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## The Visitor April 2020



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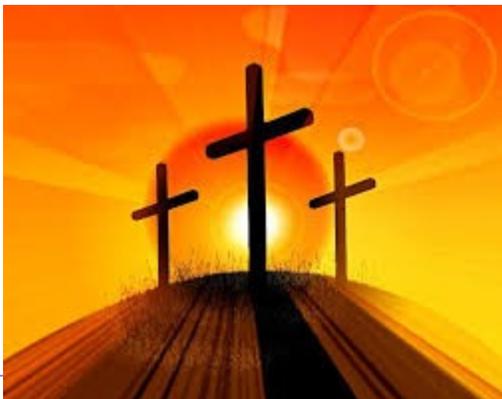
Happy Easter!!

At the time of this writing, March 24, the status of everything around us is a complete unknown. We are not sure if we will be able to gather together at Palm Sunday or Easter. We are not sure if the schools will be back in session. We have had a hard time getting groceries—let alone toilet paper. We are stuck at home trying not to spread the virus that hasn't affected us, here in Clark County...though we are being told it most certainly will—and I believe that. We haven't been socially responsible by following the CDC recommendation of social distancing. And, we are feeling angry, lost, upset and fearful across the board on several different topics. These feelings have escalated over the past week and some who are trying to find truth and solidarity in all this, end up getting hurt. That is no way to being the Body of Christ. We are to listen with open hearts and minds in grace and love. We are not to be attacking one another. This time of COVID-19 is not about who is right or wrong...it is about coming together and forgiving those who might trip up a time or two in conversation and let it go. "Let it Go...Let it Go..." OR Let Go and Give to God. I pray this will be over soon...for all of our sakes...

And when it is over, think about the HUGE celebration we are going to have!! We are Resurrection People and we have something to celebrate. Christ is alive and well in our midst. He is showing us what it means to be loving people across the nation. The question will be for us, because of our free-will, will we continue this after COVID-19 is done? Jesus calls us and actually commanded us after His resurrection to: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" Matthew 28:19-20. This is the great commission that I have the confirmation youth memorize and I pray we all understand this. It is all our responsibility to make Christ's disciples. That is part of us being resurrection people. This is what Easter is all about, much like Christmas, we are to be sharing the story and the reason we are who we are as Christians.

We have one left in our Lenten Journey, before we see Holy Week. Holy Week is the climax of the true story of our Savior Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that all of you have taken the time out for God and built your relationship with Him. The journey is always an eye opener when we allow the Holy Spirit to work inside us. As we journey to the cross during Holy Week, I invite you to make a sanctuary at home and listen to how God is working in your lives...it may not be something you ever expected. That is the whole point of the resurrection, is it not? Jesus was not expected to have risen; yet He did...and it is an awesome feeling to know He is Alive!

*Rev. Dixie Laube*



**St. Paul United Church of Christ**  
**Consistory Meeting**  
**February 12, 2020**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

President Brian Buford called the meeting to order. Those in attendance; Sandra Frazier, Lance Arnold, Gena Ellison, Joni Kraus, Jim Behnke, Terry Brunk, Pastor Laube, Nolene James, and church member Mike Frazier. Deana Ball was unable to attend.

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Laube led the Consistory in an opening prayer.

**Official Election of Officers**

Need minutes from the official election of officers. Lance will get them to Sandra Frazier. President-Brian Buford, Vice President-Lance Arnold, Financial Secretary-Gena Ellison, and Building and Grounds-Joni Krauss & Jim Behnke.

**Reports**

- a. Approve January Minutes
- b. Financial Secretary's Report for January
- c. Treasurer's Report for January
- d. Farm Report for January  
Lance made a motion to approve the January Minutes and Reports, Gena 2nd the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**Pastor's Report**

Pastor Laube has met and is planning for upcoming weddings and baptisms. She is continuing to attend clergy meetings. February 26th, Ash Wednesday Service will be held at St. Paul United Church of Christ. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Laube continues to be very concerned about the number of people wanting and needing counseling.

