



# Newsletter for November 2022



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## What's Happening

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

Website:  
[www.mthealthychristian.org](http://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  
Email:  
[office@stpaulnch.com](mailto:office@stpaulnch.com)  
Website:  
[www.stpaulnch.com](http://www.stpaulnch.com)  
Worship  
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional

For an electronic version  
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please visit our website:  
[www.stpaulnch.com](http://www.stpaulnch.com)



### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
& MT. HEALTHY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

6997 Hamilton Ave 45231

SATURDAY DEC 10TH

9:00 - 11:00

FREE!  
PHOTO WITH SANTA!  
(HE HAS A SURPRISE FOR EACH CHILD!)

COOKIE DECORATING!

CRAFTS!

Limited to 100 children  
10 years old and under  
preregistered by Dec 3rd

Scan QR code to register or call  
513-931-2205/513-325-9961

## Pastor Words of Wisdom

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the changing leaves, the cooler weather, the chance to visit an apple orchard or pumpkin patch, and the joy of drinking hot chocolate or warm cider around a fire. What's not to love?

Fall also offers us valuable lessons, especially for a church that is transitioning and changing and trying to grow.

Do you know why trees shed their leaves each fall? The cold weather and lack of reliable sunlight means that the tree would have to expend all of its energy just to keep the leaves alive, which would damage the tree itself and possibly kill it.

The tree understands that in order to survive, it must shed the things that will weigh it down and that it must change itself into something new. And not only do trees survive the winter by doing this, but they then thrive come springtime when they have the energy and the space to blossom new flowers and new leaves.

Sound familiar? We as a church are not so different from the trees that surround us. We are also called to change and transform ourselves this fall. We must shed the old ideas and things that weigh us down now so that we can prepare ourselves to blossom anew come January when we introduce ourselves to the wider community.

But this also doesn't mean that we lose who we are in the process. The tree is not entirely new in the spring, but still clings to the same deep roots and foundation that it's always had. Its tradition keeps it strong. Its shedding of leaves keeps it new and alive.

Again, sound familiar? At our core, we will still bring forward with us all of the history and saints of St. Paul United Church of Christ and Mt. Healthy Christian Church. We will be rooted in the faith that guided each of these unique and beautiful churches to the place we are today. But we will shed some of our old leaves and proudly become something new and alive for the whole world to see.

God is with us in this process, just as God is with the trees as they change and adapt and thrive. We were never created to be stagnant and unchanging, but to be transformed in Christ so that the world would know the boundless love that God is offering to us all. What new flowers and leaves will we have come springtime? And how will our faith in this process bear fruit for all to taste?

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

**Bi-Monthly Merging Committee Report - October 2022****10/3/22 Meeting**

After opening our meeting in prayer, we focused on discussing our mission, vision, and values. We talked about possible mission statements and decided that it might be best to have a mission statement that directly ties to the name of the church, as a way of making a direct connection between our name and what we want to accomplish as a congregation.

Without knowing the name of the church yet, we decided to come up with ideas related to all three potential church names, with the hope of finalizing our mission statement after the congregational vote to decide the name. We asked the question, "what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear each church name?"

For Church on the Hill, we discussed letting our light shine, being an example for the world, and directly tying the mission statement to the scripture from Matthew 5:14-16. For Anchor Community Church, we discussed anchoring ourselves in Christ and serving our neighbors/community as the two main ideas we would want to communicate. For Journey Community Church, we discussed walking together and with Christ, and how our faith is an active journey that is lifelong. We plan to finalize the mission statement at our next meeting on 10/17/22.

Next we discussed our vision statement, which is where we want the church to go in the future. We agreed that we wanted the vision to include attainable and measurable goals so that we can check in on our progress moving forward, and see if we as a church are living into our vision or not. We want the vision to focus on growth - growing as a church, growing our capacity to help others, growing spiritually, etc. We then discussed what types of goals we could attach to our vision - increasing membership, increasing programs, increasing tithing, increasing outreach. The committee was invited to think more about what specific goals we should include in our vision for discussion at our next meeting.

Finally, we discussed the core values of the church. Pastor Brian provided a list of potential core values to choose from and offered examples from other churches that he has been a part of or worked with. The committee decided that we wanted to get feedback from the congregation before deciding on core values, as the core values will ideally guide the church moving forward (i.e. how does our budget reflect our core values? Our programs? Our worship?). We will be inviting everyone to participate in a core values conversation during coffee hour after church on Sunday, October 23rd.

