

ST. PAUL'S

United Church of Christ German Township

8701 Big Cynthiana Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

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2023

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
Jessica Minor
Rayna Brown
Noah Farmer
Kinsey Peralta
Norma Helm
Vickie White

812-602-3571
812-430-6326
812-449-7952
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Church Council

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

Sheila Bender
Steve Sampson
Bonnie Garwood
Jeffrey Tillman

David Wires
Ruby Deutsch

Trustees

Steve Sampson
Gary Johnson
Ron Tillman

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

Heritage Nursing Home-812-429-0700
1201 W. Buena Vista -47710
Dorothy Hopple-Room 106

North River Health Campus-812-876-7256
811 E. Baseline Road-Evansville, IN 47725
Don & Eva Lasher-Room 516

Individuals At Home

Bettye Conley-10445 St. Wendel Road-Evansville, IN 47720
Bill Moad-5538 #6 School Road-Evansville, IN 47720
Marian Coghill-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
Geneva Johnson-5106 Orchard Road- Evansville, IN 47720
Mark and Sun Wortman-1917 Jeanette Avenue- Evansville, IN 47714
Joyce Herron-5705 N Happe Road-Evansville, IN 47720
Glenna Hale-5718 Plainview Dr.- Evansville, IN 47720
Marilyn Schneider-6416 Big Cynthiana Road-Evansville, IN 47720

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



6/1	Randy Lewis	6/17	Jonathan Skeels
6/3	Jacob Jewell	6/18	Allen Bender
6/4	Linda Duncan	6/18	Ella Johnson
6/5	Toni Walden	6/19	Brad Flick
6/5	Brent Weil	6/19	Erin Phillips
6/6	Jeanne White	6/22	Evelyn Reisinger
6/8	Shannon Johnson	6/23	Heather Kaelin
6/10	Matthew Schmidt	6/25	Ella Dossett
6/13	Will Moad	6/28	Bill Moad
6/14	Linda Nanninga	6/28	Luther Schmidt
6/14	Eric Gerst	6/29	Carolyn Nix
6/15	Linda Barchet	6/29	Jeri Broshears
6/16	Donald Lasher		

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



VBS
will be
June 26-29

Volunteers are still needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board in the Sunday School Hall.

If you have questions about how you might help or how to register the children in your life, please contact Jessica. And be in prayer for the success and safety of our VBS.

Ages for VBS are 3years old through kids that just finished 5th grade.



We are looking for **summer musicians** to provide special music while our choir is on summer break. We are looking for folks to sign up for Sundays beginning May 28 and running through August 6.

The sign-up sheet is on the volunteer poster in the Sunday School Hall. There are still some available dates!

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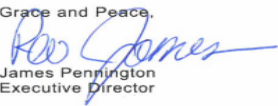
Dear German Township - St. Paul's UCC,

Thank you for your generous gift to Back Bay Mission! Your gift to **Friends of the Mission** makes it possible to meet the most urgent needs of the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Your gift is already at work strengthening neighborhoods, seeking justice, and transforming lives. You're helping a homeowner stay in their home, providing homeless families with apartments, making sure people have enough food, and giving people the support they need to make their lives better.

Most importantly, your gift is making sure that Back Bay Mission is here to provide a safe and welcoming place for everyone who comes through our doors. Thank you for partnering with us through your generous gift. We – and those we serve – are ever grateful.

Grace and Peace,


James Pennington
Executive Director

*Thank you
German Township
St. Paul's UCC!*

Date of Gift: 4/5/2023
Amount Received: \$80.00

For your tax records, and in compliance with 26 US Code §170(f)(8), this letter also serves as verification that no goods or services were given in exchange for your gift.