**Old Business**

- a. Corey Huber update  
Corey has begun removing, and replacing the existing basement floor. He would like to be finished at the end of February.
- b. Disaster/Emergency Plan  
The plan is near completion. Nolene needs to located where smoke detectors are located, and add them to the plan
- c. Stained Glass Appraisal/inspection  
Lance sent pictures of the windows to Aaron Frei in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Frei requested pictures to see what type of windows the church had. Lance will call Mr. Frei to ensure he received the photos, and plan a meeting. Mr. Frei said he would come to Kahoka.
- d. Outdoor Sign Lighting  
Joni Krauss will investigate why the sign is not lighting up properly. Pastor Laube stated that the flag pole light burns out rather quickly (every three months), this will be checked as well.
- e. Other-None

## New Business

- a. February 25 ACT testing all day in Fellowship Hall
- b. February 26 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday worship  
Pastor Laube would like Consistory members to attend and help as ushers.
- c. Letter from Sandy Anders  
Church Secretary Sandy Anders submitted a letter of resignation due to her mother's failing health. The Consistory regretfully accepts Ms. Anders letter of resignation. Her last day will be February 28, 2020.
- d. Other  
There is a need for a Pre-K, and High School Sunday School Teacher. Sandra Frazier stated that the high school class is a very unique and knowledgeable group of students. They are interested in the church and the teachings of the Bible. She thinks if possible, they need consistency. Nolene will be contacting persons who may be willing to teach.

\*The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2020 @ 5:30 a.m.

## Closing Prayer

Pastor Laube led the Consistory in The Lord's Prayer.

## Adjournment

Lance made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nolene 2nd the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully,  
Sandra Frazier

**Please remember to tithe to the church. We have a business to run to keep the lights on, heat going, and water on. Please send your giving into the church or drop your tithe at Exchange Bank. We know times are tough for everyone, however, the church is our constant during times like these.**



**The Board of Christian Education is looking for a VBS Director. VBS will be July 6-9, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 pm. If you are interested in this position, please contact Katrina Nixon.**



## Food Pantry Sunday



Food Pantry Sunday will be Easter Sunday. Items suggested for the Food Pantry:

**box potatoes, juice, small peanut butter jars, spaghetti sauce, saltine crackers, hamburger helper, gelatin dessert, instant pudding, tuna, toilet paper, liquid laundry soap and cereal**

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting the Clark County Food Pantry. All churches and organizations are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting on the Second Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Clark County Senior Center.

**There are a lot of rocks, limbs, leaves, and junk laying around on our church and parsonage lawns. There is no set date for cleaning; so if you feel like doing some outdoor work before Easter, please come and help clean up the lawns.**





April 27 Cooper Blum  
 April 27 Melissa Bevans  
 April 28 Jeff Arnold  
 April 29 Brady Greer  
 April 29 Landon Arnold  
 April 29 Ryan Krueger  
 April 30 Jennifer Frazee  
 April 30 Kathy Lucas

April 1 Clinton Cohagen  
 April 1 H L Plenge  
 April 1 Kinley Clark  
 April 1 Kohen Ball  
 April 1 LuJean Horter  
 April 2 Adam Brewer  
 April 2 Emma Ross  
 April 2 Lance Greer  
 April 3 Larry Ross  
 April 3 Oliver Allen  
 April 4 Natalie Carroll  
 April 4 Rhonda Goodman  
 April 4 Thad Trump  
 April 5 Adrian Gray  
 April 5 Bryton Plenge  
 April 5 Russell Meinhardt  
 April 7 Koy Nixon  
 April 8 Karlee Ross  
 April 8 Sierra Hall  
 April 9 Gary Kirchner  
 April 9 Barbie Bergman  
 April 9 Wyatt Wilson  
 April 10 Justin Alderton  
 April 10 Kate Meinhardt  
 April 10 Kimberly Dochterman  
 April 11 Jacob McAfee  
 April 11 Jed Wilson  
 April 11 Matt Herra  
 April 11 Robert James  
 April 11 Scott James  
 April 12 Carter Harper  
 April 13 Kelly Nixon  
 April 16 Sam Plenge  
 April 17 Michele Meinhardt  
 April 18 Erick Arnold  
 April 19 Mark Plenge  
 April 19 Irelyn Perry  
 April 20 Amanda Dodds  
 April 20 Darren Hall  
 April 22 Luke Chapla  
 April 22 Dean Hunziker  
 April 22 Kayla Clark  
 April 23 Urijah Allen  
 April 23 Britini Weaver  
 April 23 Lily Nixon  
 April 26 Collin Hunziker  
 April 26 Joe Biggerstaff



April 13, 2002 Matt & Holly Heinze  
 April 13, 2001 Leslie & Erin Billings  
 April 15, 1989 Rick & Judy Rojo  
 April 17, 1999 Daniel & Marianne Adamson  
 April 19, 1975 Mike & Jane Frazee  
 April 19, 1997 Andrew & Danita Perry  
 April 23, 1977 Jerry & Teresa Miller  
 April 24, 2010 Brian & Kayla Clark



St. Paul UCC Seniors:

We will be recognizing those graduating from CCR-1 on May 17 during worship. Please submit to the office a small write-up about yourself, and what your plans are after graduation.

