

St. Paul United Church of Christ
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Tuesday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Happy New Year!



Another year has rolled around if you can believe it. And one of the questions that I know has occurred to many of you is: “How can I support my church in 2024?” Well, I’m glad you asked!

You can support the church through prayers. Pray for your church daily that it may be a beacon of Christ’s love in the community and in the world. Pray for it’s outreach to the youth and for the Back Pack Ministry. And if you can’t worship with us on a Sunday morning, say a special prayer for me right around 11:00 a.m. This is about when I step into the pulpit to preach and could really use some extra prayers.

You can support the church through your participation. Among the many committees and boards of the church, the Christian Education Committee needs some members with fresh ideas. And our youth group is always looking for a few adults to come to the meetings on Sunday nights. It’s important that the young people see and get to know some of the adults in the church. And best of all, there are always snacks.

You can support your church through your giving. It is uncomfortable to talk about, but your church needs your financial support very much. Inflation hits the church, too. Prices go up and so do our bills. Your continued financial support of the church helps us to reach out in love to each other, to the community and to the world. It insures that the lights are always on, that the church is warm in the winter and cool in the summer. And it means that our new musical ministry continues to grow, and that our special ministries to our youth flourishes and blesses them.

These are just a few ideas off the top of my head. But as you make your new year’s resolutions, keep the church in mind. Remember to be a blessing.

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
November 19, 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. Three others present, who will be replacing Charles, Gloria and Troy starting in January, were Mike Frazier, Brian Clark and Dana Bush. President Charles called the meeting to order and Pastor Dan offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the October 15 meeting were reviewed and no corrections made. Jamie made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Ava. The motion passed.

All the financial reports were reviewed. Amanda explained the reports as they reflect the church's financial functioning to the incoming consistory members. Ava made a motion to accept the reports. The motion was seconded by Craig and was passed. A discussion was held on the cost of maintaining church's web site. It is not expensive and it is good to have a site where people can learn about our church.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charles commented that the elevator works most of the time. Someone outside the consistory has suggested making a ramp to the ground available possibly from the exit door to the left at the front of the sanctuary. A lift chair for the inside stairs has also been considered. Charles is to meet with people from Barnard Elevator of Quincy, IL. They have done previous work on our elevator. It was mentioned that the church has had another elevator before the current one. The first one was in use over forty years.

Mandy reported that Church Mutual has available a policy with a \$60,000.00 deductible and with a yearly premium of \$14,601.00. We discussed the church roof. Charles has been up to look at it and reported it is in good condition. It probably should be resealed. Ava made a motion, seconded by Craig to take the Church Mutual policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

New consistory members will be voted on at the Annual Congregation Meeting in January, 2024. Dana, Mike and Brian were present at this consistory meeting to observe. They are invited to attend any upcoming consistory meeting prior to January.

Pastor Dan reported one funeral and one wedding had been held since the October consistory meeting. Another wedding is scheduled for Saturday, December 2. We will have to find out if the sanctuary trees can be put up as usual or need to be done early on Sunday, the 3rd when the children will be decorating the trees. He said the parsonage toilet is still leaking and the furnace filter needs to be replaced. The consistory agreed to Pastor Dan's request to have Wednesday, November 22 off. He said he would be available on Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day instead. We reviewed a paper concerning UCC health and dental insurance. Pastor Dan at present does not have dental insurance with his plan and would like to have it added. He brought up the tattered condition of the flag at the flag pole at the corner of the church lot. We discussed replacement. Pastor Dan commented that there has not been a formal pastoral installation service. This would be done by the representative of the Southeast Iowa Association. We set the date for the afternoon of Sunday, February 18. We discussed making up a list of veterans in the St. Paul Cemetery. Pastor Dan reported seeing a leak along the south wall of the basement dining area. He later showed the exact area to the consistory members.

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We discussed briefly the mission purpose of O.C.W.M. which the Southeast Iowa Association supports. It refers to Our Church's Wider Mission. It was agreed by all that it would be very good for an Association representative to come to the church to give a full explanation of the works of the Association.

