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The Visitor Sept. 2023

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Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pastor's Hours Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Greetings St. Paul UCC-

Grief is something that we will all experience in life. That's a guarantee. It's a part of life.

In our society we often think about grief as something we only experience after the loss of a



family member or close friend. And this is true. We experience grief for some time, until we slowly begin to integrate the loss into our lives. It can take a while, but we eventually learn to move on.

But there are also little griefs in our lives that are just as real but that society does not recognize, and so we are often left to face these feelings alone, sometimes without the support of our loved ones. The losses are real, and they hurt just as much. In some of the literature they are referred to as "little deaths". They may not hurt for as long, but sometimes they stick with us a while because we don't know what to do with our grief.

The loss of a job can trigger real feelings of grief. So can having to move, whether for work or for school. We may grieve the loss of our physical strength as we get older. Even the loss of a pet can trigger deep feelings of grief in some people. (It did for me.)

The first thing we need to do is admit to ourselves that we hurt. We may tell ourselves it's silly ("Why am I crying? It was only a dog.") but the pain is real. You need to grieve. You need to admit that those feelings of loss and hurt are there. You need to feel the pain, and work through it. Give yourself permission to grieve.

The simple truth is that we grieve when we lose something that we love. We may not grieve as long for some things as others, but we do grieve. And it's OK. You're not weak for experiencing these emotions. You're loving, and that's why you are feeling them.

Don't be afraid of a few tears. They only mean that you loved. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." - Matthew 5:4

Peace and Joy!

Pastor Dan



Pastor Dan is in his office from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday,

but is sometimes gone for appointments and local meetings.

You can always reach him on his cell phone at 319-470-6581.

Podcasts of Pastor Dan's Sermons



Podcasts of Pastor Dan's sermons are available for free download at

danmoore.podomatic.com

St. Paul United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting July 18. 2023

The Consistory met at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Present were Charles Krueger, Mandy Ross, Gloria Macomber, Craig Hunziker, Pastor Dan Moore, Troy Hamner, Ava Little and Katrina Nixon. Not present were Pastor Cristian Reyes, Jamie Ross and Jessica Pitford.

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Krueger and the opening prayer was offered by Pastor Moore.

The minutes of the June 22nd meeting were discussed with two changes being made. Craig made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected with a second by Troy. The motion was passed.

The financial reports were reviewed. Katrina gave explanations on her Treasurer Reports. We discussed the average income for the church and expenses paid out. A motion was made by Craig to accept the Financial Reports which was seconded by Troy. The motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Information regarding Safe Sanctuary is to be in the newsletter. Our church secretary, Rose, will maintain a list of those who have completed and renewed participation in the Safe Sanctuary program.

The water sensors are working.

Mandy led a discussion about our church insurance including issues such as depreciation of property and deductibles. It was mentioned that the Endowment Fund was set up to cover loss when a high deductible needs to be figured.

We talked about promoting the church thru social media. A large card was passed around that will be used in making contacts thru the mail.

Lists were reviewed concerning current addresses.

NEW BUSINESS:

We discussed the need to move funds to help as needed on expenses. Donations are usually less during the summer months when attendance is less. Ava made a motion to move \$15,000.00 from the Farm Account to the General Fund. Mandy seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

It was reported that an idea for a ramp has been suggested. The ramp would be in the front of the church from street to sidewalk level. It would facilitate a wheelchair. We decided to look at the type of ramp on the city square in front of the US Cellular office. Any such work would require approval from the City of Kahoka.

Troy commented he is checking with more than one landscape planner for the church.

We agreed to send the invitation to Sunday School card around the first week of August. It will be handwritten on the back.

Charles has not yet been able to talk with Pastor Cristian about his contract renewal. Charles and Pastor Dan reported that the parsonage stove had to be replaced. A good

used stove was purchased and installed at a cost of \$300 by Andy's Appliance in Kahoka.

Mandy is to open the church during the month of August.