Also, for those graduating from College or did graduate this winter, please submit your names, where you graduated from and with what degree. We will also recognize these seniors on May 17.

For the CCR-1 senior parents, please be sure to submit your senior's pictures for the final ladder of faith by May 1. These include baby, bell ringer, Bible, confirmation, and any others you would like to include. A letter will soon follow.

## April 2020

### Acolytes

April 5 Carter Harper & Shealin Wiemann  
April 12 Brayen James & Kampbel James  
April 19 8:30 am Koy Nixon & Tristen Pittford  
April 19 10:30 am Bree Church & Landon Arnold  
April 26 Garrett Billings & Delaney Denham

### Altar Flowers

April 5 The Church  
April 12  
April 19 Easter—the Church  
April 26

### Liturgists

April 5 Pastor Dixie Laube  
April 9 Pastor Dixie Laube (Maundy Thursday)  
April 12 8:30 Michelle Oilar  
April 12 10:30 Bethany Wiemann  
April 19 Kathy Calvert  
April 26 Chloe Brewer

### OPEN the Church

### SOUNDBOARD

Doug James

### Ushers

April 5 Jerry Denham; Lary Fountain; Bonnie Brewer; Janet Nixon  
April 9 Consistory (Maundy Thursday)  
April 12 Consistory (Easter)  
April 19 Wayne & Dixie Blum; Terri Brewer; Teresa Miller  
April 26 John & Melissa Bevans and Family



### Easter Sunday Schedule

Traditional Worship at 10:00 am with communion

*Holy Humor Sunday will be celebrated on April 19.*

The Chancel Cantata may or may not happen. With having 3 weeks off of rehearsal, we are not sure if we will be able to pull it together.

Also, this is all tentative due to COVID-19. We have no idea what will happen after the printing of this newsletter, so stay in contact with us through our Facebook page and our website:

[www.stpaulucckahoka.org](http://www.stpaulucckahoka.org)

We will try and keep you updated as best as we can through this time of uncertainty. Also, our worships have been on-line since March 22.

You can watch them any time and catch up on what is happening in your church and the community.

## Statement of Faiths from the 2019-2020 Confirmation Class

### Elija Elam Statement of Faith

I believe confirmation is a very important step in my life because it let me learn so much more about myself and God. I was very nervous to go through confirmation but have wanted to do it for a long time. I was able to learn with my friends too so that made it a lot better.

To me God is my Lord and Savior. He is the most important person ever. He is the Holy Spirit. My belief about God is real and I'm a little bit confused about God being the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. I believe God is the creator. My commitment to God now is to be stronger in my faith and stay a Christian. Also I commit to stay true to God and always follow him, trust him and not question his path for me. My Covenant to God after confirmation is to stay going to church and stay a part of this church for as long as I can.

Jesus is my Savior and took many beatings and got nailed to a cross for me. He also was the one born to save us from our sins. Jesus is the son of God. I believe Jesus was a person. He was meant to be born to save us from our sins. He conquered death and was resurrected to teach us. Jesus' birth was something that was planned so that he could be king of the Jews and the Messiah. He gave the ultimate sacrifice, his life, to save us from our sins. His resurrection proves he conquered death. My covenant is to stay believing in him even if I don't see him. My commitment with Jesus is to keep going to church.

The Holy Spirit is a part of the great mystery of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit helps all of creation to use its gifts from God. Jesus has promised that the Advocate ( Holy Spirit ) will come to the disciples. My Belief is the Holy Spirit comes in many different forms and ways and will work throughout the church in many different forms. The Holy Spirit is a common bond that lets everyone have respect for people of all faiths. The Holy Spirit is in all of us and all around us. The Holy Spirit works in my life by making me a better person with my choices and words. Also it makes my belief in Christ stronger. Every time I step into church the Holy Spirit is within me and all around. The Holy Spirit will bond us all together in our faith and in church any time we are together with God.

The Universal Church is all of God's Body. The body of Christ is all the members of the church together in one place. The Universal Church is here to help guide people that need God in their life. As scripture states, "If one member suffers we all suffer." We are connected and we need to work together to keep Christ's body alive

Communion is the sharing of Jesus' blood and body for us. The communion includes all the members of our church and anyone from other churches that wants to take it. During communion the mood is a mix between sad and happy. Some people think that it's sad because he gave everything he had up for us, but for others it is happy because he did all of it for us.

Baptism is a promise to God, yourself, and your church. I believe this because when you get baptized you make a promise to your church, but more importantly to God. I think that people should wait to get baptized until they are older so that they can understand what it all actually means although, I was baptized when I was just a baby.

