



## A Note from the Pastor:

The Pastor's Message for this month involves a bit of seasonal fun. I've included some hints below to help you figure out the answer to the following puzzle.

G B T F M  
N Y P V I  
R O C K S  
D X E H J  
Z Q U A W

The answer has many root meanings. In Latin, its root word means "birth". The French root equates to "good news". Its English root implies "shout of joy." Its first common usage began in Europe in the Middle Ages. French and English carols began using the word in songs referring to the birth of Christ.

If you haven't yet figured out the answer, here's an easier version.

A B C D E  
F G H I J  
K M N O P  
Q R S T U  
V W X Y Z

## Annual Reports Due- January 3

If you're the person in any St. Paul's UCC Committee who's tasked with writing the Annual Report for that committee, please e-mail your reports to [stpaulunited@verizon.net](mailto:stpaulunited@verizon.net) by January 3 for inclusion in the Annual Reports booklet. Thank you!

## UCC Christmas Fund- Overwhelmed With Joy!

For over 100 years, the Christmas Fund Special Mission Offering has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ. Your gift provides emergency grants, supplements small annuities and health premiums, and delivers Christmas "Thank You" gift checks to low-income retirees. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution which will help to sustain this ministry of compassion and care.



2023 Offering Envelopes are in church mailboxes!

If you aren't comfortable coming in to get yours, stop by during office hours, call Pastor Laurie and let her know you're here and she will bring them out to you!

## On-Line Donations—Do you pay your bills on-line?

Consider adding your monthly church donation to that list.

Donations to the church can be set up as recurring transactions.

Checks are mailed from the bank to the church and clearly indicate the donor.



## 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?



To everyone that helped as  
workers, donations or buying a dinner  
for our Sauerkraut supper  
We brought in  
\$2150.00



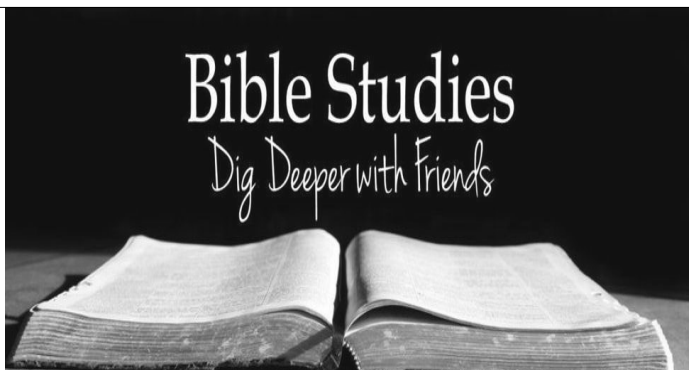
### Attica Food Link Distribution:



Attica Presbyterian Church  
December 7  
10am-12pm

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

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/rsv symptoms please stay home. As always our policies may change as local and state guidances change.



Bible Study groups will meet in our respective areas.  
If you have additional questions or concerns, contact  
the Convener: Lisa Knerr- Mon. evening,  
Charles- Wed. morning

### Sunday Bible readings:

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

Dec 4

**Isaiah 11.1-5,10**

*Isaiah 2.2-3*

Dec 25

Service of Scripture  
and Carols

Dec 11

**Matthew 11:2-19**

*Psalms 146.5-10*

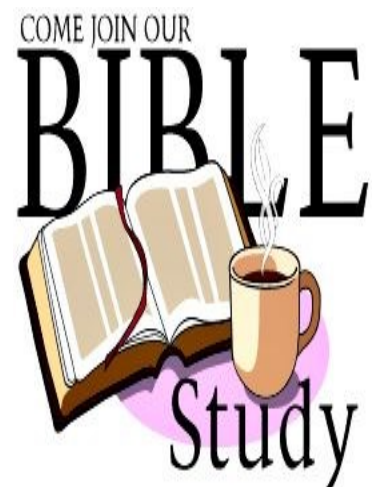
Dec 18

Children's Program

Dec 24

**Isaiah 9.2-7**

*Luke 2.1-20*





Pictures being taken for a new Directory -  
November 27, December 4, 11, and 18th

These will be taken following church in the Sanctuary

Make sure you are included also  
Please update your Address and Phone number in the Directory  
sitting on the table in the back of church

### Christmas Play

Sunday, December 18th during Worship  
*"The Real Gifts of Christmas"*

Birthday Party for Jesus  
After church in the Fellowship Hall.

