

Rooted in the past,
living faithfully in the present

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

**September
2019**

*"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

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 . 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!

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Cheers.....Rev. Don

THANK
YOU!

Trust Networking
Community Free
Reciprocity Creativity Openness
Social Participation
Collaboration Access

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!



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Date: 22 JUL 2019

My Dear Sponsor,

A 58th Birth Anniversary of his holiness the

Dalai Lama will be celebrated in centre with full of colorful programmes.

We offer Tibetan Scarves and flowers to his photo wishing him a

long and healthy life. A holy sweet rice and will be given to all on the

occasions. After the function, we will have dances of children and

workers of centre and Tibetan colorful Opera (Thamu). I am fine

here with my family and doing my studies well because our mid-

term exams will be started from the next month.

The weather here is raining every day. How is the weather in your place?

Thank you for helping me with love from

Tenzin Mingyur

A Letter from our UCC Child Sponsorship Program "Tensing"

The Southwest Ohio Philharmonic

FREE!
LABOR
Day

Weekend Concert!

Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Rain Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Maestro Vince Lee - Conductor

and featuring

Ashley Fabian - Soprano



Woodside Cemetery and Arboretum

1401 Woodside Blvd.

Middletown, Ohio 45044

Mark Your Calendars!

Please bring your Lawn Chairs for this outdoor concert.

Sponsors

Miriam Knoll Foundation

WOODSIDE
Cemetery & Arboretum

FIRST
FARMERS

MIDDLETOWN

FARMERS
INSURANCE

Rasmussen Agency
MusicalInsuranceGuy.com

Visit our website: SWOPhil.org



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



**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**



September Volunteer Schedule

Date	Greeters	Refreshments	Ushers	Liturgist	Open/Close
1st	L. Adams D. Adams	R. Lakes	R. Britton L. Britton P. Beatty	R. Lakes	J. Rockwell
Communion C. Clark & C. Kinyalocts(come forward)					
8th	J. Rockwell R. Lyons	J. Batliner	L. Adams D. Adams C. Lowman	J. Brewer	
15th	C. Kinyalocts J. Kinyalocts	C. Clark	C. Batliner J. Batliner R. Lyons	M. Ratliff	
22nd	C. Burnett A. Turner	R. McQuade	M. Shibley T. Shibley C. Clark	C. Lowman	
29th	S. Green J. Green	L. Britton	C. Burnett C. Kinyalocts J. Rockwell	C. Burnett	



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.

**COFFEE
WITH
the
PASTOR**



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

September 2019

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

1	2	3	4 Bible Study 2 pm Choir 4:30	5	6	7
8 Council 11:30	9	10	11 Coffee w/ Rev. Don @ 11 am Bible Study 2 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Bible Study 2 pm Choir 4:30	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Bible Study 2 pm Choir 4:30	26	27	28
29 Lunch Bunch @ Doubleday	30					

* Bible studies are held at Triple Moon Coffee shop 1100 Central Avenue, Middletown

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114 S. BROAD STREET
MIDDLETOWN OHIO 45044

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



Pastors Hours Tuesday, Wednesday 9:30-1:30 pm Thursday by appointment
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