



Newsletter for October 2022



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

Website:
www.mthealthychristian.org
Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

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

Ph. 513-931-2205
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Website:
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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional

**For an electronic version
of newsletter
please visit our website:
www.stpaulnch.com**

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 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 Hurricanes
The Country of Ukraine
Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers
US Wildfires
Cities affected by Gun Violence*

*Erma Amrein Nola Apro Ray Bates Judy Boyce Bruce Bures
Andy Campbell Kim Caudell Wm. Church Verna Cowan Cathy Criswell
Debbie Brian Drinnen Carolyn Dykes Joann Ernst
Diane Griswold Theo Gruber Gael Gruenwald Nick Helton Michelle Henn
Kathy Hauer Trudy Jester Jim Kobb Jackie Petrocelli
Harper Manning Matthew Eddie McFarland Barb Nuckols
Bill Richards, Jr. Ed Ross Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer Kari Shell
Gloria Stagman Karen Street Ann VanderMolen June Ward
Chad Wilcocks Family of Victoria Bumsted
Marla's Aunt and Cousins on the loss of their home/car due to flooding in Kentucky*

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



Merger Updates

Merging Committee Report September 2022

9/12/22 Meeting

We opened our meeting in prayer, asking God to continue to offer us guidance and wisdom as we seek to build a community that reflects the Kingdom of God. It is always a good reminder for us that this is a spiritual exercise, even when it feels like we are talking about mundane tasks.

We covered three main topics during this meeting - the budget, names for the new church, and our mission, vision, and values.

The budget was finalized during this meeting, as we made sure that all of the numbers made sense and that we included all of the various line items that will allow our church to function. We also clarified the names of some of the line items so that they were more easily understood by the entire congregation, rather than being insider language/lingo. Our hope is that the budget is as clear and understandable as possible, and that the congregation is able to engage with it. It was agreed that Pastor Brian would put the budget into one single document that would then be handed out to the congregation.

The next topic of discussion revolved around potential names for the new church. We took all of the suggestions out of the box that was in the Narthex and Pastor Brian read them aloud to the group. We tried to note common themes and eliminate names that we felt might not fit the new church. We were unanimous in not wanting to limit our church by having a location in the name (such as North College Hill or Mt. Healthy), and also wanted to be intentional about creating an entirely new name rather than combining the old names. The names were typed onto a list and sent to each committee member, with an invitation to take time going through the list and identifying names that spoke to them or would be a good reflection of our community. The committee committed to picking three names at our next meeting to present to the congregation for a vote.

Finally, we began the initial discussion of creating a mission, vision, and values for the new church. We looked at both St. Paul's and Mt. Healthy's mission statements, as well as searching an assortment of other churches to see what their mission statements were, with the hope of sparking ideas. Pastor Brian explained that a mission statement should be short and engaging, and that it should be easy for every person in the congregation to memorize the mission statement. A list of example mission statements was produced and sent to the committee members so that they could bring ideas to our next meeting.

9/26/22 Meeting

We started our meeting once again in prayer, and offered God thanks for being present in our process and also for all of the voices that are guiding our process.

We began by briefly finalizing the document that Pastor Brian put together with the final budget, tweaking some language and adding a few pieces of information to help explain some of the more intricate pieces of the budget. Again, we wanted to emphasize clarity in everything. The document was approved to be printed and mailed out, and it was decided that we would vote on the budget on October 16th. The congregation will be notified during our service on October 2nd. We wanted to give two weeks notice for the budget in order to give people enough time to review the document and provide feedback before the vote.

We then talked about the names for the new church again. Committee members provided their thoughts on some of the suggested names and also offered names of their own. We talked about wanting to make sure the name was both meaningful and could be used to connect the larger community to us as we attempt to grow. We also made sure that there were no other churches near us with similar names. Eventually we settled on three choices to present to the congregation - Church on the Hill; Anchor Community Church; and Journey Community Church. We decided to also vote on the name at our October 16th congregational meeting, and this will also be announced during our service on October 2nd.

Finally, we talked about the mission statement again. Pastor Brian invited everyone to think about what the goal of our church was, and what words or phrases we associated with the church (both present and future). Words offered included unity, renewal, boldness, growth, and service. We also discussed the idea that God is still active in our world and that we are taking a leap of faith by committing to this new church. We also agreed that we want the mission statement to be short and simple so that it can be memorized by the congregation and easily promoted to our local community. The committee was again invited to each come up with a mission statement for consideration at our next meeting.

We also briefly brought up core values and how we as a church would need to decide on 4-6 core values that would operate as the foundation for everything we do as a church. A list of potential core values was sent to the committee for consideration. Our next meeting will focus on finalizing our mission, vision, and values.

St. Paul Early Learning Center

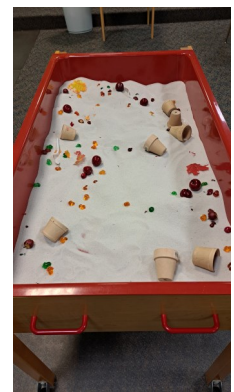
The children at the Early Learning Center are welcoming Fall with open arms and bright eyes. As you walk through the hall, you will hear songs of grey squirrels and falling leaves. What a great time of discovery for the children.

This week, the children experienced their first Chapel Chat of the year. Each week, the children will gather in our beautiful sanctuary and hear a story from the children's Bible. Our goal is to introduce our heavenly Father to them and teach love, kindness, and forgiveness through Him and His word. This week we learned that God is a creator. He made many wonderful things in our world. Together we discovered what many of those things are.

Thanks to everyone who supported our cookie dough fundraiser. We sold 303 units of cookie dough. We earned a total of \$1636.00. This money is placed in our scholarship fund which helps struggling families afford preschool for their children.

