

TIDINGS

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PASTOR'S PEACE

It's hard to believe but summer has almost arrived. On the church grounds the flower beds have all been planted and are now in bloom, thanks to the diligence of groundskeeper Harold Fick and donations from Block's Stand. The church lawns look especially green and lush because of all the spring rains. Every so often in the early morning hours you can see deer and fox traverse them, following in their own way the Sexton-Kilfoil tributary of the Ecorse River that runs along the back of our church acreage. What a peaceful, calming scene. In places like England or even our eastern seaboard states like Maryland and Virginia, this kind of beautiful stretch of church land is often poetically called the "glebe." On many mornings, if it's not raining, I like to simply walk the horseshoe drive that half-encircles our church, taking in the sight of our church grounds, praying as well as contemplating.

I value those early morning moments of peace because the rest of the day begins soon enough with all of its hectic challenges. Then, too, the news of the nation and world permeates the hours that follow and it's usually more jarring and grim than pleasant or sweet. The battle for Ukraine continues with a brutal loss of life every day. A distant North Korea fires a fresh ballistic missile, meant to intimidate. Meanwhile, more homeward there are tragedies too—a devastating tornado in Gaylord, Michigan and a series of horrific mass shootings across the nation, bringing abiding grief and anguish to families like our own.

Amid our fears, tears and consternation in the face of so much that stresses us and is unjust and wrong, how important it is for us to not let what is negative and hurtful edge out or obscure the fact that we live in a world which God is still striving to redeem. Moreover, even amid all of this life's tragedies and horrors, there remains much beauty to behold, a token of a still greater beauty and joy that God, who sacrificed his own son for our salvation, wants us to know and enjoy.

In the days and weeks of late spring and summer ahead, I hope that each of you will seek out your own chosen place of calm and beauty where you can contemplate, meditate, and pray with God. Wherever we pause in repose (remember that our beautiful church grounds are open and available to you too), may we each be renewed in confidence that God's grace continues to abide. In all that might seem damaged and broken God is working redemptively to bring healing and restore wholeness to our lives and world.

~ *Shalom, Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go: I will guide you with My eye." ~ Psalm 32:8

Whether we are eighteen and just graduating High School, or in our twenties just graduating college, or a hundred and two, we've still got lots to learn. Even if we consider ourselves a very smart or wise person, God isn't finished with us yet. Lifetime learning is part of God's plan and He certainly hasn't finished teaching us some very important things.

If we seek to live a life of righteousness and wisdom we must continue to study the ultimate source of wisdom: the Word of God. We must associate with other believers and we must act in accordance with our beliefs.

When we study God's Word and live according to His commandments, we will become wise and we will be a blessing to our friends, to our family, to our peers, and to the world.

As we look to celebrate our graduates, let us be reminded that they, like us, still have a lifetime of learning and growing to do. And let us encourage them in the most important area of that learning, their relationship with Christ and their growth in faith.

~*In Christ, Pastor Cheryl Schalm, Minister of Christian Education*

Christian Education Activities

Christian Education Seeks a Nursery Attendant

As we move forward with the hope and anticipation of reopening the nursery, Christian Education finds themselves in search of a nursery attendant.

Anyone interested in caring for our youngest treasures on Sunday morning during the worship hour should contact Pastor Schalm. The attendant receives \$20.00 per service and is paid once a month. The nursery is located in the church's family room located at the back of the sanctuary. The worship service can be viewed via the television located in the family room.

"Beati-Dudes Surfs Up!" Will Serve as Summer Sunday School Theme

With summer quickly approaching Christian Education will begin recruiting Summer Sunday School teachers in May. Please consider giving an hour over the summer to share a fun and interactive message of Christ's love with the young people. All snacks, materials and curriculum (samples follow) will be supplied.

