



Newsletter for August 2022



WELCOME

What's Happening

RUMMAGE SALE WRAP UP

The St. Paul Rummage Sale was held on Saturday, August 6th, in Fellowship Hall and was a HUGE success!!!

We were blessed to have so many items donated by members of our church, MHCC, and also from our community. Thanks to a fantastic team of hard-working individuals, we raised \$ 1744.20 that will support the church's General Fund. Many thanks to the following folks that helped in many ways to make the sale a success:

Mt. Healthy Christian Church
6997 Hamilton Ave.
Cincinnati, OH
45231

Ph. 513-521-6209
Email:

Website:
www.mthealthychristian.org
Worship Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

Anne & Skip Zimmer
Lois Bates
Loise Pitcher
Marla Banks
Mike Hornbeck
Vicky Ritz
Vera Thornbury
Cathy Terrall

Robin & Steve Lighthall
Trecy Webb
Bonnie & Steve Rogers
Kim & Bill Ferry
Vicki Celenza
Patrick Woods
Trudy Jester
Linda Woods

St. Paul United Church of Christ
6997 Hamilton Ave.
Cincinnati, OH
45231

Ph. 513-931-2205
Email:

office@stpaulnch.com
Website:
www.stpaulnch.com
Worship Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

Thanks Again So Much,
Linda Woods
Chairman of Rummage Sale



News and Updates

Merging Committee Report - July 2022

7/11/22 Meeting

For our very first meeting as a merging committee, we opened with prayer for guidance and wisdom. We also created a Covenant that we would commit to following throughout this process, and wrote it on a poster board so that we can view it each meeting. This Covenant included the following promises to one another:

- Respect one another
- Honor and appreciate the traditions of both churches
- Being open and willing to change the things we need to change
- Commitment to listening fully to one another
- Being willing to ask questions and to communicate fully
- Promising confidentiality and committing to trust
- Doing our due diligence in decision making
- Committing to work and responsibility outside of our meeting times
- Keeping God at the front and center of all we do

Each member signed this Covenant as a further signal of our commitment to it.

We also created a list of things we felt the committee would need to complete as a group. This list is flexible and can be added to. Currently, it includes:

- Choosing a soft launch date when the two congregations start worshiping together every week (we decided on 8/7/22)
- Choosing a hard launch date when we introduce ourselves to the wider community and invite them to join us (we decided on 1/8/23)
- New name
- Creating a new employee identification number with the IRS
- Storage unit/merging furniture and supplies
- Creating a budget
- Creating new bank accounts and merging finances
- Updating employee and staff contracts to reflect new employer
- Mission, vision, and values
- New constitution and bylaws
- Worship structure
- New committee structure (board, council, elders, deacons, etc.)
- Updating website, logo, brand, etc.
- Identifying outreach and mission priorities

We agreed to prioritize our worship structure (what things will be included when we start officially worshiping together in August) and the budget. We felt it was important to prioritize the budget because it will help guide any additional financial conversations that we have and give the congregation a full picture of how we will be moving forward financially. Each member will think about financial needs for the church and look over each church's budget and balance sheets in preparation for our next meeting.

7/25/22 Meeting

We once again opened our meeting with a time of prayer as part of our commitment to centering God and faith in our discussions. We started by reaffirming our decision making hierarchy moving forward, as a means of clarifying who makes what decisions. The hierarchy is:

- Congregation - the combined congregation of both churches have the ultimate authority and final say on all major decisions
- Merging committee - will discuss major decisions before bringing suggestions to the congregation for approval. All decisions related to the new church will go through the merging committee first.
- Mt. Healthy board and St. Paul Council - Will remain responsible for day-to-day decisions that keep the churches operating (i.e. building usage, communion prep, managing current financials/budgets, etc.). Monthly meetings won't be necessary/required unless something specific needs to be discussed that doesn't fall under the responsibility of the merging committee.
- Individuals - each person within both congregations are always welcome to make suggestions or ask questions

We then talked about what worship will look like moving forward. Every member was provided with examples of each congregation's order of worship, and we talked through things we want to keep, things we can remove, and the order of the service. This included discussions around long-term hopes for worship, such as a choir, children's moment, etc. Pastor Brian will put together a new order of service based on the committee's feedback, and will bring it back to our next committee meeting for approval. It was also agreed upon that our worship bulletin will be a flexible document, open to suggestions and changes as the new church becomes more fully formed.

We also discussed the storage unit and our desire to quickly decide what to do with the remaining furniture and items. A sub-committee was formed (Ben, Mike, Steve, Judith) to visit the storage unit on 7/28/22 to finalize which items will be brought to the church, which will be donated/sold, and to create a timeframe for closing out the storage unit.

Our final conversation revolved around the budget. Steve and Deb offered insight and clarification into the various pieces of both church's budgets. We also discussed potential long term costs/hopes (replacing the air conditioning, building maintenance, church van, etc.) and their potential impact on the budget. Pastor Brian agreed to attempt to merge the budgets for our next meeting, with additional assistance from Deb, Steve, and Anne (St. Paul's treasurer), and bring the budget back at our next meeting for further review and discussion.

