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The Visitor March 2024

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Greetings St. Paul!!

Easter is this month believe it or not, so I thought a few words about the Easter Lily might be appropriate and interesting.

The beautiful lily has long been associated with springtime, and the idea of new life. It's a natural choice to use in decorating our churches at Easter.

Jesus speaks of lilies in the Sermon On The Mount and compared them to King Solomon's royal clothing: "Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not: and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Luke 12:27)

The flower is sometimes called the "white-robed apostle of hope" as it has been featured in several Christian legends.

One is that after Jesus agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, lilies were found growing where drops of the Lord's sweat fell to the ground during His prayers.

A companion legend is that lilies grew around Christ's tomb wherever the resurrected Lord stepped.

In some paintings, the angel Gabriel is pictured extending to Mary a branch of pure white lilies as he makes the announcement that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child.

Because the lily is such a familiar and powerful symbol of the resurrection, it is traditional for them to be displayed on Easter Sunday, but not before. (It wouldn't be appropriate to display resurrection symbols before then.) When you walk into the church on Easter morning, you are greeted by the wonderful and symbolic Easter Lily.

May your Easter be blessed, and may the blessings of our Resurrected Lord be with us all.



Peace and Joy! Pastor Dan



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

He 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 January 17, 2024

<u>Call to Order</u>: Pastor Dan called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

<u>Members present</u>: Jaime Ross, Mandy Ross, Katrina Nixon, Ava Little, Dana Bush, Mike Frazier, Brian Clark, Charles Kreuger, Craig Hunziker and Pastor Dan Moore.

<u>Election of Consistory Members</u>: President - Jaime Ross, Vice President - Craig Hunziker, Secretary - Dana Bush, Treasurer - Katrina Nixon, Financial Secretary - Mandy Ross, Ushers -Brian Clark & Ava Little, Building and Grounds -Mike Frazier, Member At Large – Jessica Pitford. These officer nominations will need to be accepted at the annual meeting held on January 21, 2024 following worship service.

New Business:

- 1. Furnace replacement The furnace in the southwest corner of the church had to be replaced as it stopped working. The bill for the cost for the new furnace and labor has not yet arrived.
- 2. Church Elevator The elevator company was supposed to do an inspection the first week of January. We are still waiting for an elevator inspection.
- Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda items for the annual meeting were discussed.
 The spending limit without congregational approval is suggested to be set at \$5,000.
 The congregation should consider reviewing the bylaws annually.
- 4. Donations to the Iowa Southeast Conference are suggested but not required. Donations are based on a church's member count. Discussion was raised on how we would accurately determine our church's membership, specifically legacy members versus current members. We are the largest church in our Association.

Mandy Ross motioned to approve the slate as presented contingent upon congregational approval. Ava Little seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved by all members.

5. Pastor Dan requests off Feb 5-7. Consistory approved.

Meeting adjourned

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 21, 2024 following worship service.

Pastor Dan Installation Service: Feb 18 at 3:00 pm.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2024 at 8:30 am.

Submitted by, Dana Bush, Consistory Secretary Pastor's Thoughts...

Easter Sure Was Early This Year! - With Easter on March 31 this year, I was asked if Easter is often this early. Back in 2008, Easter fell on March 23! And in 2027 and 2032, it will fall on March 28th.

Maundy Thursday - March 28th - This year's Maundy Thursday service will be on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. It will be special because the current Confirmation Class will receive their first communion together. This is always a special service, and if you can not attend I hope you will add your prayers to this blessed day.

How To Pray - On Good Friday (March 29th) at 7:00 p.m., there will not be a service of worship at the church, but Pastor Dan will give a brief, informal talk about different ways to pray, giving examples from across the history and breadth of the Church. The talk will give you tools for your "prayer toolbox". Some you may find useful, some you may never use. But you will have them if you need them. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Easter Bunny - Just a reminder to everyone that the Easter Bunny will be attending our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, and would be more than happy to pose for pictures.

