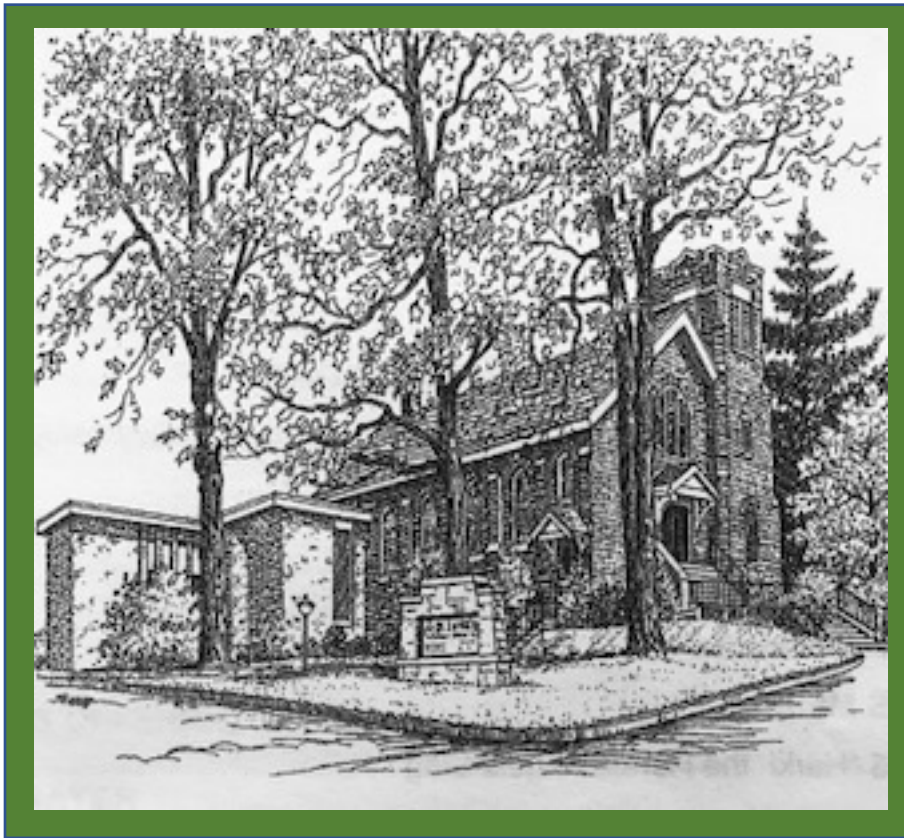


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FEBRUARY 2023

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT MESSAGES

I hope everyone enjoyed a healthy Holiday season. I want to thank Dwight Kraus, Gail Heckenberg, Sherry Pippin, and Bob Schrepel for serving on their prospective committees. A big thank you to Pastor Pittman, Andrea, Pam, the Janitor, and everyone else who volunteers your time from pulling weeds to making sure the candles are up and running. I also want to thank Barb Allen for being President of Church Council until she resigned. Back in June I accepted the role of President of Church Council, I always believe that challenges create opportunities.

Some Highlights

- *Updating the balance sheet regarding CDs. Moving monies to the United Church Fund.
- *Profile completed by Search Committee.
- *Transition from Trisha to Pam as Church Secretary.
- *Successful drive through sausage and chicken dinners.

As We Look To The Future:

- *The need for six month Vision.
- *The need to work together.
- *Hiring a minister.
- *Become Financially Sound.
- *Having two sit down dinners with possibly a third.

I think 2023 will be a pivotal year.

I look forward to this year ahead, tackling the challenges head on, and embracing the opportunity with the Council.

Warren Stuckmeyer
President of Church Council

CHURCH COUNCIL

President

Warren Stuckmeyer

Vice President

Dave Pippin

Secretary

Yvonne Davis

Treasurer

Sandra Arnold

Fin. Secretary

Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.

Gary Hartmann

BOCE Rep.

Kathy Porter

Bldg. & Grounds

Garry Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment

Don Dankel

Interim Pastor

Rev. Joshua Pittman

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Council meeting in review

The council met on January 17, 2023

We reorganized the members to the following positions.

President – Warren Stuckmeyer

Vice President – David Pippin

Treasurer – Sandy Arnold

Financial Secretary – Linda Schrepel

Secretary – Yvonne Davis

Building & Grounds – Gerry Kraus

Cemetery and Endowment – Don Dankel

Board of Elders – Gary Hartmann

BOCE – Kathy Porter

The reports were reviewed and approved as given.

NEW BUSINESS

*Megan Nuelle requested the permission of the council to approve raffling off a basket at the sausage dinner with the profits going to the general funds. This was passed.

