



Pathways February 2025



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Introducing the **OPEN DOOR ROOM**

This Room is located right next to Pastor Brian's Office!

Did you know that there is a wall in the "Open Door Room" that has lots of puzzles and books that you can borrow?

Puzzles range in size from 300 pieces to a 1000 pieces. These can be borrowed and returned.

There is also a section that contains many books to choose from to read. Same concept, borrow a book and return when finished.

Also feel free to bring in any puzzle or book that you wish to add to the shelves for others to enjoy as well.

The library also contains series books that you may borrow as well.



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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

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Pastor Words of Wisdom

As many of you know, I was sick a few weeks ago. I barely survived church on Sunday before going home and collapsing into bed.

For the next few days, I was resigned to my couch, hardly moving except when absolutely necessary.

It was miserable. Not only because I was sick, but also because I was forced to do absolutely *nothing*.

As someone who prides himself on being busy, it was not enjoyable laying around with nothing to do. And yet, doing nothing was exactly what my body needed to recover. Sleep and relaxation were the two best things I could give myself in order to get over my sickness.

This is a moderately extreme example, but it shows the necessity of rest in our lives. Whether we are sick or not, our bodies, minds, and spirits need rest and relaxation.

This is a topic I talk about a lot, and have probably written about this in a previous newsletter article, but it's such an important thing that we continue to ignore over and over.

We love to be busy. It is a badge of honor. We worry that if we aren't busy, we might be considered lazy instead. To do is better than not to do, right?

But we know that's not the whole story. Doing things can be good! But doing nothing can be just as good! Rest is how we take care of ourselves. It is how we recuperate and become rejuvenated.

If we only ever go, go, go, we will become worn out shells of ourselves. And then what good are we to anyone? Who will we be helping when we snap or collapse?

Besides, we are in the midst of winter. January and February are typically my least favorite months of the year. It's dark and cold without the promise of Thanksgiving or Christmas around the corner.

But it is also the perfect time to rest. Winter is a time for hibernation. It is the perfect time to take a night or two or three off and just sit around doing *nothing*.

Read a book. Have a drink. Do a puzzle. Talk with a loved one. Knit a scarf. Watch a movie. Take a nap. Stop doing and start being.

Rest is something we not only need, but something we deserve. So do yourself a favor and take a break. The world will still be there when you're done.



ZWOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

It's time once again for those who are eligible to apply for the Zwoster Scholarship for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year.

If you have a student who is interested in applying, please contact the office and the criteria and application will be emailed. The deadline for applying is Thursday, May 1, 2025.

Applications may be mailed or emailed to the office at office@journeyc.cc.com. Only applications and necessary documentation that are in the church office by close of business hours, 2:00 PM, will be considered. If mailing, please be sure to allow the proper time as mail delivery times have changed. Any questions, please reach out to Sandy Blevins, 513-520-2772.

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

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

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| Deodorant | Shampoo | Toothpaste | Toothbrushes |
| Hand Soap | Toilet Paper | Laundry Detergent | |
| Dishwashing Liquid | | | |
| Non-Perishable Foods | Personal Care Items | Spring Cleaning Supplies | |



- 2/2 Eileen Church
- 2/6 Vicki Celenza
- Lois Manifold
- 2/9 Mandi Cornish
- 2/11 Rob Nungester

- 2/14 Mike Iverson
- Bonnie Rogers
- Pat Sutton
- 2/15 Kim Ferry
- Patrick Lewis

- 2/20 Drew Hauer
- Randy Hauer
- 2/21 Cheryl Rogers
- Cherie Lynn Sauer
- 2/23 Pat Sprong
- 2/28 Gary Sprong



- 3/8 Venessa Mittler
- Anne Zimmer
- 3/9 Elaine Sloan

- 3/11 Karen Chalfin
- 3/15 William Reed
- 3/19 Jann Apro

- 3/19 Mike Hornback
- Julie Shockley
- 3/20 Cheryl Davis
- 3/31 Birney Jones, II

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

*Wm & Eileen Church Alice Graber Ruth Hoeweler
Lynn Hoffman Emmett Izer Nancy Lanza Donald Lerch
Melitta Marx Bob Runk Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan
Anne Timme Del Yung*

Special Prayer Request

Our Service Men and Women

The Country of Ukraine

Civil War in the Sudan

Victims of Children Trafficking

For Everyone of the Wildfires of California

Nola Apro Aunt Lee Lois Barland Victoria Baumstead

Barb Brewer Sue Brown Mike Burriss Calvin's Grandpa Bill Carter

Ray Clark Joyce Compton Danielle Coulton Carrie Devine Mercedes Dreier

William DuPriest Dorothy Dumford Ethan, student of Missy Sue Geary

Ken Handley Michelle Henn Santos Hernandez Janet Koehler John Koehler

Rob Langdon Linda LeValley Vicki Luke Catherine Lynch Harper Manning

Debbie Nungester Roger Purcell Ruth Purcell Ricky Renier Vicky Ritz

Steve Rogers Cherie Lynn Sauer Jacob Sauer Tom Schumm Dave Shannon

Kari Shell Gary Smallwood Summer, Mom's Family Lisa Super Paul Tensing

Amy Wadl AJ Walker Leslie Washington Chad Wilcocks

Karen Wilson Kamaria's Mom & Family Ann Winkler

Paula Zellner Rick Zellner

*Family of Erma Amrein **Family of Jason Baird** **Family of Michael Collins***

Family of Kaci Myers

*Please keep the office informed when
Names can be removed or need to be added
Bold typed names were just recently added*

**MARCH
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**



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

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

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



If you have a Kroger Community Rewards Card, you can select our church for receiving rewards.

