



United
Church of
Christ



"By listening to
the still
speaking God,
we seek to
connect people
to God and to
others through
worship,
service, and
fellowship."

We are a church
that values:
Welcome
Fellowship
Outreach
Tradition



JULY 2021

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHIRST

114 S Broad St. Middletown, OH 45044

A Message from Our Pastor

Summer is Upon Us

We are now in the throws of the summer season when people get out and enjoy the warmer weather. Picnics are planned; vacations are set and children look forward to the many recreational activities available to them.

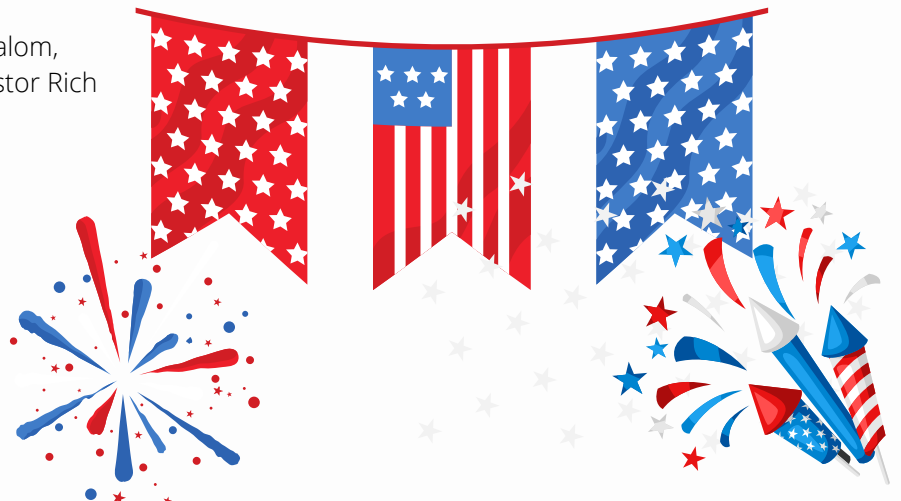
This year, the July Fourth events ought to be able to go off on schedule and people will be anxious to witness the variety of fireworks displays on tap in their communities.

Summer is also a time when we tend to let other functions slip by the wayside – particularly attending worship and supporting our church in their ministries. It is so easy, especially since this COVID situation arose over a year ago, to get out of the habit of remembering your church. It is good to see some familiar faces returning to worship lately. But how about the rest of you? Give it a try – you may like coming again.

We are going to start normalizing certain things again in worship. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served as it used to be and Ushers will pass the plate for the offering. Our social hour in Friendship Hall will resume the week after Labor Day. So, slowly but surely we will be getting more normalcy into our gatherings. We will also be seeing more activities scheduled as time goes on and we hope that you will seriously consider returning to the fold on a regular basis. We miss you and would love to see as many of you as possible back at church.

For those of you who cannot make it to church, I am always available to make a home visit to give you Communion or just to chat. Please, do not hesitate to let me know. My number is 937-992-5464 or email me at: revluh@hotmail.com. It is hoped that you enjoy your summer festivities and when possible, stop by on any given Sunday to join with us for worship.

Shalom,
Pastor Rich





Summer Music

If you know someone who might be willing to provide special music this summer, please let Rev. Rich or Barb know. The Razor's Edge Chorus is not available this summer. So far we'll have Marsha Minge, Kip Moore, Steve Pearce, Susan Beagle, and Mike Ratliff.

July Volunteers



Date	Greaterers	Ushers	Liturgists	Open/Close
July 4	R. Britton	L & D Adams	S. Luh	M. Ratliff
July 11	J. Williams	C. & J. Batliner	C. Kiniyalocts	M. Ratliff
July 18	C. Clark	T. & M. Shibley	C. Lowman	M. Ratliff
July 25	C. Lowman	J. Rockwell/R. Lyons	C. Batliner	M. Ratliff

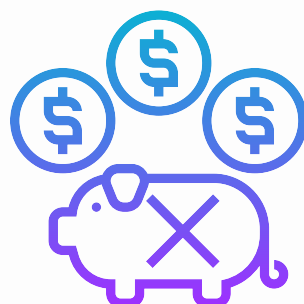


INCOME & EXPENSES



We continue to pray for our home bound members and those with on-going health concerns:

Virginia Elam Lorraine Clark
Charlene Hale
Frances Stoutenborough
Cindy Burnett Pat Beatty
Calleigh Barraclough
Barbara Ligget Ruby McQuade
Judy Curtis



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - JUNE 13, 2021

PRESENT: Bryan Canter, Rick Lyons, Barb Flory, Chuck Clark, Jennifer Batliner, Carl Batliner, Judy Brewer, Rev. Luh. ABSENT: Julie Ratliff.

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Luh

APPROVAL of Minutes from May 16, 2021. Approved as amended. Chuck/Bryan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve as amended. Add 5-8. Jennifer/Carl

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to approve to file for audit. Jennifer/Bryan

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Visitations - Pat Beatty (3), Barb Ligett (2), Charlene Hale and Cindy Burnett.

New members - Sue Luh and Sabrina Barraclough on May 23rd with a small reception after.

High School Graduates - Brielle Adams and Daniel Kisler on June 6th with reception after.

Clothes Closet - is moving right along. We are in need of racks for the clothes we have and will be getting. Forty boxes of new clothes will be coming from First Christian Church.

Future Sunday services/ Coffee Hour - Now that masks are optional and the COVID seems to have subsided somewhat, I think it is about time to go back to serving Communion normally and to take offering normally and to reinstate a coffee hour after worship. This will help ease us back into some sense of routine that hasn't been done since before the epidemic hit.