Curriculum samples: **Hang 8, Dude**, *Synopsis: In his first sermon, called the Beatitudes, Jesus promised eight things to those who live in His ways. Objective: Kids will learn what the Beatitudes are;* **On your knees, Dude**, *Synopsis: Jesus said the poor in spirit, the humble, will receive the kingdom of heaven. David was humble and submitted to King Saul as Israel's leader. Objective: Kids will identify an area in their lives where they are prone to bragging, and will commit to being humble in that area this week;* **Tough break, Dude**, *Synopsis: Mourning is part of life, and no one likes to be sad, but Jesus promised that God will always comfort us. Objective: Kids will give something they are sad about to God in prayer.*

All interested in teaching one Sunday (or more) over the summer should contact Pastor Schalm or sign the sheet located on the Welcome Center Desk to secure a Sunday.

Ranch House Kids Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 25 - July 28.

This year's VBS program is based on the bible verse from Matthew 7:7. "Ask and it will be given to you: seek and you will find: Knock and the door will be opened to You." We want all children to ask, seek, and knock on the door to a deeper relationship with God. The fun includes Bible Stories, songs, cinema, games, crafts and ranch house snacks.

Pre-K (potty trained) – 6th graders (entering in the Fall) are encouraged to join the fun!

Where: St. Paul United Church of Christ, 24158 Goddard, Taylor (313) 291-1221

When: July 24 (during 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour)

July 25 -July 26th (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

July 27th – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Metroparks Get Out & Play interpreter will be providing an interactive educational nature program featuring an up-close look at some live western ranch animals.

Animals that could be included during the presentation are frogs, toads, salamanders, turtles and/or snakes.

July 28th – (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

July 29th – Swim & Lunch at Willow Metropark

We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m., board the bus and head out for a morning/afternoon of swimming and fun. We will return around 3:00 p.m.

Please sign the sheet on the Welcome Center Desk to confirm your child/ren's participation. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join. Pre-registration helps to ensure that supplies and staffing are sufficiently secured.

Youth Summer Mission Trip Packet Ready for Pick-Up

The mission trip will be held August 15 – August 20. The group will be housed in St. Paul designated cabins at the Michindoh Conference and Retreat Center in Hillsdale. Over the course of the week they will be serving the Gleaners Food Pantry and Farm (Detroit), Jackson County Animal Shelter, Habitat for Humanity and Imagine Planet, all located in Jackson Michigan. All interested youth should confirm their participation by contacting Pastor Schalm. Pre-registration helps to ensure that supplies, chaperones and transportation are sufficiently secured.

Calling all College Students and Recent High School Graduates

Christian Education is in need of addresses of all St. Paul UCC college students and High School graduates enrolled in continuing education programs (trade school, skill programs, apprenticeships, etc.). Please forward addresses to Pastor Schalm or to the church office.

ALL CHURCH EVENTS

Graduates Honored at Annual Baccalaureate Youth Led Service and Spring Program

This special service is scheduled for Sunday, June 5. The youth led service will serve to celebrate our graduating seniors, graduating college students, and those receiving special certifications. Robed graduates will be coming down the center aisle at the beginning of worship and will be individually acknowledged at a special time of prayer. The participating youth and children are asked to wear red for this special service as we will also be celebrating Pentecost. Children and Youth are asked to report at 9:45 a.m. upstairs for a quick rehearsal. Contact Pastor Schalm with any questions.

Please alert our church office (313-291-1221) to any high school or college graduates in your family who should be recognized that Sunday.

Music Sunday Finishes Chancel Choir Season

Our St. Paul Chancel Choir will be finishing up its season with a Music Sunday performance, filled with sacred, faith-stirring songs, on Sunday, June 12. The choir will be offering three anthems and soloists another two. The congregation will join in as well, singing "Here I Am, Lord," as St. Paul Search Team members are also commissioned and installed that Sunday morning.

Music Sunday is an annual event, making our congregation's transition to summer services without the choir's presence. The past two years of the pandemic have posed special challenges for choirs like our own. But our own choir has persevered and successfully returned to the church chancel to perform and assist in worship. You are encouraged to show your support for the choir and by your presence on Music Sunday recognize their rich contributions to our worship life on Sunday mornings and other occasions.

