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**AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!**

## The Epistle

is a monthly publication of St. Paul's UCC.

**Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!**

*Sunday School @ 9:15 AM*

*Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 AM on 1/06, 1/20 & 1/27*

*One Worship Service on 1/13 at 10:30 followed by Annual Meeting and Dinner.*

*Childcare available at 10:30 service*

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FROM THE PASTOR

**MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BE UPON YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS, AND MAY ALL PEOPLE FIND THE HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE THEY LONG FOR.**

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OTHERS ON GOD'S BEHALF. MAY WE CONTINUE TO SERVE IN THIS WAY THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.*

On Sunday January 13, 2019, we will have one Worship Service at 10:30, followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting, followed by our Annual Dinner.

During our Congregational Meeting we will be discussing the next steps in pursuit of fulfilling some of our Dreams and Visions results. It is **extremely important** for everyone who is able, to come listen to where we are and what we are, at this stage, investigating doing. This is an opportunity to ask questions and express your opinions. This is an exciting time and we want everyone to be informed and ready to participate in various ways. Please plan now to be there. And, please sign-up for the Annual Dinner now too. You know it will be delicious! More discussion can happen over the meal as well. Take care.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

Rev. John

**Treasurer's Report – November 2018 - YTD**  
income November 2018 was \$383,737.55 total expenses \$317,424.73 leaving a positive balance of \$ 66,312.82 at this point in time. Please note as previously stated, the income includes \$52,522.26 from the Estate of Ruth Wrightstone. A complete set of the minutes from the last Consistory meeting can be found on the bulletin board in the commons.



**Directory Changes:** Updated copies of St. Paul's Directory will be available in the common area in February. To make it the most up-to-date as we can get, please get all address, phone # and email changes into the church office no later than Sunday January 27th. Thanks!

**UPDATE ON DREAMS & VISIONS**

Many of you remember participating in Dream and Visions focus group sessions a year ago where we discussed where we want to be as a church, and also what we might like our physical worship space to be like.

The timing for these conversations was good, in that Consistory and the Properties committee have been discussing needed infrastructure improvements to our church building; and we have been including ideas and suggestions provided by you during those meetings in planning.

Let me dig into some details about physical changes we need to, or could make over the next several years:

**There are some building changes that have a sense of urgency about them.**

We need 3 roofs: over the Sanctuary, the Christian Education building, and the Fellowship hall.

We need an up-to-date Heating and Cooling system. And we need to have our electrical system(s) upgraded.

And we are actively evaluating those items. But while we are at it, we also want to look at:

## Ideas that came from Dreams & Visions

A big item that came out of Dreams & Visions is **bathrooms**. Our bathrooms need help. They are small, and not ADA compliant. Of course, expanding bathrooms involves the scary prospect of moving walls around, or adding on.

Another important consideration voiced by many is **environmental sustainability**. We discussed putting **solar panels** on the Christian Ed roof, **LED lights** throughout the building, and **geothermal heating** under the parking lot. We even discussed making some of the parking lot of permeable material to allow for better drainage. These ideas are compelling for two reasons: One, they are in line with environmental sustainability, which is one of our Church's 3 missions. And Two: There are cost savings and a calculable payback period for these things. We are already replacing our incandescent bulbs with LEDs, since they provide an average of 92% electricity savings. And as for heating and air conditioning, We spend an annual average of \$10k on electric and nearly \$14k on heating oil. We can do better; and help the environment at the same time by reducing our carbon footprint.

In addition to these items, we have a list of many ideas about flooring, walls, and re-use of space that fall into the "great idea, but when & what's it cost" categories.

All of this can sound a little overwhelming, and frankly we need help in planning. So we went and sought help from a few places.

- The first thing we did was to go talk to Reverend Herrold, who led the first three building efforts for creating this building. He explained how the church, over many years, planned and financed the construction of first the Christian Education building, then the Sanctuary, and finally the Fellowship Hall; all from 1970 through 1984.

- The second thing we did was start researching architect firms in the area with experience in sacred spaces and in environmental sustainability. We picked three local firms and invited them to walk through and evaluate our building; while we evaluated them for a possible future partnership.