Request - I also request that our tree be trimmed outside by the Office entrance or people will get a shower from wet leaves brushing their face.

Special music - is being lined up for worship during the summer - and if anyone has any idea about special music, please let Barb or myself know.

Shalom,

Pastor Rich

NEW BUSINESS

1. Communion - Barb will talk to Rev. Luh to see what he has in mind. (See Pastor's report)
2. Fellowship time - (See Pastor's report). A motion was made set the following guidelines:
The food will be served on individual napkins/plates. The server will be gloved and masked. The motion passed. Jennifer/Chuck
3. New member? Rick Glatfelter will be introduced as a new member of our congregation.
4. New mailbox for outside of building by Ann's office. Rick will get and install the mailbox.
5. Clothes racks. We need more racks for the Clothes Closet. A motion was made to spend up to \$500.00 for the purchase of new racks. Motion passed. Jennifer/Carl
6. Nursery. The furniture, toys, etc. have been moved from the old downstairs room to a room upstairs. Jennifer & Carl will check out the room, furniture and toys to see what needs to be done and will report back to council next month.
7. Welcome handout. A trifold brochure is being finalized to have on hand to give to new people visiting the church.
8. Mission. A suggestion was made to set up a scholarship. This was tabled for next month to allow time for study.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Summer special music suggestions. Input is needed from the congregation.
2. Clothing Closet update. See Pastor's Report and #5 New Business.
3. Plastering - more estimates? We have an estimate from D&M Custom Painting and Home Repairs, LLC. We would like to have 1-2 more estimates.

CO-MODERATORS' REPORTS - Barb & Rick. No report at this time.

SERVICE - Julie & Julie. No report at this time.

WORSHIP - Barb. No report at this time.

FELLOWSHIP - Chuck. No report at this time.

PROPERTY - Rick. Rick will take care of trimming the tree outside the office window.

BUDGET - Bryan. Investments are doing well.

NEXT MEETING: July 11, 2021

NEXT MONTH OPENING PRAYER: Rick

Attendance: May 2021 - 120 (24/5 week average)
May 2020 - no services due to COVID

Respectfully submitted by
Judith S Brewer, secretary



This month we lift up one of our senior members, Pat Beatty, who has been a stalwart supporter of St. Paul's for many years. She recently returned home after a fall she took several months ago; and is anxious to get back into the swing of things. She is always pleasant – a very positive attitude – one which rubs off on you when you talk with her. She epitomizes what St. Paul's is all about – sharing and caring and we salute her for showing all of us how this is done by the example she has set in her own life. Pat, we thank you for all your support and your energy and enthusiasm and most of all your compassion you freely show to all you meet! We know you love St. Paul's and know that we love you back!

We are moving along with several customers utilizing our ministry. We are still looking for some more racks to hold clothes; so if you know of any available, please let me know. People are continuing to be very generous in their donations of clothing and toiletry items. As you know, what we have is given away to those who are in need – there is no charge for any of these things.



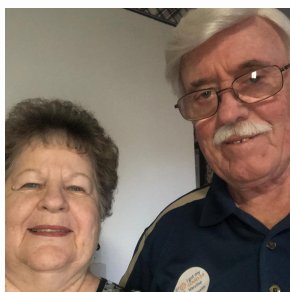
BIBLE STUDY



Just to take a little time off to enjoy the summer, our group will take a break for the month of July and resume on August 3rd as we will continue studying the Book of Leviticus. When we resume, we will pick up Leviticus 8-10. Any others interested are certainly encouraged to join with us every Tuesday at 1pm in Friendship Hall.

Thank You

We cannot let this season pass without saying thank you to



Larry & Darlene Adams for stepping up to the plate this past year and sitting on council. We appreciate you and your guidance in all things St. Paul's, Darlene, and Larry; thank you for your extensive knowledge of the building and for keeping her running up to speed. As their time ends on the council, we wish to welcome Carl & Jennifer Batliner. We look forward to this next year, hearing your ideas, and working with you to move things forward!

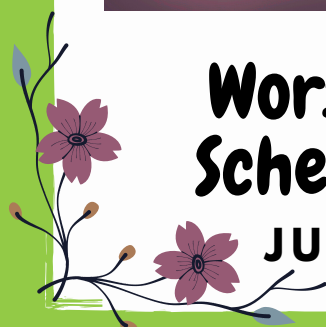
Welcome



Some of our members have been through quite a lot these past months and are now on the mend: After her serious car accident, Cindy Burnett has returned to worship with us; after her fall and broken kneecap, Pat Beatty has returned home; after her recent surgery on her heart, Judy Curtis has returned home and is doing well; Barb Ligett is still at Mt. Pleasant and Charlene Hale celebrated her 80th birthday on June 25th – so please keep all of them in your prayers.

Worship Schedule JULY

July 4 – "Sent with Power"
July 11 – "God-inspired Joy"
July 18 – "Wherever you Are"
July 25 – "God's Abundant Presence"



July 2021

SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1	2	3
4  Worship 10:15 am	5	6 Closet Closet 10-1	7	8 Woodworker Group	9	10
11 Worship 10:15 am Council 11:30	12	13 Closet Closet 10-1	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 10:15 am	19	20 Closet Closet 10-1	22	23 Woodworker Group	24	25
26 Worship 10:15 am	27	28 Closet Closet 10-1	29	30	31	



**NO SPECIAL
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JULY & AUGUST



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1015 a.m. Worship Service
Nursery Provided • Lift to Sanctuary • Handicap Accessible
Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Rev. Rich Luh, Pastor
Marsha Minge, Choir Director • Barbara Flory, Pianist

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