



Pathways February 2024



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Upcoming Events

Scout Sunday & Breakfast

Service February 4th - Breakfast After Worship by Crew 150

Ash Wednesday

Services - February 14th - 6:30 PM

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

March 16th - Time to Be Determined

Maundy Thursday

Services - March 28th - 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday

Services - March 31st - 10:00 AM

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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary



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Pastor Words of Wisdom

New year, new me!

How many times have you heard that, especially on January 1st? One of our time-honored traditions as a society is to make New Year's Resolutions - promises to better ourselves, our lives, and our world in the new year.

Which is a wonderful idea! I love the idea of promises to ourselves and to others to be better than who we were. None of us are perfect, and each of us can change and improve and learn.

But how long do we hold to those resolutions? At what point does our New Year's zeal fade away, and we go back to how things were?

I am as guilty as anyone when it comes to losing my passion around resolutions. I'll make one in the excitement of a new year and all of the possibilities that come with it, only to eventually decide it's too hard or too much or too...everything.

We are fickle people who oftentimes prefer the comfort of what we know instead of the challenges of what might be.

But what if we anchored our resolutions in more than just ourselves and our own resolve? What if we were motivated by more than the fading burst of a new year?

What if our motivation to change was rooted in our faith?

It's a simple yet powerful change in mindset. The world around us is impermanent - coming and going all the time, just like the start of a new year, which is already behind us.

Our faith is more permanent. It is with us at all times. The presence of God is with us at all times. Which means if we find our motivation in our faith, it will always be there, nudging and encouraging us along our path to change.

Besides, our faith is meant to change us anyway. So if we put our faith (literally) in our resolutions, and vice versa, our chances of success are so much higher.

It's a simple yet impactful process: Make a resolution. Have faith. Be changed.

Happy 2024, everyone!



Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

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

Deodorant
Hand Soap
Dishwashing Liquid
Non-Perishable Foods

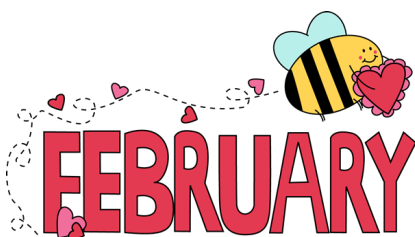
Shampoo
Toilet Paper

Toothpaste
Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes

Personal Care Items

Spring Cleaning Supplies



2/2 Eileen Church
2/6 Vicki Celenza
Lois Manifold
2/9 Mandi Cornish
2/11 Rob Nungester
2/12 Erma Amrein

2/24 Mike Iverson
Bonnie Rogers
Pat Sutton
2/15 Kim Ferry
Wm. Patrick Lewis
2/16 Jill Carter

2/20 Drew Hauer
Randy Hauer
2/21 Cherie Lynn Sauer
2/23 Pat Sprong
2/25 Kathy Hauer
2/28 Gary Sprong



3/2 Patrick Marshall
3/5 Andy Iverson
3/7 Emma Sauer
3/8 Venessa Mittler
Anne Zimmer

3/9 Elaine Sloan
3/11 Karen Chalfin
3/15 William Reed
3/19 Jann Apro
Mike Hornback

3/19 Julie Shockley
Alex Tietsort
3/20 Cheryl Davis

December 11th, 2023 Board Meeting Notes

Steve opened meeting with and Brian prayed at 6:15pm. Five board members and pastor were present.

- Sharing of previous meeting minutes were read and accepted as presented.

Team/Committee Reports**Finance (Mike I)**

- Shared budget numbers (need to plug in new numbers to get from Treasurer)
 - ◇ Journey Checking Balance: \$29,668.31
 - ◇ Journey Savings: \$430,033.31
 - ◇ SPELC Grant Money: \$67,735.96
 - ◇ St. Paul Checking: \$19,373.82
 - ◇ St. Paul Endowment: \$133,591.36
 - ◇ Edward Jones: \$385,795.45 (now includes P & G Stock)
 - ◇ Edward Jones (cash account): \$1296.79
- 2024 Proposed Budget shared with Board
 - ◇ Format changes and additional inputs to be included/updated
 - ◇ Board voted and agreed to an extension for final budget to share 3rd week in January. This request be shared and voted on at December congregational meeting.