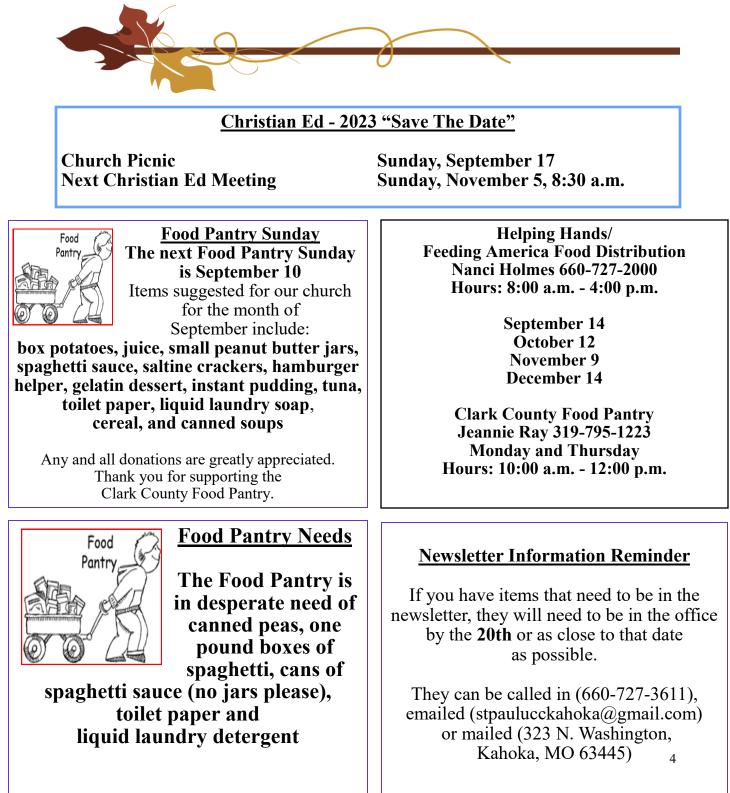
We were told all eight fire extinguishers for the church need to be replaced by the end of October for insurance purposes. 3

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Pastor Dan gave a written pastoral report for the first half of 2023. The next consistory meeting will be on Sunday, August 20 at 8:30 am. All recited The Lord's Prayer before we adjourned.

Submitted by Gloria Macomber, Consistory Secretary





September 2023

Acolytes

Sept 3	Youth of our Church
Sept 10	Youth of our Church
Sept 17	Youth of our Church
Sept 24	Youth of our Church

Liturgist

Pastor Daniel J. Moore

Ushers/Greeters

Sept 3	Consistory Members
Sept 10	Lance & Anita Arnold

- John & Melissa Bevans Sept 17
- Sept 24 Joe & Kay Biggerstaff

Altar Flowers

Sept 3	Open
Sept 10	Open
Sept 17	Open
Sept 24	Open

Opening/Closing for September:

Jamie Ross

Sound Board:

Sue Scott



Bible Study

Our next morning Bible Study will be on Genesis, and will meet on Thursdays beginning on September 7, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. This study will run until November 30 (taking November 23 off).

Confirmation

The Confirmation class will be meeting on Sunday mornings at the

church from 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. beginning on October 3 and running through Palm Sunday.

Basically, we will be looking at several important chapters of the Bible, the ancient Creeds of the Church, church history (both ancient and St. Paul's) and the sacraments. The students will also be preparing their own statements of faith in the spring. The confirmands will join the church on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Letters to the families of the confirmation eligible students will be mailed out soon.

