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## The Visitor December 2023



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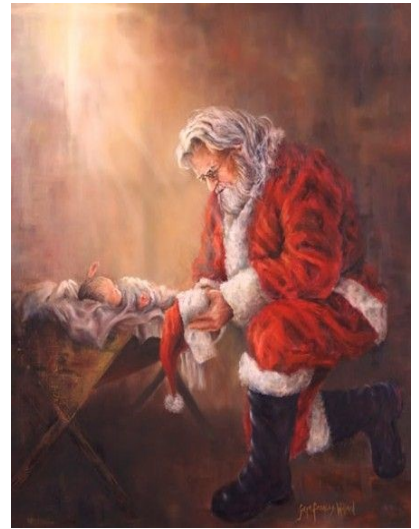
Office Hours  
Tuesday-Friday  
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

Greetings family and friends —

Advent is a time when we focus our attention on the coming of Christ—both as a small child born in a manger, and as the judge of the world at His glorious return. It is also time to look at our lives and see the things that give us joy and to celebrate them.

If I was to ask what it is that gives you joy, I am sure that many of you (if not all) would say your families. You want to be close to them and enjoy your time together. You want to be truly present to each other. In Hebrew there is a word for this: “hineni. In our Bibles it is usually translated as “Here I am”.



The word has the meaning of being fully and completely there to the other person. You are really paying attention to them, without any distractions getting in the way.

During this season of Advent, practice being fully present to each other. When speaking to someone, set aside the cell phone. Look them in the eye, and really hear what they have to say. It is an amazing thing. It may be hard because we live totally distracted lives, but being present to another is a wonderful gift that you can give to the people you love.

Peace and Joy! And Merry Christmas!

*Pastor Dan Moore*



**Christmas Eve Services**  
**December 24th**  
**1st Service - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Candlelight service - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Communion at both services**



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 Minutes  
October 15, 2023

The consistory met at 8:30 am at the church. Those present were Charles Krueger, Troy Hamner, Jamie Ross, Gloria Macomber, Mandy Ross, Ava Little, Katrina Nixon, Jessica Pitford, Pastor Dan Moore and Pastor Cristian Reyes. President Charles called the meeting to order and Pastor Dan gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the September 17 meeting were reviewed. Ava made a motion to accept the minutes as read and it was seconded by Mandy. The motion was carried.

The Financial reports were reviewed. Those reviewed and discussed were the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for January through September, 2023, the Treasurer's Report as of October 15, 2023, and the Farm Report for the month of September, 2023.

We have received the landscape bill of \$1,135.00 from Kendra Wettstein. The work was very good. Ava made a motion to pay Kendra \$1,400.00 from the memorial fund. Jamie seconded the motion and the motion carried. A transfer of \$10,000.00, as previously discussed, has been made from the farm account to the general account.

We discussed the amount paid to Kathy Wilson, as pianist, which she consistently donates back to the church. Mandy made a motion to add that amount for the rest of this year to Emily Reyes for her work leading the praise band. Troy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jamie made a motion to accept the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Troy and was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor Cristian gave a report on how the youth group is at present. He commented the attendance at the Sunday night meetings are somewhat less than those previously at the Wednesday meetings. That is likely to improve with time.

Pastor Dan talked about the confirmand group. There are thirteen confirmands. At present the two adults helping are Denise Moore and Pastor Cristian.

NEW BUSINESS:

The elevator continues to have problems and works with difficulty. A new circuit board has been ordered.

Mandy is continuing the search for the best church insurance. She has been in contact with an insurer which seems promising on meeting our preferred needs.

We discussed the need to replace three current consistory members whose terms will end this year.

We were requested to be thinking about the 2024 church budget.

Pastor Dan reported he will be out of town from Monday thru Saturday this next week but can be reached by phone.

We were advised of a cleaning problem in the sanctuary caused by the use of live rose petals during a wedding. Katrina made a motion that only artificial petals be used at church weddings. Troy seconded the motion and it was passed.

