



Newsletter for September 2022



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What's Happening

St. Paul Early Learning Center

This has been a busy summer for the Early Learning Center! Due to several grants, many updates have taken place. All 4 classrooms received a fresh coat of paint with bright cheery colors! New curtains were hung. We installed cabinets and counters to provide organization. Our bathrooms have new toilets, sinks and touchless faucets! In addition, many pieces of furniture and learning materials have been updated! If that was not enough, the kitchen in the preschool is being remodeled. A fresh coat of paint, new flooring, and cabinets will have this area in tip top shape! A huge thanks to may of you who put in endless hours to help us accomplish this.

All of us at the Learning Center are eager to get the new school year started! Children attended Popsicles at Preschool and our Parent Orientation went well. Now bring on our students!

Our cookie dough fundraiser will begin September 6th and will run through September 20. You may order online or on paper. Details will be in the church office.

School cannot start without a little fun so, here goes

Twas' the week before preschool and all through the halls,
teachers are busy decorating walls.
Preparing lessons and fun things to do,
late night working, yes, there were a few!
We know we are ready, as the rooms look great,
now just waiting for the school start date!
As we plant seeds of knowledge with lots of love,
there will be days where we ask help from God above!
Our students arrive, many with a huge smile,
We are excited to call them "ours" for a while.
The Early Learning Center is now their school,
and I have to admit that our kids are pretty cool!
We appreciate the support from St. Paul UCC,
A huge thanks goes out to you from me!

Judy Staudigel



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Worship

Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional

Worship in Sanctuary

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Worship

Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional

Worship in Sanctuary

Merger Updates

Merging Committee Report - August 2022

8/8/22 Meeting

We opened our meeting with prayer, as we are being intentional in keeping God an active part of this process. We also keep the covenant that we signed during the first meeting prominently displayed as a reminder of the things we are promising one another and the congregation as we have discussions.

This meeting focused on the feedback that we had received from multiple members of our congregation. We wanted to address some of the slight hurdles we've run into and some of the ways that we can improve what we are doing as a committee.

The first conversation was about our communication as a committee and making sure that we are doing a better job of letting people within the congregation know what we are doing and when. We talked about how to simplify the information we are providing and to make sure it is given to people in a more timely manner. We also talked about making sure we are giving more updates during worship and announcements on Sunday. Pastor Brian has also begun working with Anne to create an updated and unified church directory with contact preferences so that we are certain we are reaching everyone in the most effective way.

Our second conversation focused on the struggles we have following two separate church constitutions. Pastor Brian proposed creating a temporary constitution that will outline rules for the committee and congregation to follow until a new, fully-formed constitution can be created and approved. We discussed what things would need to be included to make sure that we are fairly representing the two previous constitutions, while also giving the committee the guidance and flexibility needed to operate effectively.

It was decided that we would move forward with creating this temporary constitution, and agreed to an additional meeting on 8/15/22 to further discuss the document. Every member on the committee was given a copy of their respective constitutions and invited to look through them and bring any ideas and concerns to the next meeting. At our meeting on the 15th, the temporary constitution was discussed further and finalized into the document that was mailed and presented to the congregation.

We agreed to hold a congregational meeting on 8/28/22 to officially vote on the document, and decided to mail out the document and officially announce the meeting on 8/21/22 to meet the 7 day notification requirement that was voted on during our 8/7/22 congregational meeting.

We decided to discuss any lingering issues with the temporary document at our next meeting, and to focus on the budget for 2023.

8/22/22 Meeting

We began our meeting by praying together once again. It is important that we highlight this each meeting because we feel that this committee and process is a faith exercise and we are committed to being Christians throughout this process.

This meeting covered a lot of smaller topics that we wanted to address and finalize before discussing some of the larger issues we are dealing with. We discussed worship and the feedback we have received in order to improve the experience for everyone. We re-ordered some parts of the worship bulletin (moving up announcements, adding an offering section), and agreed to try to create a more firm schedule for worship leaders, communion servers, etc. Pastor Brian will work with Anne to formalize some of these pieces.

A member of the church also suggested that we use some of our extra supplies and equipment to help a church in Kentucky whose building was destroyed by the recent floods. The sub-committee that has been going through Mt. Healthy's storage unit agreed to meet on 8/27/22 to finalize the list of what will be brought into the new church and what can be offered to the congregation in Kentucky. We decided that donating whatever resources we can to help another congregation rebuild after a disaster was a good use of abundance.

We also discussed the upcoming congregational meeting, and made sure that we felt prepared to answer any potential questions we might receive. We believe deeply in the necessity of the temporary constitution and wanted to make sure that we were fully prepared to help the congregation understand why it is important. We also wanted to make sure we were clear on every aspect of it so that we could communicate simply and clearly during the meeting.

Finally, we discussed the 2023 budget that we have been working to finalize. One of our key discussion topics focused on future needs for both the building and the congregation, and wanting to make sure we were prepared for them and financially stable enough to handle them. Steve helped lead the discussion around the building and what potential needs might be forthcoming.

We also wanted to be aspirational and discuss both short and long term hopes for the church, and what financial commitments those might include. This included discussions around the sanctuary (new audio system, projectors, screens, etc.) as well as outreach (how can we be more committed to investing in the community) and programming (choir, youth group/pastor, etc.). We want the budget to be both focused on our expenses for the upcoming year, but also on our hopes and preparations for a growing and diverse church. We also briefly discussed how we can properly invest our assets so that they grow over time as well.