Something to think about..."If someone is without their smile, give them yours."

Judy Staudigal & Staff
Early Learning Center Director



Scouting News

It's so nice to have Cubbies back in the building. We had a hike last month to learn about some trees and to find things in nature. One of our mom's said she learned a lot.



Congratulations to Eagle Scout Nick Thomas on earning his Eagle Rank. We officially had his Eagle Court of Honor and he received his award.

The Crew wishes to thank those who came to the Car Wash. The crew had fun washing cars and squirting each other. We had several who were just driving by and wanted to hear about their upcoming trip. Several who stopped by gave generously for their cause. The Crew earned \$875 towards their trip.

They have a Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for October 29th, from 5 to 7:30 PM. Several of our crew members will be on future Sunday to sell tickets. Come enjoy a spaghetti and meatball dinner, dessert, salad and breadsticks!

Thank you St. Paul and all the members for your continued sponsorship of our Scouting units.



10/1 Bob Combs
 10/3 Jenny Frost-Cornish
 Diane Griswold
 10/6 Judith Lewis-Combs
 10/10 Kathi Kelley
 10/11 Lilly Bierkan
 10/12 Carolyn Push
 10/14 Dave Schleutker

10/15 Aaron Hauer
 10/16 Joyce Compton
 10/18 Robin Lighthall
 10/19 Evan Heitman
 Julie Turner
 10/22 Bobbie Compton
 Joe Jester
 10/24 Walt Lohner

10/25 Dick Manifold
 10/26 Scott Cain
 10/28 Judith Boyce
 10/30 Scott Leist
 10/31 Doug Hutchison



11/1 Jason Hauer
 Ed Roberts
 Patrick Woods
 11/2 Logan Bierkan
 Estie Hitchison
 11/3 Mason Dahm
 11/7 Todd Mittler
 11/8 Phyllis King
 Anthony Quintero

11/9 Margaret Maybury
 11/12 Mike Bartholomew
 11/13 Chelsey Davis
 11/14 Laura Bierkan
 11/15 Dot Kahle
 11/17 Missy Sauer
 11/19 Marla Banks
 11/20 Julia Sprong
 11/22 Mike Iverson, Jr.

11/23 Jacob Sauer
 11/24 Amber Hancock
 11/25 Gerald Stegman
 11/26 Donna Rostron
 11/27 Joan Lewis
 11/29 Nic Turner
 11/30 Greg Marshall
 Adele Yung

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
 ing Supplies

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sonal Care Items



Spring Clean-

**NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

The Epistle deadline for the October edition is Wednesday, October 19th. 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



Christmas Season is once again coming! Our fundraiser is still active. 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>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Start Program 8 AM - 3 PM Monday - Thursday						1 AA - 8 PM
2 Neighbors in Need/ World Communion Sunday	3 Scouts 6:30 PM	4 Community Dinner	5	6	7 HS - No School AA - 8 PM	8 AA - 8 PM
9	10 Scouts 6:30 PM	11 Community Dinner	12	13	14 HS - No School AA - 8 PM	15 AA - 8 PM
16	17 Scouts 6:30 PM	18 Community Dinner	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20	21 HS - No School AA - 8 PM	22 AA - 8 PM
23 Blood Pressure Screenings 9:15 - 9:45 AM	24 Scouts 6:30 PM	25 Community Dinner	26	27	28 HS - No School AA - 8 PM	29 Crew 150 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5-7:30 PM 
30	31 Happy Halloween 	Community Dinner			AA - 8 PM	AA - 8 PM

**Communion Servers
in October**



**Worship Leaders
in October**



10/2/2022	Margaret Maybury	Linda Woods
10/9/2022	Bobbie Compton	Lois Bates
10/16/2022	Roxanne Reed	Dee Iverson
10/23/2022	David Holmes	Missy Sauer
10/30/2022	Missy Sauer	Roxanne Reed

10/2/2022	Margaret Maybury
10/9/2022	Bobbie Compton
10/16/2022	Roxanne Reed
10/23/2022	David Holmes
10/30/2022	Missy Sauer

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, began blood pressure screening on Sunday, September 25th. A few came to help them get started. They will have their Parish Nurse Area open on the 4th Sunday of every month. Their next date will be Sunday, October 23rd, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation Bible School went fantastic. Lots of kids, lots of volunteers, lots of work, and lots of fun!

However, the kids attending also did something great! They helped to donate towards a mission. Two Hundred and Ten Dollars was raised towards helping others by purchasing through the Heifer International Organization, one goat, 3 flocks of chickens, and one bee hive. Each flock of chickens is up to 50 chickens! Just think of all the goat milk, goat cheese, eggs, and honey that will be helping people to earn a living, and give them good food as well.

Special thanks To Robin Lighthall for all her hard work and all of those who helped to make VBS another great event.



St. Paul,

I would like to thank you all so much for awarding me the Zwoster Scholarship this year! It is going to help a great deal with my tuition. I appreciate the support as I go along this journey of getting a Bachelors and a Masters degree. Thank you again!

From, Madyson King

Contacting You??

We are also asking everyone to fill out the bottom of the this page as well, which will help to create a new church directory. We would like to update our church files and also know the best way to reach out to you with information. Lots of great work is happening in the Merging Committee and we will need to get that information to you as soon as possible, especially if there are upcoming Congregational Meetings.

Please let the office know the best way to communicate with you, whether it is by phone, cell phone, a text message or an email. We want to be sure that you receive the information in the timeliest way.

You can return the bottom of this page to the office, or call with the information.

Thank you in advance as this will help greatly in putting together the new church directory.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Spouse Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Text Message Yes _____ No _____

Birthdate _____ Anniversary _____

Best Way to Communicate (Please mark with a yes or no)

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