

## From Pastor Brent...



Just last Sunday we celebrated this year's confirmands as they affirmed their Baptism. In a normal year we would have done this way back in the spring but, as I'm sure you all know by now, 2020 has not been a normal year. While the circumstances of this particular Confirmation class have certainly been unique, the whole idea of Confirmation is also a reminder of the timeless and transcendent nature of our faith.

A person is incorporated into the body of Christ in this world, the Church Universal, through the sacrament of Baptism. Because Baptism in our tradition typically takes place in infancy or early childhood, baptismal promises are made on behalf of the child by one or more parents and/or sponsors. As part of the sacrament, the congregation as a whole also agrees to sponsor the newly-baptized child going forward, helping them to grow in their Christian faith and to participate in the life of the church.

Confirmation is an opportunity for those who are baptized at a very young age to assent to the promises of Baptism for themselves, but it is hardly the only opportunity to do so. One of the promises that confirmands make is "to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world." It is a vow they make to be involved in something bigger than themselves for the rest of their lives.

While this is a commitment that confirmands make *for* themselves, we must remember that it is not a commitment they make *by* themselves. You see, the congregation also makes a pledge as part of the affirmation of baptism, which is this: "We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior." This is a vow we make to be involved in something bigger than ourselves for the rest of our lives.

For this reason, Baptism — and its affirmation at Confirmation — are perhaps best understood not as individual acts, but as community acts. They represent, among other things, the acknowledgment of the relationship *among* individuals, the church and God;

they celebrate an ongoing covenant, consisting of promises made by people at a specific place and time, in concert with believers in all places and times;

they must be constantly renewed — lived into on an ongoing basis, throughout our whole lives, in all that we say and all that we do;

and they serve to remind us, in no uncertain terms, that we are all in this together.

Blessings,

Pastor Brent

**St. Paul United Church of Christ**  
**Council Minutes**  
**September 8, 2020**

The St. Paul UCC Church Council met on September 8, 2020. Present were Jim Gaal, Julie Feucht, Sandy Hanson, Evelyn Jones, Mike Kuhn, Vickie Rittmaier, Charlie Snyder, Barb Specht, Susan Whitmore, and President Randy Yoder along with Reverend Brent Gundlah and treasurer Matthew Feucht.. Absent were Bill Bair and Kris Bair. President Randy Yoder called the meeting to order, and Reverend Brent Gundlah gave an opening prayer.

**Pastor's Report**

Reverend Brent reported that the average attendance for in-person church attendance is 29. He thanked the ushers for working the Sunday services and Susan Whitmore for mailing material to our children. He also thanked Paula for making masks for the kids and Jim Gaal for cleaning and repairing the railings.

Reverend Brent has been chosen for the Faith in Action Steering Team.

At Christmastime, there will be holiday services. The mitten tree, kettle kickoff, and decorating grounds will still be done.

Reverend Brent will be going out of town for a week in October. Council and Reverend Brent will work on coverage and access to the service via technology.

**Last Month's Minutes**

Charlie made a motion to approve last month's church council minutes. Jim seconded, and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Randy asked about the cash flow for maintenance and property. \$2,379.00 was for a tree removal, furnace repair, and the equipment for the streaming of the Church services.

There was a snag with the signature cards, which is being worked out. The church name has to match on the state certificate and tax i.d. Charlie and Matthew might have to contact another church with the St. Paul name in order to get permission to use it.

Jim made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, and Sandy seconded. The motion carried.

**Elders' Report**

The elders called members of the congregation again to check on them. Evelyn sent out cards. Charlie made the motion to go into executive session. Vickie seconded.

**Deacons Report**

Giving is up 25% from last year. Congregants have been generous. Utilities are down 6.5% from last year. Charlie will give a statement as a head of the deacons thanking the congregation for its generosity.

**Trustees' Report**

Railings need to be painted. Thanks to Jim Gaal and Randy for their work. Randy trimmed the tree, and Charlie gathered the brush.

McBurney said that they're waiting on weather and other jobs. They are booked up, so perhaps they will be able to complete the job next year.

Randy W. is going out of town for a week. Someone will lock the parish hall doors and make sure everything is set. Parish hall doors and lights need to be done daily. Bruce B. could be contacted. Scrapbookers is on the 18th, so they could take care of it that night.

There is an ant issue, so an exterminator will be called. On Sunday mornings the parking lot should be clear for members of the congregation to park.

**Old Business**

Council is looking into the possibility of upgrading the sign. Brent will call to find out more information.

**New Business**

There is no new business at this time.