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May 17, 2023

Pastor Terry Farmer
St. Paul's United Church of Christ German Township
8701 Big Cynthiana Rd.
Evansville, IN 47720-7678

*Pastor Terry,
Your latest giving is making
the dream of homeownership
a reality for our Habitat
families! Thank you for this
wonderful gift!*
-Elyse

Dear Pastor Terry,

Board of Directors

Dr. Holly Carter
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Danyelle Granger
Denise Greenwell
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I am writing to thank you for your generous donation of \$106.25. Your gift will give more hardworking, low-income families the opportunity to build and buy their very own homes.

Because of support from loyal partners like you, more families will have a safe roof over their heads and a solid foundation under their feet, giving them and their children a chance at a brighter future.

With your gift you are affirming the belief that everyone, everywhere, deserves a decent place to live.

We are so grateful that you share our understanding of the impact affordable housing has on our local kids, families, and entire community. Your generosity helps create a safe, decent, and affordable home...something every family needs to succeed.

On behalf of our staff, board, and homeowners – thank you for your commitment to giving more families the foundation for a brighter story and a better future!

Sincerely,


Elspeth Urbina
Director of Development

P.S. – If you would like to know about our latest builds, go to www.evansvillehabitat.org and click on "Email Newsletter" at the bottom of the page under "Subscribe to Email."

Donation Type: Check
Date of Donation: 3/23/2023
Check Number: 31001
Designation: UCC/DOC build

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Head Trustee: Steve Sampson

- Gave building update – no new info
- Discussed basement – water problem, kitchen floor and walls
- Lawnmower storage
- Discussed outside freezer usage

VP's Report: Myron Razor

- Update on Goebel scholarship
- Discussed large print Bibles and hymnals – would be too heavy. Will print scripture in large print every Sunday through May
- Discussed new directory, which will be large print for all

President's Report: Donna Schmidt

- Playground update – still owe about \$10,000.00

Bonnie Garwood

- Discussed problems with current sound system – still checking about streaming
- Ushers

Sheila Bender:

- Discussed upcoming Springo Bingo and other fellowship activities
- Discussed Choir

David Wires

Ruby Deutsch

Jeff Tillman

Old business – Lock doors during service?

New Business: Scout Insurance

Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Next meeting May 25, 2023



Our next Chautauqua will be Tuesday, June 20 at 6:00 pm. It will start with a cemetery tour. If it rains, it will start with a cemetery slideshow.

And this will be followed by an indoor presentation regarding Christian funerals and changing views about funeral practices in America.

This Chautauqua will last a bit later. Probably until 7:30 or so. But please invite your friends and family to join us.



St. Paul's UCC German Township
Church Council Meeting
April 27, 2023

Present: Sheila Bender, Ruby Deutsch, Terry Farmer, Bonnie Garwood, Beth Gilles, Susan Henze, Myron Razor, Steve Sampson, Donna Schmidt, Jeff Tillman & David Wires

Special guest: David Henze

Reverend Terry Farmer opened in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Natalie Skeels/Beth Gilles

Bonnie made a motion to approve Natalie's March minutes. David seconded. Motion passed

Treasurers Report: Susan Henze

Income: \$23,239.00

General Fund: \$172,941.49

Expenses: \$19,147.67

Capital Fund: \$1,081,730.06

Pastor's Report for April 2023

Since the date of my last report March 21, 2023, I have spent significant time on the following:

- Worship planning, choir, the f3M and the Study Window
- Budget implementation issues
- Assistance with building project matters
- ETSA clergy circle
- ETSA Association Cabinet
- ETSA Nomination Committee
- ETSA Spring Meeting
- Representation of St. Paul's at Good Sam events
- Worship at Good Sam
- Chautauqua planning and presentation
- Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- Duncan/Wolfe wedding planning (May 20)
- ETSA mission planning meeting
- Annual Meeting preparation
- Hospital visits, Easter notes to shut-ins, member calls
- Community Build

David Henze spoke about insurance. He has been working with the current insurance company for about eight years. Discuss playground and scout barn insurance. Angie and Chris Paul, former scout leaders, want to donate a trailer to the church. That requires a title transfer and insurance. That is about \$100.00/year. Sheila made a motion to accept the trailer and insure trailer. David seconded. Motion carried.