Building (Skip)

- Reported that the Rooftop units for fellowship hall are ready to be installed.
 - ◇ Recommended installation to occur between Christmas and New Years
 - Targeting before end of year
- Water heater in boiler room also being replaced before end of year.
- Discussion to consider a larger, more responsive company, for Church electrical needs moving forward.
- Bid on fire alarm system came in at 130k. Need to align to next steps.

Personnel (Ben)

- Contract for Sexton/Jimmy passed out and approved to move forward to finalize and share with Jimmy along with updated job description.
- Reviewed, discussed and aligned to Sexton, Administrator and Treasure, Rob Nungester/Head Start custodian pay increases. Also discussed and aligned to pay increase for Judy Staudigel who leads the JP Learning Center.
- Had private (Brian stepped out) conversation and alignment to Senior Pastor pay increase.

Board Notes Continued:

- Board agreed to retro all employees pay increases back to Jan 1st 2024. This allows time to finalize documents, meet and align with staff, etc.
- Board agreed to have Personnel team divide up bonus gifts to be handed out after Christmas Eve service.

Spiritual (Robin)

- Shared overview of team and church's success to reach out, connect, and serve our community.
 - ◇ Breakfast with Santa
 - ◇ Community Dinners
 - ◇ VBS
 - ◇ Trunk or Treat
 - ◇ Etc.

Pastoral (Brian)

- Shared worship updates and plan for last weeks of Advent and Christmas Eve Service.
- Brian will be here for MARCC Coalition at church

Year End Meeting (Steve)

- Request of Board Team leads to provide a 1-3 minutes review of accomplishments/key updates during congregational upcoming meeting.
- Shared Zwoster Scholarship update to get board final feedback to the team's questions.

Brian closed with a prayer at 8:30 pm

End of Meeting



Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Wm & Eileen Church Carolyn Dykes Alice Graber Diane Griswold Ruth Hoeweler
 Lynn Hoffman Emmett Izer Nancy Lanza Donald Lerch Melitta Marx Bob Runk
 Dave Schleutker Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan Anne Timme
 Rommie Turner Sharon Wagner Del Yung

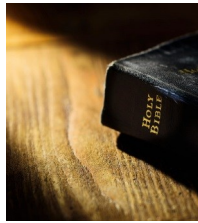
Special Prayer Request

Our Service Men and Women
 The Country of Ukraine
 Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers
 Cities affected by any and all Violence
 Police Officers in all cities that are having to deal with any and all Violence
 Praise for Volunteers and Prayers for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake
 Civil War in the Sudan
 Victims of Children Trafficking
 For Maui, Hawaii

Erma Amrein Nola Apro LaRue Baker (Estie's Sister) Dawn Ball
 Victoria Baumstead Al Bonaccorso Pat Bonaccorso Max Buerkle
 Amy Buschelman Mike Burriss Bill Carter Kim Caudell Jim Cobb
 Debbie Shelley Dauderman Carrie Devine Brian Drinnen Dorothy Dumford
 Carolyn Dykes Huntleigh Enderle Owen Erickson Pam Farlow
 Sue Geary Marcia Gibbs Theo Gruber Michelle Henn Allen Holmes
 Dave Huser Jim Hutchison Trudy Jester Jamie Kist Joan Lewis
 Dan Mc Donald Harper Manning Vicki Newport Jackie Northrop
 Barb Nuckols Jerry Oberjohann Terry Pitcher Darlene Reed Ricky Renier
 Rhonda Bill Richards, Jr. Vicky Ritz Steve Rogers Ed Ross
 Cherie Lynn Sauer Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer Ken Scheffel Tom Schumm
 Kari Shell Kathy Snider Karen Street Kathy Terrell Anne Vander Molen
 Chad Wilcocks Ann Winkler Mike Woeste Paula Zellner
 Family of John Marx