Men in the Congregation to Be Honored With A Special Donuts For Dad Reception

Christian Education will be hosting a special "Donuts for Dad" reception on Father's Day, June 19th following the morning worship service. All are invited to

come and celebrate the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and men of the congregation.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strengthen the Church Mission Offering – Received in June

This offering of the UCC church represents the time of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Christian Church. This year, Sunday June 5 is observed as Pentecost. However, at St. Paul, we will be receiving this offering any Sunday during the month of June.

Please join in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our UCC denomination by making a gift to the '*Strengthen the Church*' offering.

Funds raised support leadership development, new church starts, revitalization of older churches, and youth ministries. Let us realize our best hopes for the future, by investing in the visions that are rooted in the traditions of our diverse congregations.

An offering envelope is included in this Tidings. If you misplace this envelope, there will be offering envelopes in the church pews, or any regular envelope indicating, "Strengthen the Church Offering", may be used. You may place your offering in the offering boxes as you enter the sanctuary on any Sunday, use the US Postal service mail, or drop off your offering to our Church Office. Checks may be payable to St. Paul UCC Church and indicate the offering name on the memo line.

You may also use Vanco, our electronic online and mobile giving source for your Strengthen the Church donation. It is very easy to set-up a donation, visit us online at www.stpaulucctaylor.org/giving, locate the Online Giving button, select Strengthen the Church and enter the amount of your donation.

Your prayerful gift helps God's spirit move and speak in our congregations for generations to come. On behalf of the Stewardship of St. Paul, Thank You

St. Paul Expands Memorial Grove

Memorial Grove has been expanded by five additional trees. The original five trees were sold so we have decided to add an additional five trees. The new trees are Cleveland Select Pear trees, the same as the original trees. You may have noticed the new trees as you drive around the circle driveway. St. Paul Memorial Grove is at the North end of our property behind the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall. A \$250 donation to the Memorial Ministry will purchase one of the trees with a 12 x 12 x 6 inch granite marker under the tree. The marker can have up to three lines of inscription. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Memorial Ministry or the Building and Grounds Ministry.

2021 Pictorial Directory

The 2021 Pictorial Directory has been received. We will begin the process of passing them out in June before and after the 10:00 am Worship Service. They will also be available by calling the Church Office (313) 291-1221 and making arrangements to pick-up your directory. Just a quick reminder that the books are only available to those members who had their pictures taken by Universal Church Directories. We apologize for the delay but it was unavoidable with the recent COVID outbreaks. St. Paul Communication Ministry.

2022 Budget

Donations continue to be strong through the first five months of 2022. We continue to monitor all expenses to ensure they are necessary to sustain our ministry. We truly appreciate your generous and continued support for St. Paul during these difficult times. Dan Case - - St. Paul Treasurer

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Exercise Class Continues

Still time to join us for exercise classes held on Wednesday's from 10:30 -11:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. A variety of exercises are all part of each session. Our instructor is Delissa who guides you through each session. All exercises can be done in a seated or standing position or with the use of a chair, or a combination of both. A donation of \$3 to \$5 is suggested but not expected for each class you attend. Want to join us from home, join us on ZOOM. All you need to do is contact Kathy and she will share the link with you via email. If you would like to participate or have any questions, contact Parish Nurse Kathy Williams.

Matter of Balance class in person begins June 8, at St. Paul

We will be providing an in-person Matter of Balance class beginning Wednesday June 8th for 8 weeks from 1 to 3 p.m. Anyone concerned with falling should consider attending this Workshop. This workshop can help you: Learn to prevent falls, learn to manage falls, make safe changes in your home, and improve balance and flexibility. MOB classes Include: Participant Workbook, a seated exercise routine starting on the third class, Guest Health Care Speaker and a Certificate after completion. Do you need special help in order to participate? If so, please send an email to lgriffin@nkfm.org or call 800-482-1455 at least 10 days in advance of June 8th. You can also call the church office and leave a message for Parish Nurse Kathy Williams.

