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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
Pastoral Assistant
Accompanist
Choir Director
Nursery Attendant
Office Administrator & Bookkeeper
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Church Council

President Daryl Hopple
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Ruby Deutsch
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Trustees

Steve Sampson
Gary Johnson
Ron Tillman

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Keith Ahrens

Sound System, Bonnie Garwood

Individuals At Home

Bill Moad-5538 #6 School 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
 Marilyn Schneider-6416 Big Cynthiana Road-Evansville, IN 47720
 Pat and Trish McDonald- 1311 S. Rockport Road-Boonville, IN 47601

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



Holiday Retirement Village

Peggy Pingel

1200 W. Buena Vista , Evansville, IN 47710
 Apt 113
 812-303-2610

Charlie Hayse

1200 W. Buena Vista, Evansville, IN 47710
 Apt 107
 812-626-0336

North River Health Campus-812-876-7256

811 E. Baseline Road-Evansville, IN 47725
 Eva Lasher-Room 605

Heritage Nursing Home-812-429-0700

1201 W. Buena Vista-47710
 Mark Wortman-Room 158



9/2	Kaylynn Jones	9/21	Whitney Stinnett
9/4	Helen Johnson	9/23	Elaine Goebel
9/5	Jason Nix	9/23	Pat McDonald
9/6	Jeff Garrison	9/24	Morgan Bobbitt
9/6	Linda Messel	9/25	Daniel Weyer
9/6	Shirley Tillman	9/25	Carla Carter Wolfe
9/7	Carla Lovell	9/26	Lucas Bobbitt
9/10	Emma Paul	9/27	Becky Brammer
9/15	Scott Yestingsmeier	9/28	Jay Buente
9/16	LaVern Jones	9/30	Becky Deutsch
9/17	Megan Huck	9/30	Krista Nix
9/18	Shirley Besing		

*Pray for our
Military*

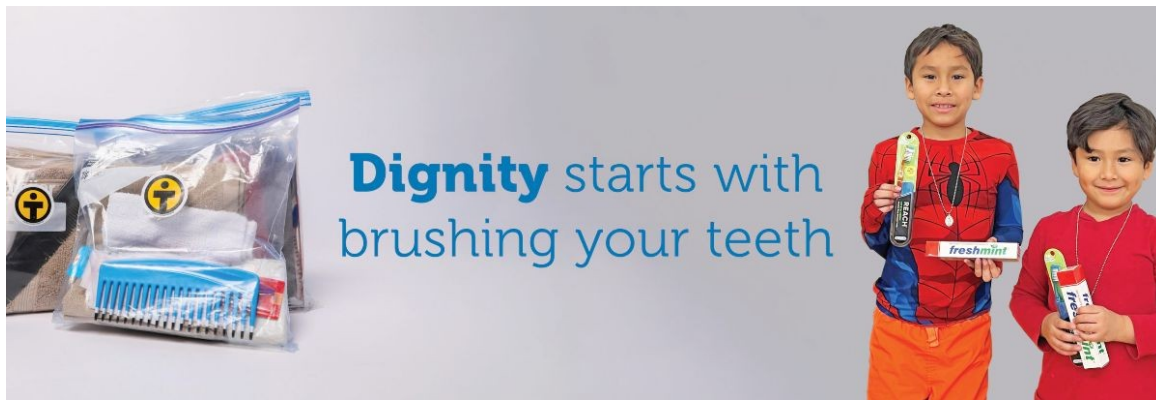


Jacob Toelle-great nephew of Deborah Schneider

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



The MOC will be organizing us to fill Health Kits again this year for Church World Service. We will be doing this before worship on Sunday, September 21 at 9:00am. St. Paul's has been a long-time supporter of CWS and its ministries. You may remember that CWS was the sponsor of our CROP walk for more than 50 years. And we have provided other support in the form of Back to School and Health Kits in the past.



Construction continues on our building. As a result, the lobby doors are “off limits” to us now. We will be entering by the ramp or the door at the end of the social hall. We will be doing everything we can to keep access open between the two buildings as long as practicable so that people can continue to use the bathroom in the Social Hall. But remember the restrooms in the basement are fully functioning and are available for use if you can manage the stairs.



