

St. Paul United Church of Christ
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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!!



One of the great sins of pastors is that we often tell people to pray, but we rarely teach how to pray. This is why we offered a prayer workshop on Good Friday. This was a time to learn about different kinds of prayer techniques from across the Christian tradition.

One of the most effective ways to pray has been embraced by folks written about in Acts, ancient monks, the Protestant Reformers, and such modern spiritual teachers such as Henri Nouwen and Richard Foster. It's rather simple to learn, but many take years to master. (Like golf!)

What you do is open your Bible to the book of Psalms (It doesn't matter where.) and slowly begin reading. That's the key—to read slowly. Savor every word and phrase. And if one speaks to you, stop reading for a bit and reflect on why that passage spoke to you. Ask God to help you. After a few minutes with this passage, pray the Lord's Prayer to end your time with the Word.

Sometimes in reading the Psalms, you come across fierce language about smiting one's enemies. This might be off putting (to say the least) to modern ears, but think of the enemies mentioned as your stress, your depression, your fears. Or something more specific—a disease, the effects of old age, or some sin you are wrestling with. Imagine the armies of God's angels coming to smash your depression away! Wouldn't that be a blessing?

It is helpful to find a time and place where distractions are at a minimum, but you have to make do with what you've got going on that day. The goal is to try to find some peace and quiet, not necessarily find it.

I have known of people who have gained spiritual insight in doing this kind of prayer for a week. And I also know of people who go long stretches without seeming to make any kind of progress at all. But remember, it doesn't depend on you. It's all in the hands of the Holy Spirit. And when the time is right, the Spirit will guide you. You just have to let it. But never be discouraged. No time spent in prayer is ever wasted.

Give this a try and see where it leads you. You may be surprised. You may be blessed. You may find yourself freed from something that has been holding you back.

If you would like more guidance, you can always talk to me. I would be glad to offer what assistance I can for you along the journey.



Peace and Joy!

Pastor Dan

**OFFICE
HOURS**

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
February 18, 2024

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

Members present: Mandy Ross, Dana Bush, Mike Frazier, Brian Clark, Craig Hunziker and Pastor Dan Moore.

Previous Minutes: Mandy approved as corrected. Mike seconded.

Financial Report: General \$18,491.00, Memorial \$100, Backpack ministry \$1,500.00. Brian Clark made the motion to approve the financial report, Mike Frazier seconded the motion.

Old Business:

1. Furnace replacement - old furnace needs to be removed from the building.
2. Church Elevator - We need to fix the phone in the elevator. The phone is analog and needs to go digital. It needs to be a specific phone to meet ADA guidelines. The cost is \$2,500 for the phone. We do not have many options otherwise at this time.
3. Annual Congregational Meeting-by laws overview

New Business:

Easter plans: Easter breakfast-plan for breakfast.
Breakfast Committee-Rye Hunziker, Kellen Kreuger, Shaw Hunziker.
Early (Sunrise) Service: 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. (ish) following service
Easter Egg Hunt (in lieu of Sunday School): 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Service: 10:30 a.m.
Communion will be available at both services.

March Communion will also be served March 3, 2024.

Pastor's report:

Pastor Dan's installation service is today, February 18 at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Dan asked for a committee volunteer to read installation intro. Craig offered to take this duty. 64 people were at the Ash Wednesday service.

Confirmation Class Photos:

Denise has taken on many extra duties with the confirmation class. Pastor Dan asked if it would be acceptable to have Denise pose in the class photos. The Consistory had no objections to Denise being in the confirmation class photos. The committee suggested we ask if Cristian is available to take pictures for this special occasion.

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Confirmation Students:

Members at large need to be present in church. The consistory members discussed how confirmation students need to be off their phones and engaged in services.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: March 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Submitted by,
Dana Bush, Consistory Secretary

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!



The collection for the Heifer International Project ran from February 25 thru March 17. We collected a total of \$884.58! Thank you to everyone who collected money or donated to this project!!

Food Pantry Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday will be
Sunday, April 14, 2024.

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, 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 p.m.
at the Clark County Senior Center.

Helping Hands/

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

2024 Schedule

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.