Virtual health classes provided through the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

Personal Action Toward Health 2022 Virtual Workshops Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) is designed to provide skills and tools to help people with long-term health problems and their support systems to live healthier lives. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) provides the following types of PATH workshops: PATH – people with ongoing health conditions such as arthritis, high blood pressure, depression, diabetes or pain, Diabetes PATH – people who are living with Type 2 Diabetes, Chronic Pain PATH – people living with chronic pain, Kidney PATH – people with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), Hypertension Control – people who are living with high blood pressure, PATH workshops are offered in the following virtual formats: Video conference - Zoom: Video sessions held once per week at scheduled times with a small group of participants. Requires reliable internet connection and camera feature on computer, tablet, or phone. Online - Better Choices Better Health: Log in on your own time to review weekly content and communicate with other participants and leaders on discussion boards. Workshops consist of about 25 participants from across the country. To register

visit: nkfm.org/bcbh. Please Note: The last day to join is the 2nd week of the workshop. Workshops are free. Donations are accepted.

Our Daily Bread Devotional Availability

If you are interested in receiving a copy of Our Daily Bread, a daily devotional, please contact the church office (313-291-1221). The editions are available in large print and regular print. Please specify the print type that you want when you call. They come every three months. Kathy Williams can send a copy to you via US mail or you may ask the usher to give you one from the narthex if they are available.

If you are in need of any medical supplies not covered or provided by your insurance company, contact the Parish Nurse, Kathy Williams to see if we can provide it for you.

JOYS AND CONCERN

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED into church membership Sunday, May 22nd. Please extend a warm welcome to Cheryl Marosi and Erin Dobbins.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

MEMORIAL FUND:

In Memory of: *Shirley Koths* From: Esther Cupler, Dave & Gail Lesnieski, Barbara Estes, Roberta Malone, Barbara Allen, Linda Lesnieski, Donna Bosink, Jeannie Lazar & Walter, Maryanne LaForest, Sharon Vaughn, Jeff & Tina Natzke, Robert Stewart & Wendy Hinzmann, Yvonne Henry Dale & Louise Hinzmann

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT FUND:

In Memory of: *Beverly Kulhanek* From: Daniel & Deborah Case
In Memory of: *Shirley Koths* From: Thelma Poet, Jim & Diane Poet

A TIDING MOMENT OF SHARING: OUR SEARCH TIMELINE

In the last Council communication with the congregation since the retirement announcement of Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas, we began a timeline of transition toward our future

On March 14th, we announced Geoff's retirement effective the end of 2022.

March 15th thru May 4 the council developed the church profile consuming over 300 hours of combined development time. The church profile is needed to begin the search process for a new pastor with the United Church of Christ. The profile details our buildings, campus, mission, history and a host of other information related to the St. Paul congregation, its demographic make-up and financial status. The Church Profile is essentially our Help Wanted Ad.

May 5 the draft of the Church Profile was completed.

May 7 the council reviewed the draft of the profile and made changes at the Council Retreat and compiled candidates for the Search & Call Committee.

May 10 the council approved the Church Profile for publication to the UCC to Rev Phil Hart

On May 10, the council reviewed candidates for the Search and Call committee led by Senior Elder Mark Ennis and approved by acclamation the slate of candidates who accepted nomination.

Marjie Barnard
Deborah Case
Kari Cappello
John Dykowski
Aaron Johnson (APPOINTED CO-CHAIR BY MARK ENNIS)
Diane Poet
Tim Ruffner
Barbara Schultz
Kaitlyn Isaacs - Youth Delegate

On May 11, the Church Profile was submitted to the UCC for signoff. Rev Phil Hart transferred our Church Profile to Cheryl Burke who will be assisting the Search & Call Committee from this point forward. The work of the Search & Call Committee mandates total confidentiality in order to protect applicants during the search process.

May 24th Council and the Search/Call Committee met with Rev. Cheryl Burke from the Michigan Conference to officially begin the Search for our new Pastor. We are not looking to replace Rev. Geoff. He cannot be replaced. We are looking for a new Pastor as we look toward our future.

