

Earth Day- Every Day

April 22 is Earth Day. On Earth Day, we celebrate God's creation. We remember that our Creator made all that's seen and unseen. God connects everything. Therefore, how we treat the earth impacts all of us. To ignore this is to our detriment.

Earth Day began with Senator Gaylord Nelson. He was so concerned about environmental ruin that he persuaded President Kennedy to go on a conservation tour in 1963. The five-day, eleven-state tour wasn't a success, mainly because most politicians didn't think it was an important issue.

However, as ecological degradation became more and more apparent, Senator Nelson continued to raise environmental issues. He announced that in the Spring of 1970 there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration. The American people would jointly be able to express their concern about what was happening to our natural resources of land, water, and air.

The first Earth Day was a spectacular success! People from all over the country made promises to help the environment. The idea gradually spread to the rest of the world. Today, people from all over our earth realize that there are problems we need to work on. There are solutions if we work together.

Earth Day supporters teach sustainable environments that nurture God's creation. Sustainable environments allow Earth's resources to renew themselves while nurturing life, health, and progress. Sustainable development meets the needs of our present generation, while ensuring future generations have the resources necessary to meet their needs.

A sustainable society lives in harmony with nature. It insists on an economy that doesn't exhaust Earth's resources. It respects cultural experiences of diverse societies. It pursues both economic prosperity and social justice.

Earth Day reminds us that we're all connected through our Creator. Remembering this aids us in making the wisest decisions about our environment. It helps us to preserve what our Creator has given us as stewards. As such, Earth Day should be celebrated every day as we reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and restore.

Reduce the human environmental footprint, including the quantity of trash we generate and the amount of energy we consume. While brushing teeth, turn off the water. Reuse what we already have. Find new ways to use what we'd otherwise throw out. Donate plastic milk jugs and the like to programs that turn them into something new and useful like benches, playground equipment, and recycling bins.

Promote and support community Recycling. Buy items that use minimal packaging. Encourage laws that support recycling. Refuse products that harm the environment. Avoid one-use plastics such as straws and bags. Promote laws that support clean energy. Restore the natural environment. Plant native trees and flowers. Provide insects and birds with food, shelter, and proper habitat. Pick up litter and never add to it. It's up to all of us to protect and conserve.

Annual Meeting of the New York Conference- June 10-12, 2022

Gather at the Silver Bay Retreat Center on Lake George for "Family Reunion: Release, Rest, Rejoice!"

Scripture Theme: "For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." -Isaiah 55:12

St. Paul's UCC may send two delegates. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Laurie. (Pastor won't be attending this year due to a scheduled wedding.)

We want to continue to keep our congregation healthy. If you have been exposed to a suspected or confirmed case of Covid, please stay home and worship with St Paul's virtually for 2 weeks. If you are having any cold/flu symptoms please stay home. We want to have the option to stay mask-free as long as possible. As always our policies may change as local and state guidances change.

Pray for our Shut-ins



Carol Shreder

Larry Taylor

Bev West

Chuck Kellogg

...and others who are physically unable to join us.

Why not call or visit, to let them know they are missed?



Attica Food Link Distribution:



Attica Presbyterian Church
April 6
10am-12pm

Inside—1st come 1st served , Bring your own bags
This will be for the
next six month period.
Sponsored by Attica Food Pantry

We are currently worshipping in-house at St. Paul's UCC. (This is subject to change if COVID cases increase.) Your Church Council is working to provide as safe as possible worship. Be here by 9:50am to hear lots of great music played by one of our organists. To connect virtually, the direct link to our YouTube Channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2hK62nkmeNAMJwMpchvJw>

We plan to be live on YouTube and Facebook around 10am on Sundays. You'll also be able to watch the recorded videos at a later time on YouTube and Facebook.

Bible Studies

Dig Deeper with Friends



Bible Study groups will meet in our respective areas - unless we can't maintain safe social distancing. Masks optional if fully vaccinated. If you have additional questions or concerns, contact the Convener: Lisa Knerr- Mon. evening, Charles- Wed. morning

Mondays @7pm in the lounge

Wednesdays @ 10am in the multi-purpose room.

Prepare your Spirit by spending an hour studying the "Message" Reading for Sunday. There is no better way to be ready for Worship than to study The Word of God!

Sunday Bible readings:

The first reading is *italicized*; the message text is **bold**.

April 3

John 12:1-8

Philippians 3.4b-16

April 10

Luke 19:28-42

Psalms 118.1,22-29

April 17

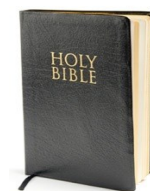
Luke 24:1-11

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

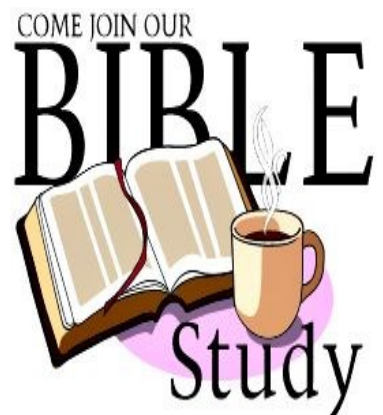
April 24

Luke 24:1-11

1 Corinthians 15:20-26



Let the
Word of God
Transform
You.