Heifer Project Special Collection - Our Sunday School kids have begun their annual collection for the Heifer Project.

The Heifer Project began with a simple idea. In 1938 an Indiana farmer named Dan West was passing out cups of milk to refugee children during the Spanish Civil War. Then an idea struck him—"These children don't need a cup of milk, they need a cow."

When West was back home in Indiana, he took this idea to his neighbors and his church. By 1939, the Heifers for Relief Committee had been formed. From a man's single idea, generations of folk around the world have received a hand up and been blessed by the work of the Heifer Project.

Our kids will be collecting loose change (and folding money, too) for the Heifer Project now through March 17th. Their goal this year is \$500.

March Sermon Texts - Here are some of the Bible texts I am planning on using this month. (They may change.) March 3 will be John 2:13-22; March 10 will be John 3:14-21; March 17 will be John 12:20-33. I have not decided on my Palm Sunday texts yet (March 24), Easter (March 31) John 20:1-10.

Praise Songs In March - Some of the songs that the praise team will be playing during worship this month include: *Christ Is Lower Still, Great Are You Lord, Build My Life* Check them out on YouTube. They're great songs.

Pastor Dan



A GIFT FROM HEIFER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR GENERATIONS!

At Heifer International, we don't think a cow is "just an animal" — we think a cow can be a way to help families have healthier food and better nutrition! And when it comes to livestock, we think cows are pretty special ... so much so that we named the organization after them! A heifer is a young female cow that has never given birth to a calf.

We give families the resources and opportunity necessary to thrive. In some projects, that means helping them become successful dairy farmers. When a family receives a gift of a heifer, they also learn how to feed, shelter and keep their animal healthy, giving the family a source of nutritious milk to drink and sell for years to come!



Christian Ed has scheduled this year's collection for the Heifer Fund for February 25th thru March 17th.



St. Paul UCC Lenten Services

March 24 - Palm Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Confirmands Will Join The Church

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m. First Communion For Confirmands

> March 29 - 7:00 p.m. Prayer Workship

March 31 - Easter Sunday Services - 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 a.m.





Winter Weather Policy

If Clark County R-1 School is closed or dismisses early due to inclement weather, the activities at St. Paul will also be cancelled. On days when school is not in session, it will be at the discretion of the consistory president and pastor. Please be sure to tune into KMEM, our Facebook page, or turn on the news. We will be sending out text messages thru the Call-em-all system. If you have not given the office your contact number, please do so. We will do our best to keep you informed.

Prayer List

February 25: Richard "Mick" Dochterman family, Today's beautiful weather

February 18: Steve Fogerty, Carl Bloom, Rovene Lipper, Victims of KC shooting, Congregation of Lakewood Church in Houston, TX

February 11: Family of Anthony Hunziker (fire loss)

February 4: Kirk Stott, Family of Lee Lemmon

January 28th: Phyllis Smith, Cody Wiemann, Family of Joe Edlen

Military Prayer List:

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

Continuous Prayer List:

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

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



<u>Baptisms</u>

Pastor Dan is currently scheduling baptisms for Eastertime. Contact him or the church office to find a time that will work for you.





Happy St. Patrick's Day!

The Annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon at Shrine of St. Patrick will be held on Sunday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.





| March 27 | Easton Ruth |
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| March 27 | Granger Wilt |
| March 28 | Cole Čarroll |
| March 29 | Austin Payton |
| March 29 | Carol Trump |
| March 30 | Sarennah Kelly |
| March 30 | Tiffany Trump-Humbert |
| March 31 | Caroline Trump |





| March 5, 1982 | Andy & Lynda Kerr |
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| March 5, 1983 | Kevin & Tina Nixon |
| March 11, 2006 | Curtis & Amy Biggerstaff |
| March 25, 1972 | Thomas & Linda LaFrenz |
| March 27, 2004 | Ron & Karen Kuntz |
| March 29, 2008 | Ryan & Jenny Bergeson |



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep on March 9!



