4/25	Sandy Flick
4/10	Larry White	4/29	Kelly Bobbitt
4/12	Valerie Carr	4/29	Norman Damm
4/12	Ruth Harker		

★ *Pray for our Military* ★

The men and women serving our country

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

NOTES OF



Thank you for your consistent donations to Weekday! The students have loved being in class and learning about the armor of God. It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of the school year! We are so grateful for your support, that enables us to continue spreading the gospel to these students.

Chelsea H & WCE office



324 NW Sixth Street
Evansville, IN 47708
812-422-0297
UnitedCaringServices.org

3/13/24

St. Paul United Church of Christ
8701 Big Cynthiana RD
Evansville, In 47720

Dear St Paul United Church of Christ,

Thank you. Your generosity is helping more than **175 people** a day who are homeless, hungry, and hurting. Your compassion is allowing them to rebuild their lives. Your unconditional love gives hope. **You are making a positive difference!**

Thank you for your on 3/13/24 donation in the amount of 135.33

You are helping United Caring Services provide the basic needs of life – food, clothing, and shelter. In 2022, over 77,000 meals were served! Our volunteers totaled over 500 strong, with over 4,000 opportunities available. Beyond these emergency services, you are also helping create pathways to housing – a crucial step to fostering dignity and empowerment. We are profoundly grateful for your partnership

Together, we will address the issues that cause and continue homelessness.

With appreciation,

United Caring Services
Staff and Board of Directors

St Paul's and Tristate Food Bank

FOOD DRIVE

**DONATIONS
ACCEPTED
MARCH 17TH -
APRIL 14TH**



ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Peanut Butter
- ▶ Canned Goods
- ▶ Rice
- ▶ Dry Cereals
- ▶ Fruit Juice
- ▶ Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- ▶ Soups
- ▶ Nonperishables

The MOC is excited to announce an opportunity for the congregation to come together as a community to make a positive impact on the lives of those facing food insecurity. If you would like to join the MOC and volunteer to help box up items at the Tristate Food Bank on April 20th, 9 am-12, please sign up in the Sunday School Hall.

- Internet connection is ancient and several parts have gone bad. PC Quest was contacted and can replace parts and wires for \$700.00. Bonnie made a motion to contact PC Quest for repairs. Sheila seconded. Motion carried
- St. Paul's still has two delegate spots available for the Good Sam annual meeting. Ruby and Donna will represent St Paul's

President's Report: Donna

- Norma is receiving calls to rent the shelter house. Donna was asking about the timeline for completion of the repairs by the boy scouts. David Henze will contact Brian Market for an update.

Trustees Report: Steve Sampson

- Speaker wiring has been completed and sound company has installed and the bugs have now all been worked out
- Social Hall light transitioned to LED but the company didn't have enough bulbs in stock. The remaining bulbs have been ordered.
- Burgoo kettles have been moved, cleaned and placed in the shelter house. The gallon amounts and suggested prices have been written on each kettle. Two kettles have been bid on. One person has offered \$400 for the 50-gallon kettle and another person offered \$500 for a 60-gallon kettle. Sheila made a motion that we accept these offers. Susan seconded and the motion carried. Steve will contact Lynn Johnson to get his trailer and move the remaining 3 kettles to Dinky's auction. ● Ron Tillman has taken the mowers for servicing prior to mowing season.
- Parking lot is in need of patching and sealing.
- Trustees will be planning a yard clean-up day in the near future.

Annual Meeting:

- David Wires and Myron Razor are going off counsel. Janice Ricketts will return to her position after requesting a year off because of other obligations. Daryl Hopple's name will be placed as a candidate to fill the empty position.
- Norma needs all annual reports before March 11.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Next meeting is 4/4/24

SDH



Do we have your up-to-date contact information? As you know we increasingly use electronic technology to communicate with our members. And this means we use several different lists to send out our information. We use the emailing list that allows you to receive the 3M and to also distribute the worship links each Sunday.

We use an automatic calling service to make more urgent announcements that cannot wait for, or are not necessarily well suited for a mailed notice.

We use a different email list to send out prayer requests to those of you who have let us know that you are willing to be part of our prayer team that responds to urgent requests. And finally, we use the U.S. Mail for our monthly newsletter.

If you have changed your phone number, email address or physical address, you might miss out. So, if you make a change (including dropping your landline phone), take a moment and let Norma know. Then we can adjust our records and keep you up to date.



St Paul's UCC German Township
Church Council Meeting
February 29, 2024

Present: Donna Schmidt, Terry Farmer, Sheila Bender, Ruby Deutsch, Jeff Tillman, Susan Henze, Garwood, Steve Sampson

David Wires, Bonnie

Absent: Myron Razor and Beth Gilles

Donna Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:00

Pastor Terry opened the meeting with prayer

Secretary's Report: submitted by Beth Gilles

- Sheila made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Susan Henze

- January Report Income: \$18,451.00 General Fund: \$94,394.16
Expenses: \$21,539.12 Capital Fund: \$999,576.73
- Shelia made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Ruby seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Terry Farmer (since date of last report (1/23/24)

- Worship planning, choir, 3M, Men's Ministry and Study Window
- ETSA Association Cabinet
- Sound System issues
- Sister Joanna's Table planning
- Hafer meetings
- Wedding counseling
- Sunday School issues
- Good Sam matters
- ETSA Spring Meeting planning
- Personnel Committee matters
- Ash Wednesday Service
- Lenten breakfasts Dates of upcoming events in March
- March 5 Chautauqua
- March 9 St Paul's serves at Sister Joanna's Table
- March 12 Good Sam annual meeting
- March 17 St Paul's annual meeting
- March 23 Lenten Breakfast at St Paul's with Communion Service to follow
- March 28 Maundy Thursday Service
- March 31 Easter Breakfast and Service