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

**Worship Leaders
in February**



Judith Lewis-Combs	2/4/2024
Vicki Celenza	2/11/2024
Steve Lighthall	2/14/2024
David Holmes	2/18/2024
Roxanne Reed	2/25/2024

**Communion Servers
in February**



Judith Lewis-Combs	Lois Bates	2/4/2024
Vicki Celenza	Dee Iverson	2/11/2024
Steve Lighthall	Robin Lighthall	2/14/2024
David Holmes	Terry DuPriest	2/18/2024
Roxanne Reed	Cheryl DuPriest	2/25/2024

**Greeters
in February**

Lois Bates	2/4/2024
Judith Lewis-Combs	2/11/2024
Robin Lighthall	2/14/2024
Steve Lighthall	2/18/2024
Trudy Jester	2/25/2024

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, February 25, 2024 9:15-9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

**MARCH
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the March edition is Wednesday, February 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 will be held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday's of the month.

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

A huge thanks to the congregation of Journey Community Church for the holiday card and gift. It was not expected but certainly appreciated! A huge thanks also for your endless support to me and St. Paul Early Learning Center. I am blessed to be a part of this Church community! God bless each of you!

Thank You!

Thank you Journey Community Church congregation for the card and the gift. It was greatly appreciated! JCC has a huge place in my heart !

Judy Staudigel

Thank you again,
Anne Zimmer

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://journeycomchurch.churchtrac.com>, or you can also use the CR code below. 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 EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Happy New Year! St. Paul Early Learning Center is back in full swing after our holiday break! The children are always excited to get back into the classrooms after some time off! I must admit, so are the teachers! In December, we had a visit from Santa himself! The smiles on the faces of the little ones were priceless. After singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas", one of the preschoolers asked Santa to pass the message on to Mrs. Claus as well. The children always have a way of touching our hearts.

Do you know someone looking for a high quality preschool? One where love, kindness, and forgiveness are taught through stories from the Bible? If so, spread the word as St. Paul Early Learning Center has Registration Open for the 2024/2025 School year. Judy is always ready to provide a tour of the classrooms, and learn how we set families up for success! Just give her a call at 513-931-9062.

Enjoy the wonders of the Winter season!

Judy Staudigel
Director



INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THOSE ON PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is an ever changing necessity for our members, friends of our members, and those on the prayer list. If you have placed someone on the prayer list, who is not a member of this church, and would like for them to receive a card from the church, please call the office and give to Anne the address of the person you would like to have a card sent to.

Our team of card writers will be happy to send a card to let them know the church is thinking about them and praying for them.

Information can be called in to Anne during office hours at 513-931-2205 or it can be emailed to her at office@journeyccc.com.

Thanks in advance!

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Learning Center HS= Head Start				1	2 ELC - 4's Conferences HS - Teachers Only AA - 8 PM	3 AA - 8 PM
4 Scout Sunday Scout Breakfast Jazz Trio	5 HS - No School AARP Tax Prep 8:30 AM - FH Finance Team 6 pm Spiritual Team 6 pm	6 Dinner - 5-6:30 PM	7	8	9 ELC - 2.5 Valentine Party AA - 8 PM	10 AA - 8 PM
11 Transfiguration Sunday George Theders Crew 150 Mtg - 1:30 PM	12 HS - No School AARP Tax Prep 8:30 AM - FH Personnel Team 4 pm Board Mtg 6 pm	13	14 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 PM Happy Valentines Day ELC 3, 4 & Pre-K Parties	15	16	17
18 Jazz Trio Crew 150 Mtg - 1:30 PM	19 ELC - No School HS - No School AARP Tax Prep 8:30 AM - FH	20 Dinner - 5-6:30 PM	21	22 Girl Scout Recruitment - FH 6:30-7:30 PM	23 AA - 8 PM	24 AA - 8 PM
25 George Theders Crew 150 Mtg - 1:30 PM	26 HS - No School AARP Tax Prep 8:30 AM-FH	27	28	29		Building Team meets After church as needed