- The third thing on our list starts right now. We need return to you, the congregation. We got a lot of great ideas during Dream & Visions, but before we take the next steps, and start laying out options to vote on, we want to leverage the expertise in this room. We have congregation members who are experts in environmental issues, and in finance, and members with a creative eye who can weigh in with ideas. We want to form a building committee, with sub-committees, and invite everyone to get involved as we move forward. In about a month, we will have our regular **January Congregational meeting** where we will share more detail and we will request permission to proceed with planning via congregational vote.

In our meeting back with Reverend Herrold he showed us the process used by our church in the 70's where a small committee(s) worked and planned, then regularly came back for vote approval by the congregation each step of the way.

We intend to emulate that process, and continue a dialogue all along the way.

*Art Williams, Consistory President*





**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

**Jim Adams** (Mullin); **Adrienne; Aimee** (Mitchell); **Kevin Allison;** **Alvis** (Smith); **Kris Amtower;** **Larry Anderson** (Runkle); **Wendy Anderson** (A. Thompson); **Anthonie & Family** (Trout); **Kim & Chris Antonucci** (Grice); **Donald Beaver** (Keith); **Joann Bender;** **Jack Benoist** (Ritter); **Rev. Dr. Susan Bertolette** (A. Thompson); **Bill** (P. Miller); **Bill, Bob & Nancy** (Gabriel); **George Bingaman;** **Geoffrey Biringner** (Velez); **Nadine Boyer;** **Chris & Tina Bowers;** **Forrest Brackbill;** **Joan Brenizer** (Rhoads); **Brian** (Shearer); **Adriana Brice & Family** (Smith); **Missy Brouch** (Myers/Mihmet); **Debby Browning** (S. Miller); **Anna Burns;** **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **Marge Campbell** (Sharp); **Candace** (Stine); **Carl** (Bender); **Carol** (Riesmeyer); **Caroline** (Rhoads); **Ana Carr** (Rushong); **Jamie Cecil** (Wirth); **Eddie Chandler** (Aumiller); **Chase & Family** (P. Miller); **Kirt Chronister;** **Pat Cleland;** **Frankie Coluntuna** (Eichman); **Mary Lou Dallam** (Stone); **Dorothy & Rev. Robert Davidson** (Layne); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Deb & Ned;** **Ethan Dixon & Family;** **Jack Donne** (Mitchell); **Jim Dougherty** (Ritter); **Sue Dove;** **Grace Drager;** **Allen Dreibelbis;** **Dixon & Peg Earley** (Rushong); **Eddie** (Kern); **Linda Eichelberger** (Chronster); **Elaysia** (Nalepka); **Jim Erb** (Kern); **Karen Erway** (Rushong); **Lydia Farrell;** **Bob & Eve Fenner;** **Tom Figiel** (Weiser); **Richard Fogel** (Sponsler); **The Fowler Family** (Runkle); **Anne French** (Ward-Diorio); **Ron Gabriel;** **Lenny Gardner** (Shearer); **Paulette Garrison** (Bender); **Gary** (A. Thompson); **George** (Gabriel); **George** (B. Thompson); **Joyce Gerstenlauer** (Dundore); **Peggy & Dave Gilbert** (Sizemore); **Gina & Family** (Sharp); **Gloria** (Davinroy); **Betty Goodfellow** (Ritter); **Shirley Grammer;** **Tim Groller & Family** (Mullin); **Jennifer Grove** (Ward-Diorio); **Jane Hall;** **Ed Haller** (Keith); **Bill Hanna** (Shea); **Gavin Harris** (Cowan); **Mike Hatz;** **Mandi Hannah** (Hoehn); **Phyllis Hershey;** **Leslie Hocker** (Brown); **Joshua Holbrook** (Nolan); **Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple;** **Jay Houser** (Haagen); **Chuck Hurley** (Fox); **Jake, Rhonda & Kate Jacobsen;** **Jamie** (Dundore); **Jane** (Ritter); **Jenny, Eric & Erica** (Lingenfelter); **Jonathan & Karen** (Wirth); **Lily Jordan** (Mullin); **Juliette** (P. Miller); **Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy** (Ward-Diorio); **Kim** (S. Kline); **Jeff & Lyle King;** **Dot Kinzer;** **Sandy Kline;** **Rich Kline;** **Shirley & John Knisely;** **Roger Krebs** (P. Miller); **Randy Krepps;** **Jean & John Layne;** **Bonnie Lengle** (B. Thompson); **Lenks Family** (Carson/Foukes); **Linda** (Bingaman); **Naomi Losch** (Endy); **Colin Loy** (White); **Kelly Lynch** (Wirth); **Irene Macconnell-Davinroy;** **Martin Malone** (Riesmeyer); **Cook Mann** (Davinroy); **Sean McDonald** (Rushong); **Mary** (Rhoads); **Phyllis Martz;** **Linda Meola** (Roush); **Michel & Family** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Adriana Miller;** **Alvin Miller** (L. Miller); **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Mary Louise Miller;** **Lee & Connie Miller** (Dundore); **Linda Miller;** **Melissa Miller** (Bender); **Roxanne & Steve Morgan** (Dundore); **Wendy Mowery** (Aumiller); **Tammy Mullen & Family** (Allison); **Tommy Mullin;** **Jennifer**

