



Pastor's Letter...

Since 1995 I have been teaching classes for the New York School of Ministry and similar groups. I recently completed two classes for them, a class for people who wanted to do Pulpit Supply, and a class on Christian Ethics. People take the class on Christian Ethics for a variety of reasons. Some want to be Pastors in local churches. Some even want to be ordained. Others are simply interested in the topic. This time I had seven students who took the class for credit and one who was an auditor, though she actually actively participated in the class. She just didn't have to write all the papers.

We covered a large number of topics including health care, climate change, poverty, executive pay, and so forth. Though one of my objectives is to help my students develop their own approach to Christian Ethics, one of my other objectives is to help them understand that there are almost always multiple positions on any one topic and that most people have good reason to believe what they believe, even if they disagree with one another. To emphasize the point, I require the students to engage in "debates" in which at least of the students is probably going to be asked to argue for a position with which they disagree. I want them to learn that well meaning people can and do disagree about very important topics and that the simple fact of disagreement is not somehow evil. The people who disagree with us are rarely bad people. Often, people don't even disagree as much as they think they do, but they have different priorities. All people, for instance, think life is sacred. All people (at least all Americans) also think that people should be able to make choices about what happens to them in this life. But which of those ideas is more important in any given instance? People can and do disagree. I'm sure some people disagree for reasons I find objectionable, but mostly they simply have differences about what is most important.

I think that we need to remember that in our divided churches and nation. Are there evil people who intend bad things? Sure. Are those all the peo-

ple who disagree with me? I think not. We have to be able to disagree without being disagreeable. We need to be able to give other people the benefit of the doubt. It isn't always easy. I often find myself offended and angry when I hear what some people have to say. Sometimes, I think I am fully justified. But many times—probably even most time—I really should know better. They aren't bad people. They probably aren't even wrong. They must think differently than I do. I'm not even sure I want everyone to think the same way I do. How will we learn and grow if we don't face some opposition? Jesus told us that we should be careful about judging other people. I think we should all take that warning to heart. Just because we disagree doesn't mean that one of us is evil and the other good. If I had to bet, I'd bet that we are both wrong—especially if we end up yelling at each other.

I imagine that some of you have learned that lesson without taking any of my classes. I'm not the first person to reach these conclusions, but in the world we find ourselves in today, I think these lessons are ever more important. People are going to disagree. That is inevitable. Nonetheless, they are our brothers and sisters, and we need to treat them with respect. After all, that is how we would like them to treat us.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Steve Johnson
Interim Pastor

St. Paul United Church of Christ
Church Council Minutes
April 13, 2021

Present at the meeting were Kris Bair, Julie Feucht, Jim Gaal, Sandy Hanson, Evelyn Jones, Mike Kuhn, Vickie Rittmaier, President Charlie Snyder, Barb Specht, and Susan Whitmore along with treasurer Matthew Feucht. Jordan Starcher and Bill Bair were absent. President Charlie Snyder called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: Approval of Minutes

Kris made a motion to approve the March 9th council meeting minutes, and Sandy seconded. The motion carried.

Charlie suggested a change in wording to the March 23 special council meeting minutes. It should read, "The council discussed Reverend Steve Johnson's future status as interim minister. His compensation is divided into categories such as salary, housing, and health and vision insurance. As designated by the interim covenant, he will be reimbursed on April 15 and 30 prior to his scheduled vacation." Vickie made a motion to approve the March 23 special council meeting minutes as amended, and Mike seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Elders' Report

Elders will make calls or send cards to members of the congregation, then Reverend Johnson will make them.

Summer church hours will start June 6 and continue through September 5.

Deacons' Report

Giving and in-flows remained constant. Pastor

expenses have gone down since last year.

Trustees' Report

There will be carryout orders during the May garage sales.

Old Business

The search committee has met a few times and reviewed a list. The next meeting is later in April.

Evelyn made a motion to update the office computer system, and Vickie seconded. The motion carried.

Charlie suggested that a future rewrite of the constitution have a technology officer when the church gets a new pastor.

Charlie will start contacting people for May pulpit supply this week. He will also sign the interim pastor covenant and give Reverend Johnson a copy.

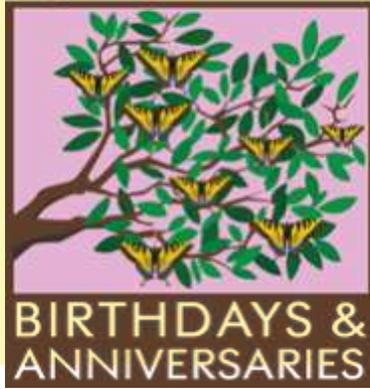
Council reviewed the protocol for exiting the church after the Sunday service.

Mike made a motion to adjourn, and Jim seconded. The motion was approved.

