

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
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Church Staff

Pastor
Pastoral Assistant
Accompanist
Choir Director
Nursery Attendant
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President	Faryl Hopple
Vice President	
Secretary	Beth Gilles
Treasurer	Susan Henze

Church Council

Sheila Bender	David Wires
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



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
- 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

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

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

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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



5/1	Tom Bootz	5/13	Tammy McCullough
5/1	Linda Kron	5/17	Lorelei Tillman
5/2	Le Ann Nix	5/19	Glen Alexander
5/3	Paige Johnson	5/20	Edmund Phillips
5/5	Matthew Skeels	5/21	Steve Sampson
5/7	Jane Moad	5/22	Caylib Skeels
5/8	Tom Lux	5/23	William Gudorf
5/11	Cathy Gabe	5/25	Erin Johnston
5/12	Barb Gaisser	5/27	Bud Lunkenheimer
5/12	Linda Sullivan	5/27	Debbie Schneider
5/13	Ryan Bender	5/27	Beth Skeels
5/13	Debra Lewis	5/28	Randy Ricketts

*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

St. Paul's United Church of Christ German Township
Presents



A Dixieland Night

Saturday May 3, 2025

Doors Open at 5:00, Meal at 6:00, Auction at 7:00

Live Dixieland Band

Live Auction Featuring Business Donations

Congregation Bake Sale

Cajun Inspired Dinner

Smoked Sausage with Red Beans & Rice

Seasoned Corn on the Cob, New Orleans Style Cole Slaw, Cornbread

Traditional White Chocolate Raisin Bread Pudding

Southern Sweet Tea

Dinner Tickets: \$ 20.00 per person available in advance at church office

All proceeds to benefit church remodeling project

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President's Report: Daryl

- Reviewed March 16th Congregational meeting notes
- Venture Crew 374 – Taking under advisement because of other fundraising
- Game day – have about 6-8 people attending each time, so will continue
- Council replacement – no new members
- Fundraising committee report – Three meetings thus far.
- April 12th - Lenten breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at St Paul's
- April 20th - Easter Breakfast at St Paul's
- Saturday, May 3rd - A Dixieland Night Fundraiser. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Meal at 6:00. Auction at 7:00. Dixie land band has been confirmed.
- Saturday, September 6th - Fall Harvest Fundraiser. Will offer smoked chicken and mums for sale. Beth made a motion to accept. Sheila seconded. Motion carried.
- Sunday, October 19th - Oktoberfest. Meal after worship.
- October 23rd - Trunk or Treat.
- November 30th - Hanging of the Greens
- December 7th - Living Nativity
- January 4th - Unhanging of the Greens
- Sometime in January, Pancake/Sausage Breakfast. Date TBD

Bonnie:

- Secured ushers
- Sound system functioning
- Checking to make sure that the five stereo headsets are in working order. If needed, new headsets with belt packs are ~\$175.00 each

Sheila:

- Springo Bingo is set for April 6th. Might put baskets out for a goodwill offering.
- At the Dixieland fundraiser, MOC will put instruments out as decorations.
- Church picnic will be July 27th, possibly a carry-in.

Ruby:

- We will serve the meal on September 13th at Sister Joanna's Table.

Jeff: absent

New Business: church directory

7:03 p.m. Ruby made a motion to adjourn. Janice seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting: 4/24/25

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MAY 18TH IS THE FINAL SUNDAY FOR OUR CHOIR BEFORE THEY TAKE THEIR SUMMER BREAK.

BE WATCHING FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP TO PROVIDE SPECIAL MUSIC DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

MAYBE YOU WANT TO GET WITH SOME FRIENDS TO FORM A QUARTET OR SING A DUET. BE THINKING. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.