Its Registration Time Again

Youths interested in attending Dunkirk Camp this summer should register by April 15th in order to take advantage of the “early bird” discount and church-funded scholarship.

See Tom Baker for details.



Do you feel called to serve as a

Lay Leader, Greeter or Usher?

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.



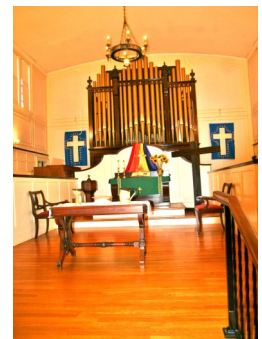
Youth Mission Trip- Boston

Save the dates July 11-17!

We leave early Monday morning and return on Sunday evening after worshipping with the church at which we've been staying.

Youth from 8 Western NY UCC churches should be attending!

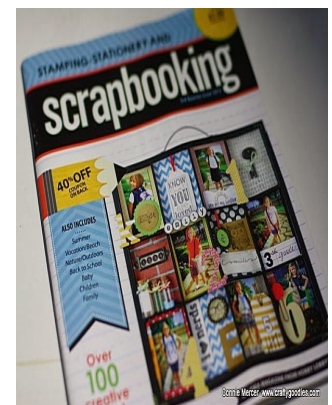
If you're interested and haven't already indicated that you'd like to attend, please contact Pastor Laurie.



REMINDER: April 23 - Scrapbooking at St. Paul's

The Youth Mission Group will be offering another Scrapbooking opportunity this Spring. Amenities include: Carry-in help, 3 meals, afternoon snack, networking, fellowship, meeting the youth you're supporting, and the use of the elevator lift! The cost is \$40 for twelve hours from 9am-9pm or \$25 for a half day. Sign-up forms are available on the Offering Plate table.

Thank you for supporting our Youth!





April Notes

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April-the name from Latin aperire which means to open. Take time this month to open your eyes to the beauty of the world around you.

April 7 is World Health Day-a day celebrated annually which draws attention to a specific health topic of concern in the world. This year the focus is on keeping humans and the planet healthy and to focus on well-being. This is focusing on ways to improve air and water quality and decrease pollution to help heal our planet. Checkout the World Health Organization for more details and ideas on how you can help.

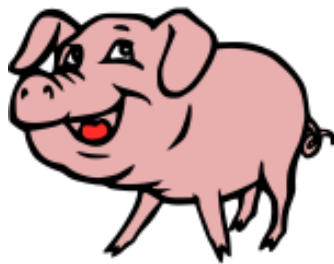
Alcohol awareness is in the month of April. Alcohol related problems are among the most significant public health issue. Alcohol use disorder affects 15 million people in the US and an estimated 88,000 people die from alcohol related causes which makes it the 3rd leading preventable cause of death in the US. Symptoms of an alcohol related problem include deterioration in your personal or professional life, increase in the amount or frequency of drinking, using alcohol to cope with stress or anxiety, or irritability or anxiousness if you don't have a drink. If you notice any of these signs in yourself or family, please seek help.

April is also testicular cancer awareness month. It is very important to report any changes to your healthcare provider. Testicular cancer is rare and is easily treated. Encourage yourself and the men in your life to check for this.

April 23 is Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This is a day to clean out your medicine cabinet and remove all expired and unused medications. These can be taken to any pharmacy to be returned. Please do not flush any medications to prevent any possible entry into the water system.

Parkinson's awareness- usually begins with a tremor in the hand, slow movement, stiffness and loss of balance. Parkinson's is a progressive disease that destroys memory and mental function. There are more than 3 million cases per year. It cannot be cured but can be managed with medication and therapies. If you notice any of these symptoms, seek evaluation so early treatment can be started.

Stay safe and healthy this month. Sleep regular, eat well and exercise daily.
Marie



SAVE THE DATE: Back by Popular demand

St. Paul's Sauerkraut and Pork Supper
November 8th 2022

CHURCH COUNCIL

February, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Marie Lowe.

Present: David Williman, Pastor Laurie, Marilyn Wilson, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Deb Best, Chris Kipfer, Marie Lowe, Lorraine Wolf and Mary West

Absent: Tom Baker, Chris Eddy, Jeff Peters

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Laurie Bellucci, seconded by Lorraine Wolf, passed.

Motion to accept the December 2021 and January 2022 minutes with corrections was made by Lorraine Wolf, seconded by Laurie Bellucci, passed.

