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## The Visitor February 2024

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Pastor's Hours  
Tuesday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Welcome to February 2024!

Lent will be beginning this month on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 14th. Lent is the 40 days (not counting Sundays) that lead up to Easter. It is a time to think about our lives, our faith, and about getting right with God.

And all this begins when the pastor takes ashes and puts the mark of the cross on one's forehead, proclaiming "We are but dust and ashes".

When I was young and living in Connecticut, my Roman Catholic friends had to go to church early in the morning and get the ashes, and they would wear them all day long at school. But today, the services tend to be in the evening and the ashes are worn for a few hours at most.

But why do we do it? As with everything that we do at the church, there are reasons. The ashes are to remind us that (1) we are made of the dust of the earth, and to it we will return, and (2) to harken back to the ancient tradition of wearing sack cloth and ashes when we are in mourning. (See Daniel 9:3 and Jonah 3:6.)

In other words, it is the mark of our humility before God, and an acknowledgement that we won't live forever. It is to remind us that now is the time to get right with God, and do what the Bible calls "repent".

But remember that the ashes are put on one's forehead in the shape of the cross. This is to remind us that although we are but dust and ashes, we are also saved by the death of Jesus on the cross. So the ashes also become for us a symbol of hope.

I hope you will be able to join us at St. Paul this Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for our community service of ashes. I will be administering the ashes along with Father Rob Fields, and Pastor Emily Reyes will be preaching.

*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](http://danmoore.podomatic.com)



St. Paul United Church of Christ  
Consistory Meeting  
December 17, 2023

The consistory met at 8:30 a.m. at the church. Members present were Charles Krueger, Troy Hamner, Craig Hunziker, Mandy Ross, Ava Little, Jessica Pitford, Gloria Macomber, Jamie Ross and Pastor Dan Moore. Dana Bush, Mike Frazier, and Brian Clark as incoming consistory members were also present. President Charles called the meeting to order and Pastor Dan offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Ava made a motion to accept the minutes. Jamie seconded the motion and it was passed.

The financial reports were discussed. Craig made a motion, seconded by Jessica, to accept the reports. The motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charles said the people from Barnard Elevator of Quincy, IL had been here to look at the elevator and believe they found the problem. They are checking to find the particular switch to order.

Mandy said that the Church Mutual policy is now in effect. The cost is a little less than our last policy.

The church roof was discussed. Charles again commented it probably should be resealed.

We were given an update on the \$5,000.00 entailed bequest from the Ronnie Stutz Estate. The check was returned to the executor who then returned it to the church to use as a cemetery donation with no further specific requirement.

The consistory had met as planned at the church on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the 2024 budget which will be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Katrina and seconded by Mandy to add dental insurance of \$88.75 per month to the proposed budget for 2024. This would cover both Pastor Dan and wife, Denise.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jessica said we will probably be able to have photos taken for a new member directory this coming spring. We will have it done while members are gathered for some other event. Charles suggested that perhaps the youth can be involved in having something special for Valentines Day.

Mandy gave information on deductible buy backs for our new church policy.

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Pastor Dan passed out a two-page report on all of his pastoral activities during 2023. Pastor Dan will have his formal installation as our pastor on the afternoon of Sunday, February 18, 2024. He inquired as to having Denise' ordination service at the same time. She graduated from seminary school as did Pastor Dan. She has now been called as the minister for the Kahoka Methodist Church. By tradition an ordination service is done in the church where a person is a member. Denise is a member of our church. Representatives from the Southeast Iowa Association would do his installation and her ordination. Members from the Kahoka Methodist Church would be invited to attend. All consistory members were in agreement to combine both services.

Our church will have communion at both the morning and evening services on December 24, Christmas Eve. The morning service will be at the usual 10:30 time. The evening service will be at 8:00 p.m.

Jessica told about the Praise Packs being developed for the children to use during church. A coffee chat area for adults before church is to be started again.

Troy and Charles will be opening church in January. Gloria agreed to continue as secretary pro tem in January in the absence of Dana.

The consistory will meet on January 14, the Sunday before the Annual Meeting.

The closing prayer was "The Lord's Prayer" recited by everyone.