Forgiveness of sin is admitting to God and accepting that it is wrong. Then admitting it in a prayer to God and ask to be forgiven for it. God will forgive sins when we learn from it and ask to be forgiven. After we have asked for forgiveness we need to make sure we do not do it again. That is the hardest lesson for all of us to learn and understand.

I believe eternal life is what will happen after we die. Depending on how you lived you might go to heaven or maybe not. God will be the one to decide. God will never stop caring for us even when we mess up and do something bad. That care may not be visible, but we must remember that through our faith we are always cared for. It means a lot to know that eternal life can be achieved just by knowing God because sometimes I worry that I might not go to heaven. It is the best gift God can give us! In John 10: 27-28, "My sheep hear my voice , and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish." Not only knowing God or Jesus - but having the personal relationship with them is why I will go to heaven.

In conclusion, I have enjoyed getting to know my classmates and learning more about my own faith and receiving answers to my questions. I hope what I have learned will continue to stay with me and help me continue to grow in my faith.

### Audrey Herrs

Confirmation is an important step in my life because it brought me closer to not only God but also my peers. These past months have taught me so much about my faith. It has also made my relationship with God a lot stronger. I am excited to keep moving and continuing my journey in faith. I think that the past few months have been so fun growing closer and learning more about God.

God is my savior. He helps me through all my problems. He created everything we have today. My belief is that God is always there and He will forgive my sins no matter what. My commitment to God is always believing in Him, worshiping Him, spreading His word and loving Him and only Him. After confirmation I hope to continue coming to church, spreading His word, and telling everyone about him. I will raise my kids to love God.

I believe Jesus is God's only son who came to save me from my sins. He died on the cross for me. I believe that Jesus is my savior who went through so much just to save me. Jesus's birth was a blessing to our Earth, his death saved me from my sins, and his resurrection was to save me from the guilt of my past. He showed that I will have eternal life. My commitment to Jesus is believing, loving and spreading his word for all to hear. My promise to Jesus is to never forget what He has done for me. I promise to love Him, and forever spread His love.

The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity that comes and is within us. It is the feeling you get when something good, bad, or scary happens. My belief is it is with me and it gives me guidance, sent from God. The Holy Spirit works by getting a warm feeling when something good happens. The Holy Spirit binds us by bringing us together and getting a good warm feeling. The Holy Spirit has given me the gift of forgiveness, talents, and has blessed me with a wonderful home and family.

The Universal Church is all believers in Christ coming together as one. I believe we all work together throughout the world during mission trips, community service, and volunteer work. St. Paul could be more involved with the church by going on more mission trips. We could also help others more by doing everyday acts of kindness.

Communion and Baptism are both important parts of our church. Communion is the pouring and breaking of the bread that the community takes in Christ and is empowered by God's Spirit. This is for members of the universal church. After confirmation, I will finally be able to take part in communion. As a member in the church, I am honored to take part. The mood during this time is calm and relaxed taking in the elements of the Holy Spirit and Communion. Baptism is a sacrament that occurs only once in a person's life. I was baptized as

a baby. Some promises during baptism there are some difficult questions such as promising to renounce the powers of evil. An easier promise for some might be "Do you desire to have your child baptized."

Forgiveness of Sin is God forgiving us no matter what. Thanks to him sending us His only son, Jesus, He has saved us from our sins. We can't just have our sins forgiven though. We must pray and ask for forgiveness from Him and others also. He will forgive our sins as long as we worship, love Him, and turn from our sins.

After we die, I believe we will go to heaven. I believe when we trust and accept Jesus as our Lord we will go to heaven. God will care for me when I go to heaven. He will accept me, love me, and care for me. Putting my faith in God will make me excited for going to Heaven. I know God has a plan and everything happens for a reason.

In conclusion, confirmation has been a great past 8 months. I have become much closer to God, peers, my Pastor, and mentor. I hope to continue being an active member at St. Paul. I will be part of the youth group and continue coming to church on Sunday. I am excited to finally be a member of my church. I have come since I was a child and now I will finally be an official part of it. I will continue to grow with Christ the rest of my life.

### **Clayton Heinze**

Confirmation is an important step in my life because it is a chance for me to get closer to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. I was able to learn things that I have not learned about them yet and know more. It's a way for me to learn about God and work with others and learn about him with them. It also helps me to become a member of the church community, which I am ready to become. I want to be a better Christian every time.

God is the one who is always there for me. I might not realize it but he is there. My belief about God is that He will be there for me through good and bad. My commitment to God now and after confirmation is that I will continue to learn more about Him. My covenant with God after confirmation is to come to church as much as possible and continuously learn more about him.