Our next meeting in August will focus on finalizing a worship bulletin, clarifying and finalizing a budget, and beginning the process of soliciting ideas for the name of the new church. We will also hear a report back from the sub-committee on a proposal around the storage unit.



8/5 Vicky Ritz
8/15 Patricia Yung
8/21 Don Dumford

8/22 Travis Johnson
8/23 Deborah Beresford
Melitta Marx

8/27 Skip Zimmer
8/28 Bonnie Reed
8/30 Ruth Hoeweler
Tommie Jenkins



9/3 Jessika Combs
9/6 Dolly Johnson
Hilda Meier
9/7 Jazzman Johnson
9/11 Christian Smart

9/15 Bill Luke
Mark Quintero
9/20 Janet Reed
9/22 Aidan Dahm
Darwin Yung

9/25 Amanda Iverson
9/27 David Holmes
9/30 Karen Young

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant
Hand Soap
Dishwashing Liquid

Shampoo
Toilet Paper

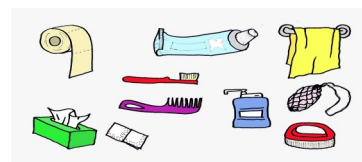
Toothpaste
Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes

Non-Perishable Foods

Personal Care Items

Spring Cleaning Supplies



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**SEPTEMBER
EPISTLE
DEADLINE**



The Epistle deadline for the September edition is Wednesday, August 24th. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners have resumed with inside seating.
Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-UCC-North-College-Hill-OH-116458329993166>

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for St. Paul. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://ca4b2388.churchtrac.com/give>. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,

St. Paul Fundraiser

Thank you to all who placed orders for our fundraiser.

The on-line portion of this fundraiser is still open. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of the food items they samples, or to take a second look, you are certainly welcome to place orders. If you need a catalog, or need help and are interested, please contact the office.

They offer stainless steel cutlery, gift sets, kitchen tools and gadgets, spice mixes, mixes for cheeseballs, party dips and soup mixes. Items can be purchased online.

We hope you enjoyed all the flavors that were offered during the coffee hours.

Here is the online ordering link:
<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5997624.5fc674>

Home Bound Members

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brown Homer Bruce Mary Jane Burgess Wm & Eileen Church
Doris Dunn Alice Graber Sharon Frazier Mary Heineke
Ruth Hoeweler Emmett Izer Nancy Lanza Joan Lewis
Melitta & John Marx Bob Runk Dave Schleutker Elmer Seesing
Elaine Sloan Gay Steinhauer Anne Timme Rommie Turner
Sharon Wagner Del Yung

Special Prayer Request

Our Service Men and Women
Those Affected by Recent Tornados
The Country of Ukraine
Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers
US Wildfires
Cities affected by Gun Violence

Nola Apro Ray Bates Nathan Bierkan Jamie Oetzel Broz
Kim Caudell Verna Cowan Co-Workers: Jill & Fran Cathy Criswell
Debbie Carolyn Dykes Rachel Farrow & Family Kim Ferry Doris Foster Monica France
Diane Griswold Theo Gruber Michelle Henn Kathy Hauer
Trudy Jester Jim Rita Johnson Mike Jump Ray & Martha Keller
John Koehler Suzanne Lohbeck Jackie Petrocelli Bonny Pollard
Harper Manning Sue Marshall Matthew
Carol McFarland Eddie McFarland Barb Nuckols Bill Richards, Jr. Ed Ross
Cherie Lynn Sauer Emma Sauer Howard Seaman
Sandy Seevers Kari Shell Gloria Stagman Karen Street Ann VanderMolen
June Ward Rob Wells Chad Wilcocks
Marla's Aunt and Cousins on the loss of their home/car due to the flooding in Kentucky

*Please keep the office informed when
Names can be removed or need to be added*

August 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--|----------|----------------------|--|
| | 1 Scouts | 2 Dinner | 3 | 4 | 5 AA Mtg 8:00 PM | 6 Rummage Sale 8 AM - 3 PM AA Mtg 8:00 PM |
| 7 Communion | 8 Scouts | 9 Dinner | 10 | 11 | 12 AA Mtg 8:00 PM | 13 AA Mtg 8:00 PM |
| 14 | 15 Scouts | 16 Dinner | 17 Epistle Articles Due | 18 | 19 AA Mtg 8:00 PM | 20 ELC - 10AM - 2 PM Popsicles with Preschool AA Mtg 8:00 PM |
| 21 | 22 Scouts | 23 Dinner | 24 | 25 | 26 AA Mtg 8:00 PM | 27 AA Mtg 8:00 PM |
| 28 | 29 Scouts | 30 Dinner | 31 ELC - 2.5/4 yr old Parent Mtg. 6-7 PM 3 yr old Parent Mtg. 7:15 - 8:15 PM | | | |