We were told of a request for our church to place an ad on the 2024 law enforcement calendar magnet. We agreed that we did not want to have an ad.

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There continues to be a problem with the toilet in the parsonage running. Charles has looked at it.

We had a request from Clark County R-1 High School to assist with funding for the After Prom scheduled for April 21, 2024. We have helped with this previously. Katrina made a motion seconded by Troy to donate \$100.00. The motion was passed.

We were asked if the television set in the Golden Agers classroom could be moved to the Young Adult classroom where it is currently needed. There was no objection.

Troy is in charge of opening the church during November.

The next consistory meeting will be on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

We discussed traditions in the church such as the Father-Son Banquet and Mothers' Tea and ways to possibly come up with changes and new ways to have enjoyable get-togethers.

The meeting ended with all reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by

Gloria Macomber, Consistory Secretary



SUBMIT YOUR  
**REPORTS**

**Annual Committee  
Reports are due to the  
office by December 15<sup>th</sup>  
for the Annual Meeting  
on January 21.**

### 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.





December 1 Mike Schantz  
 December 2 Terry Denham  
 December 3 Amanda Foote  
 December 3 Norma J. Bonello  
 December 3 David Hess  
 December 4 Chelsea Denham  
 December 4 K. Blake Rodgers  
 December 4 Braden Volkmer  
 December 4 Kevin Crider  
 December 5 Erik Kirchner  
 December 5 Larry Arnold  
 December 5 Lary Fountain  
 December 5 Monique Denham  
 December 5 Vicki Pitford  
 December 6 Evan Cameron  
 December 9 Jan Martin  
 December 10 Shaina Arnold  
 December 10 Wyle Winters  
 December 10 Travis Pitford  
 December 10 Katrina Nixon  
 December 11 LaDonna Parker  
 December 11 Chase Hines  
 December 11 Avery Biggerstaff  
 December 12 Kellen Krueger  
 December 12 Reece Bergeson  
 December 12 Madelyn Johnson  
 December 13 Austin Egley  
 December 13 Kyle Meinhardt  
 December 19 Bonnie Brewer  
 December 19 Aengus Wilson  
 December 19 Paige Davidson  
 December 19 William Dodds  
 December 19 Brylee Dye  
 December 20 Jakob Ankeney  
 December 20 Kinsey Biggerstaff  
 December 20 Trevor Biggerstaff  
 December 20 Mike Frazee  
 December 20 Neal Moon  
 December 21 Holly White  
 December 21 Dereck Hess

December 23 Chrissy Plenge  
 December 23 Terry James  
 December 23 Natalie Kerr  
 December 23 Samuel Weaver  
 December 24 Leslie Heinze  
 December 24 Susan Walker  
 December 27 Clayton Heinze  
 December 27 Cassandra Kerr  
 December 28 Jason Wilson  
 December 28 Megan Wendling  
 December 28 Michael Meinhardt  
 December 28 Gena Ellison  
 December 29 Camille Frazier  
 December 30 Charles Horter  
 December 30 Hope Ross  
 December 31 Gloria Macomber  
 December 31 Jenny Ross  
 December 31 Wayne Blum



December 1, 2023 Zachary & Allison Jones  
 December 3, 1994 Rick and Lesia Hunziker  
 December 4, 1976 Tim & Bobbette Spurgeon  
 December 13, 1975 Joe & Joann Brewer  
 December 13, 2014 Jordan & Kate Raess  
 December 17, 1994 Mark & Hilary Plenge  
 December 22, 2001 Tyler & Darcy Frazee  
 December 23, 1967 Ralph & Mary Ann Plenge  
 December 23, 1995 Jeff & Trinity Davis  
 December 25, 1956 Wayne & Dixie Blum  
 December 26, 1997 Kerry & Sherri Meinhardt  
 December 28, 1974 Michael & Joyce Meinhardt