*June 10, 2023 – there will be a fish dinner served from the garage. It will be drive through only and fish will be sold by the pound with fries and coleslaw.

*Warren went over the year's insurance on the building and fellowship hall. We will be looking into possibly having a higher deductible and higher replacement value.

*Linda Schrepel will put on Facebook Marketplace the extra children's chairs that we have stored throughout the building. Anyone interested in purchasing some of the chairs should contact a council member.

*Open/Close schedule for Council.

February 19 – Davis family,

February 26 – Linda Schrepel

Next meeting is February 21, 2023 @ 6:30 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December

General Giving	\$24,148.49
Expenses	\$4,415.58
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$19,732.91

YTD 2022

General Giving	\$148,940
Expenses	\$155,827
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(6,887)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairperson
Connie Stuckmeyer

Secretary
Chris Kraus

Church Council Rep.
Kathy Porter

Elected Members
Angela Logan
Sarah Saputo
Shelbey Stillwell
Greg McLard

SS Superintendent
Kayla Bailey

SS Asst Super.
Brenda Farson

VBS
Jess McLard

The Board of Christian Education met for their monthly meeting on 01/03/23.

2023 Budget

BOCE \$2500 VBS \$500 Connie submitted our budget for 2023 to the Church Council and is requesting a \$250 increase for VBS to total \$750.

Christmas Program

Approximately 15 children participated in a delightful Christmas program. 3 post-confirmants helped out as narrators: Thank you to Elizabeth Kundert, Delany Jacob and Brenna McLard. A cookie reception followed with approximately 50 adults and children in attendance. 48 treat bags were available to all children.

Events Calendar & Quarterly Missions

The BOCE 2023 events calendar is set for Church Council approval. Quarterly missions will remain as is.

Youth Account Money

Further research, estimates and discussion are needed. Our goal is to have this approved and in place by spring/summer 2023.

Reward Party

A tentative movie has been selected (Lyle, Lyle Crocodile). It is rated PG and we may need to provide a parent's approval sheet. Chrissy will purchase the DVD for previewing. Children will be released following the Children's message during worship. Popcorn, pizza, treats and drinks will be served.

Youth Soda Sales

Chrissy's class will arrange a schedule during the Sausage Dinner on 02/19/23.

Hayride / Bonfire Cancelled

Board Members

Shelbey Stillwell has agreed to join the BOCE. Yeah! Another member needed. Please join us!

Next meeting - 02/07/2023 @ 6:30 pm

BOARD OF ELDERS

Chairperson
Jess McLard

Secretary
Judy Duro

Church Council Rep.
Kathy Porter

Worship
Kay Moss

Visitor Care
Michelle Perry

Ushers
Brenda Day

Nursery
Julie Hartmann

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

REPORTS:

Worship: Going fine. We had discussion concerning church service times and how the current times offered for our church services impact whether some members attend. Some say the 9 am is too early some say it's too late. If people don't attend, they most likely don't give an offering and this impacts the church negative financial situation.

Candle oil was checked, and altar cloths changed.

Ushers: We still need more members to volunteer to be ushers. If anyone knows of anyone who might be interested in helping, please let Brenda Day know. Most Sundays, because of low attendance we only need 3 ushers to collect the offering but on communion Sundays we need 4 to run communion smoothly. We will need 4 ushers for Ash Wednesday on February 22, as it will be a communion service.

Visitor Care: In December we had 8 visitors.

MEMBERSHIP:

Baptisms: None scheduled.

Weddings: Jason Stuckmeyer & Ashlee McPherson, Saturday Nov 4, 2023.

Funerals: None

New membership: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2022 Christmas Eve Service: Had reports that it was a good service.
2. Advent Wreath Candles: We have not been able to find candles for the Advent Wreath and discussed options for next year.
3. We have a candidate for the open seat on Elders

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pastor Josh suggested that we conduct a survey as to what the congregation would want for Lenten services.

1. A service every Wednesday evening, plus Good Friday.
2. Service only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday evenings.

We plan on surveying the congregation on January 15, 22 and 29 for their input.

2. We worked on the 2023 Elder calendar, will set dates at our Feb meeting.
3. 2023 Winter food drive planned for Feb 12 – March 26.
4. We plan on developing a church service protocol for visiting pastors to assist them in areas, like communion, where help might be needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Judd McLard
Jillian Davis

Evelyn Keith
Fletcher McLard

ENDOWMENT

Endowment has funds available. Any duly elected or appointed Board, Council or Church Committee (not individuals) are eligible to apply. Applications are available upon request from the Church Office.

HYMN SING – POTLUCK

Please join us for fellowship and a Brunch theme potluck after church on January 29. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for what dish you want to bring as well as set up/clean up helpers. Any questions, please see Jess McLard.