The next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, in the parish hall basement at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted by Julie Feucht, Church Council Secretary

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| 8 Bill Bair | 3 Chad & Jennifer Weirich |
| 9 Chad Weirich | 5 Brain & Kathy Eichelberger |
| 14 Clayton Thompson | 7 Mark & Heidi Wagner |
| 15 Bev Feucht | 9 Ramon & Sue Young |
| 16 Julie Stantz | 12 Jim & Lynne Indorf |
| 18 Andy Kuhn | 12 David & Annie Shifflet |
| 19 Baylee Orin | 18 Matt & Julie Feucht |
| 19 Joseph Benson | 21 Heidi & Greg Wright |
| 22 Margaret Weber | 24 Randy & Tammy Yoder |
| 22 Brenda Savage | |
| 23 Joan Snyder | Our Country |
| 24 Brian Eichelberger | Our Armed Forces |
| 26 Kelsey Yoder | |
| 26 Mark Wagner | Sheryl Hayes |
| 28 Bailey Weirich | Laura Colvin |
| 30 John Brainerd | Paige Ransom |

Please remember the following people with your prayers, cards, visits, and words of encouragement. Call the office with any changes: 330-879-5836 or e-mail at stpauluccnavarre@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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| | Millie Kowell | Lenny Warner | Donny Raynard |
| | Jon Furr | Howard Parker | Chance Hines |
| | Lloyd Palmer | Clay Buchanan | Kaiden Spencer |
| | Rheannon Conrad | Vivian Buchanan | Andrea Maxim |
| | Nancy Fisher | Alliya Guidone | Alivia Horst |
| | Nathan Forte | Dave Beach | Debra Sauer |
| | Opal Manack | Lyndsie Newtz | Elaine Reynolds |
| | Brad Bissell | Ann Vogt | Phil Hart |
| | Laurie Salopek | Gregory Schartiger | Mary Ann Rittmaier |
| | Doug Pierce | Sam Roach | Dan Gram |
| | Barbara Hodous | Nancy Green Martin | Arletta Bair |
| | Ryan Ruess | Benjamin Baker | |
| | Vickie Whitmore | | |
| | Baker | | |



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

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| Helene Dominik | Canton Christian Home, 2550 Cleveland Ave NW #432,
Canton, OH 44709 | 330-430-5212 |
| Clarence & Betty Drage | 10451 Elton St SW, Navarre, OH 44662 | 330-879-2068 |
| Jeannie Feucht | @ Hennis Care Centre, 300 Yant St, Bolivar, OH 44612
Room #300 | 330-874-5016 |



In the News



Many heartfelt thanks to everyone who thought of me on my special birthday this April! I really appreciated all the birthday wishes and cards. Thanks so much for making it a wonderful day for me!

*Love,
Violet Pickens*



*Dear St. Paul Friends,
I would like to thank all of you who have included me in your thoughts and prayers during my recent hospital stay and subsequent recovery. Your cards were greatly appreciated as well. Your thought and prayers were answered which shows that God is watching over us. Thank you so much,*

Diana Youngman



Summer worship time will be at 9:30 am beginning Sunday, June 6th.



We had another successful year for the Garage Sale Lunch in spite of Covid. After much thought, advice and deliberation we arrived at a plan that was very successful and worked smoothly.

The menu was basically the same but everything about the set-up and logistics was new for our drive through: from our beautiful new sign, to the kitchen set-up for filling orders and car-hops and a Porta-john in the parking lot! But everything went smoothly and we didn't block traffic on Wooster Street! We also were able to buy our meat, pies, etc...for basically the same price as our last sale in 2019.

The crowd was much smaller this year but more people came AFTER we took our sign down at 1:00 Friday afternoon. We sold more after we closed than when we were open!

We had \$1916.00 to deposit in the General Fund but the highlight was the response from each of you: the donations, prayers and fellowship we experienced from working together again!

GOD IS GOOD!

Lynne

P.S. Don't tell the Trustees, but we had a Special Guests too—a black squirrel went in the Parish Hall! We have EJ and Bruce to thank for fixing that problem. I think he wanted to check out our Norfolk Pine tree!



PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Search Committee has met several times to begin the process of finding our next settled pastor. The committee has also met with the UCC Association Minister regarding our search.

You should have received a survey regarding the search. Please complete and return the survey as soon as possible. This provides the committee with valuable information for our church profile to be used in our search.

We expect our profile to be completed over the summer and possible candidates to be evaluated beginning late summer/early fall.

Charlie Snyder
Search Committee Chair

Serving Our Church In June



Dozen & One	Dozen & One (2nd tier)	Ushers
Chairpersons: Ed & Susan Whitmore	Chairperson: Amy Balala	Captain: Sandy Hanson
Gary & Karen Jackson	Seth & Sarah Peterson	Shelly Vranich
Ramon & Sue Young	Wilbur Haas	Ramon Young
Ruth Moulos	Tammie & Lauren Kramer	Jim Savage
Arletta & Chris Bair	Scott, Roxie & Katie Rush	Vickie Rittmaier
	Maggi Rush	
	Connie Luthi	
	Jim & Heather Gaal	

Fairless Food Cupboard

In addition to the regular generous donations from the community, the Fairless Food Cupboard purchases items each month. Money donated is used to purchase items which are not "in-stock" at the cupboard. The Food Cupboard would like to encourage us to donate certain items to relieve them from having to purchase these as often. A "Focus Item" list has been created to guide us in these donations.