We agreed to add another additional meeting on 8/29/22 to finalize the budget, and members were encouraged to dream big during the week and come back with more ideas about the future hopes of the church.

INTERESTED IN BEING WORSHIP LEADERS OR COMMUNION SERVERS? OR BOTH?

If you are interested in helping in some way, but not sure how, here are some needs that we are trying to fill.

Worship Leader - helping with Sunday services to make any announcements and to lead the 'Call to Worship', and possibly some additional parts. This is on a rotation basis. A schedule will be created based on information you provide of when you are available. If you are interested, please contact the church office and let Anne know so that she can add you to the rotation.

We are also looking for help in serving communion. This would be to help carry and pass the communion elements to the congregation during the service. A schedule will be created for this as well based on information you provide of your availability. If you are interested, please contact the church office and let Anne know so that she can add you to the rotation.



Scouting News

The Cub Scout Pack held a recruitment night. We had 7 new boys and girls come to join Scouting. We also had a couple who expressed an interest in joining the Troop.



The Troop is currently working and planning an upcoming Eagle Court of Honor which will be held on Monday, September 19th for Nicholas Thomas. The troop also laid the mulch in the Preschool playground.

The Crew has a fundraiser planned for Saturday, September 10th. A Car Wash! This money is slated to help them get to Florida Sea Base next year in 2023 for the Out Island Adventure. So please come on September 10th and they will wash your car. Donations Accepted. They will also have some baked goods and refreshments for sale while your car is being washed. The car wash will be held in the north parking lot of church, off Bising, on September 10th, 10 am to 2 pm. We hope to see you there! Thanks in advance!



9/3 Jessica 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

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

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

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

Deodorant
 Hand Soap
 Dishwashing Liquid

Shampoo
 Toilet Paper

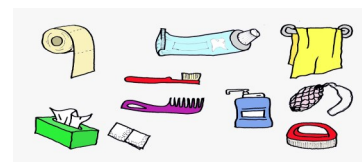
Toothpaste
 Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes

Non-Perishable Foods

Personal Care Items

Spring Cleaning Supplies



**OCTOBER
EPISTLE
DEADLINE**



The Epistle deadline for the October edition is Wednesday, September 21st. 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>

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 Tornados
The Country of Ukraine
Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers
US Wildfires
Cities affected by Gun Violence
Teachers, Students & Staff as they begin a new school year

Nola Apro Ray Bates Nathan Bierkan Judy Boyce Jamie Oetzel Broz
Bruce Bures Kim Caudell Wm. Church Verna Cowan Co-Workers: Jill & Fran
Cathy Criswell Debbie Carolyn Dykes Joann Ernst
Family of Carol McFarland Monica France Diane Griswold Theo Gruber
Gael Gruenwald Michelle Henn Kathy Hauer Trudy Jester Jim
Ray & Martha Keller Suzanne Lohbeck Jackie Petrocelli
Bonny Pollard Harper Manning Matthew Eddie McFarland
Barb Nuckols Bill Richards, Jr. Ed Ross Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer
Howard Seaman Sandy SeEVERS Kari Shell Gloria Stagman
Karen Street Ann VanderMolen June Ward Rob Wells 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

September 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Head Start Program 8 AM - 3 PM Monday - Thursday | | | | 1 ELC- Pre-K 6 PM Parent Orientation | 2 Head Start No School AA- 8 PM | 3 AA- 8 PM |
| 4 Communion | 5 Office Closed Labor Day Head Start No School | 6 ELC School Begins Dinner - 5 -6:30PM | 7 | 8 Scouts 6:30 - 7:30 PM | 9 Head Start No School AA- 8 PM | 10 Crew 150 Car Wash 10 am- 2 pm North Lot  AA- 8 PM |
| 11 Communion | 12 Scouts 6:30 - 9 pm | 13 Dinner - 5 -6:30PM | 14 | 15 | 16 Head Start No School AA- 8 PM | 17 AA- 8 PM |
| 18 Communion | 19 Scouts 6:30 - 9 pm | 20 Dinner - 5 -6:30PM | 21 Newsletter Articles Due | 22 | 23 Head Start No School AA- 8 PM | 24 AA- 8 PM |
| 25 Communion | 26 Scouts 6:30 - 9 pm | 27 Dinner - 5 -6:30PM | 28 | 29 | 30 Head Start No School AA- 8 PM | |

Naming the New Church

On the next page is a place to suggest a new name for our new church. We are asking if you would like to submit a new name suggestion to fill out the top of the next page. This can be a new name or for the committee to work on a name based upon a particular Bible verse to create a new name. Please fill out the top of the page and return to the church. You can also call the church office to submit your suggestion.

Contacting You??

We are also asking everyone to fill out the bottom of the next page as well, so this 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 would be 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 entire next page to the office, or call with the information.

Thank you in advance as this will help greatly in selecting a new church name and also putting together the new church directory.

NAME SUGGESTION FOR NEW CHURCH

Please submit either a name(s) or possibly a Bible verse(s) to use to create a new church name.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Spouse Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Test Message Yes _____ No _____

Birthdate _____ Anniversary _____

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

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Text _____ Email _____