St Paul's UCC German Township
Church Council Meeting
March 27, 2025

Present: Sheila Bender, Ruby Deutsch, Terry Farmer, Bonnie Garwood, Beth Gilles, Susan Henze, Daryl Hopple, Janice Ricketts & Steve Sampson
Absent: Jeff Tillman

5:56 Daryl called the meeting to order. Terry led in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Beth – Sheila made a motion to accept. Janice seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan

Income: \$17,694.00

Expenses: \$22,252.45

General Fund: \$46,202.20

Capital Fund: \$1,091,434.53

- Bonnie and Janice volunteered to audit books. Audit will be done by next council meeting.
- Susan will continue counting money

Daryl made a motion to accept. Bonnie seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Terry

Since the date of my last report (2/24/25), I have spent significant time on the following:

- Worship planning, choir, the 3M, Men's Ministry, and the Study Window
- Ash Wednesday service
- Hospital visits
- Pastoral Counseling
- ETSA matters, Spring Meeting, and the nomination committee
- Serving at Sister Joanna's Table
- Clergy Circle
- Work on online church directory
- Preliminary work on history project
- Assist with building issues
- Assist with planning for annual congregational meeting and prepare handouts, etc.
- Lenten Breakfasts

Additional items:

- Chautauqua starting again 4/8/25
- Need nursery attendants/staff on Wednesday evening. Sheila made a motion to okay. Susan seconded. Motion carried.
- Terry will start vacation after Easter service until April 28th. Daryl will lead worship on the 27th.
- Working on tax exempt status
- Ordered AED
- An interested party requested to rent the shelter house and bring in portable potties. Request denied.
- One pledge for building fund is a stock. Church needs to open an account to accept said stock and liquidate. Daryl made a motion to accept. Sheila seconded. Motion carried.
- Sunday school may change. Checking out possibilities.

Head Trustee's Report: Steve

- Thanks to all for helping with grounds cleanup to ready mowing.
- Access to our property by the playground has been blocked. (Will not deny access to the playground through the shelter house path.) May need camera and fence.
- New lights were installed in kitchen. Working on installing new emergency lights.
- Recent storm took out a dusk to dawn light and pole. Alan donated a replacement pole, which will be installed at a later date. Alan also serviced the mowers.
- We now have a plan to repair the stairs because the sill plate has rotted away. This Friday, the men's group will start demo work.
- Daryl and Steve will check the playground equipment's bolts, etc. to ensure safety.



May 4	Third Sunday of Easter & Communion Sunday
Message	<i>Spun Around Hard</i>
Scripture	<i>Acts 9:1-22</i>
May 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Message	<i>Mediating God</i>
Scripture	<i>Acts 8:256-40;Romans 10:14-17</i>
May 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Message	<i>Who May be Part of the Church?</i>
Scripture	Acts 11:1-18
May 25	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Message	<i>Fiduciary Investing</i>
Scripture	Luke 19:11-27

Our next Chautauqua will be Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00pm. Mark your calendar now and plan to invite your friends.



MEN'S Meeting

May 27 @ 5:30



**Everyone is Invited
May 6 and May 20**

**St Paul's United Church of Christ
FINANCIAL REPORT
March 2025**

Income	
Contributions	27,570.00
Other Income	
Total Income	27,570.00
Expenses	
Payroll & Benefits	12,389.61
Administrative Expenses	686.12
Church Property Maintenance	14,083.81
Outreach & Missions	2382.18
Nurture & Discipleship	0.00
Worship & Church Renewal	17.98
Congregational Life	
Total Expenses	29,559.70



**Children's Sunday School
May 11 & May 25
At 9:30am upstairs**

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?

Please contact **Denise Farmer** or **Jessica Minor**

St. Paul's in German Township



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Creative Ways to Give to the Building Fund

Here are some ideas that might make giving to the Building Campaign a bit easier on the pocketbook in certain circumstances. Both strategies are designed to enhance exclusions from tax despite the limits on the deductibility of charitable contributions otherwise applicable under existing law. You should check with your tax or financial advisor about the suitability of such approaches for your specific situation. But here are some things to investigate.