The name has officially, in Kroger's records, been changed to Journey Community Church, but it still may say St. Paul United Church of Christ on the website. They associate more by account number than name of business.

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, February 23rd, 9:15-9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Jan Apro

Holly & Marc Centrulo



In Memory of Erma Amrein

Carol & Mike Chalfin

Laverne Jensen

Karen & Mark Karaffa

Louise Pitcher

Elaine Sloan

Linda Woods

Barbara Hanson

Dot Kahle

Paulette Lawrence

Bonnie & Steve Rogers

Lorraine Wilson

Anne & Skip Zimmer

St. Paul Early Learning Center

January was full of snow, fun, and learning here at St. Paul Early Learning Center! As we enter February, we focus on friendship! Valentine's Day is always exciting for preschoolers! Leading up to this special day, we will be learning about mail and how it is delivered! This will include lots of practice printing letters and numbers!

Did you know that in the 2024/2025 school year we started offering an extended day program? The children who have an extended day, stay at school through lunch and enjoy additional activities. These include group games, awesome art, super science, and marvelous math!

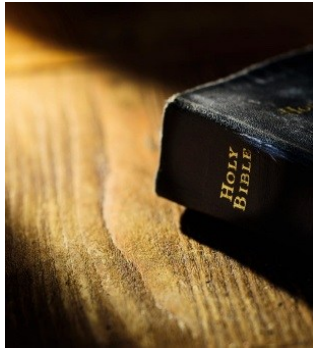
Do you know someone looking for a preschool? If so, have them contact me at (513) 931-9062!

Stay warm!

Judy Staudigel
Director
St. Paul Early Learning Center



Worship Leaders in February



Vicki Celenza	2/2/2025
Melissa Holmes	2/9/2025
Margaret Maybury	2/16/2025
Jim Hutchison	2/23/2025

Communion Servers in February

Vicki Celenza	Robin Lighthall	2/2/2025
Melissa Holmes	Linda Woods	2/9/2025
Margaret Maybury	Missy Sauer	2/16/2025
Steve Lighthall	Lois Bates	2/23/2025

Greeters in February

Robin Lighthall	2/2/2025
Vicki Celenza	2/9/2025
Lois Bates	2/16/2025
Steve Lighthall	2/23/2025



December 9th, 2024 Board Meeting Notes

Steve called meeting to order and Skip opened with prayer at 6:05pm. Five board members present. Pastor was not in attendance.

Previous meeting notes read and approved with minor updates.

Team/Committee Reports

Finance (Mike I)

- Church 2025 annual budget approved unanimously by Congregation at annual meeting.
- It was shared that SPELC (Learning Center) tuition is down for the year but still profitable.
- Received a Covid Checks(ERC) from government for 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2020. See Report for totals. Funds set aside for fire alarm system upgrade, timing TBD.
- Treasurer report accepted. See attached.

Building (Skip)

- Parking bumpers installed.
- Potential stripes on parking lot to be accomplished during business hours.
- Electrician has provided quote for updating lighting in breeze way (\$400.00/light).
- Trailer to be sold for \$150.

Personnel (Ben)

- To distribute staff gifts on Christmas Eve (Brian, Anne, Jim, Kim)
- Have begun gathering staff feedback for review process.
- Rev. Thomas Barns to fill pulpit for Brian's vacation, Dec 15th.
- Following up with Brian on search through UCC and Disciples regions. Waiting on list of seminars for personnel team to contact.

Spiritual (Robin)


- Breakfast with Santa was a huge success!
- Planning a movie night.
- Request to create monthly calendar to be displayed for board and guests to see upon entering office administration area.

Additional Business (Steve)

- Shared Margaret's request to have more support for spiritual team (ex. Mission work)
- Request for Brian to provide monthly report to include shut in visits and pastoral care activity.

Meeting closed with a prayer by Ben at 8:10pm

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Building Team meets after Worship on Sunday's as needed.	FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Learning Center HS= Head Start					1 AA - 8 PM
2 Worship Jazz Trio	3 AARP Tax Prep 8:45 AM - 3 PM HS - No School	4 Community Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM	5	6	7 HS - 1/2 Day PM Anne Off-- Linda In AA - 8 PM	8 AA - 8 PM
9 Worship George Theders	10 AARP Tax Prep 8:45 AM - 3 PM HS - No School	11	12 ELC - 3's Valentine Party	13 ELC - 4's, Pre-K Valentine Party	14 Happy Valentines Day  ELC 2's Valentine Party AA - 8 PM	15 AA - 8 PM
16 Worship Jazz Trio Week of Compasson	17 AARP Tax Prep 8:45 AM - 3 PM HS - No School ELC - No School	18 Community Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20	21	22 AA - 8 PM
23 Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 am Worship George Theders Week of Compassion	24 AARP Tax Prep 8:45 AM - 3 PM HS - No School	25	26	27	28	AA - 8 PM