On June 4th, 1st Vice-President Aaron Johnson and Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas will attend the Michigan Conference meeting representing our congregation.

On June 12th, we will introduce and install the finalized and settled, appointed members of the Search & Call Committee in our worship service

When we initially announced the retirement of Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas we stated that the congregation would be invited to a self-study and community learning process. This process will be carried out in the form of focus groups.

The focus groups will inform the Search & Call Committee of the identity of our church's imagination for the future and corresponding pastoral needs so they can effectively discern, as led by the Holy Spirit, to select a pastoral candidate for the congregation to call. We will be seeking everyone in the congregation who is willing to participate in the focus groups.

After the Focus Groups are conducted our search committee will read ministerial profiles, screen candidates, conduct interviews, check references, and eventually select a candidate who will be recommended to the entire congregation for call.

It is our goal through the focus groups that everyone in the congregation has a say and participates in the process for the congregation to elect, in a unified way, a new pastor whose gifts God can use with us and among us for the sake of the Gospel.

We will prayerfully seek a pastor with particular gifts and skills while recognizing that candidates are also engaged in a Spirit- led discernment process. We will keep you informed on a regular basis as we move toward God's future as a congregation.

Biographies of the Search & Call Committee

Mark Ennis, Chair

Mark Ennis attended Grace Reformed Church for the first 45 years of his life, where he served as the Choir Director for 27 years. He also served as a Deacon and was on the Search Committee when a new pastor was selected there. Mark began attending St Paul UCC Church with his wife and two daughters in 2000. (His wife, Sandy, had attended St Paul until her marriage to Mark in 1979.) Shortly after he started, the choir director resigned, and Mark was selected as the Music Director for the church, and served in this role until his retirement in 2017. Mark is also serving as an Elder at the church, and has been actively involved in many of the activities at the church, such as serving on the Church Council and the Worship Planning Committee, serving (and singing!) at the church dinners, and singing in the choir after he retired as Music Director. As head Elder, Mark was asked to lead the Search Committee, and quickly accepted because he believes the pastor plays a fundamental role in shaping the life of the church. He wants to see our church continue to grow and serve the community, carrying on its rich heritage of sharing God's word and doing God's work. His favorite hymn is "The Old Rugged" Cross. Mark cherishes the opportunity to work with the team and the congregation to select a pastor worthy of following in Pastor Geoff's footsteps.

Aaron Johnson (APPOINTED CO-CHAIR BY MARK ENNIS)

Aaron Johnson has been a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ for over three decades and was baptized by Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas. Aaron has served as Deacon, 1st Vice President and next year will serve as President. Aaron also serves on the Financial Advisory Ministry for the church's endowment. Aaron is currently enrolled as a seminarian student with Moody Theological Seminary pursuing a Masters in Divinity. One of Aaron's favorite hymns is Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing. The hymn carries powerful lyrics:

- "Tune my heart to sing thy grace, streams of mercy, never ceasing to call for songs of loudest praise."
- "He (Jesus), to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood."
- "Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above."

A Bible passage that speaks to Aaron is Romans 5:2 that came to him in a dream where he was instructed to tell others to rejoice in the hope of sharing the Glory of God: *Through Jesus the Christ we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope sharing the Glory of God.*

Aaron affirmed the call to serve on the Search & Call Committee because he believes affirming the call was the instruction and calling by the Holy Spirit.

Marjie Barnard

I'm Marjorie (Marjie) Barnard and have been a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ since 2001. Shortly after becoming a member I was hired as the bookkeeper and held that position until retirement in 2017. I have been a member and an officer of the St. Paul Dorcas Society for nearly 20 years. I have been a member of the St. Paul Choir since 2018. In 2008 when the Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry began operation, I became a volunteer in the client registration office and subsequently became the bookkeeper because of my experience at St. Paul. The Bible passage that speaks to me is Matthew 7:12, So in everything, do unto others what you would have them do to you. I have accepted the Search & Call because I care about the future of St. Paul as a ministry and want to assist in bringing the next generation and future generations to Jesus Christ and the word of God.