All are Invited !



Looking for Candle Lighters and readers

for our Advent Wreath—December 4th

Sign Up on the Bulletin Board

in the hallway



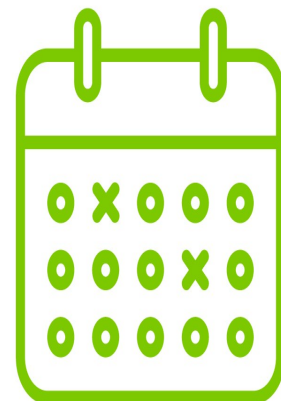
Save the dates

Scrapbooking Dates

Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip

January 21, 2023

April 22, 2023



An enjoyable day to spend at church to benefit our kids



## ADVENT WORKSHOP





# CHURCH COUNCIL

October 18, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Marie Lowe.

Present: Marie Lowe, Pastor Laurie, Marilyn Wilson, Jeff Peters, Laurie Bellucci, Lorraine Wolf, Lisa Neary, Mary West, Chris Eddy, and Chris Kipfer

Absent: Deb Best, Tom Baker, and David Williman

Pastor Laurie led us in Prayer

Jeff Peters made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Laurie Bellucci, passed.

Jeff Peters made a motion to accept the September 2022 minutes, seconded by Laurie Bellucci, passed.

## Reports:

Deacons – The new music book is continued to be worked on. Candlelight service was discussed. Mary West has lay reader, usher and greeter sign-ups for November. Christmas service will be inside. Discussed volunteers for media. Waiting to hear from Pastor Schaut to fill in January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustees – 2 De-con strips have been put downstairs in the kitchen. The small sink drain was snaked. There appeared to be grease that was clogging the drain. One camera has been installed. It's a motion detector that is currently hooked up to a DVR for now.

Treasurer's report – was reviewed.

Christian Ed – Dunkirk Coffee Hour will be 11/6. It will be a pancake breakfast. Confirmants will help. Will be doing a play the week before Christmas – the kids are decreasing in number for the play. Halloween party will be during Sunday School along with the Advent workshop which will be November 20<sup>th</sup> – though adults are invited to come down to the multi-purpose room to make ornaments after church.

Pastor's Report – There are two confirmants this year, Madelyn will have Emily Lovell for a mentor and Joshua will have Tom Baker. They will be attending meetings after church (they must attend 3) and will be expected to be in Sunday School when they are not in church taking notes on the service (they are ten church services which they must take notes for)

Chris Kipfer made a motion to accept all reports, seconded by Chris Eddy, passed.

## Business:

Sauerkraut supper – take out workers arrive at 3, start serving at 3:30 and eat in workers arrive at 4, start serving at 4:30. Applesauce making will be October 23 at 3:00 p.m. Price will be \$15 for each dinner. Boy Scout, Attica troop, will be helping. Will be asking Honor Society for help also. Emergency Plan – refresh of the plan.... Driveway side of church along with the balcony folks, go out front door, walk down to Main Street and meet at Masonic Temple parking lot. Jeff Peters and Chris Eddy will be assisting this group. Hallway side of church will exit out the back door and meet in the Masonic Temple parking lot. David Williman and Deb Best will assist this group. Christine Kipfer and Tom Baker oversee Christian Ed who will walk out the Sunday school wing door to the Masonic Temple. Trustees to call 911 and are also responsible for taking the attendance book.

Pictorial – John Brandon will be taking pictures November 13 and 20.

Members getting picture taken should check the old pictorial to make sure addresses and phone numbers are correct.

Organ will be serviced October 25.

Media Ministry – need volunteers for sound, video and computer. Discussed ways to try to get volunteers. Danny will be having an open house on October 23.

Nominating Committee – needs one more trustee.  
Discussed Communion.

Next meeting is November 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. (Deacons and Trustees will meet at their individual meetings at 6:30 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 with a motion made by Laurie Bellucci and seconded by Chris Kipfer, passed.