Submitted by  
Gloria Macomber, Consistory Secretary



#### 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.



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|----------|----|-------------------|
| February | 1  | Kim McAfee        |
| February | 2  | Brian Buford      |
| February | 2  | Hayden Buford     |
| February | 4  | Adam Frazee       |
| February | 4  | Ian Acklie        |
| February | 4  | Lorelai Hunziker  |
| February | 4  | Janis Wallingford |
| February | 5  | Charles Krueger   |
| February | 5  | Schuyler Lovell   |
| February | 6  | Gene Mohr         |
| February | 6  | Ryan Christian    |
| February | 7  | Anna Stoeckmann   |
| February | 7  | Cheyenne Hall     |
| February | 7  | Lauren Schutte    |
| February | 8  | Scott Biggerstaff |
| February | 8  | Susan Moon        |
| February | 9  | Bennett Plenge    |
| February | 9  | Sonia Clark       |
| February | 10 | Karen Kuntz       |
| February | 10 | Madelyn Kelly     |
| February | 10 | Baylee Nevels     |
| February | 12 | Gara Chapla       |

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|----------|----|--------------------|
| February | 13 | Allison Jones      |
| February | 14 | Marilyn Zinnert    |
| February | 14 | Kelsey Keane       |
| February | 15 | Garyl Meinhardt    |
| February | 16 | Brenna Kelly       |
| February | 16 | Jessica Martin     |
| February | 16 | Nickolas Denham    |
| February | 16 | Shaun Parker       |
| February | 19 | Jack Hunziker      |
| February | 19 | Kate Raess         |
| February | 19 | Kerry Meinhardt    |
| February | 19 | Luke Arnold        |
| February | 21 | Brandon Rojo       |
| February | 21 | Roni Zinnert       |
| February | 21 | Russ Martin        |
| February | 22 | Matthew Nixon      |
| February | 23 | Chance Gray        |
| February | 23 | Erika Gray         |
| February | 24 | Melissa Martin     |
| February | 24 | Spencer McCullough |
| February | 24 | Rowan Dye          |
| February | 25 | Neva Harper        |
| February | 25 | Jaxson McCauley    |
| February | 27 | Anita Arnold       |
| February | 27 | Leah Arnold        |
| February | 27 | Matthew Heinze     |
| February | 27 | Sean Kelly         |
| February | 27 | Terry Brunk        |
| February | 27 | Sophie Buford      |
| February | 27 | Sadie Buford       |
| February | 28 | Becki Krueger      |
| February | 28 | Steve Krueger      |



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|--------------|--------------------------|
| Feb. 1, 1992 | Michael & Sandra Frazier |
| Feb. 4, 1978 | Charles & LuJean Horter  |

## Prayer List



**January 21st:** Oneida Bourgois, Rovene Lipper, Esther Justice, Sarah Lewis' Family due to loss of home in fire, the Families of Lorene Dinger Frenzen, Mike Pribyl, Milton Arnold, Kelcey Yates

**January 14th:**

**January 7th:** McCoy Kirk, Chris Young, Teresa Norton, Milton Arnold, Community of Perry, Iowa, Providence Baptist Church

**December 31st:** The Family of Gary Wendling, Dixie Blum, H L Plenge, Nattie Frazee

**December 24th:** Gene Yates

### 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\*\**



### New Consistory Board

|                     |                 |               |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| President           | Jamie Ross      | (2023 - 2025) |
| Vice President      | Craig Hunziker  | (2023 - 2025) |
| Financial Secretary | Amanda Ross     | (2022 - 2024) |
| Treasurer           | Katrina Nixon   | (2022 - 2024) |
| Secretary           | Dana Bush       | (2024 - 2026) |
| Building & Grouds   | Mike Frazier    | (2024 - 2026) |
| Head Usher          | Ava Little      | (2022 - 2024) |
| Head usher          | Brian Clark     | (2024 - 2026) |
|                     | Jessica Pitford | (2023 - 2025) |



## February 2024

### Acolytes

Feb. 4  
Feb. 11  
Feb. 18  
Feb. 25

### Liturgist

Pastor Daniel J. Moore

### Ushers/Greeters

Feb. 4  
Feb. 11  
Feb. 18  
Feb. 25

### Church Open/Close

### Sound Board

Travis Pitford

### Altar Flowers

Feb. 4 Open  
Feb. 11 Open  
Feb. 18 Open  
Feb. 25 Open

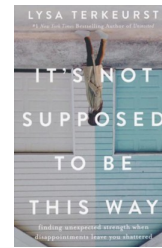


## Thursday Romans Bible Study Schedule

Figuring it was better to be safe than sorry, Bible Study was cancelled three weeks in a row because of the icy conditions of the roads in town. So our new schedule looks like this...

February 1 Lesson #2 (Rom 2:1-16)  
February 8 Lesson #3 (Rom 3:21-31)  
February 15 Lesson #4 (Rom 4:13-25)  
February 22 Lesson #5 (Rom 6:15-23)  
February 29 Lesson #6 (Rom 8:1-17)  
March 7 Lesson #7 (Rom 10:1-15)

We meet on Thursdays beginning at 10:00 a.m. We have a time of fellowship, and then dig into that day's lesson.