## Merger Updates

### Bi-Monthly Merging Committee Report - October 2022

#### 10/24/22 Meeting

Our meeting began with finalizing some smaller things that needed to be completed. Pastor Brian's contract for 2023 was presented and edited, and the committee will review it over the next week before finalizing it and signing it. Things like vacation time and spiritual renewal days were discussed and added to the document to complete it. The committee also discussed ways of improving communication for events, and we have been working with Anne on a document that will ensure that communications for said events are done effectively, and that everyone involved is aware of expectations.

The committee then discussed the results of our core values conversation that happened on Sunday 10/23/22 during coffee hour. We wanted to be sure that the congregation offered their own insight and desires before deciding on which core values to use as a church moving forward. The results were tallied and the committee grouped similar values together (such as acceptance, openness, and inclusion) to narrow down to a list of potential finalists. The committee was provided with a list to go over and will decide a final set of values to present to the congregation at our next meeting.

We also continued to work on the vision of the church, and focused on the attainable and measurable goals for "growing our faith." These goals will help keep the church accountable to our mission and values. Suggestions included creating and promoting Sunday school, hosting multiple Bible Studies throughout the year, hosting non-traditional events to invite non-church people into our community, and talking about ways we can foster and develop spiritual leaders for the church moving forward. We will discuss the goals for "growing our impact" at our next meeting and will hopefully finalize our entire mission, vision, and values for congregational approval soon.

The final thing we talked about was starting the process of creating a new EIN with the IRS, obtaining 501c3 status, and unincorporating the old churches. This is a process that needs to happen before we can create a new bank account, accept donations and tithes, etc. Pastor Brian has reached out to a lawyer to help guide us in this process, and the committee discussed back up options in case this lawyer is unavailable. Other options include utilizing legal advice through ChurchTrac, program we use for our finances, and Brotherhood Mutual who does payroll and offers legal assistance), or starting the process ourselves and inviting a lawyer to verify things at a later date. Pastor Brian will lead this process and keep the committee updated moving forward.

## St. Paul Early Learning Center

We finished off the month of October with our Halloween celebrations. The children enjoyed a special snack, wore costumes, and trick or treated through the building.

A special thank you once again to those who supported our cookie dough fundraiser. Together we raised a little less than \$1300.00. This money helps qualifying families afford preschool through our Scholarship Fund.

Happy November! This month we will be celebrating Donuts with Dudes! Children will bring their Dudes (Dads, Uncles, Grandpas) to school for some one on one time and of course donuts! This is always a fun time for everyone!

Be on the lookout! Our St. Paul Early Learning Center yard sign will be installed this month. We are extremely proud of this program and we will definitely display the sign with a sense of love in our hearts!

Judy Staudigal & Staff  
Early Learning Center Director



## Scouting News

The Cubbies have been getting to know one another and having a great time. They had an outing at a pumpkin patch and corn maze.



The troop has been busy finishing up their Environmental Science merit badge. They also began a new challenge of learning their knots, The Knotmaster Program. They will be earning over time, over 30 knots, 10 lashings, splices, and also decorative knots. It's becoming a friendly competition between the scouts and the leaders who are also participating.

The Crew is preparing for their Spaghetti Dinner on October 29th. They are planning on attending Festival of Lights at the zoo in early December, as well as planning a pizza and game night at Christmas time while everyone is off of school. During this game night will also be planning for some additional outings for next year.

The units are planning a Veterans Day Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, November 12th at 3:00 PM. Weather permitting, it will take place in the north parking lot, otherwise will be simulated indoors in Fellowship Hall if weather doesn't permit. We welcome all to attend, especially all veterans so that we can celebrate you.

*Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:*

**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 Hurricane Ian  
The Country of Ukraine  
Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers  
US Wildfires  
Cities affected by any and all Violence  
Police Officers in all cities that are having to deal with any and all Violence

Nola Apro Ray Bates Judy Boyce Brother of Doris Foster Bruce Bures  
Andy Campbell Bill Carter Kim Caudell Verna Cowan  
Wm. Church Cathy Criswell Debbie Brian Drinnen Carolyn Dykes  
Joann Ernst Diane Griswold Theo Gruber Gael Gruenwald Nick Helton Michelle Henn  
Trudy Jester Jim Kobb Jackie Petrocelli Harper Manning Barb Nuckols  
Bill Richards, Jr. Ed Ross Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer  
Tom Schimmel Kari Shell Gloria Stagman Karen Street Ann VanderMolen  
Chad Wilcocks Mike Woeste Family of Victoria Bumsted  
Family of Homer Bruce

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



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



12/2 Jess Hauer  
12/4 Vicki Luke  
12/5 Clare Brumfield  
12/6 Melissa Holmes  
Debra Nungester  
12/10 Bob Runk  
12/11 Myra Quintero  
Steve Rogers  
12/12 Treacy Bates-Webb

12/14 Ginny Murphy  
Lynda Stagman  
12/17 Christopher Smart  
12/18 Hilary Hampton-Cram  
Janet Lerch  
12/20 Cheryl Bartholomew  
12/22 Rommie Turner  
12/23 Terry DuPriest  
12/25 Joy Packer

12/26 Jesse McIlhaney  
12/29 Lois Bates  
Louise Pitcher  
12/30 Debbie Hauer  
Bev Lewis  
Brian Tobergta

**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



**December  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

The newsletter deadline for the December edition is Wednesday, November 23rd. 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,  
Finance Team

**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.



If interested in a catalog, please let the office know.

**Here is the online ordering link:**

**<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5997624.5fc674>**



# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Start Program 8 AM - 3 PM Monday - Thursday		1 ELC - Pictures Narthex	2 ELC - Pictures Narthex	3 ELC - Pictures Narthex	4 HS - No School	5
6 Memorial Sunday Communion	7 Scouts 6:30 PM	8 Election Day ELC - Donuts w/ Dudes Community Dinner 5-6:30 PM	9 ELC - Donuts w/ Dudes	10 ELC - Donuts w/ Dudes	11 HS - No School ELC - Donuts w/ Dudes	12 Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony 3:00 PM 
13 Communion	14 Scouts 6:30 PM	15 Community Dinner 5-6:30 PM	16	17	18 HS - No School	19
20 Communion	21 HS - No School Scouts 6:30 PM	22 Community Dinner 5-6:30 PM	23 ELC - No School Newsletter Articles Due	24 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed 	25 Office Closed AA - 8 PM	26 AA - 8 PM
27 Communion Hanging of the Greens Decorate Church after Worship	28 Scouts 6:30 PM	29 Community Dinner 5-6:30 PM	30		HS - No School	Crew 150 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5-7:30 PM AA - 8 PM

**Communion Servers  
in November**



**Worship Leaders  
in November**



11/6/2022	Cheryl DuPriest	Lois Bates
11/13/2022	Vicki Celenza	Kathy Terrell
11/20/2022	Ben Sauer	Louise Pitcher
11/27/2022	Lois Bates	Dee Iverson

11/6/2022	Cheryl DuPriest
11/13/2022	Vicki Celenza
11/20/2022	Ben Sauer
11/27/2022	Melissa Holmes

**PARISH NURSES**

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, November 27th, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

**SPECIAL THANKS  
to  
DOT KAHLE**

A very special thanks to Dot for donating a beautiful quilt that she made, for the Quilt Raffle. The raffle brought in \$269.00 for the church. Dot picked the winner of the quilt - Jim Maybury. Congratulations Jim!

Once again, thank you Dot!





REJOICE! REJOICE!

The birth of our Savior is drawing near. Fill our sanctuary with joyous colorful poinsettias! Let us honor HIM and each other. Let us honor our great country and those who protect us and keep us safe. Amen!

Order your poinsettias now before you forget! All plants are fabulous!!! Our church is blessed and beautiful with the spirit and thoughtfulness of its congregation.

This year we will be ordering poinsettias from Northgate Greenhouse. Please order early! We have moved to an earlier due date so that there is a better chance to get the colors requested.

Please return your order to the church office with payment.  
Checks should be made payable to St. Paul United Church of Christ  
Orders need to be placed no later than Sunday, November 27, 2022.

POINSETTIA COLOR: RED/ WHITE/PINK

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>INDICATE COLOR</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____	_____	4 1/2" POT	\$ 4.75	_____
_____	_____	6" POT	\$ 9.50	_____
_____	_____	7 1/2" POT (2 plants)	\$ 18.00	_____

CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to order flowers for the church as a memorial or to honor someone , please provide the following information.

In Memory/ Honor of: (Circle One)

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_