Deborah Case

My name is Deborah Case. I have been a member of St. Paul's since 1989. I have been involved in Christian Education since we joined; serving as a teacher, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Chair of the CE ministry. I started Advent by Candlelight and the Scrapbook Crop which have been annual events. I have also chaired such projects as Donuts for Dad, Women's Retreat, Shrove Tues, Confirmand Breakfast, Craft Show, and Trunk or Treat. I have been on the committees to change our 2 services into 1, and the program to kick off our project to fund the Family Room expansion. One of my favorite Hymns is "Here I Am Lord", which is how I feel about my commitment to my faith and my church. This is the same reason I wanted to be on this committee because I feel this as answering God's call for service.

Kari Cappello

My name is Kari Cappello & I have been coming to St. Paul since I was in 7th grade, or for 24 years. I currently attend with my family (Husband Jeremy, Sons Jack & Joseph), and my oldest son Jack is active in our Sunday School program. A bible verse that has always spoken to me & guided my life is Micah 6:8 - "He has showed you, O Man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." To me, Christianity should never be about who has the spotlight on them brightest, it shouldn't be about who gives the most or the person who has led the most perfect life. Christianity, and what is good, is about showing Christ's love, to believers & non-believers, through your heart and the way in which you treat and accept people for who they are in this moment. If you only love people when they are at their best, they will never come to you for your love when they are at their worst. And it's in those moments that are not the highlights of our lives, where we as Christians are called to love the hardest. And if I do not keep this bible verse in mind, in my day to day interactions, I might miss those chances to walk humbly with God and show Christ's love when it might be needed most. I said yes when I was asked to be on this Search committee because this church family was a piece of the puzzle that helped to raise and shape me into the person that I am today, and I want to ensure that my sons will have the chance to feel the same way I do

about this church family when they are 35 and writing a bio about themselves for a church tiding :)

John Dykowski

I am a third generation member of St. Paul. Raised and confirmed in this church and married at St. Paul 25 years ago to Heather. Three children; Drew, Hayley, and Drake.

Previously served 6 years as a council Trustee and many years as Chairperson of the Building Our Future Committee.

My favorite hymn is "Here I Am Lord". It speaks to our Lord calling us in many ways and his ask of how we will respond. How will we use our lives best in his service and will we answer the call?

The Senior Pastor position is the most critical position in leadership within the church. While we all have a share in ministry, our Pastor sets the tone for how we worship, how we minister to members and the wider community, and how our future in God's service takes shape. We have been blessed with the long ministry of Rev. Dr. Drutchas. I am appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the search for our next successful leader.

Diane Poet

My name is Diane Poet, I have been a member of St. Paul my whole life. I'm married to Jim, and we have three adult children Eric, Candace, and Crystal. Not only was I baptized and married at St. Paul, but my parents were also. My "Grandpa" was Rev. Kuhlman, a past minister of this Church. I have been involved in many ministries of St. Paul, starting as a young girl up until now. Sang in the children's choir, played softball with the girls/ladies' team, and was a member of the bowling league. Was part of the Young Adult Fellowship, taught Sunday School. I served on the church's council twice, both times as President. Currently I have been volunteering in the office helping our Financial Secretary, for several years now. My goal in serving on the Search and Call Committee is to find a pastor that will continue to lead St. Paul, so that my Children will love this church as much as I do.

Tim Ruffner

Tim Ruffner has been a member of St. Paul U.C.C. since June of 2012 when he transferred his membership from his childhood church of St. Luke's U.C.C. in Kittanning, PA. Tim moved to Michigan after college to pursue a career in government contracting. Tim has served previously as President of the St. Paul U.C.C. Council for 2021. Tim is married to his wife Jennifer Ruffner, who currently serves as a Deacon in the St. Paul U.C.C. Council, and they have two children Eleanor (8) and Elizabeth (6). Tim's hobbies include history and sports trivia, as well as Geocaching. He has also served as a High School Football Referee for 13 years with the MHSAA. Tim is also active in the Michigan Democratic Party. Tim joined this committee because he felt called to help shape the future of the church for his children.