**Muthersbaugh** (Trout); **Patricia Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka); **Stephen O'Driscoll & Family** (Rushong); **Oliver & Family** (Velez); **Gordon Olsen;** **David Ordonia** (Myers); **Linda Osborn** (Moore); **Richard & Ann Palazzo** (Weiser); **Lynne & Judy Patton** (Taylor); **Jim Pilsner** (Rhoads); **Nancy Prucha** (Hoehn); **Marion Quinlan** (Ward-Diorio); **Randy** (Bender); **Richard Reba** (Richenbacher); **Reed & Ziegler Families;** **Robert Reiner** (Bender); **Amy Rhoads;** **Jo Rice** (Rushong); **Joyce Rice** (Eichman); **Mike Riesmeyer;** **Paul Ringenbach** (Wirth); **Robert** (Sack); **Lisha Robertson & Family;** **Adam Rohrbaugh** (Bender); **Rosemary** (Simpson); **Bill Ross** (Mullin); **Jerry Roventini & Family** (Boyer); **Marian Royer;** **Benny Rushong;** **Sam** (Freeman); **Irv Sanders;** **Sarah & Tom** (Guelcher); **Tom Schiffgens;** **Rev. Glenn Schultz;** **Dennis Scouler** (Rushong); **Family & Friends of Arlene Sealover;** **Joyce Sealover** (Sutton); **Erin Shane** (Thorpe); **Maya Shapiro** (R. Thompson); **Rafe Shearer** (P. Miller); **Bill Siemon** (Warfield); **Mike Siemons** (Wood); **Andy Sislo** (Aumiller); **Conner Snow & Family;** **Jacob Snyder** (Wentz); **Harry Sommers** (Stone); **James Sowell** (Sandy Kline); **Clarence Steck;** **Barbara Sterner;** **Joanne Stine & Family;** **Sue** (Sizemore); **Briana Thomas;** **Cathy Thomas;** **Jeannette Thorpe;** **Austin Tichenor** (Gladwin); **Linda Till;** **Doug Townsen** (S. Miller); **Tracy** (Guelcher); **Craig Triplett** (Boyer); **Flo Turner** (B. Thompson); **George Tutino** (Boyer); **Tom Tuttle** (Trout); **Bill Utley** (Boyer); **Tom Van Hall & Family** (Sutton); **Roger VanLoan** (Ritter); **Skooter VanKirk** (Wightman); **David Weisal** (Sponsler); **Debbie & John West** (Boyer); **Ceci Viti** (Warfield); **Vicki** (Sizemore); **Anthony Warner** (Simpson); **John West** (Boyer); **John White;** **Rev. Jeff Whitman** (Velez); **Dave Wightman** (Trout); **Peg Wightman;** **Elaine Williams** (A. Thompson); **Rose Marie H. Williams** (Stone); **Fran Wolford;** **Beth & Steve Woods** (Riesmeyer); **Alexa, Lacey Worrall & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Jacqueline Young** (Wentz); **Kevin Young** (A. Thompson); **Aimee Yowell** (Eichman); **John Zink** (Thorpe)



- 1/02 Choir Rehearsals resume
- 1/06 8:00 am Youth Choir
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 1/13 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 1/20 10:30 am Hand Chimes
- 1/27 8:00 am Chancel Choir
- 10:30 am Youth Choir/ Choristers at Children's Message time.