March 19

| March 1 | Alexis Lay |
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| March 2 | Mia Johnson |
| March 3 | Jodi Wilson |
| March 3 | Camille Walker |
| March 3 | Elija Elam |
| March 3 | Marissa Rojo |
| March 3 | Tiffany Cooksey |
| March 5 | Owen Pirch |
| March 5 | Bradi Creech |
| March 6 | Pam Boudreau |
| March 6 | Tamra Dochterman |
| March 8 | Justin Wiemann |
| March 9 | Pastor Dan Moore |
| March 10 | Seth Holmes |
| March 10 | Hunter Huckey |
| March 11 | Henry Heinze |
| March 11 | Anthony Kerr |
| March 11 | Jovie Raess |
| March 12 | Jane Hunziker |
| March 12 | Nathan Alderton |
| March 12 | Michelle Oilar |
| March 12 | Sam Nixon |
| March 14 | Christopher Holmes |
| March 15 | Lucas Shuman |
| March 15 | Amy Biggerstaff |
| March 15 | Jeannie Kirchner |
| March 16 | Charlotte Gray |
| March 16 | Shane Gregory |
| March 16 | Dane Brewer |
| March 18 | Destry Pirch |
| March 18 | Grace Parker |
| March 18 | Logan Arnold |
| March 18 | Shannen Williams |
| March 19 | Darin Little |
| March 19 | Haley Cooksey |
| March 19 | Nancie Holmes |
| March 20 | Delaney Denham |
| March 21 | Clara Davis |
| March 22 | Jonathon Hume |
| March 22 March 23 | |
| | Janet Gregory Shaw Hunziker |
| March 23 March 24 | Jill Meinhardt |
| March 24 | |
| March 24 | Lou Ann Goldie |
| March 25 | Sophia Nixon |

Thursday Bible Study



March 2024

<u>Acolytes</u>

| March 3 | Kinley Clark & Adalyn Plenge |
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| March 10 | Kennyck Nixon & Kyper Nixon |
| March 17 | Kohen Ball & Nolan James |
| March 24 | Hollyn Perry & Adalyn Plenge |
| March 31 7 | :00 a.m. Youth of the Church |
| 10 | :30 a.m. Jenna Rodgers & Taralynn Little |

<u>Liturgist</u>

Pastor Daniel J. Moore

Ushers/Greeters

March 3Troy & Carrie HamnerMarch 10Kale & KatrinaMarch 17Joe & Kay BiggerstaffMarch 24Consistory MembersMarch 31 7:00 a.m.Kevin & Mandy Ross10:30 a.m.Matt & Chrissy Plenge

Church Open/Close

<u>Soundboard</u>

Sue Scott

<u>Altar Flowers</u>

March 3OpenMarch 10OpenMarch 17OpenMarch 24OpenMarch 31St. Paul UCC



Sunday Morning Book Study

"It's Not Suppose To Be This Way" Book Study meets on Sunday mornings at **9:30 a.m.**



Bible Study Lessons:

March 7 - Lesson 7 (Romans 10:1-15)

March 14 - Lesson 8 (Romans 11:1-15)

March 21 - Lesson 9 (Romans 12:1-13)

March 28 - Lesson 10 (Romans 13:8-14)

April 4 - Lesson 11 (Romans 14:13-23)

Thursday Bible Study



The Confirmation Class is almost ready to join the church. While they will join the church on Palm Sunday (March 24), they still have a few classes left.

> March 3 St. Paul history

> March 10 The Sacraments

March 17 Work on statements of faith

Easter Egg Hunt



It's time to bring your Easter candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Easter is **March 31.** We are asking for sealed, individually

wrapped candy donations. Candy can be brought in on Sundays or dropped off at the office during office hours. (Tues-Fri 8:30 am - 12:30 pm).

Donations need to be received by Sunday, March 24.

If you have any questions please contact Nolene James (660-216-2360) or the church office (660-727-3611).



<u>Children's Choir</u> Children's Choir practice Sunday mornings - 9:00 a.m. All children First grade and up invited to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Keri Kearns 660-341-5278.