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June 4	Trinity Sunday and Communion Sunday
Message	<i>What's in a Name?</i>
Scripture	Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
June 11	Second Sunday after Pentecost
Message	<i>It Will Rain</i>
Scripture	Matthew 7:21-29
June 18	Third Sunday after Pentecost
Message	<i>A Terrible Choice</i>
Scripture	Deuteronomy 11:18-21. 26-28; Joshua 24:19-28
June 25	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Message	<i>Tracking the Seasons</i>
Scripture	Genesis 1:14-19; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Sunday Service is now 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 United Church of Christ FINANCIAL REPORT April, 2023

Income	
Contributions	16,787.00
Other Income	390.00
Total Income	16,397.00
Expenses	
Payroll & Benefits	13,516.10
Administrative Expenses	488.63
Church Property Maintenance	6516.66
Outreach & Missions	3446.77
Nurture & Discipleship	0.00
Worship & Church Renewal	609.98
Congregational Life	27.84
New Playground	22,995.02
Total Expenses	47,601.00

St. Paul's News

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Study Window for June 2023

Looking out my study window, I am thinking about the benefits of conversation.

I am dreading the onset of a new political season. It really seems to bring out the worst in folks. While candidates may start out wanting to talk about the common good, new ideas about how to tackle problems, what they dream of accomplishing, they usually end up mostly talking about how evil the opposition is. When we have a quiet moment to reflect, we really know that they benefit if they can get us emotionally riled up at the other candidate or party. They know we will vote against what scares us or makes us mad. And if we are pushed far enough, we also will not take too close to a look at our own favored candidate. People are more motivated to vote “against” something or someone than “for”.

When we stake out a “position” on an issue, we generally stop talking. And when we stop talking, we stop listening and learning. Our own denomination is prone to adopt positions. Actually, almost every major Protestant denomination is prone to do this when there is a national gathering. Our denomination will be gathering at the end of the month for the biennial General Synod in Indianapolis. Under our polity, the resolutions that will be considered are already available online. I have read them. Predictably, some I support. Some I do not. Some I don't really understand well enough to make an informed decision. And a few I am not sure are worth much discussion. But they all are important to someone.

I really don't get too worked up about denominational positions. The national church speaks to us, not for us. So, I retain my ability to discern God's leading for me and our church does too. I will say, all of the resolutions stimulated me to think critically about the intersection of my faith with real world issues. And that, I think, is a good thing. A Christian thing. I understand the need to have beliefs in our lives that do become positions. But I want to point out a danger we risk when allowing this to happen. Positions tend to kill conversation.

We would all benefit more from conversation. Here is how it has been suggested to model faith-based conversation. And I think this works well in non-faith discussions too. The script simply goes like this. “Here is how I see things. Now please tell me how you see things.” Conversation allows room for growth, relationship building, and deepening our understanding—even if we do not come to an agreement.

There is power in that simple exchange. Conversation allows collective wisdom to be brought to bear. Collective wisdom is frequently better than one person's thoughts. It is possible that things might just go beyond an exchange of views. Common ground might be discovered. (Happily, more often than not, there is.) And that can be a great basis for moving toward solutions that serve all. But even if there is not, there is increased understanding. And most importantly, no one has been demeaned, insulted, unheard, or demonized in the process. In fact, what is created and exhibited is something that Jesus called grace.

I think conversations are exciting and productive. I hope I am exhibiting my willingness and interest in sharing what I see and then asking what you see. (I am sure that I could do better.) That is how we discern what God is calling us to do. It is a team process. Not a solitary endeavor.

And by the way, I would probably vote for a candidate who actually demonstrated an interest in conversation.

Grace, peace, and room to converse in the days ahead.

Pastor Terry