A report had been left by Pastor Cristian that the youth group had spent considerable time to assist at the Food Pantry to fill the Thanksgiving sacks for families in need.

We again discussed the possible use of overhead projected music lyrics and scripture readings. Charles has asked Pastor Cristian to check into prices. It possibly could be projected onto brick and not need any screens. It is probable that some of the youth of the church might know how to operate the equipment.

Pastor Cristian will be discussing the proposed member directory at the January meeting.

There will be a budget planning meeting for the consistory on Sunday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m. The next consistory monthly meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 17. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, January 21 after worship.

Craig will open the church for December.

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

Submitted by
Gloria Macomber, Consistory Secretary



URGENT!!!
Annual Committee
Reports
are due to the office NOW
for the annual meeting
on January 21.



The Annual Congregational Meeting
will be held January 21, 2024
after worship.
We will approve annual reports,
discuss the business of the church
and other items.



January 1 Deana Egley
 January 1 Maddox Ruth
 January 2 Karlee James
 January 4 Rye Hunziker
 January 5 Dixie Blum
 January 6 Wanda Little
 January 7 Cody Wiemann
 January 10 Sean Macomber
 January 10 Wes Creech
 January 10 Trinity Little
 January 11 Shane Durnil
 January 11 Kaden Hamner
 January 11 Brooklyn Hines
 January 12 Heaton Sturm
 January 12 Madison Wendling
 January 14 Brett Uhlmeyer
 January 14 McKenna Durnil
 January 15 Clara Foote
 January 16 Kade Wilson
 January 16 Seth Lapsley
 January 18 Caden Babington
 January 18 Kyper Nixon
 January 20 Nataley Davidson
 January 21 Laura Babington
 January 22 Anna Plenge

January 22 Dee Ann Harper
 January 23 Caleb Lapsley
 January 24 Garyt Odom
 January 25 Dalen Adamson
 January 25 Ryan Martin
 January 25 Seth Williams
 January 25 Taralynn Little
 January 26 Lillian Holmes
 January 26 Andrew Meinhardt
 January 29 Clara Herrs
 January 29 Matthew Gregory
 January 30 Luke Scott
 January 30 Terri Brewer



January 1, 1972 John & Mariann Bullerd
 January 4, 2003 Shaun & P.J. Parker
 January 6, 1973 Mick & Sheila Wood
 January 12, 2008 Jeff & Britni Weaver
 January 20, 2007 Nathan & Angela Lapsley
 January 23, 1955 Delbert & Twila Harper



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



December 24th: Gene Yates

December 17th: Family of Joanne Boudreau, Steve Fogerty, The Christians of the Holy Land, The Innocents of Ukraine

December 10th: Aspen & Emily Justice and Family, Mike Bousema, Family of Bill Bergman, Gary Wendling, Todd Sedore

December 3rd: Zach & Allison Jones, Bill Bergman, Mick & Anna Bramlett

November 26th: Bill Bergman, Mike P

November 19th: Neal & P J Acklie, Hal Plenge, Denise Moore

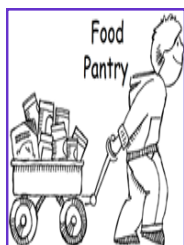
Military Prayer List:

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



Food Pantry Sunday **The next Food Pantry** **Sunday is** **January 14, 2024**

Items suggested for our church
for the month of January
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
January 11, 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.

Pastor's Thoughts.....

Christmas On The Square Prayer - I was very honored to offer up the opening prayer for the "Christmas On The Square" celebration. I was asked if I could include it in the newsletter, so here it is: "Most merciful and loving God, who created the world and all that is in it, we pause during our busy lives to offer up to You a prayer of thanksgiving. We are so grateful to live in this wonderful and caring community of Kahoka. As we officially begin the time of watching and waiting for Our Lord's birth and return, we ask that You will bless us with patience. Patience with each other, patience within our families and patience in our work places. Give us the grace to live among each other and model Your example of compassion and love. May the Spirit of Christ come upon us all, so that we may truly have a blessed and merry Christmas. In the Lord's Name we pray together this evening. Amen."