Pastor Laurie led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Neary  
Council Secretary



October 18, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Agenda reviewed, motion made to accept by Marie Lowe and seconded by Marilyn Wilson. Motion carried.

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

## OLD BUSINESS

New music book is continued to be worked on. Binders being determined.

Candlelight Service discussed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mary West responsible for Lay Readers, Ushers and Greeters for month of November.

Christmas Eve Service will be totally inside.

Email has been sent to Pastor Faith Schaut to fill in on January 1st. Awaiting a response.

Discussed getting volunteers for streaming service.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting November 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorraine Wolf, Deacons Secretary



### December Parish Nurse Notes

December- winter fun and holiday gatherings. A busy time of year. Remember to pace your activities during this time; too often we overdo. Try to keep your schedule, get adequate sleep, eat healthy as possible during all the festivities, limit your alcohol intake, and attempt to stay active during these. Old winter months.

MADD- Mothers Against Drunk Driving- November 23- December 31. This is a organization whose purpose is to reduce the incidence of impaired driving. They assist families affected by injury/ fatalities related to impaired driving, push for legislation to aid law enforcement, promote ride share opportunities and educate the public encouraging designated drivers. If you choose to imbibe this holiday season, please act responsibly- have a DD, arrange for a ride safely home.

December is also Safe Toys Month- this was established to encourage people to choose age appropriate gifts and toys to prevent accidents. Inspect toys before you purchase, choose age appropriate toys- recommended ages are listed on toys and games, check to make sure toys have a stamp from ASTM- American Society of Toy Manufacturing- a company who chooses and rates age appropriate toys.

Influenza is a respiratory illness caused by a virus. Each year the virus mutates. A vaccine is developed yearly based on scientific evidence and research which can help to lessen the symptoms and prevent hospitalization. Especially important during this season are simple acts to reduce the impact of viral spread. Most important is to wash your hands frequently and properly. Use warm running water, soap and friction- rub your hands and fingers together while washing them. If water is unavailable, use hand sanitizer which can also reduce the spread of germs. Stay away from people if you have a cold or respiratory problems, get 7-8 hours sleep, eat healthy and limit crowded areas. Importantly, get your flu vaccine.

This is a beautiful and busy time of year. Enjoy the holidays and all the hectic times! Remember to keep yourself safe and healthy as we end this year and head into the new year.



### PASTORAL RELATIONS

November 13, 2022

The Pastoral Relations committee met Sunday, November 13, 2022 following church services. Present: Tracy O'Neill, Laurie Bellucci, Patricia Baker, Marie Lowe, Council President, and Pastor Laurie Heidenreich. The committee was joined by a confirmand. The meeting was opened with prayer from Pastor Heidenreich. Pastor Heidenreich provided updates on arrangements for upcoming services during the holidays.. Pastor Laurie discussed the collaboration process for music centered services. The committee then closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2023 following services. Church members and guests are welcome to reach out to any Pastoral Relations Committee member with any concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Baker



# DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Bell choir 6 pm Chancel choir 7:15pm	2	3 <i>Megan Simonsen</i>
4 Worship & Communion 10 am <i>Lorraine Wolf</i>	5 Bible Study 7pm	6 <i>Michael West</i>	7 Bible Study 10 am Food Link	8 Sisters In Faith 6pm Chancel choir 7:15pm	9 <i>Lynne Jacoby</i>	10
11 Worship 10 am <i>Sharon Bey</i>	12 Bible Study 7pm <i>Evan Breedlove</i>	13	14 Bible Study 10 am	15 Bell choir 6 pm Chancel choir 7:15pm	16 <i>Levi Perry</i>	17 <i>Jean &amp; Ralph Wirth</i>
18 Worship 10 am Children's Program Newsletter Deadline	19 Bible Study 7pm <i>Dianne Brown</i> <i>Michelle Lovell</i>	20 Council Meeting 6pm Deacons/Trustees <i>Pat Nolan</i>	21 Bible Study 10 am	22 Bell choir 6 pm Chancel choir 7:15pm	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship with Communion 11pm
25 Christmas Day Worship 10am <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Martha Mengs</i>	31

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



Dec 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**

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**January Newsletter Deadline  
December 18th**

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