Pastor Dan

Children's Choir



Children's Choir Practice begins on August 27th at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement/lounge!! We will be sharing our music monthly, and the first performance will be September 17 during the Church Picnic! We invite children who want to sing from Kindergarten

through 6th grade and Up! Our music is easy to learn and

is praise "style", making it fun for all ages. At 9:30 a.m. the kids will go to their class for Sunday School, (snack including cosmic brownies is always served). If you would like to know more, please let me know!! 5 Keri Kearns, Choir Director 660-341-5278



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Justin & Danelle Brunk Sam & Raelvnn Kellev Mike & Lorie Schantz **Jason & Davin Acklie** Pat & Kellie Carmichael **Eric & Kristina Rodgers Russ & Jan Martin** Jeff & Karen Arnold Scott & Christa Gregory Larry & Wanda Little John & Melissa Bevans **Trenton & Amber Hunziker Troy & Carrie Hamner Craig & Jane Hunziker Robert & Melissa Schutte** Matt & Stephene Kirchner Kevin & Rhonda Buford Jay & Jamie Perry

Prayer List

August 20th: Marilyn Barry, Candy Bryant, Family of Gene Armstrong, Family of 'Doc' Dietrich, People of Maui, People of West Coast, All Students and Teachers

August 13th: Stetson Arnold on his healthy arrival, Dobie and Debby Johnson, Ed and Kathy Wilson 50th Anniversary, April and Kevin Broadhurst on 1st Anniversary, People of Maui

August 6th: Thanks for VBS and all involved, Those Baptized today, Kahoka United Methodist Church

July 30th: Melody Ritter, Vicki Pitford, The Family of Clarann Drebes

Military Prayer List:

Devin Fowler, Jason Brotherton, Devin Brotherton, Lane Dochterman, Nathan Marshall, Michael Scott, Jr., Ben Barnes, and many others serving our country. Our Disabled Veterans and Veterans of War.

Continuous Prayer List:

Sandra Frazier, Jessica Pitford, Roger Speer, Toby Washburn, Steve Six, Kinslee Larue Coulter, Rodney Gares, Lori Hamner, Laura Gray, Shelbi Slater

Please let the office know if there are names to be added or can be removed from the prayer list. We are trying to keep the prayer list updated as best as we can



St. Paul UCC Family Picnic!

Sunday, September 17 at 10:30 am. Inside Worship service picnic to follow in fellowship hall Pulled Pork, Beans & Coleslaw, buns, beverages, and table service will be provided.

All are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Children's Choir will perform. Plan to attend and have a fun time!!!

Endowment Committee



The Endowment Committee is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 Book Grant. Please be sure to submit a small letter to how the book grant will help you in your college studies, and your fall schedule. All college students, except those that have received it twice, are eligible for the grant.

Deadline for applications is October 31, 2022. Please turn your applications in at the church office. Thank you!!



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Happy Anniversary Jason & Davín Acklíe September 5, 1998

25 Juniversar



Congratulations!! Stetson Blaine Arnold August 8, 2023 Parents: Erick & Shaina Arnold Siblings: Evelyn & Sawyer Grandparents: Jeff & Karen Arnold John Dochterman

Tamra Dochterman



CCMA News



CCMA will have a Hymn Sing during Old Settler's Saturday, September 23, 2023 6:30 p.m. Kahoka Presbyterian Church

Special music will be provided by Rick & Ruth Addison The service will begin at 7:00 p.m., Pastor Zeke Magill will be the speaker



Bingo Night to benefit Clark County Buddy Packs Mark your calendars for Bingo Night on October 15, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Clark County High School to benefit the Buddy Packs of food items that go home to Clark County students. Tickets are \$10 for 10 games and are available at Kahoka State Bank.

Pastor's Thoughts...

Organ Anniversary Sunday - The end of September will mark the 20th anniversary of our pipe organ. On September 24, we will acknowledge this wonderful addition to our church, and lifting up in prayer those who helped it to be. There will also be some surprises. So come and enjoy the day!

