

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

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ, German Township
Church: 812-963-3394 Fax: 812-963-3447
Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm Monday-Thursday

Church Staff

Pastor
Pastoral Assistant
Accompanist
Choir Director
Nursery Attendant
Office Administrator & Bookkeeper
Custodian

Reverend Terry Farmer 812-602-3571
Jessica Minor 812-430-6326
Rayna Brown 812-449-7952
Noah Farmer 812-963-3394
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Norma Helm 812-963-3394
Vickie White 812-963-3394

Church Council

President Donna Schmidt
Vice President Myron Razor
Secretary Beth Gilles
Treasurer Susan Henze

Sheila Bender David Wires
Steve Sampson Ruby Deutsch
Bonnie Garwood
Jeffrey Tillman

Trustees

Steve Sampson
Gary Johnson
Ron Tillman

Tony Steurer
Randy Ricketts
Keith Ahrens

Sound System, Bonnie Garwood

Individuals At Home

Bill Moad-5538 #6 School Road-Evansville, IN 47720
 Marian Coghil-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-6416Big 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
 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



1/1	Kenny Brown	1/19	Noah Farmer
1/5	Nick Tieken	1/20	Brody Carr
1/6	Bob Harker	1/24	Brayden Flick
1/7	Richard Mussard	1/24	Susan Johnson
1/7	Don Steurer	1/25	Ken Jones
1/8	Barry Bickel	1/26	Rayna Brown
1/9	Susan Henze	1/28	Tom Guinn
1/10	Charlotte Gerst	1/28	Michael Johnson
1/10	Amber Garrison	1/30	Russell Jones
1/11	Kim Ahrens	1/30	Beth Lovell
1/13	Tyler Ricketts	1/31	Chris Conley
1/18	Jordan Stinnett		
1/18	Elaine Flick		

*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

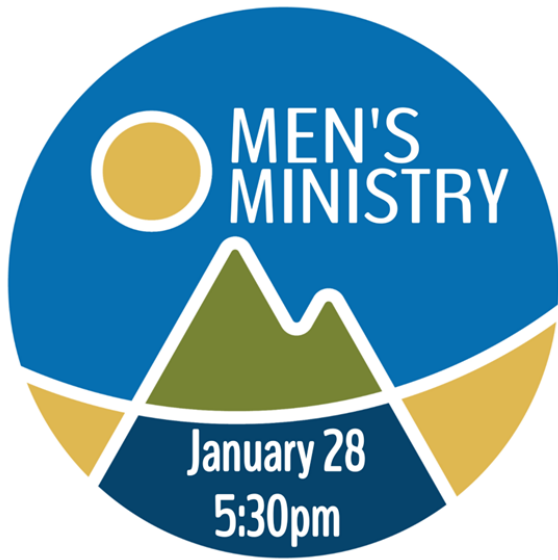
Jacob Toelle-great nephew of Deborah Schneider

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



There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, January 26 to vote on final approval of the improvements to the building which were given preliminary approval by the congregation at a prior meeting. Information regarding cost and funding will be presented at the meeting. In the event worship for that Sunday is cancelled due to weather or other disruption, the meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, February 2. Questions may be directed to any member of the Church Council.

**St Paul's UCC German Township
Special Church Council Meeting
November 19, 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

Special Guest: David Henze

Meeting called to order @ 6:00 and Terry led in prayer.

Bonnie made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Ruby seconded. Motion carried.

David Henze: Insurance for 2023-2024 was \$12,763. 2024-2025 will be \$14,095. Difference of +\$1,332/+10%. Sheila made a motion to accept the insurance change. Janice seconded. Motion carried.

Building Financial Analysis, etc.:

- Contract estimate for building renovation with Hafer is \$1,650,000. This includes 10% contingency.
- Capital Fund at of 10/31/2024 is approximately \$1,050,000, which the church can use for down payment. This leaves \$650,000.00 to be raised.
- Discussed forming fundraising committee. If we decide to have this committee, Daryl and Donna will find chair persons. May have pledge drive in the future.
- Will need building committee to interface with contractors, in which Donna will partake.
- Need to check with Lynn Johnson about presenting info to church. May have churchwide meeting 12/19/2024, wherein the Hafer video will be shown.
- If we go forward: to present this to the congregation, the church will send a letter three weeks before finalization and email the congregation two weeks prior.

