



This month marks 2 years that I have been blessed to be here with St Paul. When I reflect upon the changes, I marvel at how the Holy Spirit is alive and well at St. Paul. The Food Pantry is flourishing under the leadership of Karol Keeteman. Council is providing good guidance. Christian Nurture is getting excited about opportunities to work together instead of feeling isolated in doing ministry at St Paul.

I am aware that my ministry style is different from previous pastors, sometimes for the good and sometimes for the challenge. I believe in equipping the church to do the work that God calls the people to do. I believe in empowering the church to take risks and as it was said in one of my webinars, "Fail often, fail forward, and fail fast." This means take risks knowing that they are not always going to work out and it is great that you are trying. I know that each "failure" can teach us something as long as we are open to learning.

Looking ahead:

Wear red for Pentecost on Sunday, May 19th.

Family Day will be on Sunday, June 2nd and I would like to invite you to think about what family pictures you feel comfortable bringing into worship to have placed around the sanctuary.

Rewiring our Church Connections Day is in the infancy planning stage.

I love being here with you and plan on enjoying every day. No matter which minister is with you, what are YOUR thoughts and YOUR dreams. I look forward to hearing all about them.

Peace & Blessings,
Susan

Our Church Family



Food Pantry News

During the month of March, 28 people visited the Food Pantry with a total of 91 people being helped.

Spring Cleaning Day

Our church was a busy place after church on the Sunday after Easter.

You may notice our fellowship hall looking brighter and less dusty, our basement decluttered and our food pantry organized. Thanks to all who pitched in and made our church cleaner and nicer. It is so nice to be part of a church where people pitch in and help out.

Marla Stewart, Council President

Joe, Tara, Theresa, Lillian, Family of Avyaan, Haiti, and Michael. We to lift them up to God to deliver what they need.

We continue to keep in our prayers: Darryl, Wright City Fire Family, Mike & Eileen Teasing, Darlene's Family, those who are traveling, Walter & Janice Burkemper, Ken, Marla, Lori S, Megan, Janet, Carrie T, and Tim.

We lift up in our prayers those who need prayers for their *long-term circumstances*: Carol Jean P, Mary A, Bill D, and David L.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

March Attendance:

March 24: 26

March 31: 11
18

April Attendance:

April 7: 18

April 14: 19

April 21: 19

April 28:

Monthly Attendance Average

January: 24

February: 23

March: 19

April:

May:

June:

July:

August:

September:

October:

November:

December:

Our giving last month...

Based on our budget for 2024 our offering each week needs to average \$2176.48

| | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Stewardship</u> |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| March 24 | \$ 410.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| March 31 | \$ 265.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| April 7 | \$ 2105.00 | \$ 45.00 |
| April 14 | \$ 2180.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| April 21 | \$ 910.00 | \$ 70.00 |
| April 28 | | |

Our giving in 2024...

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|--------------------|-----------|
| January Average: | \$2905.67 |
| February Average: | \$1129.50 |
| March Average: | \$ 681.67 |
| April Average: | \$ |
| May Average: | \$ |
| June Average: | \$ |
| July Average: | \$ |
| August Average: | \$ |
| September Average: | \$ |
| October Average: | \$ |
| November Average: | \$ |
| December Average: | \$ |

Please remember to invite our inactive members, as well as your family and friends, to worship. Evangelism and hospitality go hand in hand!

Our Guests

Robert & Charli Simora



Ushers/Greeters

| | |
|--------|------------------------------|
| May 5 | Jerry & Pat Gifford |
| May 12 | Ricard Warren & Jane Windish |
| May 19 | Rick Kincer & Jerry Gifford |
| May 26 | Linda Meier & Janet Drown |

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|-----------------|----|
| Adam Gifford | 05 |
| Brenda Kiefer | 08 |
| Lauretta Thomas | 09 |
| Larry Noble | 11 |
| David Gifford | 30 |

Acolytes

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|--------|---------------|
| May 5 | Marla Stewart |
| May 12 | Joyce Noble |
| May 19 | Marla Stewart |
| May 26 | Janet Drown |



Fellowship Hour Servers

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|--------|-------------------|
| May 5 | Christian Nurture |
| May 12 | Worship Committee |
| May 19 | Food Pantry |
| May 26 | Messenger |