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Peace & Joy! Pastor Dan





Four Baptisms were held on Sunday, August 6, 2023 Those baptized and pictured above were:

Wynne Eliza Strode

Parents: Caroline Elizabeth (Krueger) Strode & Evan Howell Strode Grandparents: Charles & Shelly Krueger and Andy & Linda Strode Great-Grandparents: Doris Krueger and Janice Strode

Mac Moon Raess and Kit Frederick Raess

Parents: Katharine Norris Moon-Raess & Jordan Robert Raess Sibling: Jovie Norris Raess Grandparents: Susan Moon & the late John Moon and Robert & LeeAnn Raess

Addison Robert Wilt

Parents: Audrey Austin Moon-Wilt & Andrew Robert Wilt Sibling: Granger Grace Wilt Grandparents: Susan Moon & the late John Moon and Randy & Sheila Wilt







Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 20, 2023







The annual Vacation Bible School had another fun year in August. The theme this year was "Stellar-Shine Jesus' Light". We had an average of 45 kids nightly along with 20-25 crew leaders and helpers. It was a fun-filled 5 days of non-stop activity and the program was held during the following Sunday's church service. We want to thank everyone who came and also for everyone who helped and donated and we look forward to next year!!



<u>Thank You!!</u>

Thank you to the Vacation Bible School for the generous donation to Helping Hands Food Distribution. The money will be used to buy groceries to assist our Clark County families in need.

Thank you Again! Nancie Holmes and all of the Volunteers at Helping Hands



A CK Ministry has been busy with organizing and putting away all of the amazing donations collected this summer. We have served over 10 children since May—some foster children and some children in need. With school coming back into session it is a time for excitement for a

lot of children, but for others, it is not. The schools have contacted us for assistance, and because of the generosity of our community, we are able to give children what they need. We have given clothing, hygiene items and school supplies in back packs. One item that is also needed is laundry detergent that is in small quantities. We have had donations of 5 serving laundry detergent or pods along with dryer sheets. These items can be given to high schoolers in particular so they can put them in their back packs to take home. People who qualify for public assistance are not able to purchase hygiene products or cleaning supplies with their SNAP cards, which is available only for the purchase of food.

My plan is to collect laundry detergent and dryer sheets so they can be given to older children as well as have this available at schools so they can do their laundry at school. It is not our place to judge, but yet an opportunity to simply help those in need in our communty.

Currently, we are collecting clothing for all ages. We are only accepting comfortable clothing including t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, pants with elastic (leggings, joggers, shorts), new underwear and socks and sweatshirts/coats/jackets. We CANNOT accept jeans, sweaters or boots.

If you would like to know more on how you can help, please let me know! THANK YOU ST. PAUL for your amazing and continued support of the BackPack Ministry!! Keri Kearns 660-341-5278



The Whole Group!!



The scene













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Storytime



The Music!!

We all took a ride in the rocket ship!!









Inside Fun!!





















Outside Fun!!





The Finale!!



St. Paul UCC Youth Ministry

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. PAUL UCC YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

We are starting youth group back up for the school year.
This year we will be moving youth group to sunday nights from 5:30-7pm. We are moving youth group in order to have less overlap with school sports and activities.
Our first sunday youth group will be on the night of September 3rd. We realize this will be Labor Day weekend, so if your students are not able to make it, that is okay. We hope anyone that is in town will be able to be there.

The format for youth group this year will be very similar to the way it has been, we will start with a time of fellowship and light refreshments followed by a group game, time of worship through song, sermon, and small groups. I would invite everyone to join me in prayer for this next school year and this second year of having a youth group and a weekly youth gathering at St. Paul. We are still needing some more youth sponsors. **specially a male sponsor**, if you are interested please reach out to me, we would love to get you plugged in. Also if you are interested in helping with providing refreshments for our gatherings. let me know, this is a great way that you can get involved.

 Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions via email (cristianreyes.2014@gmail.com) or call/text (913-283-0306).

-- Cristian Reyes

- IMPORTANT DATES

- September 3rd -Sunday night Youth Group starts back up: 5:30-7 pm

Activities for St. Paul United Church of Christ 323 North Washington Street, Kahoka, MO 63445 Reverand Daniel J. Moore, Minister Church Phone: 660-727-3611, Pastor's Cell Number: 319-470-6581 stpaulucckahoka@gmail.com - danielmoore@minister.com www.stpaulucckahoka.org

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