**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**GREETERS**

- 1/06 8:00 Merikay & Don Wood
- 10:30 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
- 1/13 10:30 Vonny Eckman,
- 1/20 8:00
- 10:30 Clarence Solt, Terry Shaner
- 1/27 8:00
- 10:30 Kay Ohrin

**LECTORS**

- 1/06 8:00 Rebecca Drazba
- 10:30 Patrice Miller
- 1/13 10:30 Chris Bowers
- 1/20 8:00 Lynn Carson
- 10:30 Jim Pirtle
- 1/27 8:00 Colleen Eichman
- 10:30 Kevin Allison

**USHERS**

Head Usher: Eric Dundore

**COMMUNION PREP**

- 1/06 Pew – Merikay & Don Wood

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

- 1/06 Lois & Dave Ritter
- 1/13 Joan & Ernie Moyer
- 1/20 Kim & Jim Pirtle
- 1/27 Karen & Kevin Allison

**ACOLYTES**

- 1/06 8:00 Evan Pineo
- 10:30
- 1/13 10:30
- 1/20 8:00
- 10:30
- 1/27 8:00
- 10:30

**NURSERY**

- 1/06 Vonny Eckman,
- 1/13
- 1/20
- 1/27 Terry Shaner,

***Please visit the church website to sign up for Acolyte, Flower Delivery, Greeter, Lectors, Nursery and Usher Duties. You will find the individual signup sheets under the “Serving Others” menu heading. Thank you. While there if you want to sign up for fellowship time – please do!***



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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 01 Mary Laughery      | 16 Jeanette Smith-Miller |
| Sarah Myers           | 19 Bonnie Plymette       |
| Erika Obrock          | 20 Shirley Grammer       |
| Joanne Stine          | Ryan Miller              |
| 02 Deb Cashman        | 21 Sharon Herrold        |
| 03 Don Wood           | 22 Paula Boyer           |
| 06 Shannon Sweeney    | Patrice Miller           |
| 07 Amanda Endy        | 24 Herb Myers            |
| Lori Obrock           | 25 Marshall Bender       |
| Katherine Royer       | Matthew Miller           |
| 09 Carol Rhoads       | 30 David Bensel          |
| 10 Devin Flickinger   | Mason Elliott            |
| 12 Andrew Hall        | Tracy Nye                |
| 16 Diane Richenbacher | Rhoda Rupp               |



- 08 Deb & Getachew Kassahun
- 20 Amy and Jim Paulus
- 22 Lois and Dave Ritter
- 26 Joanne and Charles Miller
- 28 Donna and Ron Chronister



### **Chancel Committee Opportunities**

The Chancel Committee has openings for Acolyte, Greeter and Lector schedulers. This responsibility includes contacting interested members, monthly, so there is assigned individuals each Sunday. Terry provides you the required assignments each month and that information will need to be completed to appear in the monthly newsletters.

There is also an opening for an individual to change the Altar, Lectern and Pulpit pariments as the church season's change. These positions are very important for the support of the worship experience that we have at St. Paul's.

Questions may be directed to Steve Roush, Chancel Committee Chairperson, at [scroush2@gmail.com](mailto:scroush2@gmail.com) or 717-460-2206. Thank you.

closely with partner organizations that have long-established links with the UCC and Disciples. Collaborating with partners, your gifts to Child Sponsorship provide food, basic health care, clothing and in some cases housing, school fees, uniforms, books and training. The cost to sponsor a child in 2019 is \$30.00 per child per month. Payment should be made no later than the month you are sponsoring the child (check payable to Paul's UCC or place cash in an envelope and mark it with your name and child sponsorship on it and place in offering plate or drop off in the Church office.) Thank you in advance for sponsoring a child who has so little. If you would like to send a card to the child you are sponsoring, see Terry and she can give you the address.