The next meeting will be October 13 in the parish hall basement. Charlie made the motion to adjourn, and Mike seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Feucht, Church Council Secretary

# NOVEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Kevin Keith          | 2 Carl & Marlene Byrd  |
| 3 Betty Drage          | 9 Mike & Ginger Kuhn   |
| 10 Zola Smeyres        | 14 Charlie & EJ Brown  |
| 13 Roger Carpenter, Sr | 27 Ed & Susan Whitmore |
| 14 Lynne Indorf        |                        |
| 14 Dave Shifflet       |                        |
| 16 Ginger Kuhn         |                        |
| 16 Debbie Baker        |                        |
| 16 Jordan Starcher     |                        |

**Remember our home-bound members with prayers, visits, cards, or calls:**

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|------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------|
| 18 Roger Carpenter, Jr | Helene Dominik         | Canton Christian Home, 2550 Cleveland Ave NW #432, Canton, OH 44709 | 330-430-5212 |
| 19 Valerie Gundlah     | Clarence & Betty Drage | 10451 Elton St SW, Navarre, OH 44662                                | 330-879-2068 |
| 26 Hope Gundlah        | Jeannie Feucht         | @ Hennis Care Centre, 300 Yant St, Bolivar, OH 44612 Room #300      | 330-874-5016 |
| 26 Tess Gundlah        | Jenna Edwards          | 1578 1st St. NE Apt. H, Massillon, OH 44646                         | 330-685-7045 |
| 27 Miranda Thompson    |                        |   |              |
| 30 Clarence Drage      |                        |   |              |
| 30 Monica Bair         |                        |   |              |

Please remember the following people with your prayers, cards and words of encouragement. Call the office with any changes: 330-879-5836 or e-mail [atstpauluccnavarre@sssnet.com](mailto:atstpauluccnavarre@sssnet.com). **If we do not hear from you within 30 days, we may remove the name.** Any urgent prayer needs can be put on our email prayer chain.



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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Our Country        | Anita Savage    | Laurie Salopek        | Vivian Buchanan           |
| Our Armed Forces   | Jim Indorf      | Brianna Specht        | Alliya Guidone            |
|                    | Millie Kowell   | Doug Pierce           | Ray & Cindy Davies        |
| Jenna Edwards      | Jon Furr        | Barbara Hodous        | Shelly Powers             |
| Sheryl Hayes       | Lloyd Palmer    | Ryan Ruess            | Dave Beach                |
| Laura Colvin       | Rheannon Conrad | Vickie Whitmore Baker | Charlie Snyder            |
| Paige Ransom       | Nancy Fisher    | Paul Harper           | Lyndsie Newtz             |
| Tegan Wise         | Randy Swonger   | Orlan Miller          | Ann Vogt                  |
| Kathy Eichelberger | Nathan Forte    | Lenny Warner          |                           |
| Carmie Maier       | Opal Manack     | Bo Johnson            |                           |
| Brenda Adams       | Brad Bissell    | Howard Parker         |                           |
| Dan Norris         | Amelia Specht   | Clay Buchanan         | Family of Norma Jean Ward |



**Reminder**

Don't be late for church next week!

Daylight-Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 1st!  
Set your clocks back an hour!

**MITTEN DONATIONS**

Beginning Sunday, **October 4th** through **November 3rd** we will collect hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. There will be a collection box in the church and in the parish hall. Please bring your donation on Sunday mornings or bring to the office during the week, Tuesday through Friday.

All items will be distributed at the Fairless School District and the Fairless Food Cupboard.

**Your donations are greatly appreciated!**



Fairless Food Cupboard  
Annual Holiday Toy Drive

*From Our Team to the Fairless Toys Distribution:*

Dear Friends,

During this very unusual year of COVID19, we must still remember life continues for children. We, who help with the Fairless Toy Distribution, hope this finds you well. Once again, we are beginning our Drive to help provide families with toys for their youngest for Christmas. As always, we highly appreciate any help or donations we receive.

*This year, because of COVID19, we are planning on doing things a little differently. We are asking families to provide information, during the food distributions the next couple of months, on items the children may have some interest in. We will then purchase those items, or similar items, and have them ready for a drive-thru pickup. Because of this, we are currently asking for monetary donations only. However, if you wish to purchase items yourself, you can contact someone on our team to see what is needed.*

*Once again, thank you very much for all you do for your community and especially for the children. Checks can be made to **Fairless Food Cupboard** with the word "TOYS" in the memo area. Please mail them to **Pat Winkhart, 21 4th St NE, Navarre, OH 44662**. For any questions, you can call **Darlene Reed at 330-767-4334**.*

**Deadline is November 13th!**

**Fairless Food Cupboard**

The focus items for **November** are **white rice, dried navy beans and boxed potatoes**. Of course, any and all non-perishable items will still be accepted at any time.

If you choose to make monetary donations, please make the check out to the **Fairless Food Cupboard**. Cash can be submitted in an envelope clearly marked "Fairless Food Cupboard". Checks or cash may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or brought to the church office.

