



# Newsletter for December 2022



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## What's Happening

Limited Spaces Still Available

Journey  
Community Church  
UCC-DOC  
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

Website and email will be  
updated soon!



### 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

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

## Merger Updates

### Merging Committee Report - November 2022

Because we are now meeting almost weekly and covering a large amount of topics that span multiple meetings, this report will cover topic by topic what we discussed in November rather than meeting by meeting. Hopefully this will offer a clearer picture of the work we have been doing.

One of the main things we focused on completing during our November meetings was finalizing the mission, vision, and values. We discussed each of the three in depth and solicited feedback from the congregation on the core values. We wanted the mission statement to be short and concise so that everyone in the congregation would be able to easily remember and share it. The final mission statement we will be sharing with the congregation is: "Walking With Christ; Serving Our Community." This statement shares our two main goals as a congregation, while also being simple yet effective.

With regard to the vision statement, we wanted to create attainable and measurable goals for the congregation to strive for annually. The final vision statement we will be sharing is: "Growing our church; growing our faith; growing our impact." Under each of these three categories, we came up with 3-4 goals that we as a congregation will focus on in 2023. Those goals are as follows:

#### Growing our church

- Grow our monthly average attendance by 20%
- Grow our membership by 20%
- Meet our budgeted number for tithing (\$150,000)

#### Growing our faith

- Create and promote Sunday School
- Host at least three Bible Studies
- Host at least one unconventional spiritual formation group
- Host monthly spiritual leadership meetings and an annual leadership retreat

#### Growing our impact

- Implement quarterly Giving Sundays (define)
- Host one new community event
- Host one new recurring community gathering
- Create online church experience

Finally, we worked on the core values. With input from the congregation, we narrowed down from the list of 60 core values that were handed out to the congregation. We worked to combine some of the more popular values chosen that were similar (i.e. acceptance, openness, and inclusion are essentially the same values and we chose acceptance as the value that best represents those ideas). The final core values we chose and the definitions we came up with are on the next page:

Faithfulness - We are committed to God, to Christ, to our church, and to one another.  
Acceptance - We welcome and accept everyone wherever they are along their faith journey.  
Respect - We treat everyone with dignity and with the realization that we are each uniquely God's children.  
Authenticity - We believe vulnerability opens our hearts to creating true community.  
Compassion - We treat one another with love, kindness, and grace.  
Growth - We believe that God challenges and encourages us to always move forward in our faith.

We also worked on the legal side of incorporating the new church, both federally and with Ohio. We obtained an EIN (employee identification number) from the IRS. We also applied to be officially incorporated with the Ohio Secretary of State and are waiting to hear back from them. The new church is also tax-exempt and eligible for tax deductible donations moving forward. We will also be opening a bank account soon and start the process of shifting our finances to that account rather than the two older ones.

We've also been working with a local company to increase the technological setup of the sanctuary so that we can stream services online and have TV screens for multimedia usage during services each week. This expense was placed in the approved budget under "future needs" and is something we feel is necessary to modernize our church and increase our reach in the community. Streamed services will greatly help our homebound members, those who have moved away, and new potential families.

Lastly we have begun the process of writing the new church constitution and coming up with the structure and governance that will guide us moving forward. We want to simplify the constitution and structure of the church, as this will help us more effectively and efficiently do the things we need to do as a church. We will also be pulling similar language from the old constitutions of each former church as we are not trying to wholly reinvent the wheel. We will have more updates on this soon.

Pastor Brian and the Merging Committee



Worship Leaders  
in December



12/4/2022	Linda Woods
12/11/2022	Kathy Terrell
12/18/2022	Trudy Jester
12/24/2022	Judith Lewis-Combs

Communion Servers  
in December



12/4/2022	Linda Woods	Bobbie Compton
12/11/2022	Kathy Terrell	Roxanne Reed
12/18/2022	Trudy Jester	Ben Sauer
12/24/2022	Judith Lewis-Combs	Missy Sauer

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, December 18th, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to do the following:

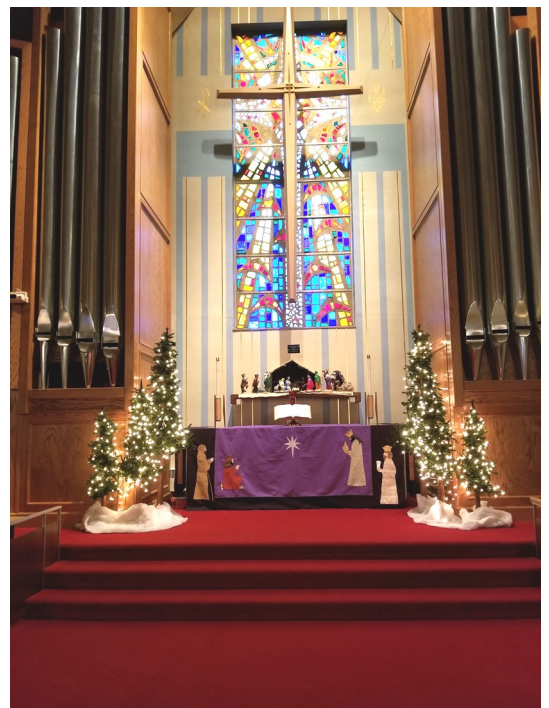
Hanging of the Greens

Decorating throughout the church to prepare for the holidays

For those who have and will read our Advent Readings

For those who will be helping with Breakfast With Santa

For those who will be our extra readers for our Christmas Eve Service



## St. Paul Early Learning Center

Happy December from the Early Learning Center! If you visit our halls, you will hear lots of excitement as Christmas approaches. This month in Chapel Chat, the children are learning Bible stories about the birth of Jesus and the gifts baby Jesus received. After each Chapel Chat, parents receive a home/school connection activity which supports what was taught. Last month, each child received a children's Bible which will hopefully get a lot of use. It is exciting to share the love of God with our young learners!

This month, the children will celebrate the holidays with Polar Express Day! Everyone will wear jammies and board our version of the Polar Express.

Have you noticed our sign? St. Paul Early Learning Center purchased a new sign and it was installed last month. We have already received calls from parents who noticed the sign and wanted more information on the preschool!

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will take place in January. Spread the word!

To each of you, our hope is that you are able to spend some time with family and friends this holiday season. May God bless you with health and fellowship!

Judy Staudigel  
Director St. Paul Early Learning Center



## Scouting News

The Cubbies are having fun learning new things and creating some very interesting artwork. Their imaginative minds are always working.



The Troop had a camp out last month down at Camp Michaels. They did a 3 to 5 mile hike, working on their compass skills. The Cubbies joined them for the day and their hike and had a great time. They are planning a Christmas gathering to celebrate together for their last scout meeting of the year.

The Venture Crew is planning an evening at the Festival of Lights at the Zoo. They also have a game night and Christmas party scheduled for later in the month.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!



*Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:*

**Home Bound Members**

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brown   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   Bob Bechtold   Pat Bonaccorso   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   Diane Griswold   Jason Grove  
Theo Gruber   Gael Gruenwald   Nick Helton   Michelle Henn   Trudy Jester  
Jim Kobb   Jackie Petrocelli   Skylar Pitcher   Harper Manning  
Barb Nuckols   Bill Richards, Jr.   Ed Ross   Emma Sauer   Jacob Sauer  
Tom Schimmel   Walt Schock   Kari Shell   Gloria Stagman  
Karen Street   Ann VanderMolen   Chad Wilcocks  
Mike Woeste   Family of Victoria Bumsted   Family of Joann Ernst

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



- 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



- 1/1 Haile Iverson  
Doris Barnes
- 1/3 Jeanne Gourley  
Karen Street  
Sharon Wagner
- 1/7 James Mueller  
Winnie Page

- 1/11 Nola Apro
- 1/12 Jim Brent  
Doug Doller
- 1/14 Ben Sauer
- 1/15 Mary Heineke

- 1/18 Roy Push
- 1/25 Rick Davis
- 1/26 Jim Hutchison  
Charles Rogge

**Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs**

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

- Deodorant
- Hand Soap
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Non-Perishable Foods

- Shampoo
- Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

- Toothpaste
- Laundry Detergent

- Toothbrushes
- Spring Cleaning Supplies



**January  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the January edition is Wednesday, December 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,  
Finance Team

*thank you*

**COMMUNITY DINNER**



Thank you to members of Mt. Healthy Christian Church for preparing and serving the fifth Tuesday of the month Community Dinner. The volunteers included Linda Taylor, Kathy Terrell, Mike and Patti Hornback, Missy Sauer, Laurita Johnson, and Marla Banks. The menu consisted of chili, cornbread, fruit, salad, and dessert.

Marla Banks

Volunteers are welcome any Tuesday of the month.



# December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Start Program 8 AM - 3 PM Monday - Thursday				1	2 HS - No School AA - 8 PM	3 AA - 8 PM
4 Second Sunday of Advent	5 Scouts	6 Dinner 5-6:30 PM	7	8	9 AA - 8 PM	10 Breakfast w/ Santa 9-11am AA - 8 PM
11 Third Sunday of Advent	12 Scouts	13 Dinner 5-6:30 PM	14 ELC 3's Christmas Party	15 ELC 4's/Pre-K Christmas Party	16 ELC's 2.5 Christmas Party Nativity - 7 PM AA - 8 PM	17 FH rented 12 - 2 PM Phyllis King Family AA - 8 PM
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent Nurses Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 - 9:45	19 ELC - No School Head Start Scouts	20 Dinner 5-6:30 PM	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22	23 Office Closed 1/2 Day AA - 8 PM	24 Christmas Eve Music 4:45 PM Service 5:00 PM AA - 8 PM 
25 Christmas Day Merry Christmas No Service 	26 Office Closed to Observe Christmas ELC - No School Head Start	27 Dinner 5-6:30 PM	28	29	30 AA - 8 PM	31 New Year's Eve AA - 8 PM 