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 Thad Trump
 April 5 Adrian Gray
 April 5 Bryton Plenge
 April 5 Russell Meinhardt
 April 7 Koy Nixon
 April 8 Karlee Ross-Phillips
 April 8 Sierra Hall
 April 9 Gary Kirchner
 April 9 Barbie Bergman
 April 9 Wyatt Wilson
 April 10 Justin Alderton
 April 10 Kate Nuelle
 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 13 Denise Moore
 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 27 Doris Krueger
 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 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



**If, at any time, I have missed anyone's birthday/anniversary or need to take a birthday/anniversary off of the list, please feel free to contact me.
 I appreciate any assistance.**

Thank you!! - Rose/Office Secretary



April 2024

Acolytes

April 7 Taralynn Little & Kinley Clark
April 14 Kohen Ball & Nolan James
April 21 Kollyns Ball & Kyper Nixon
April 28 Adalyn Plenge & Hollyn Perry

Liturgist

Pastor Daniel J. Moore

Ushers/Greeters

April 7 Jarrod & Deanna Ball
April 14 High School Sunday School Class
April 21 Rob & Erin Hopp
April 28 Matt & Chrissy Plenge

Church Open/Close

Soundboard

Doug James

Altar Flowers

April 7 Open
April 14 Open
April 21 Open
April 28 Open



Bible Study

We will be finishing up our Bible Study of Romans this month. Our next study will start in May and will be on the Gospel of Mark.

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

April 11 - Lesson 12
(Romans 15:14-21)



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

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

Upcoming Sermon Texts

April 7 - 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
April 14 - Luke 24:36b-48
April 21 - John 10:11-18
April 28 - John 15:1-8
May 5 - John 15:9-17

(Texts are subject to change.)

Prayer Request

Pastor Marie Paterik has been diagnosed with cancer and a port for chemo was put in the other day. She was interim Pastor after Pastor Beckman retired and is an amazing lady. There are several of us who stay in contact with her, and I think she would love to receive a card and love from her Clark County friends. Thank you!

If anyone would like to send a card to Pastor Marie, this is her address:

**Rev. Marie Paterik
2778 Rideout Lane
Murfreesboro, TN 37128**

Prayer List



March 24: Family of Marty Sparrow, Family of Susan Schmitz

March 17: Communities of Rushville and Industry, IL and Families of those lost in the tragic school bus accident

March 10: Confirmands

March 3: Oneida Bourgeois, Those impacted by Texas wildfires, Confirmands, For Peace in Israel

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



**Puppet Pals
February 25, 2024
"Heifer Aid"**



Pastor's Thoughts...

Humor Sunday - April 7: One of my favorite Sundays of the year is Humor Sunday, celebrated the first Sunday after Easter. This is a time to celebrate the joy that is ours in the Easter miracle and laugh in the devil's face because Christ has overcome death and sin. This year's message will be about what *Silly Putty* can teach us about God and life.

2024 Graduates: Just a reminder that Graduation Sunday will be celebrated on May 5th.

"Blanket The World With Love": We will be collecting a special offering on Mother's Day (May 12) for the Church World Service "Blanket The World With Love" program. There will be a jar in the back of the sanctuary for any donations you may wish to make.

Confirmation: On Palm Sunday (March 24) we welcomed the 2023-2024 confirmation class as new members of St. Paul. Kensley Ball, Wyatt Billings, Braedyn Clark, Brody Davis, Lauryn Heinze, Corrick Hunziker, Nolan James, Madison Oilar, Grace Parker, Irelyn Perry, Emma Pitford, and Jenna Rodgers



Peace and Joy!

Pastor Dan



Children's Choir

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

**All children First Grade and up
are invited to join us.**

Please contact Keri Kearns
660-341-5278 with questions.



**Children's Choir Performance
March 24, 2024 (Palm Sunday)
"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"**

**Class of
2024**

St. Paul UCC Seniors

We will celebrate our 2024 Graduates on Sunday, May 5. There will be no Senior Breakfast this year. Cupcakes will be provided following worship service.

The target date for graduation photos is Sunday, April 28.