Annual Meeting - The annual meeting of St. Paul will be held after worship on Sunday, January 21. We will be voting on the 2024 budget, among other things, so it is critical that we have as many members as possible at the meeting.

Christian Ed - Christian Education is looking for new members for their committee. All you need is a heart for passing on the faith to the next generation. If you are interested, speak with Pastor Dan, and Sunday School teacher or member of the committee.

Out of Office - Pastor Dan will not be in his office on Friday, January 26.

Christmas Fund/Veterans of the Cross Offering - We will be collecting the Christmas Fund offering (formerly Veterans of the Cross) on January 7 this year. This offering provides pension/health premium supplementation to low-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy families in need, and Christmas checks to hundreds of annuitants.

Installation Service - Pastor Dan will (finally) be "officially" installed as the pastor of St. Paul during a special service of worship on February 18 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. More details will be in the February newsletter.

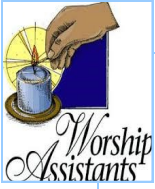
Ash Wednesday Service - Ash Wednesday will be February 14 this year. There will be an imposition of ashes service at St. Paul at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dan, Emily Reyes along with Father Rob Fields will be leading the service. Everyone in the community is invited to attend, so spread the word.

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.

Don't forget that Pastor Dan is always available if you need to speak with him at 319-470-6581. He always has his cell phone handy.

Pastor Dan

2024 * HAPPY NEW YEAR * 2024



January 2024

Acolytes

Jan 7 Kinley Clark & Taralynn Little
Jan 14 Kensley Ball & Kennyck Nixon
Jan 21 Kyper Nixon & Hollyn Perry
Jan 28 Kohen Ball & Nolan James

Liturgist

Pastor Daniel J. Moore

Ushers/Greeters

Jan 7 John & Melissa Bevans
Jan 14 Larry & Robin Harper
Jan 21 Brian & Kayla Clark
Jan 28 Dan & Michelle Oilar

Altar Flowers

Please sign up, the 2024 chart is in the Brotherhood Room.

Jan 7 Open
Jan 14 Open
Jan 21 Open
Jan 28 Open

Opening/Closing

Charles Krueger and Troy Hamner

Sound Board

Doug James

Romans Bible Study



Everyone is invited to come to our Thursday morning Bible study when we start up our exploration of the book of Romans on January 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. There is a time of fellowship before we dig into the day's text.

Our schedule for January:

January 4 - Lesson #1 (Romans 1:16-32)
January 11 - Lesson #2 (Romans 2:1-16)
January 18 - Lesson #3 (Romans 3:21-31)
January 25 - Lesson #4 (Romans 4:13-25)
February 1 - Lesson #5 (Romans 6:15-23)

Confirmation



The Confirmation Class will be studying the following material this month:

January 7 - Lesson #11 (1 Corinthians 15)
January 14 - Lesson #12 ((1 Peter 1)
January 21 - Lesson #13 (1 John 1)
January 28 - Lesson #14 (Revelation 21)
February 4 - Creeds of the Church

If any student needs help with their assignments, they can speak to Pastor Dan, or any of our mentors: Jade Ross, Travis Pitford, Pastor Cristian or Pastor Emily.

2024 Altar Flowers



The 2024 Altar Flower calendar is now hanging up in the Brotherhood Room. Please be sure to sign up for the Sunday(s) you and your family would like to bring flowers for the altar.

Thank you!

Children's Choir



The St. Paul Children's Choir is enjoying another season of sweet kiddos and their love of singing! We have anywhere from 10-15 kiddos who attend every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. to practice and we strive to share our music every month. We practice a lot of the music with movement. This seems to help our younger kids remember the lyrics. We allow any child to come and sing but in particular, our age group is K-6. Emily Reyes finds the interactive music for us and also plays for us on the Sunday performance dates. It's not too late for any child to join us!!