Discussed no Living Nativity this year but intend to present again next year. Daryl made a motion to accept. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

Signup sheet for hanging of the greens will be displayed 11/3. Hanging of the greens will be 12/1 – no meal. 1/12/2025 – taking down the greens after church service

12/8 Christmas luncheon.

There will be no meeting in December. Next meeting 1/6/2025.

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St Paul's United Church of Christ FINANCIAL REPORT November 2024

Income	
Contributions	26,578.00
Other Income	
Total Income	26,578.00
Expenses	
Payroll & Benefits	17,699.09
Administrative Expenses	588.19
Church Property Maintenance	5363.05
Outreach & Missions	2665.60
Nurture & Discipleship	0.00
Worship & Church Renewal	0.00
Congregational Life	67.06
Total Expenses	26,382.99



January 5	Second Sunday of Christmas and Communion Sunday
Message	<i>Persia</i>
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12
January 12	Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Message	<i>Untapped Power</i>
Scripture	Psalms 29; Acts 8:14-17
January 19	Second Sunday after Epiphany
Message	<i>Remember When We Were Pagans?</i>
Scripture	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
January 26	Third Sunday after Epiphany
Message	<i>Right in Front of Our Noses</i>
Scripture	Luke 4:14-21



Removing of the Greens

Unhanging of the Greens will be January 12 following Sunday Morning Worship.

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Sunday
School

January 12
and January 26

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Study Window for January 2025

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

You may remember the story. Moses, after some cajoling by God, confronts Pharaoh, leads the Hebrew people out of Egypt in a nailbiter chase across the Red Sea. Next they journey through the wilderness, and right up to the edge of the Promised Land...and then God tells Moses, you may see it, but you may not go on with your people. Moses dies in the wilderness and is gathered up to God, just short of what Moses *thought* was his objective.

This always seemed unfair to me. I mean, Moses was really faithful and had been through a lot! I know that no one lives forever, but *seriously*, why could he not enjoy that Promised Land for himself--for at least a little while?

It is an interesting detail in a fascinating and complex story. But when I ask myself why this detail was preserved when many, many others were not, I begin to see a lesson. You see, Moses' objective was to carry just this leg of God's plan for his people, right up to this point, and then to pass the torch.

Undoubtedly, those who were living then thought the Promised Land *was* the endpoint of the plan. But we have the advantage of 20/20 hindsight. So, we know that was not the case. There was much more that God had planned beyond giving the Hebrews a great place to live. And thank God for that!

Moses had been faithful in the role that was given. He did what God had called him to do. He got the people to the next waypoint. And now God had a better plan, a better reward for him.

In a manner of speaking, our church is at a waypoint. You, as a congregation, will be asked to make a final decision on a very substantial building project at a meeting that is announced elsewhere in the News. And that decision will have substantial implications for the future of ministry at St. Paul's. Some have expressed understandable concern about the future of the church and if the investment will be justified in the longer term. I have had the same thoughts myself. But we must also recognize that the decision to build or not to build will determine the direction of ministry well beyond my pastorate and perhaps beyond the lifetime of some of our members.

We can only glimpse the future of St. Paul's, none of us can see it clearly any more than the Hebrews could know what the Promised Land would hold when they left the wilderness. Some of us may not be here for that future. Pastors will come and go. New members will come, and some will go. The church will never be the way it was, nor will it continue to be the way it is. What is in store for our church is partly in our hands, but the rest is in God's.

The part that is in ours is the choice to invest in this project or not. Personally, I think the plan is a very good one. I greatly appreciate that many of our people have invested countless hours to get construction drawings completed, work through many difficult permitting challenges, and to wrestle with the bid process. But I also acknowledge that it is a project that brings with it risks alongside opportunities.

I am not asking folks to vote one way or the other. But I am expecting folks to pray about it before they vote. That is what Christians do when faced with big decisions. And this is a momentous one.

May God guide all of us to discern his will for this congregation as we seek to be faithful to his call.

Blessings,

Pastor Terry