## Prayer List

**November 19th:** Neal & P J Acklie, H L Plenge, Denise Moore

**November 12th:** Those injured during the 10 Mile Church (Illinois) Mission Trip, Family of Janet Nixon, Family of Jackie Bronstine, Bill Bergman, Hal Plenge, Those preparing the Father/Son Banquet

**November 5th:** Shaw & Jenna Hunziker, Larry & Carolyn Arnold, Family of Janet Nixon, Lois Wilson, Bev Laffoon, Allan Jungle, Ajay Miller, Clark County FFA trip to Nationals in Indiana, Prayer of Thanksgiving for organ music recorded by Ida Lou Ross

**October 29th:** Kim McAfee, Family & Friends of William Biggs, Family of Frank Poore, Family of Greg Barrows, Congregation of the Gaza Baptist Church, Safety for trick or treat night, Victims of the shooting in Lewiston, Maine, Delegates to the FFA Convention



### 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, Roger Speer, 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\*\**



*Congratulations!!*

Marshall Arnold Keane  
November 1, 2023

Parents:  
Michael & Kelsey Keane

Sibling:  
Kesler Keane

Grandparents:  
Jeff & Karen Arnold  
Tom & Sandra Keane

Great-Grandparents:  
Larry & Carolyn Arnold



*Happy Anniversary  
Larry & Carolyn Arnold  
November 3, 1963*

*Pastor's Thoughts.....*

**Live Nativity** - Our young people will be participating in the live nativity as part of the "Christmas On The Square" celebration on Saturday, December 9 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. If your kids are helping out please remember that they need to be in place on the square at 4:30 p.m., so we will meet before hand at the church to put on costumes.

**Advent Sermon Series** - I will be preaching a special sermon series for Advent this year I have entitled "Great Pregnancies of the Bible". We will look at the births of Moses, Samuel, John and finally Jesus. These sermons will explore how God's working in the past foretold of the coming of the Messiah.

**Christmas Eve Services** - Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, so there will be only two services that day—at 10:30 a.m. and an evening candlelight service at 8:00 p.m. Communion will be celebrated at each service.

**Angel Tree Gift Donations** - There is still time to make a donation to the Angel Tree Ministry of our young people where they purchase gifts for the kids who are in foster care. There are 50 kids in Clark County that need our love this Christmas. There is a jar in the back of the church for your gifts to this wonderful mission.

**Backpack Elves** - I want to say a special thank you to the young ladies who come to the church after school at least once a week to sort clothing in the Backpack Room. These special "elves" have been working diligently to help Keri in bundling the clothing and getting them ready for distribution. So thanks to Taralynn Little, Kyper Nixon, Hollyn Perry and Adalyn Plenge. Their ministry is a true gift to our community.

**Thank you!** - Another thank you has to go out to all of the ladies who helped with the Father/Son Banquet on November 12th. It was an immense success, and no one left hungry.

**Missing Coat** - After the Father/Son Banquet, Denise's blue winter coat wandered off by accident. Left behind was a very similar looking Eddie Bauer coat that was just a tad smaller in size. If someone took home a blue coat from the banquet that seems a little larger than it used to be, please speak with Pastor Dan and he can get you the much nicer coat that was left behind.

*Pastor Dan*



**Endowment Committee**

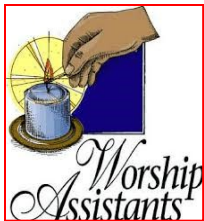
Book Grants were handed out during worship **Sunday, November 26.**

Those receiving grants were:

Ian Acklie, Dane Brewer, Gabe Hunziker, Abby Plenge, Hope Ross

The Committee also made donations to:

Eden Seminary, Sheltered Workshop, Clark County Food Pantry  
and St. Paul UCC Christian Ed



**December 2023**

**Acolytes**

- Dec 3** Taralynn Little & Kyper Nixon
- Dec 10** Kohen Ball & Nolan James
- Dec 17** Jenna Rodgers & Kennyck Nixon
- Dec 24** Adalyn Plenge & Hollyn Perry
- Dec 31**