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



BackPack Ministry

The Backpack Ministry celebrates its 2nd full year of providing basic necessities of hygiene items, comfort items and clothing to the foster children placed into emergency care with the Missouri Children's Division and Juvenile officers.

This year we have really been able to also serve all of our school buildings providing clothing and hygiene items along with special requested items. We have easily provided for over 100 children, given away cases of shampoo, body wash, tooth brushes and lots of clothing like hoodies, socks, undies etc.

There are 4 volunteer 6th grade girls who come in weekly...once or twice a week and Pastors Dan and Denise are kind enough to stay in the building for safety. They have done amazing in organizing and putting away all of the donations we get. We also have volunteers who will take home clothing and sort and tag into sizes. This process makes it very handy for the times when the bags are being filled in a hurry. It takes a village....and what a blessed village we have.

The Backpack Ministry also purchased large shopping bags for the Foster Children's Christmas gifts and we try very hard to keep the shelves stocked of all sizes diapers, socks, and undies for all sizes up through XL Adult. Our Ministry is funded solely by donations of items as well as monetary. Donations can be given to the church and checks made out to the St. Paul Backpack Ministry.

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



Baptisms

December 6, 2023
Merrick Lynn Bush
Parents: Broderick and Dana (Woodruff) Bush

December 21, 2023
Joyce Meinhardt



Middle School and High School students from St. Paul were present for a Live Nativity at the 3rd Annual "Christmas On The Square" on December 9. The students took turns with the youth of Peaksville Church.



Shepherd - Kohen Ball
Angels - Kennyck Nixon and Kinley Clark
Joseph - Nolan James
Mary - Madison Oilar
Wisemen - Kensley Ball and Grace Parker



The Women's Christmas Luncheon was held on Tuesday December 5 and was attended by 29. The ladies of the church (led by Rovene Meinhardt and Mary Ann Barnes) did a wonderful job of decorating and the food was delicious!

Rovene Lipper won the door prize of a poinsettia.



December 3, 2023 was a busy day at St. Paul with many activities!!

Decorating the Christmas Trees



Children's Choir "Silent Night"



Puppets "The Christmas Story"



Santa's Visit



Soup Luncheon

The Soup Luncheon was held immediately following worship service and Santa pictures. Performances by several Sunday School classes. Attendance was around 100. We collected \$503 to donate to Every Child's Hope.

Nursery - PreK Singing



St. Paul UCC Youth Group Foster Kids Christmas



The youth group would like to thank everyone who donated or assisted in any way with the “Foster Kids Christmas Gifts”. Our goal is to provide \$100 in gifts for each child, with members of our church, primarily our youth doing the shopping for these children. We were able to help 42 children (from or placed in Clark County) this year. We would especially like to thank Nolene James for the wonderful job she does coordinating this project. We celebrated the collection of these items on December 10 by bagging and tagging all gifts. We also had some fun decorating cookies and fellowship after getting the gifts ready. Thank you!!!



Christmas Eve Services

Two Christmas Eve services were held on Sunday, December 24. Our regular service at 10:30 a.m. and candlelight service at 8:00 p.m.

Live Nativity



Children's Choir



Christmas Choirs



Communion at both Services



Candlelight Service



Activities for

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January 2024

Each Sunday

Confirmation 8:45 - 9:30 am

Children's Choir 9:00 am

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:30 am

Youth Group 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Office Closed	2	3	4 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	5	6 
7 Communion Christmas Fund/ Veterans of the Cross Special Offering Book Study "It's Not Suppose To Be This Way" 9:00 am	8 Office Closed	9	10	11 Helping Hands Food Distribution 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	12	13
14 Food Pantry Sunday Consistory Meeting 8:00 am Book Study "It's Not Suppose To Be This Way" 9:00 am	15 Office Closed	16 CCMA Meeting	17	18 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	19	20
21 Congregational Annual Meeting following worship Book Study "It's Not Suppose To Be This Way" 9:00 am	22 Office Closed	23	24	25 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	26 Pastor Dan Out of Office	27
28	29 Office Closed	30	31			