Long-Term Assets

Gifts of stocks or bonds that have been held long enough to qualify as long-term capital gains (generally for more than a year) can be deducted at the fair-market value rather than the price at which you bought them. If you bought stock for \$20,000 that, ten years later, is now worth \$40,000, you can donate the shares to an approved 501(c)(3) organization and deduct the full \$40,000 without having to sell the shares. St. Paul's is a 501 (c) (3) organization. The church can work with you to accept a transfer of these types of assets and can use their value to pay for the construction.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) rules allow taxpayers to make IRA distributions payable directly to a qualified charity without treating the distribution as taxable income. This law currently permits up to \$108,000 per eligible IRA owner to be contributed directly from their IRA to charity. In addition, the distribution can be used to fulfill the IRA owner's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. The IRA account holder must be aged 70½ years old or older as of the date of the distribution.

St. Paul's News

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Study Window for May 2025

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

In the 15th chapter of Luke, Jesus is telling stories to his disciples. I have always appreciated individuals who can tell a good story. It is something that I am not particularly good at. I am told by my wife and others that I get to the point too quickly and do not take the time to add in the small details that make stories interesting. I have actually taken a class on storytelling to try to improve. And as a history buff, I have always appreciated the engaging way that Abraham Lincoln used storytelling to entertain and more importantly to make his point.

Jesus is also a good storyteller. If he were not, I doubt that people would have worked so hard to collect his stories and record them for the future. The particular story I have in mind is about sheep. Jesus talks about a shepherd who leaves his flock to search for one lamb who has wandered off. It is an odd story because it seems to praise a shepherd who is obviously derelict in his duties. The shepherd's job is to protect the flock, not just one wayward sheep. By leaving the flock behind, he is leaving it unprotected and at risk of predation by wild animals.

The simple economics of what is at stake would make it clear that his values are all wrong. The shepherd should stay with the flock, where the great financial worth is located, and not chase off after one stray. Although, this is the same calculation that the Pharisees and the Chief Priests made in John 11 when Caiaphas says it is better to let one man die (Jesus) than to have the nation destroyed by the Romans. Caiaphas predicts this will happen if this Jesus, who seems to him to be straying from some of the teachings of Judaism, is allowed to continue.

Nonetheless in Luke 15, Jesus, being a good storyteller, is using a surprising twist to make an important point. One that we might more easily remember because of the unexpected approbation of the shepherd. The point, in part, is to illustrate how important individuals are to God. They are just as important as the entire "flock" of followers. That is a stunning thought! Maybe we have heard that so many times that we take it for granted. But see if you can imagine hearing this for the first time as you are sitting around listening to Jesus spin his yarns. If you can, how do you feel if YOU are the stray? If YOU are the flock?

This little story concludes with the shepherd finding the lost sheep. (We do not hear how the flock fared, but then it is only a story.) And then Jesus hammers the point home. This shepherd, upon returning to the flock with the stray in tow, invites everyone to a big party because the one that was lost was found. What unexpected and undeserved extravagance!

When we hear stories about Jesus' special regard for an individual, a healing, an exorcism, or being raised from death for example, we may be tempted to think there was something special about the one who received the blessing. Actually, there was not. It turns out that each of the sheep is important to God. And when one goes astray or gets into trouble, our God always goes looking for them. God will find them and will welcome them home if they but turn back to God (or in fancy church talk: "repent").

This simple and affirming truth seems difficult for us to learn. We are still too prone to believe that blessings are given only to those who "deserve" them. As if we can "earn" God's favor. We cannot. That is why there is something called grace. Grace that is greater than all our sin, to quote the old hymn.

We will be in the season known as Eastertide until Pentecost on June 8. So, we have plenty of time to reflect on the power of God's love for us on this side of the Resurrection. And to listen for the voice of the Shepherd--who is calling us by name-- to come back to the flock.

My prayer for us is that we may be attuned to the Voice. The Voice that knows us by name. The voice of the God who seeks and invites.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Terry