Jesus to me is the person who risked his life for me. My belief about Jesus is that He is God in human form. He's the person who took his life so my sins were forgiven. Jesus's birth means that he was born so he could tell the work of God. His death means that he was taken to save us from sin and to help us realize that he was here for an important reason. His resurrection means that he conquered death to prove people wrong. My commitment to Jesus is to come to church and remember what he did to save us. My covenant with Jesus after confirmation is to come to church regularly and think about what he did to save us.

The Holy Spirit is a spirit that I believe in. The Spirit is a feeling I get that tells me if things are right or wrong. My belief is the Holy Spirit is always there with me all the time. The Holy Spirit works in my life by being by my side. It tells me what is right from wrong and helps guide me. The Holy Spirit binds us together by allowing people to come together and having the ability to worship together. It also helps us connect with each other. Gifts I have because of the Holy Spirit are patience, kindness, and a good-natured person.

The Universal Church is everyone in the church. With everyone, there is one whole body. Jesus Christ is the leader and everyone is to learn more about him every time. I think the Universal Church is also a place for people to gather and talk about things. The Universal Church is simple and focuses on teaching the word of Jesus Christ and God.

Forgiveness of Sin is asking God to forgive me for something I may have done wrong. I think God forgives our sins. We ask him for forgiveness and if he believes we should be forgiven he will forgive us. We know our sins are forgiven because we might feel better. That is how I feel anyway when I ask for forgiveness. It makes me feel better and I don't feel down.

Communion to me is a time to remember what happened to Jesus on the cross. I believe that it is for us to remember the bones that were broken and the blood that Jesus shed to save us. Baptism to me is combining with Christ. You are cleared of anything that might happen to you and anything that happened before. My belief is that Baptism washes away our sins.

Eternal Life to me is life after death. When I pass on I will still be walking around but not in physical form. I will walk with Jesus and see others that have passed before me. My belief is that you never die. Even though I won't be physically around you are still spiritually with people. I think God will continuously care for us after death because he still wants us to keep believing in him and wants us to live the same way I used to before I passed.

I will continue to be active and a contributing member of Jesus Christ and St. Paul UCC by coming to church regularly. I will take part in meetings and be more active in activities. I will continue to learn about God and Jesus. I will come to church as often as I can.

### **Abby Plenge**

Confirmation is very symbolic in my life. It means that I am an adult, who is trusted to make important decisions for my Church. I have become more in tune with my faith, and have got close with the congregation though all the different activities Confirmation has done. My fellow confirmans and our mentors have become somewhat of a second family to me. We laugh, eat, and learn together almost every Sunday. At first, I imagined myself loathing Confirmation each week, but I quickly realized that I looked forward to Confirmation, and it became the highlight of my weekends.

God is the creator of everything held dear. He is the Almighty one, Father to all. My belief about God is that He will always be here to love humankind and forgive all those who repent their sins. My commitment to God now is to always love the Holy Trinity, and bare my sins for Him to see. My commitment to God after Confirmation is to take care of His house of Worship, and follow and love Him with my entire being. My covenant with God after Confirmation is to help His people, and bring my family together to worship Him.

Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior, and my Salvation. I believe Jesus came from God to save humanity from our sins. I believe he rose from the dead after 3 days in the tomb. Jesus's birth, death, and resurrection means hope for humanity. My commitment to Jesus is to lay down my sins for God to forgive, and thank Jesus for the gift of eternal life I have been given. My covenant with Jesus is to try to stay away from sins, and ask for forgiveness. Jesus has taught me through scripture that as long as you are a kind, considerate human, and ask for forgiveness, you will go to Heaven.

The Holy Spirit is the flame of Christian virtues instilled in all Christians. It is the embodiment of all the covenants we have made with God and God has made with us. My belief is the Holy Spirit drives all Christian's to spread God's word to the world. The Holy Spirit works in my life to bring me peace, joy, and Christianity. The Holy Spirit binds us together by covenants, covenants with others, our Church, God, Jesus, and many other things. The spirit has blessed me with kindness, happiness, and an amazing family.

The Church is the Body of Christ. Personally, I think I would be a fingernail, tough, and pretty. Each and every one of the congregation members make up an important part of the body. You could say that the Consistory is the brain, making important decisions to keep the Church (The body) in good health. Pastor Dixie is our heart, because she keeps the Holy Spirit flowing within us with her sermons. The congregation is the legs, because they keep the church standing. The educators are the mouth because they teach the lessons of God, and the youth are the ears because they hear everything we say and take it to heart. The Universal Church works together to

provide love and charity to the less privileged. If St. Paul wanted to become more active in the Universal Church, I think we should start by giving more to the Heifer project.