SERVICE TIMES

Elders has heard from members of our congregation about when service times are offered and why. We met recently and had a discussion regarding this, taking into consideration that we are also in the process of hiring a new Pastor. In those discussions with potential pastors, the Search Committee could reference the opinion of the church members when discussing our wants and needs regarding service. This survey is for informational purposes only, we will not be changing any service times or Sunday School times while Pastor Josh is Interim. We would like your thoughts and concerns on weekly service offerings and ask you to please write in when your preferred service would be held. You can also include any comments you would like Elders to know. Elders will develop a church service times survey to help determine what is the most popular time for Sunday services and coordinate results with Church Council and Pastor Josh.

A HUGE THANK YOU

We would like to thank Gail Heckenberg, Sherry Pippin and Dwight Kraus for their years of service. Their time and selflessness are greatly appreciated. We could not have accomplished what we did without them.

SAUSAGE DINNER

Our Sausage Dinner will be held Sunday, February 19th following our **service at 10:00am.** Dine In & Carry out available. 11am – 4pm (or until we sell out) \$14.00 dinner to include: 3 pieces of sausage links, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and applesauce.

TODDLER CHAIRS

There are toddler chairs available for \$5.00 each. If interested, arrange a pick up on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9am to 2pm.

QUILTS! QUILTS! QUILTS!

Anyone interested in quilts or quilting, come to church on Tuesdays anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We are ready and willing to help you! Come for an hour or two, bring your lunch and stay if you want. We welcome all!

USHERS

We are in need of additional ushers. If interested, please contact the Church Office or Brenda Day.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

(*Denotes Non-member, Names in bold are newly added)

David Belleville	Brenda Day	Tina White*
Betty Gruenwald	Robert Perry*	Loren Stuckmeyer
Megan Nuelle	Kay Carter	Bob Johnson
Family of Nancy Dubois*	Lee Nations	Shawn Gilmore
Kyle McPhedren	Jeffrey's Family*	Kay Moss
Jane Rebsamen	Judd McLard	Sharlene Schlereth

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*	Christopher Kettler*	Samuel Lowry
Alec Schrepel*	Kelsey L. Schwent	Eric Watkins
Isaak Hartung		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Earleen Stockwell	2/1	Lillian Perry	2/13
Michelle Poelking	2/4	Keith Morris	2/15
Debbie Seitz	2/8	Sarah Saputo	2/16
Lee Nations	2/8	Connor Raebel	2/16
Rebecca Thomas	2/8	Samantha Weatherholt	2/18
Sandra Arnold	2/9	Marylyn Palmer	2/19
Yvonne Davis	2/9	Sawyer Narup	2/19
Joseph Rose	2/10	Doris Kettler	2/20
Katheryn Reiff	2/10	Louis Meyer	2/21
Michael Perry	2/11	Jason Poelking	2/21
Paul Schneider	2/12	Pamela Belleville	2/27
Shane Perry	2/12	Deborah Fluegge	2/27
George Carter	2/13	David Stark III	2/27
Carl McCullough	2/13	David Belleville	2/28

REWARD PARTY 2/5/23

FOLLOWING THE CHILDREN'S SERMON DURING WORSHIP

Children will be released early from Worship or dropped off at 9:15am for the movie/popcorn, pizza served at 10:45 & parent pick up at 11:30am!

PIZZA



POPCORN

MOVIE

BRING A FRIEND!

Bring a pillow & blanket

SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



9:15AM to 11:30AM

St. Luke's

**United Church of
Christ**

**SAUSAGE DINNER
(Dine-in & Carry-out)**



Sunday, February 19, 2023

11 am - (until we sell out or) 4 pm

Cost: \$14.00

(Dinner to include 3 sausage links, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, and applesauce. No substitutions or changes allowed.)

Church Office: 636-948-3545

Morning Worship at 10:00 am

FEBRUARY

5th Pizza & Movie Reward Party
19th Sausage Dinner

MARCH

12th Green Eggs and Ham Pancake Breakfast

APRIL

1st Palm Cross Making & Easter Hunt
2nd Palm Sunday Breakfast

MAY

21st Promotion Sunday / Teacher Appreciation

JUNE

10TH Fish Fry

JULY

10th VBS (ends 7/14) 5 days from 9am to noon
16th Children sing in Church - VBS

AUGUST

27th Rally Day / All Church Picnic

SEPTEMBER

10th Goodies with Grands

OCTOBER

29th Chicken Dinner / Soda Sales

DECEMBER

2nd Santa's Breakfast
17th Christmas Program / Cookie Reception