The focus items for **June** are **Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce and Peanut Butter**. 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!



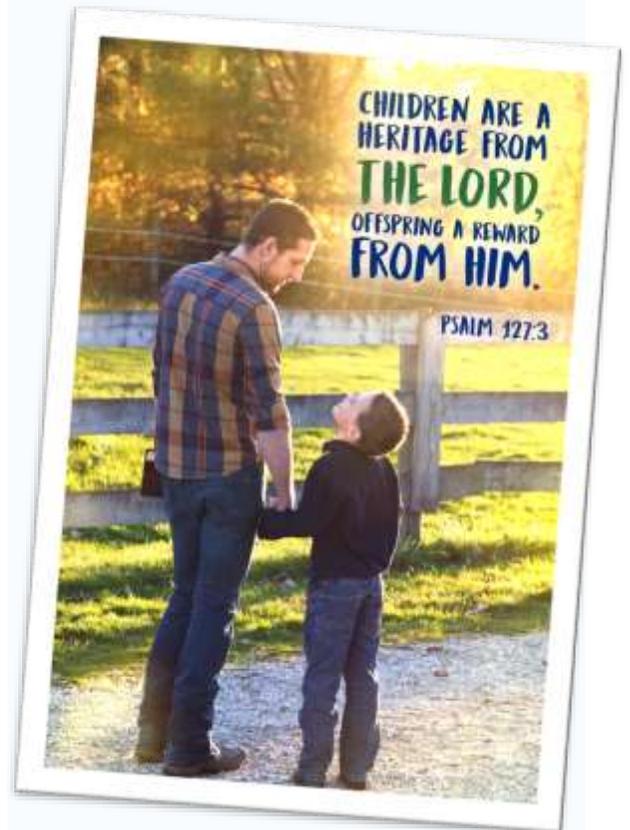
Monthly Attendance & Offering Report

Weekly Offerings Needed to Meet Yearly Budget—\$3,046.00

Date	Attendance	Facebook Reach	Offering	Online Giving
Dec 2020				\$300.00
1/3/2021	No in-person	85	\$1,110.00	
1/10/2021	No in-person	112	\$3,448.00	
1/17/2021	No in-person	69	\$860.00	
1/24/2021	No in-person	82	\$1,185.00	
1/31/2021	No in-person			
Jan 2021				\$572.70
2/7/2021	21	105	\$4,085.00	
2/14/2021	33	138	\$2,355.00	
2/17/2021	Ash Wed 17	78	\$15.00	
2/21/2021	22	78	\$875.00	
2/28/2021	26	84	\$1,635.00	
Feb 2021				\$350.00
3/7/2021	26	75	\$4,003.00	
3/14/2021	28	74	\$2,205.00	
3/21/2021	26	66	\$2,240.00	
3/28/2021	29	59	\$1,290.00	
Mar 2021				\$125.00
4/1/2021	18	57		
4/4/2021	40	58	\$4,108.00	
4/11/2021	32	59	\$795.00	
4/18/2021	33	91	\$3,075.00	
4/25/2021	36	60	\$1,660.00	
Apr 2021				\$225.00
5/2/2021	36	36	\$1,505.00	
5/9/2021	48	38	\$2,655.00	
5/16/2021	30	39	\$1,520.00	
5/23/2021				
5/30/2021				

FATHER'S DAY

June 20th



Honor your father as the Lord your God
has commanded you...

Deuteronomy 5:16



2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
					Office closed	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 AM Service Live-streamed on Facebook; Available on church website Communion	8:00 PM AA Meeting	7:00 PM Council Meeting			Office closed	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 AM Service Live-streamed on Facebook; Available on church website	8:00 PM AA Meeting Flag Day				Office closed	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30 AM Service Live-streamed on Facebook; Available on church website Father's Day Summer Begins	8:00 PM AA Meeting		1:00 PM Salvation Army Board Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Fairless Food Cupboard	Office closed	
27	28	29	30			
9:30 AM Service Live-streamed on Facebook; Available on church website	8:00 PM AA Meeting					



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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

9:30 AM Service
Live-Streamed on Facebook;
Available on church website



Navarre Preschool Daycare

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

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For today's world.*

Pass the word, Share the love!

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Church Staff

Pastor	<i>Steven Johnson, Interim</i>
Secretary	<i>Margaret Weber</i>
Custodian	<i>Randy Whitaker</i>
Music Director	<i>Lynne Indorf</i>
Pianist	<i>Natasha Musaelyan</i>

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