## Book Study - "It's Not Supposed To Be This Way"

Jessica Pitford is leading a Sunday morning study from the book "It's Not Supposed To Be This Way". This group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs classroom.



## Confirmation

With the snow storm cancelling church on January 14th, our Confirmation syllabus needs to be updated. This is now when the following assignments are due...

January 29 Lesson #13 (1 John 1)  
February 4 Lesson #14 (Rev 21)  
February 11 Church History  
February 18 UCC History & Identity  
February 25 St. Paul History

We had two built in makeup dates on our original syllabus (December 31 and March 6). So unless something happens to cancel a lot more classes, the confirmands will be joining the church on Palm Sunday (March 24) and still taking their first communion on Maundy Thursday (March 28).



## Baptisms

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

# BACKPACK Ministry

The Backpack Ministry is humbled and honored to receive a very special donation from Keokuk XII Group. This philanthropic men's group, being very recently formed, is supporting its community of Keokuk, Iowa, along with the

surrounding communities! The Backpack Ministry is very honored to be blessed with their kindness and generosity. If you would like to know more about this very special group and how you can be a part of it, I will be happy to give you their contact information!! They would love to have Clark County participation .

BPM cannot thank our supporters enough for your donations, prayers and support. If you know of families in need, please let us know. We may have clothing and hygiene items to help!!

Keri Kearns



Pictured Left to Right: Sean Skinner, Emma Pitford, Adalyn Plenge, Kampbel James, Ryan and Maci Doughtery, Keri Kearns, Shane McKoon and Pastor Dan Moore





## Praise Packs

December introduced our new Praise Packs. Thanks to generous donations, these packs were able to be filled with items that encourage parents and children to participate in worship. Items include legos, praise ribbons, wax sticks, clipboards, crayons, and doodle boards. There is a picture-schedule of worship where children can follow along with what is next, and offering cards where children can draw/write what they are thankful for and place them in the offering plate when it is passed. A Worship Guide welcomes parents, describes how to use the items, and has picture pages to follow along with the service. Weekly items are handed out after the children's sermon and seasonal items will also be provided.



A big thank you to all the donors and Alicia Sturm (decals on the bags) for helping make this possible.

### *Pastor's Thoughts...*

**Pastor Dan Out of Town** - Pastor Dan will be in Des Moines from the afternoon of Sunday, February 4 until Wednesday, February 7.

**Ash Wednesday Service** - Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year. There will be an Imposition of Ashes Service at St. Paul at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dan and Father Rob Fields will be distributing ashes and Pastor Emily Reyes will be preaching. Everyone in the community is invited to attend, so spread the word.

**Maundy Thursday Service** - Mark your calendars for our Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week. It will be on March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Come celebrate with us as our Confirmation kids take communion for the first time.

**Pastor Dan's Installation Service** - Pastor Dan will (finally) be "officially" installed as the 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 will mark a time of celebration for the church as we pause to share 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. We will also be commissioning Denise and blessing her new ministry with the Kahoka Methodist Church. There will be a short service of worship with Rev. Milo Van Veldhuizen preaching, and cupcakes provided by the Consistory following the service. If you can not make it to the service, be sure and add your prayers that afternoon wherever you are.

*Pastor Dan*



*Confirmation Classes  
Sunday mornings, 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.*

*Children's Choir practice  
Sunday mornings - 9:00 a.m.*

*First grade and up.*

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



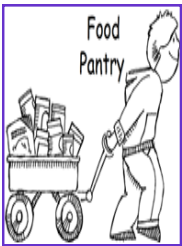
*Sunday School  
Sunday mornings - 9:30 a.m.*

*Youth Group  
Sunday Evenings, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.*



**Installation**

*Pastor Dan Installation Service  
Sunday, February 18 - 3:00 p.m.  
Refreshments served  
following service*



**Food Pantry Sunday**  
**The next Food Pantry  
Sunday is  
February 11, 2024**

Items suggested for our church  
for the month of February  
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**  
**February 15,  
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.**



Lenten Schedule



*Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paul UCC  
February 14 - 7:00 p.m.*



*March 24  
Confirmands Will Join The Church*



*Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul UCC  
March 28 - 7:00 p.m.  
First Communion for Confirmands*



*March 29*



*March 31  
Easter Services Still To Be Determined*

**REVEREND FUN** OGCI, INC.



DEAR GOD, PLEASE GIVE ME PATIENCE ... AND I  
NEED IT RIGHT NOW!!!



Thank You



December 6, 2023

Dear Friends at St. Paul UCC-Kahoka,

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Eden Theological Seminary, thank you for your mission contribution of \$400 on 11/29/2023 in support of the Annual Fund.