Reports:

Deacons – One license was purchased. Copyright will scroll across the live stream when a song is playing that is covered by the licenses. Discussed Deacon responsibilities. Decided glow of Christmas will stay inside for Christmas Eve, 2022. Discussed Christmas Day service. We will have a special service or possibly the Christmas play on that day, if Christian Ed is willing. For communion, we will start using the prefilled communion elements until they are used up. Discussed bulletins for choir. We are going to stay with our current procedure, as it was always our intention to do away with bulletins after an unspecified time when the screens were installed. Our next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. to review/update the membership list. Trustees – Keys were handed out to new deacons and breaker locations were reviewed. Will finish the security system and outdoor lighting in the spring. The old audio equipment will be disposed of. The purchase of a mower was approved previously so it is going to be purchased soon. The money for it will come out of property improvement.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Christian Ed – met 2/5/22. They will be doing a basket raffle at the pancake breakfast – setting up Sunday after church. They are meeting again to do the easter eggs for the hunt on Easter Sunday.

Pastor's Report – Vacation days were given to the Deacons.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Chris Kipfer, seconded by Deb Best, passed.

Business:

-Church roster was passed out

-Need to update the emergency call list

-Annual meeting – next year we need to use a microphone. Removing the annual giving report was discussed. It was decided to keep it but make the ranges bigger.

-Discussed media ministry – We need more people trained to help Eric. One person has volunteered to help.

-COVID update – wearing masks has been lifted – on the fb page, we should change the date from December 21 to February 2022

-By-laws were tabled until next month.

-New office computers – specs and prices were passed around. We agreed to charge them to the office supply line. Council approves this purchase.

-Girl Scouts have requested to meet at St. Paul's, one Wednesday night a month, to work on their merit badges from 5:30 – 8:00 pm, 7 – 8 people. Council decided to approve this request with a stipulation that they document when they are here – dates and times, and how many people are here.

-Sauerkraut Supper – We need to start planning. Council will run/coordinate the supper. We will discuss planning this in March.

-Safety Protocols – we need to get back to planning this. Need a

disaster plan.

Next month agenda will include by-laws, sauerkraut supper and safety protocols.

Next meeting will be March 20th, after church.

Deb Best made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris Kipfer, passed.

Meeting adjourned with Pastor Laurie leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Neary

Council Secretary

DEACONS

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.
John 12:26

February 15, 2022

Members Present: Laurie Bellucci, Marie Lowe, Lisa Neary, Mary West, Marilyn Wilson, Lorraine Wolf and Pastor Laurie.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Laurie Bellucci.

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Agenda reviewed, motion made to accept agenda by Marie Lowe and seconded by Lisa Neary. Motion carried.

December minutes reviewed. Motion made to accept by Marie Lowe, seconded by Lorraine Wolf. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

One License was discussed. It was used for February 13th service. If watching service via internet, a statement is scrolling at bottom of screen indicating sound is muted due to copyright reasons for music.

Review of request for bulletins from Annual Meeting for Choir discussed. It was decided to leave as is. Screen to be used.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lay readers, Ushers & Greeters responsibilities discussed.

New member Mary West welcomed.

Discussed 2022 Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services due to Christmas being on Sunday this year.

Decision made to remain inside for Glow of Christmas on Christmas Eve service.

Discussed Pastor Laurie's vacation over Christmas.

A suggestion was made to use disposable Communion cups until gone. Discussion held and consensus was to use them during Communion until gone. Will commence in March.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with Lord's prayer.

Next meeting: March 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Wolf, Deacon's Secretary



**You're Invited! Maundy Thursday Potluck
and Communion- 6pm April 14**

We're moving Maundy Thursday worship back into the Fellowship Hall! We'll share a potluck meal and then Communion. Meet at 6pm with a dish to share!




Good Friday Worship- 12 Noon, St. Luke's

On Good Friday, **April 15**, the Church in Attica will offer **Tenebrae** worship at noon at St. Luke's. Plan to attend and bring a friend.





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Dorothy Kellogg	2
3 Communion & Worship 10 am Coffee Hour	4 Bible Study 7 pm	5	6 Bible Study 10 am Debbie & Dave Best	7 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15p Emma Hopfinger Mary West	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 10 am CE Meeting	11 Bible Study 7 pm	12 David & Jude Williman	13 Bible Study 10 am Ed Bey Sharon Davis	14 Maunday Supper 6pm Chancel choir 7:15pm	15 Good Friday— Patricia Baker Emily Lovell	16
17 Worship 10 am Newsletter deadline Debra Kirsch Happy Easter	18 Bible Study 7 pm	19 Wendy Walsh Vicki Silvernail	20 Bible Study 10 am	21 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15p	22 Earth Day 	23 Scrapbooking Fundraiser Event 9am-9pm
24 Worship 10 am Deacons/Trustee Council meeting	25 Bible Study 7 pm	26	27 Bible Study 10am Laurie Bellucci	28 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15p Marilyn Wilson	29 Ann Wilson	30

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
11 Washington Street
Attica, NY 14011



April 2022

of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Village of Attica

St. Paul's UCC, 11 Washington Street

Just around the corner, first block down from Main Street.

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Sunday School for children K-7th Grade - Nursery always open!

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at St. Paul's."

Reverend Lauran Heidenreich

Call the church at (585-591-2705), stpaulunited@verizon.net or pastorucc@verizon.net

Website: atticaucc.org

May Newsletter Deadline
April 17th

**Please make sure all newsletter
submissions are in by this date.** In the pink folder
on the office window or e-mailed to:
stpaulunited@verizon.net