Christian Ed - 2024 "Save The Date"

Heifer Project Kick-Off Final Collection Confirmands Join The Church Easter Egg Hunt Candy Deadline Cinnamon Roll Pickup/Delivery Easter Egg Hunt Celebrate Graduates Mother's Day Next Christian Ed Meeting VBS dates VBS Program Sunday, February 25 Sunday, March 17 Sunday, March 24 Sunday, March 24 Friday, March 29 Sunday, March 31 Sunday, May 5 Sunday, May 12 Sunday, June 12 Sunday - Thursday, July 28 - August 1 Sunday, August 4



While class was working on cow puppets, he told Pastor Dan he was busy making a "bird feeder".







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Pastor Dan's Installation Service

Pastor Dan was (finally) "officially" installed as the 24th Pastor of St. Paul during a special service of worship on February 18th at 3:00 p.m. (For a number of reasons, we could not hold this service earlier.) This marked a time of celebration for the church as we shared with our members and some of Pastor Dan's colleagues the joy of his coming to be the settled and called Pastor of St. Paul.

There was a short service of worship with Rev. Milo Van Veldhuizen preaching. Cupcakes provided by the Consistory were served following the service.





Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!







Food Pantry Sunday

Next Food Pantry Sunday is March 10, 2024.

Items suggested for our church for the month of March include:

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.

Helping Hands/ Feeding America Food Distribution Nanci Holmes 660-727-2000 Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

> 2024 Schedule March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 15, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12

Clark County Food Pantry Jeannie Ray 319-795-1223 Monday and Thursday Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Clark County FFA Visited St. Paul UCC on Sunday, February 18











| St. Paul United Church of Christ Youth Group will be baking cinnamon rolls on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 \$20/dozen (payable at time of pick up/delivery) We can deliver or can be picked up at the church By Noon on Friday, April 7 or Sunday, April 9 There are sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary to pre-order or use the form below or you may contact Nolene James 660-216-2360 or Kampbel James 660-216-2985 | | | | | | | |
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| Proceeds will go to the | e Foster Kids Christmas | | | | | | |
| | Amount Amount Due Pickup Delivery Ordered \$20/Dozen | | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | | | |
| Address | | | | | | | |
| Phone # | | | | | | | |

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

March 2024

Heifer Project: February 25 - March 17

Easter Sunday Activities: Worship Services: 7:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt: 9:30 a.m.

Each Sunday Confirmation Class: 8: - 9:30 a.m. Children's Choir Practice: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Book Study: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30a.m. Youth Group: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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| Sat | | | Grace Bible Church Women's Conference 9:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. | - | | 2 | | | | | |
| Fri | 1 | 8 | MOMEN'S DAY | 15 | | 22 | | | Find 29 | Cinnamon Roll Pickup/Delivery | Until Noon Prayer Workshop 7:00 p.m. |
| Thu | | L | Bible Study 10:00 a.m 11:30 a.m. | Helping Hands 14 Food Distribution 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m. | Bible Study 10:00 a.m 11:30 a.m. | 21 | | Bible Study 10:00 a.m 11:30 a.m. | Bible Study 10:00 a.m 11:30 a.m. | Thursday | Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m. Confirmands First Communion |
| Wed | | 9 | Band Practice 6:00 p.m. | 13 | Band Practice 6:00 p.m. | 20 | | Band Practice 6:00 p.m. | 27 | Band Practice 6:00 p.m. | |
| Tue | | 5 | | 12 | | First day 19 | Spring | CCMA Meeting 10:00 a.m. | 26 | | |
| Mon | | 4 | | 11 | | 18 | | | 25 | | |
| Sun | | c | Communion | 01 Keynamuch | Food Pantry Sunday | Consistory Meeting 17 8:30 a.m. | Shrine of St. Patrick Luncheon | 10:30a.m 1:30 p.m. | Palm Sunday | Confirmands Join The Church | See List At Top Of Page |