**Liturgist**

**Pastor Daniel J. Moore**

**Ushers/Greeters**

- Dec 3** Wayne & Dixie Blum
- Dec 10** Jared & Deanna Ball
- Dec 17** Kevin & Rhonda Buford
- Dec 24** Joe & Kay Biggerstaff
- Dec 31**

**Altar Flowers**

- Dec 3** Jamie & Jenny Ross
- Dec 10** Open
- Dec 17** Open
- Dec 24** Poinsettias
- Dec 31** Open

**OPEN/CLOSE**

**Craig Hunziker**

**SOUND BOARD**

**Sue Scott**



**Poinsettias for Church**

Please bring your poinsettias or Christmas flowers in during the week of **December 17**, for Christmas Eve Worship and Christmas Worship. If you plan to have them in memory, celebration, or honor of someone, please let the office know when you bring them

in. This way the names can be published for the Christmas Eve bulletins. Thank you.

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**St. Paul UCC has several things on the schedule for Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**Puppet Pals**



**Santa will make an appearance following worship service**

**The Annual Sunday School**

**Soup Luncheon**

**will be held in the fellowship hall**

**following worship service**

**Bring a dessert to share!!!**

**Children's Choir performance**



**Women's Christmas Luncheon**

**The Christmas Women's Luncheon will be held on**

**Tuesday, December 5 at Noon in the St. Paul UCC basement**

**All are welcome to attend!!!**



**Bible Study**



Our final class on Genesis (Lesson #12) will meet on December 7. We will then take the rest of the month off before starting our exploration of Romans beginning on January 4, 2024. The books are available in the church office and are \$5.







**Congratulations!!**

*Shaw & Jenna Hunziker  
November 4, 2023*

*Zachory & Allison Jones  
December 2, 2023*



**St. Paul singers on November 19, 2023  
L to R: Madison Oilar, Kensley Ball,  
Tristen Pitford, Cristian Reyes**



**Confirmation**

Our Confirmation class is going great. A special thank you to our mentor, Jade Ross, who has been able to sit in on our classes and to Denise Moore for substituting for me when I have a meeting. We have moved our classroom again and now meet in the 4th-5th grade room.

Here is the lesson plan for this month:  
December 3 - Lesson #8 (Acts 26)  
December 10 - Lesson #9 (Romans 3)  
December 17 - Lesson #10 (Romans 5)  
December 24 - No class. Christmas break.  
December 31 - Weather make up day or no class



**Confirmation Class 2023-2024**

**Pictured front row l to r: Kensley Ball, Madison Oilar, Irelynn Perry, Jenna Rodgers, Emma Pitford. Back row l to r: Braedyn Clark, Nolan James, Brody Davis, Grace Parker, Corrick Hunziker, Lauryn Heinze. Not pictured: Wyatt Billings, Owen Eddleman**



**Food Pantry Sunday**

**December 10, 2023.**

Items suggested for our church for the month of December 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, and canned soups**

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.**

**December 14**

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

# Father/Son Banquet 2023



## Clark County Food Pantry Thanksgiving Basket Donations



The Clark County Food Pantry provided a Thanksgiving meal basket to 175 local families again this year. It was done as a drive thru at Steve's Event Center on Monday, November 20th.

The stuffing mix had been taken care of this year, but we had been asked to donate monetarily to help cover the cost. We donated \$91.00.

We were asked to help with the canned pie filling, along with a couple of other groups. They needed a total of 350 cans. We donated 61 cans of pie filling.

Following a pizza lunch, the St. Paul Youth Group helped with the delivery of the pie filling to the Food Pantry.