**Mitten Tree** - Bring in mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for all ages not only to decorate the tree but to help bring warmth to those in need. Items collected will be distributed to those in need. **Deadline to drop off is Friday January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Signup sheets for the 2019 Altar Flowers and Child Sponsorships are on the table in the commons:**



**Altar Flowers**

Please neatly fill in the information as you want it printed in the Worship Bulletin. The cost to sponsor altar flowers is \$32.00. Payment should be made no later than the Sunday you are sponsoring the Altar Flowers for (check made payable to St. Paul's or cash with your name and altar flowers on it and place in offering plate or drop off in the Church office.) Following worship, the flowers are taken by volunteers to the ill, shut-in's or to other appropriate places. In this manner, the flowers continue their silent reminder of God's love. Thank you in advance for providing flowers for the Altar of St. Paul's.



**Sanctuary Cleaning Up, Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> 8 am** – Come out and help us take the decorations down in the Sanctuary. Let Jonne Dundore know if you can help, 766-2601 or [Jonnekev@aol.com](mailto:Jonnekev@aol.com).



**Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00/10:30 am** Worship Services / Holy Communion via Pew and the Burning of the Greens after the 10:30 service.

Sunday School @ 9:15 am.



**Sponsor a child**

Your gifts through Global Ministries Child Sponsorship make a difference! The Child Sponsorship program works



**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

- will meet at 1 PM Tuesday January 8th in the Parlor. The Prayer Shawls will be blessed at the one 10:30 worship service on Sunday January 13th.



**Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>** - 9:15 am Sunday School, One Worship Service at 10:30 am this day followed by the:

**Annual Congregational Meeting.** The purpose of this meeting is to review the annual reports from the various councils and committees, including Dreams & Visions, from Consistory and the pastor's report. In addition, two new members will be elected as members of the 2019 Consistory, to serve a four-year term. Please note that it is important that each member can ask questions and make suggestions for the upcoming church year during this meeting. Please come prepared to listen and learn. Questions? Please talk to one of your Consistory members or Rev. John.

**Annual Dinner** - Following the meeting, we hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall for the Annual Congregational Dinner of Pork & Sauerkraut. Plan to stay and enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship. **We will be honoring our members with 50 or more years and our new members who have joined since last year at this dinner.** To help cover the cost of the meal, there will be a charge of \$3.00 for ages 5 – 12 and \$7.00 for ages 13 & up. Ages 4 and under are free. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the commons.

**The Pollyanna's** do not meet in January. Information on the February meeting will be in the February Epistle.

**Souper Bowl Sunday**



**Souper Bowl Sunday –**

**Sunday February 3rd!** Our Youth will be holding soup kettles outside the Sanctuary as you exit worship services.

Please donate to help those in need while voting for your favorite team at the same time!



**St. Paul's UCC** – Thank you for all the cards, notes and words expressing sympathy on the death of my Father. Also, thanks to those who came to the viewing and service. It is such a comfort having so many friends here at St. Paul's. *Terry & Gene Shaner*

**Dear St. Paul's Church Family:** During this special season of Advent, it is time to reflect on the past year's blessings. I am so appreciative of all the support and loving prayers I have received from our congregation! The beautiful altar flowers; numerous get-well cards; calls from Rev. John, Pastor Allyssa, and Martha Keith and the home visits and delicious peach cobbler from Martha as well. Gene Keith was my knight in shining armor when he personally delivered a wheelchair to help me be more mobile during my recovery from surgery. All of these things have helped me get through my multiple medical trails from this past year. I feel so blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. Thank you again from the bottom of my grateful heart! In Christ's Love, *Anna Burns.*

**It's a Boy:**

*Ryker Wentz was born on Tuesday, December 11th.* Our Congratulations go out to the proud parents, Kara & Danny Wentz, big sisters Raelynn & Rylie and to the proud grandparents, Jim & Kelly Wentz