His favorite Hymns are "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." He has many favorite Bible verses, but lately he has been particularly called to Romans 14:4 "Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for

the Lord is able to make them stand.” He tries every day to live by the motto of the U.C.C., “God is still speaking,”

Barbara Schultz

Barbara Schultz has attended St. Paul United Church of Christ since 1950. Barbara was a young girl when her father, Rev. Leonard F. Weigel, accepted the call to be the minister of St. Paul Church. She was confirmed at St. Paul by her father. She has been a member of the Chancel Choir for more than 60 years. Barbara has served on our Council as President and at this time serves as an Elder. She presently is Chairperson of the Worship Planning and Stewardship Ministries. She is also a member of the Communications Team. She considers St. Paul her church family. Our church is a very important part of her life and she is honored to serve on the Search & Call Committee. Barbara’s favorite hymn is: Because He Lives...I can face tomorrow because he lives all fear is gone...because I know he holds the future...life is worth the living just because he lives.

Kaitlyn Isaacs- Youth Delegate

Kaitlyn Isaacs has been in attendance at St. Paul for most of her young life. She has been baptized and confirmed in faith at this church and under the eyes of Reverend Drutchas, and has participated in several youth outings throughout the past couple of years. She felt much honored to have been invited to join the committee and plans to do an excellent job sifting through possible candidates for the next pastor.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR

Church Members and Friends: Muriel Baxter, Marge Bergman, Gunter Berndl, Kim Beyar, Anne Blanchard, Freddie Block, Jeffrey Britt, Jack Burchard, Dan Case, Margo Charette, John Caufield, John Dubke, Hayden Forsyth, Barb Gish, Kyle Hard, Carrie Hill, Wayne Jones, Judy Kirsch, John Kovach, Sue Kren, Loretta Kurtzel, Rosemarie Laslo, Steve Matney, Neil and Helene McEachern, Jeff & Maria MacZink, Brenda Murphy, Jeff Natzke, Gary Peters, Bob Robinson, Eleanor Rossi, Glen Sigman, Beverly Sitz, Cheryl Smith, Hailey Smith, Sue Spears, Teri Staffeld, Bill Stears, Dianne Sturgeon, Bert Thompson, Tom Williams, Lorelee Wilson, Frank Wolfram.

Extended Family: Philip and Connie Linne Alberts, Dawn Sturgeon Anderson, Susan Barnard (sister-in-law, Charlie Barnard), Mary Board (daughter, Clifford Board), Josh Edelbrock, Arthur Jensen (son, Phil Jensen), Ellen Pfafflin (volunteer, Fish & Loaves), Talama Braba (Judy Albright's daughter), Kim Cichowicz, Courtney Daoust, Gabriella Gomez (niece, Darlene Babin), John Joannette (guest pianist), Kevin & Steven Johnson (grandsons, Patricia Olson) Richard Jones, Jeff Kasher, Tom Koths, Janet Kren, Leon Kroeger (brother of Janet Enesey), Joanne LeFleur (daughter, Helene & Neil McEachern), Jennifer & Tammy Lee (granddaughter & daughter, Barb Siemers), Courtney McEachern Matthews, Kim McEachern (daughters-in-law, Helene & Neil McEachern), Brenda Meridth, Jessica Ochoa, Sandy Newton, Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Tammi Sherman, Mary & Darrell Smith, Debbie Smitt, Debra Stavros, Nicholas Surre (great-grandson, Helene McEachern), Bill Warner, Robin Weiner, and Victoria Witcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart).

Congregations' Parents: Ronald & Myrna Matthews (parents, Brenda Rossi), Robert Brainard (father, Ed Brainard), Jan Filpus (mother, Julia-Joy Miller), Carol Hoffman (mother, Tracy Hoffman), and Bruce and Pat Vernor (parents, Eileen Vernor Drutchas).

Church Members & Friends in Nursing or Rehab Care:

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