Hello St. Paulians! I enter my 2nd month appreciative of the kind and warm welcome I along with my wife and son have received. I am grateful to walk this part of the journey with you as you search for a minister with all its anticipation and in some cases anxiety. The first step in the search process is to commence a search committee. The church council is working on this and within the next couple months the search committee should be up and running. Also part of the process is completing a church profile that gives a thorough overview of St. Paul's and what it is looking for in a settled minister. Toward that end, a self-study is recommended.

So, enclosed in this newsletter is a short survey that I hope each of you will complete anonymously and return to the church.

Guiding St. Paul's in their search is one element of my duties while your interim. The other elements include officiating Sunday services, offering religious education (i.e., Bible Study), and other church activities. Here is some news related to these things.

**Sunday Services** - I am working on livestreaming Sunday sermons on Facebook. This will hopefully introduce St. Paul's to people whom otherwise haven't met us. Be watching our Facebook page in this regard.

**Religious Education** - Starting Wednesday, September 4th, at 2 pm we will have a Bible Study. We will be reading What is the Bible by Rob Bell and discussing it. (Please note, it is a different book then originally conceived.) We will meet at Third Moon Coffee Company in downtown Middletown.

**Volunteer Activity:** I am working on a volunteer activity involving planting trees as part of the Trillion Trees Campaign, a campaign to combat climate change through the simple act of planting trees, albeit on a massive, worldwide scale. To find out more about the campaign, go to [www.trilliontreescampaign.org](http://www.trilliontreescampaign.org). Watch for more information about this in coming weeks.

As you can see, lots going on at St. Paul's! Don't make yourself a stranger. We hope to see you Sunday at 10:15!

**Cheers……Rev. Don**
Every year CBI (The Robert Sunny Hill Community Center) along with many collaborators and supporters in the Middletown area host a back to school event at the beginning of August. Every year this event increases in size. This year it was estimated over a thousand children were going to be served. At the last minute a call for help went out because the donation for food had not been secured because of a funding issue with Sodexo who has faithfully supported this event over the years. St. Paul’s answered the call as they often do when it comes to supporting the youth in our community. Stepping up to the plate allowed the organizers to concentrate on other logistical matters as the date approached. As it turned out Sodexo pulled through at the last moment for the hot dogs, buns, and juice. The WCWT Center and St. Paul’s were able to provide over 1100 bottles of water and bags of chips for the event. It was a beautiful day for the kids to have some fun, the parents to find some resources and collaboration to happen in Middletown. So thank you for helping make that happen!

2019 BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT!
The church website is getting a new look! In the next week or so we will have a update website with a few improvements.

A Letter from our UCC Child Sponsorship Program “Tensing”

Choir Practice will resume on Wednesday September 4 @ 430 pm

Income for the Month of July $15,993.23 ($8338 from offering)  
Expenses $15,908.83  
Special Offering: Crayons to Computers : $60.00
The Trillion Tree Campaign app aims to bring transparency to tree-planting projects around the world and make it as easy as possible for anyone to support them. Global reforestation could capture 25% of global annual carbon emissions and create wealth in the global south.

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month @ 11 am Rev. Don will host Coffee at Java Johnny's located at 3534 Central Ave. Come for good conversation and fellowship and to get to know Rev. Don!

Please Pray for our shut-ins and ill friends...

Virgina Elam  Amanda Lorig  Cleo Habig  
Carroll Stein  Charlene Hale  Charlie Trees  
Randy Combs  Belinda Coke  Maddie Cole  
Don Wyatt  Kathryn Kuhn  Patricia Stevenson  
Robert & Shirley Selby  Brenda Clark  
Debra Mace  Paul Mahoney  Darlene Moss

Our military members:
PFC JakeBurley  Chase McConeghy
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* Bible studies are held at Triple Moon Coffee shop 1100 Central Avenue, Middletown
OPEN AND AFFIRMING

September 16, 2018– May 12, 2017 Sunday:  9:00 a.m.   Adult Sunday School
10:15 Children’s Sunday School

Sunday 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Nursery Provided • Lift to Sanctuary • Handicap Accessible
Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Rev. Don Erickson, Pastor
Marsha Minge, Choir Director • Barbara Flory, Pianist

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