**The Fairless Clergy Association thanks you for your support and generosity!**



***Congratulations on the  
Baptism of***

***EMMA JEAN SYPOLT  
and  
HATTIE LYNNE SYPOLT  
October 18, 2020***

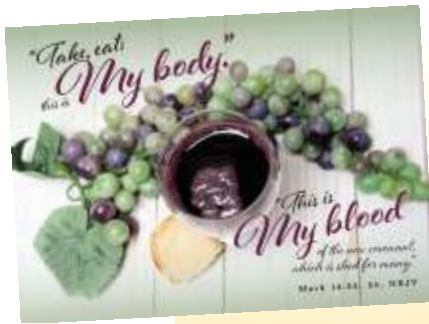
*Daughters of Sarah & Jonathan Sypolt;  
Granddaughters of  
Bert & Elizabeth Ambrose;  
Bill Sypolt (deceased);  
Linda & Steve Wasnak*





## Serving Our Church in November

Ushers	Dozen & One (tier one)	Dozen & One (tier two)
Captain: Randy Yoder	Chairperson: Amy Balala	Chairpersons: Ed & Susan Whitmore
Diana Youngman	Seth & Sarah Peterson	Gary & Karen Jackson
Julie Stantz	Wilbur Haas	Cleo Allen
Tammy Yoder	Tammie Kramer	Ramon & Sue Young
Cindy Longworth	Scott, Roxie & Maggie Rush	Ruth Moulos
	Connie Luthi	Arletta & Chris Bair
	Jim & Heather Gaal	



### Communion

November's Communion will be on the second Sunday of the month, Nov. 8th, instead of the first. We will still serve Communion using the prepackaged bread and cup.

If you would prefer, for whatever reason, to bring your own elements with you, you are certainly welcome to do so. We simply ask that you either dispose of or take with you when you leave, whatever container you use to carry those elements to church.

### MONTHLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Date	Attendance	Facebook reach	Offering	On-line giving for September
				\$100.00
9/27/20	27	75	\$1,330.00	
10/4/20	27	64	\$2,469.00	
10/11/20	26	82	\$2,790.00	
10/18/20	57	73	\$2,657.00	
10/25/20	25			

*Weekly Offerings Needed to Meet Yearly Budget—\$3,050.00*

## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations  
to  
our recent confirmands:

**Ethan Alter**  
**Cassie Benson**  
**Jocelyn Wright**

### ***Poinsettia Order Form***

Help us fill the sanctuary with beautiful flowers for this Christmas season. Orders may be placed in the offering plate, designated "Poinsettias" or brought to the church office.



The cost for each flower is \$7.50.

**The deadline for placing orders is Tuesday, November 17th.**

Select One:

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate quantity of each:

\_\_\_\_ Red      \_\_\_\_ White      \_\_\_\_ Pink      \_\_\_\_ Marble

Total ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### **Church Bell Subscriptions**

It's time to renew your subscription to the monthly church newsletter, *The Church Bell*. Only those who are currently receiving the newsletter in the mail or would like to begin receiving the newsletter in the mail should fill out the form below and return it to the church office. (A \$5.00 donation to help cover the cost of mailing is suggested but not required.)





**Deadline to sign up is Sunday, December 6, 2020**

Name:

Address:

- I want to continue receiving *The Church Bell* in the mail.
- This is a new subscription. I wish to begin receiving *The Church Bell* in the mail.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>All Saints' Day</b> 10:30 AM Service Live-streamed on Facebook; Available on church website Daylight-Saving Time Ends	2 Office closed 8:00 PM AA Meeting	3 <b>Election Day</b> 	4	5	6	7
8 10:30 AM Service Live-streamed on Facebook; Available on church website Communion	9 Office closed 8:00 PM AA Meeting	10 7:00 PM Council Meeting	11 <b>Veterans Day</b> 	12	13	14
15 10:30 AM Service Live-streamed on Facebook; Available on church website	16 Office closed 8:00 PM AA Meeting	17 	18	19 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Fairless Food Cupboard	20	21
22 10:30 AM Service Live-streamed on Facebook; Available on church website	23 Office closed 8:00 PM AA Meeting	24	25	26 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Office closed	27 Office closed	28
29 <b>Advent Begins</b> 10:30 AM Service Live-streamed on Facebook; Available on church website	30 Office closed 8:00 PM AA Meeting					



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**Navarre, OH 44662**  
**(330) 879-5836**

## THE CHURCH BELL

Help us keep our church roster updated. Contact the church office with any family member, address or phone number changes.



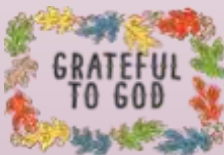
### **Worship Service**

10:30 AM Service  
Live-streamed on Facebook;  
Available on church website



### **Navarre Preschool Daycare**

Monday—Friday  
7:30 AM—5:30 pm  
(330) 879-0033



*A traditional church  
For today's world.  
Pass the word, Share the love!*

## **St. Paul United Church of Christ**

### **Church Staff**

**Pastor** *Rev. Brent Gundlah*  
**Secretary** *Margaret Weber*  
**Custodian** *Randy Whitaker*  
**Music Director** *Lynne Indorf*  
**Pianist** *Natasha Musaelyan*

**Office:** 330-879-5836  
**Office Hours:** Mon—Closed  
Tue—Fri 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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