Other announcements from Pastor Terry

- Council meeting for March will be moved to April 4 due to Maundy Thursday service is scheduled for the regular meeting date
- April 21 Pastor Terry will be absent. A substitute speaker will take his place.
- The office copier is going off lease. A new copier lease is less than we are currently paying. David made a motion to go with a new copier. Bonnie seconded. Motion passed.
- Internet connection is inadequate. Moving to AT&T and then we will contact Spectrum to see if they will match the offer. Sheila made a motion. Jeff seconded it. Motion carried.
- The church received a notice that the parsonage property tax was underpaid. Looking into the situation, it was determined that the new owners are responsible for this. They will be contacted.

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April 7	2nd Sunday of Easter
Message	<i>We Need More Sinners</i>
Scripture	Hebrews 4: 14-5:2
April 14	3rd Sunday of Easter
Message	<i>Reenactors</i>
Scripture	Ephesians 6: 10-18
April 21	4th Sunday of Easter
Message	<i>Guest Worship Leader Reverend Stephanie Weiner</i>
April 28	5th Sunday of Easter
Message	<i>A Story in Search of an Ending</i>
Scripture	Luke 1: 1-4

Our next Chautauqua will be Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00pm. Mark your calendar now and plan to invite your friends.

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

Income	
Contributions	15,308.00
Other Income	
Total Income	15,308.00
Expenses	
Payroll & Benefits	11,758.45
Administrative Expenses	1353.25
Church Property Maintenance	8200.91
Outreach & Missions	1592.06
Nurture & Discipleship	0.00
Worship & Church Renewal	267.02
Congregational Life	224.69
Total Expenses	23,396.38



Sunday Service is 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 April 2024

Looking out my study window, I sometimes think I have awakened in a world that I do not recognize. Or am I really imagining it?

I often lament to my wife that I do not recognize the world in which I am living. Some of that feeling is a function of aging, I know. Long ago I got over not knowing who most celebrities are, who are the popular singers, and what is going on with social media. But I am still struck at the changes in things as fundamental as common values, what passes for courtesy and respect, the worse than casual approach to truth, accuracy, and simply working to develop a common set of facts. If a fact is inconvenient, just deny that it is true. If a principle stands in the way of what you want to do next, ignore it. And many consider themselves too busy or too important to take time for courtesies. Or ask, why respect someone you will never see again?

Problems are no longer something to be solved or to be dealt with. They are something to use to blame others, to discredit, to paint opponents in the worst possible light. It feels as though we have lost our sense of community, our commonality in shared moral values, and a sense of what is worth working for-- and what is not. Didn't we used to come together to solve problems and try to make a better world? This modern age just flat wears me out!

Deep breath. Sigh.

But... I also must recognize that this is not the first time, and probably not the last, when the world seems to be turned upside down. I tell myself to remember that this is Easter. (Before you think, "Hey Preacher, you are a bit late." Easter was last Sunday, let me remind you that in the Church, Easter as a season lasts seven Sundays. So, I am right on time!) With this in mind, let's consider the Apostle Paul.

Paul was certain he had it all figured out. He knew the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) very well. He knew what the Torah required. He recognized blasphemy when he saw it. And, under his original name of Saul, he went about vigorously working to stamp out the heresy of the Jew named Jesus and his followers. He was not giving them a mere tongue lashing. He was hunting them down and was willing to use deadly force. Until... he had some sort of life altering, worldview shattering experience on the Damascus road. After that, reality never looked the same to him. Easter had changed everything.

I suppose he could have reacted to what happened to him by rejecting his faith (sort of the "I am mad at God so I will punish God by not going to church" reaction). But he did not. He might have reacted by falling into a depression and retreating from active engagement with the world. He might have reacted by lashing out at the new reality because it was not the way he was raised to see the world. But he, instead, chose a different course.

I picture Paul living amid physical, emotional, and spiritual chaos. He was temporarily blinded, his understanding of the world falling apart, and had no clear, well thought out replacement theology to fill in what had just been upended. Nonetheless, he persevered as faithfully as he could. He began to navigate the newly revealed reality and tried to make sense of it for himself and others. He, with others, invented what it meant to be the church. And to a large extent, what it meant to be a Christ follower. He wrote letters. Found ways to support himself while traveling on dangerous roads and living in dangerous places. He recruited, encouraged, taught, cajoled, and admonished early believers. He did all this at great personal risk. Risks that he feared, but nonetheless accepted, so that his urgent work might continue.

I think the lesson in this, for me at least, is that the next time I feel disoriented and discouraged by the world as it is today, I need to channel my inner Paul—or more theologically said, listen to the leading of the Spirit. The same Spirit that empowered and guided Paul. Then begin, as best I can, to faithfully navigate the unfamiliar reality in a way that honors God. In the weeks and months ahead, we will face turbulent times. (It is after all an election year. So, much of the unrest in our lives will be self-inflicted.) Yet, we all will need to persevere in living out our faith. Even if it feels like we are walking a highwire without the proverbial net. The work of God's realm on earth has need of us. We are called to be the beacons. Let our lights shine.

May peace, courage, and Christ centered focus be yours.

Pastor Terry