The forgiveness of Sin is God sending his only son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. God forgives our sins when we ask for forgiveness. We know our sins are forgiven when there is a weight lifted off our shoulders, and we don't feel the burden of what we have done.

Communion and Baptism are the Sacraments, religious acts of God's grace and presence. Communion is a ceremony to remind us that we are the body of Christ. "Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you. Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, poured for you." Communion to me means a rebirth, or a cleansing of my sins from the previous month. Everyone who is a member of the Universal Church can be included in Communion. Communion is a solemn mood in the church, a time to reflect on everything Jesus gave up for us. Baptism is a covenant with a believer of God that brings them into Christ and the Church. Baptism to me means a promise to God to be a good Christian and believer, in exchange for eternal life. Anyone who wants to be in the Church can be baptized. People can be baptized when they are babies too. Hard promises to keep at baptism are to resist oppression and evil, and to encourage your children to renounce the powers of evil.

When we die, I believe we leave the physical limits of our body on earth, and our souls ascend into Heaven for eternity. God will continue to care for us in Heaven by giving us a purpose and happiness. Knowing that you can have eternal life by knowing God gives me hope and joy. All of the things that worry me on Earth can't compare to the feeling that once this life is over I will be happy and carefree for eternity. As a child, I took eternal life very literally. At Aunt Ida's funeral, the adults talked about how Ida was up preparing rooms for us up in heaven. Eight year old Abby took this very literally and wondered what color Aunt Ida was going to paint my room up in heaven, I was hoping purple.

In Conclusion, Confirmation taught me so much about myself, how strong my faith was, but how much stronger it could be. I made new friendships with people I see everyday, but never got to know. I had never felt so close to the church and active within the church. Confirmation makes me excited for my future as a follower of Christ. I will continue to be an active member of the United Church of Christ and go to Church every Sunday. I will strive to be where help is needed in the church. I am so grateful for everyone who helped me on my journey. Thank you to the congregation for encouraging me to grow, and I will be available to teach a sermon whenever we need a sub.

### **Confirmation Paper 2020: Bree Plenge**

I believe confirmation is an important step in my life. I think this because I can renew my faith and it has helped me to understand and learn more about God. After confirmation I am planning on being an active member of the church of Jesus Christ and St. Paul UCC.

God to me is a man who created the heavens and the Earth. I believe God is and will always be with me and go along through my journey with me. My commitment to God is to always be a Christian and continue to worship Him. I plan to raise my future children to be and grow in a Christian life.

Jesus to me is the son of God. Jesus is the man who died on the cross for our sins. Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection means that Jesus was born to save our sins and he died for our sins too. Resurrection of Jesus symbolizes eternal life. My commitment to Jesus is to continue to go to Church every Sunday. My covenant with Jesus after confirmation is to continue to learn more about him in church.

The Holy Spirit to me is God. My belief about the Holy Spirit is that God is our Lord and Savior in which He gave His only son who died on the cross for our sins. The Holy Spirit works in my life by giving me someone to trust and learn about. All good things happen because of my faith and God. God binds us together by the body of the church coming together to worship God. Gifts I have because of the Spirit are the ability to be kind and loyal to family, friends, and others. The Holy Spirit has also blessed me with a kind loving family. This is what the Holy Spirit means to me.

The Body of Christ for me is everyone who believes in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and attends church often. The Body of Christ working together for example helping others out on a mission trip. It could even be as simple as holding the door for others. Something that St. Paul could do to help others and be more engaged with the Universal Church could be giving more to the food pantry. The church could also engage in more activities at the nursing home and other community events.

Communion is God's act of grace in which the community takes in Christ and is empowered by God's Spirit. Communion is open to all of the members of the Universal Church. Baptism is the act of committing oneself to God and the church. I was baptized as a child into St. Paul UCC. Confirmation has helped me to renew my baptismal vows.

Forgiveness of Sin is the act of God forgiving us for our mistakes. God forgives our sins and I know that my sins are forgiven. My sins are forgiven because I pray and ask for forgiveness not only from God but from the person. We should learn from our mistakes and try not make the same mistake twice. Nobody is perfect and everyone will make mistakes, this is why Jesus tells us to forgive 70x7.

Eternal life to me is going to heaven and having all my pain relieved. God will care for me in Heaven by caring for me, and me being by His side. Eternal life makes me feel like I have a place that I belong and will always be there.