We give thanks for the Eden community's collective financial gifts, skills, and talents, which are having a global impact as we journey with students as inclusive, theologically imaginative leaders and advocates in congregations and in the call for racial justice, equality, and social transformation. The Eden community of learning and faith of which you are a part, is thriving mission

During this contemplative Advent season, please know how grateful we are to count you among the supporters and friends of Eden. We are so glad you are a part of the Eden story that trusts in Emmanuel, God-with-us.

In Gratitude,  
Mary Schaller Blaufuss  
Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss  
Vice President for Advancement

Thank you

Thank you

Dear Endowment Committee,

Thank you for the book grant. I cannot express my gratitude enough. I appreciate you giving me this grant, and will make sure it is put to good use. The grant is both very generous and helpful. It will help me greatly in the future semester.

Thanks,  
Gabe Hunziker

St. Paul UCC Youth Group,

Thank you so much for the enthusiastic help setting up our Thanksgiving Basket Event. It is a joy to see such enthusiasm in young people and the work they accomplish!

May God bless your youth group, it's adult leaders, and members for their generous giving to the community!

Clark County  
Food Pantry



Industrial Opportunities  
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660-727-2515

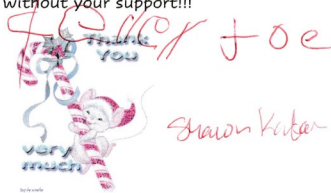
December 1, 2023,

Dear Members of the St. Paul United Church of Christ,

We wanted to take the time to thank you for your generous donation to help the workshop and the beginning of our new adventure in creating a local thrift store. Your donation helps us help those that need it the most. Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity, it warms our hearts!! We are blessed to have such a wonderful community, all the things that we do would not be possible without your support!!!

Denise Jannon

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Wainwright



Sharon Kuber

Industrial Opportunities Employees, Staff, Management, and The Board of Directors

Industrial Opportunities is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Our federal tax number is 43-0917527. We were given a donation on 12/01/2023 with the value of \$400.00 in the form of monetary donation. There were no goods and services provided by the organization for the donation that was received.

Brooks Hunter

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St. Paul UCC Youth Group,

Thank you so much for your donations of stuffing, pie fillings, and monetary gifts toward pie filling for our Thanksgiving Basket Event. With your help we served about 150 Clark County families to a brighter holiday. May God bless your congregation on their many activities helping others and on their generous giving!

Clark County  
Food Pantry

Thank you

# St. Paul UCC Youth Ministry

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. PAUL UCC  
YOUTH MINISTRY

## THIS MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

- We continue to meet on Sunday nights from 5:30 until 7pm.

January was a little hectic and we did not have regular youth group for most of the month due to the winter weather and our family being sick. We are looking forward to resuming youth group activities on Sunday, February 4th.

We will not be meeting for Sunday night youth group on Sunday, February 11th, due to the Superbowl taking place during the normal youth group time.

We are still needing some adult volunteers to step up and volunteer their time as we get started back up with youth group, our goal would be to have a couple more males that would volunteer to lead a boys small group that would meet on Sunday nights after the youth group lesson, all small group material and training would be provided, we are hoping that as we get back to our regular meetings we will be able to meet in small groups more regularly.

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

## - IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 11th - we will not have youth group due to it being Superbowl Sunday.

Activities for

**St. Paul United Church of Christ**

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# February

## EVENTS

**Each Sunday**



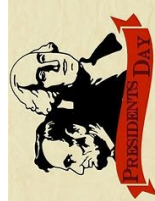
Confirmation Class : 8:45-9:30 a.m.

Children's Choir Practice: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday                | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday |
|--|--|------------------------|---|--|--|----------|
|  |  |                        |   | 1<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  | 2<br> | 3        |
| 4  | 5  | 6                      | 7   | 8<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.<br>Helping Hands<br>Food Distribution<br>8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | 9  | 10       |
| Communion  | Office Closed  | Pastor Dan Out of Town | 14<br> | 15<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.   | 16   | 17       |
| 11<br>Food Pantry Sunday<br><br>NO YOUTH GROUP   | 12<br>Office Closed  | 13                     | Ash Wednesday Service<br>7:00 p.m.  | 22<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.   | 23   | 24       |
| 18<br>Consistory Meeting<br>8:30 am<br>Pastor Dan<br>Installation Service<br>3:00 p.m. | 19<br><br>Office Closed | 20<br>CCMA Meeting     | 21  | 29<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.   | 30   | 31       |
| 25   | 26<br>Office Closed  | 27                     | 28  | 29<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.   |  |          |