Sawyer James Stoeckmann
Was born March 12, 2024

Parents:
Drew & Anna Stoeckmann
Grandparents:
Jamie & Jenny Ross
Volker & Michelle Stoeckman
Great-Grandparents:
Larry Ross
Katie Downey



Kolt Arthur Bevans
March 13, 2024

Parents:
Chase & Kristil Bevans



Olsen Daniel Alderton
March 20, 2024

Parents:
Nathan & Abbie Alderton
Grandparents:
Carol Alderton
The Late David Alderton Sr.
Todd Loter
Renea Brown



This year's youth group
cinnamon roll fundraiser
was held on
Good Friday, March 29.
We raised \$830.00 that
will go towards the
Foster Kid's Christmas.
Thank you to everyone
who donated their time
and baking skills
to this project!!



BACKPACK Ministry

BackPack Ministry

The BackPack Ministry continues to help children in need in our area. In 2024, we have helped eight children in foster care and provided hygiene items and clothing for our elementary and high school kids.

Last fall we had four sixth graders volunteer to come in after school and help organize the BackPack room. There are actually two rooms that had a ton of donations that needed to be organized and put away. There have been days during Sunday School that the middle school and high school kids have helped organize and put things away as well. We receive donations all the time, some small, and some large. We cannot thank these kids enough for all the hard work they put in to helping organize, and at the same time they are happy and jolly about doing this work.

This is a very big ministry that takes a lot of time and effort to run smoothly and we are very proud of our youth who understand the importance. We are excited to see where God will lead this ministry in the future!!!!

If you would like to know how you can help or would like to donate, please contact me, Keri Kearns 660-341-5278.



Confirmation Class 2023-2024



Front row l to r: Jenna Rodgers, Kensley Ball, Irelyn Perry,
 Grace Parker, Wyatt Billings, Brody Davis, Braedyn Clark
 Back row l to r: Madi Oilar, Emma Pitford, Lauryn Heinze,
 Nolan James, Corrick Hunziker

Christian Ed - 2024 "Save The Date"

Celebrate Graduates Sunday, May 5
Mother's Day Sunday, May 12
Next Christian Ed Meeting Sunday, June 12
VBS dates Sunday - Thursday, July 28 - August 1
VBS Program Sunday, August 4

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

Easter Choir
"Living Hope-Because He Lives"



H L Plenge Solo
"The Holy City"

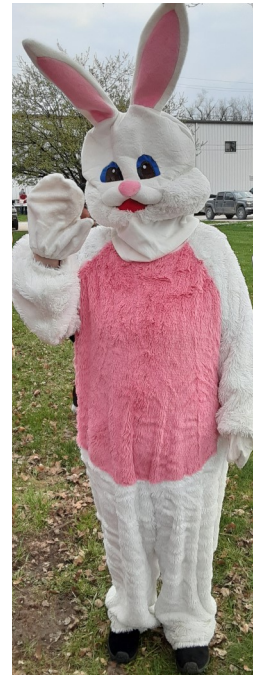


Easter Breakfast





Easter Egg Hunt 2024



Vacation Bible School has been set for July 28 - August 1 in the evenings. The performance would be on Sunday, August 4.

We are looking for volunteers to join our team!! It would be fantastic if we could have volunteers to help organize, decorate, design and be in charge of the t-shirts and, of course work that week!

Please contact Keri Kearns or Nolene James if you would like to join our VBS team!! We would LOVE to share the fun!!

St. Paul UCC Youth Ministry

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. PAUL UCC
YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

Summer is quickly approaching and with that, we are planning on attending our summer church camp. The dates for camp are **July 22-26, 2024**, the **deadline to signup** and register is **June 24, 2024**. We will be attending with a group from the Iowa Nazarene churches. The camp is held in Shell Knob Missouri on table rock lake. The cost for students is \$320. We will have some fundraising opportunities in the next couple of months. If you feel led to donate to help with the cost of camp, feel free to drop a check or cash off at the church or in the offering plate, just make sure you mark it as "Church Camp donation." 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.

- 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

- **Church Camp at
Table Rock Lake -
July 22-26, 2024.**

Activities for

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April 2024




Each Sunday

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Band Practice 6:00 p.m.	4 Bible Study 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	5	6
7	8 Office Closed	9	10 Band Practice 6:00 p.m.	11 Helping Hands Food Distribution 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	12	13
14	15 Office Closed	16	17 Band Practice 6:00 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Consistory Mtg. 8:30 a.m.	22  Happy Earth Day!! Office Closed	23 CCMA Meeting	24 Band Practice 6:00 p.m.	25 	26	27 Clark County Prom
28	29 Office Closed	30				29