In conclusion, Confirmation has been a big stepping stone in my life. The last 8 months has helped me learn more about my faith, fears, strengths, and my purpose on Earth. This will allow me to keep the Spirit live in me. I have been blessed to have the opportunity to learn and grow as a believer in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. A huge thank you to Pastor Dixie for helping me with my journey through confirmation and Kristy for being a great mentor.

### **Hope Ross Statement of Faith**

Confirmation has been a very important part of my life. It has taught me so much about God and the church I've grown up in. It has also taught me so much about myself. It made my relationship with God so much stronger. These past months have made me excited to continue to strengthen my faith. It has been so fun to grow closer to my fellow confirmands and learn more about Pastor Dixie.

To me, God is someone that I can always lean on. He is my rock through hard situations and I know He will always love me! I believe that God created the Earth and everything on it. My commitment to God is to obey Him and listen to the signs he's sending me. I will spread his word and tell others about Him. After confirmation, I will continue to come to church and raise my kids to know God.

Jesus is God's only Son, who came to this earth to save everyone from their sins. He died on the cross and took many beatings because He loved us so much. I believe He is still living, and continues to bless us everyday. Jesus came here to teach us what is right. He was a human, just like me. His birth was the beginning of a new era of Christianity. His death is hard to think about, considering all of the stuff Jesus had to go through. His resurrection represents eternal life. My commitment to Jesus is to continue to worship Him throughout the rest of my life.

The Holy Spirit, to me, is God and Jesus in the form of a Spirit. When I feel happy and even scared sometimes, the Holy Spirit is within me. When I get shivers, that is the Holy Spirit in me. It binds us together by bringing us to church where we can all worship the Lord.

Because of the Holy Spirit, I can do many things, like praise God and go to church. It is with me wherever I go. The gifts the Holy Spirit has given me are empathy, patience, and a wonderful family.

The Universal Church is all believers of Jesus coming together as one body. Christians come together to help others and spread the word of God. By going on mission trips and helping others in need, we are showing people around the world examples of God's love. I feel like we participate in many activities to help others. But, as an upcoming member of St. Paul, I feel like we could definitely do more around the community to help people less fortunate, such as donating to the food pantry and helping people who've lived through rough times.

Forgiveness of sins is God forgiving us, even though sometimes we don't deserve it. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. In order to be forgiven, we must pray to God and ask Him to forgive us for our mistakes. We should learn from our mistakes, and not make the same ones twice. God forgives all who pray for forgiveness and turn from those sins.

Communion and Baptism are two important parts of the church. I was baptized when I was a baby, into St. Paul UCC. Baptism is an act of grace that expresses God's love and covenant with someone. In order to be baptized, you (or your parents) have to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Communion is the breaking of the Body of Christ and celebrating His life. People included in Communion are members of the Universal Church. During Communion, the mood within the church is peaceful and calm.

When we die, I believe we go to Heaven forever. Our bodies stay on earth, but our souls go to live with God eternally. We reunite with people who have died before us. The joys on earth don't even compare to the joy we will feel when we enter the gates of Heaven. This gives me hope for after I die.

In conclusion, confirmation has been an awesome 8 months of my life. I have learned so much about God, my peers, my mentor, and my pastor. Most importantly, I learned a lot about my own faith. I learned that my faith could be so much stronger. I promise to continue to worship God and attend church regularly.

### Ian Acklie

I believe confirmation is an important step in my life. It helped me reaffirm my faith in God. It also taught me more about him. Confirmation is not just teaching me about God, it was also growing my mind about him. So, I was able to get to know his life better and why he came to this earth.

To me God is a person I can always turn to, and reflect on the good times and bad times. My belief about God is that he created heaven and earth, and he continues to create things all around us. My commitment to God now is to be a Christian, I want to come to church and pray and ask for forgiveness, because makes me feel that my voice is heard. After conformation my commitment will be to still go to church, and help others when I can. My covenant to God after confirmation will be to continue going to this church, and hopefully bring my children to St. Paul UCC.

Jesus is my savior, and died on the cross to save my sins. I believe he was born to save all of us from our sins. The resurrection to me means he conquered death. My commitment to Jesus is coming to church and continuing praying. I want to share his love with my family, friends, and neighbors. My promise to Jesus after confirmation is to continue coming to church and praying. Another promise to Jesus is I won't stop believing in him even through the hardest times.

The Holy Spirit connects people. I believe it connects people through a certain way that only it can do. The Holy Spirit works in my life by giving me joy and connection. The Holy spirit binds us together by allowing us to connect whether it's something we've done. The gifts I get from the Holy Spirit are my family, my athletic ability, and starting random conversations completely out of nowhere with strangers.