**Children's Choir**  
**Sunday, November 5, 2023**  
**"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"**

**Children's Choir**  
**Next Performance**  
**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**Puppet Pals**  
**Sunday, November 19, 2023**



**Puppet Pals**  
**Next Performance**  
**Sunday, December 3, 2023**



**Christmas On The Square**

**December 9, 2023**  
**4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Kahoka**


**St. Paul Youth will be participating in a Live Nativity from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Wayne and Dixie Blum are the Royalty for the event.**

**Wreaths Across America**

**December 16, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**St. Patrick Cemetery**

**Luncheon following Shrine of St. Patrick**





Advent Candles Lighters and Readers

December 3: Braedyn Clark & Brody Davis

December 10: Corrick Hunziker & Emma Pitford

December 17: Jenna Rodgers & Madi Oilar

December 24: Lauryn Heinze & Irelyn Perry  
10:30 a.m.

December 24: Kensley Ball & Grace Parker  
8:00 p.m.

CCMA Community  
Advent Services

There will be no  
Community Advent  
Services this year.



Foster Kids Christmas



**The Wrap Party for the Foster Kids  
Christmas/Christmas Party for Youth Group  
will be December 13 @ 6:00 p.m. Please bring  
your gifts to youth group that evening.**

**We are purchasing gifts for over 40  
children this year.**

**The St. Paul UCC  
Youth Group would like to  
thank everyone who has  
donated money and time to this  
wonderful cause.**



# 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. Our gathering starts with a time of fellowship through light snacks and game. We have a time of worship through song and have a message that usually goes through the lectionary gospel passage or the Old Testament passage.
- This year we will also be participating in the purchase of gifts for kids in foster care. We are purchasing gifts for over 40 kids. We will have a wrapping party and Christmas party on Wednesday December 13th. We will gather all the presents and pray over them before they are sent off. If you have any questions please reach out to Nolene James or pastor Cristian.
- We will have our last youth group meeting of the year on Wednesday December 13th, we will meet together again starting Sunday night January 7th.
- If you have any students that are wanting to help with worship through song ministry, please have them reach out to Emily Reyes or myself, we would love to get as many students plugged in as possible.
- 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

- **December 13th -  
Wrap  
Party/Christmas  
youth group party.**
- **Youth group will  
not meet after the  
wrap party until  
January 7th!**

Activities for  
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# December 2023

**Each Sunday**  
 Sunday School: 9:30 am  
 Worship: 10:30 am

| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>Monday</b>  | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>Friday</b>                              | <b>Saturday</b>   |
|---|--|--|------------------|---|--|---|
|   |  |  |                  |   |  | <br>Allison Acklie<br>& Zachory Jones<br>Wedding - 3:00 p.m. |
| Confirmation Class<br>Comunion<br>Children's Choir<br>Puppets<br>Santa<br>CE Soup Luncheon<br>Following service | Office Closed  | Ladies Christmas<br>Luncheon<br>Noon   | 5<br>6           | 7<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 - 11:30 a.m.                            | 8<br>Acklie/Jones<br>Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m. | 9<br>Christmas On The<br>Square<br>4:00 - 7:00 p.m.<br>Live Nativity<br>4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  |
| 10<br>Confirmation Class<br>Budget Meeting<br>8:30 a.m.<br>Food Pantry Sunday                                   | Office Closed  | 12<br>Youth Group<br>Wrap Party for Foster<br>Kids Christmas/<br>Youth Group<br>Christmas Party<br>6:00 p.m. | 13               | 14<br>Helping Hands<br>Food Distribution<br>8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | 15<br>Committee Reports<br>Due in Office   | 16<br>Wreaths Across America<br>St. Patrick Cemetary<br>11:00 a.m.<br>Luncheon Following  |
| 17<br>Confirmation Class<br>Consistory Meeting<br>8:30 a.m.   | Office Closed  | 19<br>CCMA Meeting   | 20               | 21  | 22   | 23  |
| 24<br>Worship Service<br>10:30 a.m.<br>Candlelight Worship<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Comunion Both<br>Services            | <br>Office Closed | 26   | 27               | 28  | 29   | 30  |
| 31  |                   | 3  | 4                | 5   | 6  | 7   |