September 7	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Communion Sunday
Message	Careful Calculation
Scripture	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>
September 14	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Message	Dishonoring the Creator
Scripture	<i>Jermiah 4:11-12;18-26</i>
September 21	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Message	You That Trample
Scripture	<i>Amos 8:4-7</i>
September 28	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Message	Yes, There Really is a Problem with Being Rich
Scripture	<i>1 Timothy 6:6-19</i>



September 23, 5;30pm



Everyone is Invited
September 2 and September 16

St Paul's United Church of Christ
FINANCIAL REPORT
July 2025

Income		
	Contributions	27,436.00
	Other Income	
Total Income		27,436.00
Expenses		
	Payroll & Benefits	11,831.77
	Administrative Expenses	603.56
	Church Property Maintenance	3605.11
	Outreach & Missions	2037.06
	Nurture & Discipleship	0.00
	Worship & Church Renewal	37.68
	Congregational Life	0.00
	Capital	10,000.00
Total Expenses		28,115.18



We will be cooking and serving the meal at Sister Joanna's Table on Saturday, September 13.



So, in addition to the Children's Moments that are part of our service on Sundays, we will be conducting an age-appropriate lesson in the nursery during the worship hour. We want to "water" these "green shoots" that we are seeing in our church. This will start September 7th.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council will be meeting with Rev. Dr. Monica Ouellette on Sunday, September 14 at 1:00 pm as a "check-in" from the Conference. Council Members, please be sure this is on your calendars.



The shelter house has received a new roof. The old one is believed to have been the original and was leaking badly. This work has been completed.

St. Paul's News

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Study Window for September 2025

Looking out my study window, I am thinking about the first and the eighth Commandments.

The first Commandment reminds us that God is God. No "other" comes before God. And if you think about the Ten Commandments as God's early intervention to try to curb some of our worst human tendencies, this reminder, placed in the number one spot, is certainly very important to keep us in our proper relationship to the Creator.

The eighth Commandment is about false witness, or said in more plain terms, lying. It can be read more narrowly as only applying to statements about "neighbors". But my sense is that it is a command directed against lying more generally.

It seems to me that there is a very close connection between these two. We remember that the very first record that we have about the activities of God is God speaking all of Creation into being. In the Gospel of John, this creative power is referred to as the Word, or *Logos* in Greek. It's the creative power of God to shape the entirety of the created order by simply speaking it into being. God's words have power.

Of course, our words have power too. The power to build up. And the power to tear down. Feed someone a steady diet of words that convey that they are unlovable, unworthy, incapable, and the like. What are you likely to wind up with? An individual who begins to believe and to act as if those statements are true. Fortunately, loving and supportive words can have a different, far more positive result.

Increasingly, a variety of forces in our society are willing to overlook the eighth Commandment as they use their words to attempt to speak into being their own version of reality, one untethered from any notion of facts. These groups and individuals are willing to claim something is true, not because they necessarily believe it to be so, but because they wish it to be so. In effect, they seek to put themselves in the position of God and to speak their "creation" into being. And as any good Madison Avenue advertising executive knows, if you say something enough times, many folks will start to uncritically accept it as reality.

Now I want to be clear that I am not talking about interpretations. Two people can disagree in good faith about the interpretation of events and phenomena. People can disagree on the effectiveness of a policy, the way worship should be conducted, or which is the better baseball team. We do not, nor are we called to, see the world the same way.

But what I am talking about is the deliberate distortion of reality without an objective basis in fact. Maybe it is my bias, but I still think proper proof matters. And I am not personally very accepting of the practice of jumping to conclusions. Or jumping past due process and careful consideration of evidence in making judgements about others. Where such a leap happens, most conspiracy theories arise. Today, all it takes is a computer and an internet connection to spread distortions that benefit only those who start or spread them, all at the expense of harm to the rest of the community.

I believe that the Church is in the truth business. Unfortunately, there are those who would use these same tactics to deny the reality of God, to attack the compassion of Jesus, or to belittle or distort the faith upon which we stake our lives. As if saying there is no God long enough will make it so. As if saying God loves some people more than others makes that true.

Of course, our saying there is a loving, compassionate, and forgiving God does not make it so either. Why then do we proclaim the mighty works of God? Not to make them true. But to testify to our sober and careful consideration of scripture, prayer, worship, and personal experience. And to give our expression to What Is--the truth of the reality of our Holy Triune God. We defend the truth because we remember the prophetic call of scripture in Micah 6:8 "...**what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**"

I pray that we may be granted the discernment to hear the eternal words of our Lord and Savior. Then we might be able to walk more closely the path to which we are called.

Blessings for the journey,

Pastor Terry