The Universal Church is the body of Christ. All of us right here in this. The body of Christ working together in the ministry throughout the world is helping the people that are in need. The ones who need help because they live in poverty or they don't have food. Something St. Paul can do to be more involved and go on another mission trip.

Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus and god will forgive my sins. But I have to do the hardest part, and that is asking. Nobody wants to admit that they have sinned, but when we do he will forgive. We can know are sins our forgiven by just being in a happy state of mind, and sharing God's love with others.

Communion is all of the church coming together as one to drink the blood and eat the body of Christ that is poured out for us. In our church we say everyone is welcome, but really it's the ones that have gone through confirmation. The overall mood of the congregation is usually peaceful and quiet so they can think about them and God. Baptism is bringing a new member to the church body. Anyone can be baptized at any time. I was baptized around a month after I was born.

I believe in eternal life. I believe that when I die my body will be lifted into heaven. He will continue to care for us, he will provide us with opportunities, and safety in heaven. I believe eternal life is a great thing and I wanna go to heaven because I have faith that it is a great place. Full of kind people. A question I have about eternal life is if everyone that has died will be there?

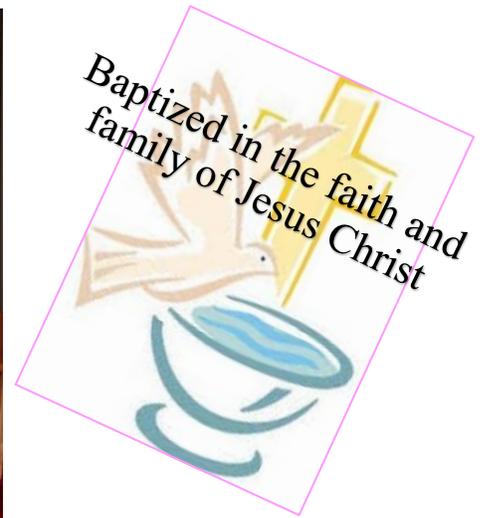
That is my Statement of Faith. I loved this confirmation class. It has helped me strengthen my faith in Jesus. I also think it brought the class together more. After I am confirmed I will still come to this church as often as I can.



I am extremely proud of all seven of the confirmation students. Their time and dedication to class and worship has helped them grow tremendously in their faith. They worked hard inside and outside of class and they had a great time learning about one another and leaning on each other. They are going to great things in this world with their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.

I want to personally thank their mentors that walked with them these past eight months. Also, thank you to their parents for their time and dedication of having their child at class and making it a priority in their lives. And, parents, thank you for the amazing meals we had after worship. Now, it is the congregation's responsibility to continue to be in covenant with these young people and their families to encourage them to participate in worship, Sunday school, and the many other activities we have at St. Paul.

*Rev. Dixie Laube*



On February 23, 2020, Wyatt Creech was baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ here at St. Paul United Church of Christ. Wyatt is the son of Wes and Bradi Creech; brother to Nolan and Noah Creech. Pictured above: Pastor Dixie Laube, Wes, Bradi, Wyatt, Nolan and Noah Creech.

On March 16, 2020, during a private family ceremony, Keagon and Korbin Hunziker were baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ here at St. Paul United Church of Christ. Keagon and Korbin are pictured below (left) with Pastor Dixie Laube and their parents: Amber & Trent Hunziker.

On March 21, 2020, during a private ceremony, Ashley, Braylen, and Braxton Plenge were baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ here at St. Paul United Church of Christ. Ashley, Braylen, and Braxton are pictured below (right) with Pastor Dixie Laube, and Philip Plenge.



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Activities for

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# April 2020

Each Sunday

Sunday School: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
<b>Palm Sunday 5</b> Confirmation Sunday Consistory Meeting 8:00 am	6  Office Closed	7  Lent @ Presbyterian NOON Children's Choir 3:30 Chancel Choir 6:30	8  Children's Choir 3:30 Chancel Choir 6:30	9 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Worship 7:00 pm First Communion	10  <b>Good Friday</b>	11
12 Food Pantry <b>EASTER</b> (Look inside for details)	13  Office Closed	14  Children's Choir 3:30 Chancel Choir 6:30	15  NH Communion 2:30 Children's Choir 3:30 Chancel Choir 6:30	16  Bible Study 10 & 5:30	17	18
19  Children's Choir	20  Office Closed	21 CCMA—9:30 Presbyterian CCPE 11:30	22  Wellness Coalition Noon	23  Bible Study 10 & 5:30	24	25
26  Puppet Pals	27  Office Closed	28	29	30		