Food Pantry Schedule

| | | |
|--------|------------|-----------------|
| May 1 | 11:00-1:00 | Phyllis & Karol |
| | 4:00-6:00 | Jane & Karol |
| May 8 | 11:00-1:00 | Rich & Karol |
| | 4:00-6:00 | Joyce & Marla |
| May 15 | 11:00-1:00 | Jan & Norma |
| | 4:00-6:00 | Jane & Janet |
| May 22 | 11:00-1:00 | Steve & Norma |
| | 4:00-6:00 | Karol & Georgia |
| May 29 | 11:00-1:00 | Steve & Norma |
| | 4:00-6:00 | Janet & Norma |

**ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MINUTES**

April 10, 2024

Present: Marla Stewart, Karol Keeteman, Jerry Gifford, Carolyn Meier, Pastor Susan and Joann Jungermann, Treasurer (non-member).

Absent: Darryl Freese

Opening prayer by Pastor Susan

Quorum Count: by Carolyn with quorum present.

Review of Agenda: Karol made a motion to accept as written, second by Carolyn. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Joann, motion to accept as written by Jerry, second by Karol. Passed

Secretary's Report: Karol made a motion to accept, Jerry second. Passed

Pastor's Report: reviewed. Carolyn made motion to accept and second by Karol. Passed.

Prayer for our Pastor: Marla

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Worship - Carolyn (member) Pentecost is 5/19. Family Day will be June 1
2. Grounds Committee- Jerry (member) - see new business
3. Christian Nurturing- Marla (member) - Had Easter breakfast; not met
4. Stewardship – Carolyn (member) - May offering is Strengthen the Church, Easter breakfast money went to BANF (\$57.66)
5. Evangelism - Joyce (member) nothing to report
6. Finance - Marla (Liaison) nothing to report
7. Sonny Schacher Legacy Ad-Hoc - Jerry (member) members would like to see fund spent on significant things, i.e., carillon, replace piano/organ
8. Boy Scouts – Jerry- indoor camporee in 2-3 weeks, summer camp scheduled, working on merit badges
9. Search committee - Marla (Liaison) nothing to report
10. Food Pantry- Karol (member)- Cleaning supplies being collected; back packs in future

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Membership Committee - ongoing
2. Signs – Jerry talked to Glenda who found places in O'Fallon and Troy, and he will check these out
3. Spring Work Day – a success
4. Community Partners of Eastern Lincoln County – joined
5. Paint hallway in Christian Ed Building- scheduled

NEW BUSINESS

1. Carillon broken and no parts are available
2. Storm windows in church – Sun Windows in Middletown and Dale Webster Windows have been found and Marla will ask Bob to get bids
3. Pastor Susan Contract – we will work on

Next meeting; May 1st at 1:00pm

Opening prayer: Darryl

Entertain motion to close by Carolyn, second by Jerry. Passed

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by:
Carolyn M. Meier, secretary

Any questions on above, please feel free to contact council member

May Stewardship

Strengthen the Church

This month we will give to a fund that is new to our church, the UCC Strengthen the Church fund.

What do you need for a strong church? One thing is leaders.

This fund supports our leaders. It also supports youth ministry, where our future leaders will likely come from.

Another thing a strong church needs is to grow. The Strengthen the Church fund supports new church starts, so we can spread God's word and have more people to work with us.

We also need to be aware of the changing needs of our fellow followers in Christ. This fund supports innovation in existing congregations so they can keep up with changing needs and challenges.

Leaders, new churches, changes to keep up with changing needs. That's how we strengthen our church and expand our reach and our voice as we do the work of Christ.

Please give to help the United Church of Christ spread God's Word.

The Stewardship Committee

May 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---|---------------------------|--------|----------|
| | | | 1 Council 1:00pm Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm | 9 <i>Ascension Day</i> | 10 | 11 |
| Pastor Susan on vacation | | | | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Pastor Susan on vacation | | | | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 28 | 29 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm | 30 | 31 | |
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Sunday

Book/Bible Study (Sept. thru May).....9:15am

Worship.....10:30am

Coffee and Fellowship.....11:30am

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