



Pastor's Study

Every time I open the door to what most people consider the 'Pastor's Office', I see two small signs. The bottom one reads 'PASTOR'. The top one declares 'STUDY'. The top sign reminds me that I'm to study the things of God- and not just occupy an office.

The Pastor's Study is a place to continually immerse myself in both God's written word and Christ's Living Word. I write sermons here. I ponder the things of our Triune God. I plan worship. I continue to grow in my Christian knowledge and faith.

The Pastor's Study is also a place to connect with other people physically, by phone, and digitally. It's where my well-worn Fellowship Directory resides. It's where I keep my Home Communion kit with its list of shut-ins. It's where I 'study' the joys and concerns of our congregation and offer support where I can. It's where I listen and counsel. It's where I pray for those mentioned during the Prayers of the People, for those listed on my 'more permanent' prayer sheets, and for upcoming events of the congregation.

The Pastor's Study is where I attend on-line Bible Study. It's where I join learning webinars and essential meetings. (During these Covid times, it's also where I link with my Community of Practice- and where I participated in General Synod!) It's where I grow in ministry and as a pastor. It's where I learn from my mistakes. It's where I plan for the future.

This Pastor's Study contains my desk which has become 'messier' over the years. For the first few years, it didn't hold a separate pile of music books. It didn't have a spot for cards sent by you. It didn't include an ever-increasing pile of ideas and 'information that might come in handy'. (That 'pile' has increased to include the wall beside the desk.)

This Pastor's Study connects me with other ministers who've served this congregation over the years. (Yes, I know that this addition wasn't built until 1968.) Their witness pervades the space and reminds me that I'm just one in a long line of those who've studied, learned, empowered, and envisioned for St. Paul's UCC.

This Pastor's Study is home to the two Christmas cacti from my first Sunday with you. It holds the books placed in my care by your previous pastor. It includes a helium kit and the basket for Confirmation folders. It displays family Bibles and religious items from two uncles who were UCC pastors. It exhibits a plate from your 130th Anniversary and the Bible verse picture you gifted me with on the 25th Anniversary of my ordination.

This Pastor's Study is a place of history, contrasts, and spiritual witness. It's a space that reminds me that I'm your Pastor and teacher. It comforts me when I'm afflicted and afflicts me when I'm comfortable. Surely God is in this place!

As we approach cold and flu season and increasing COVID cases in the area, 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
Bev West

Larry & Marie Taylor
Rose Marie Moeller



...and others who are physically unable to join us.
Why not call or visit, to let them know they are missed?



2021 Annual Reports
Due January 3



If you're the person in any of St. Paul's UCC Committees who's tasked with writing the Annual Report for that committee please e-mail your reports to stpaulunited@verizon.net by January 3rd for inclusion in the Annual Reports booklet.
Thank you!



Attica Food Link Distribution:

Attica Presbyterian Church
January 5
10am-12pm

Inside—1st come 1st served
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**.

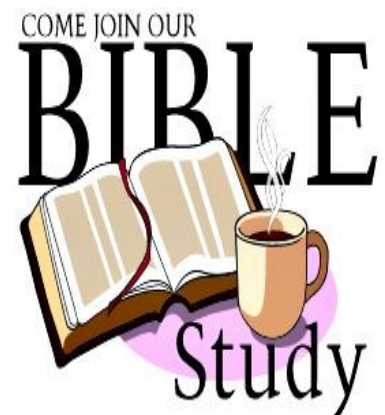
Jan 2
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 1:68-6

Jan 9
Philippians 4:4-7
Isaiah 12:2-6

Jan 16
John 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Jan 23
1 Corinthians 12:20-31
Psalms 19

Jan 30
Luke 4:21-30
Jeremiah 1:4-10



11/14/2021

The Pastoral Relations committee met Sunday, November 14, 2021 following church services. Present: Laurie Bellucci, Tracy O'Neill, Patricia Baker, Marie Lowe, Council President, and Pastor Laurie Heidenreich. The meeting was opened with prayer from Pastor Heidenreich. The Committee reviewed changes to the universal greeting and presentation slides as the church continues to expand its virtual presence. Pastor Heidenreich addressed her return to a more normal visitation schedule as COVID restrictions change. The committee then closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 13, 2022 following services. Church members and guests are welcome to reach out to any Pastoral Relations Committee member with any concerns

Respectfully,
Patricia Baker

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Electronically by January 2nd

We are missing the following reports: Previous year's minutes, Memorial Fund, John West Scholarship Fund, Investment Committee, Envelope Giving Report, Pastor's Report, Membership Report, Local Mission Report, Pastoral Relations Committee, Sister's In Faith, Operating Fund, Property Improvement Fund, CE Financial Report, Giving Report: Additional Offerings, Deacons, Trustees, Christian Education Committee, Preschool and Financials

Do you feel called to serve as a

Lay Leader, Greeter or Usher?

Please sign up on the bulletin board
outside the sanctuary.

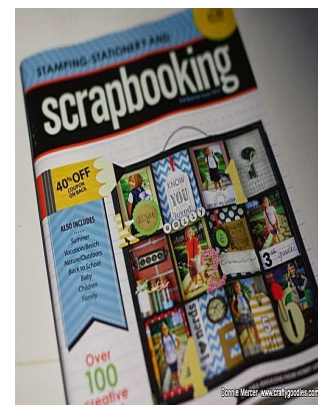


Souper Bowl of Caring- February 6

The Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth at the time of the Big Game to help those in need. On February 6, our youth will gather "noisy money" (coins). All money collected will be reported on-line to the Souper Bowl and then given to the Attica Food Pantry. You may also donate food items. Thank you for supporting our youth and Food Pantry on Super Bowl Sunday!

Save the Dates- February 5 and April 23 - Scrapbooking Dates at St. Paul's

The Youth Mission Group will be offering Scrapbooking opportunities again this Spring. Amenities include: Carry-in help, 3 meals, afternoon snack, networking, fellowship, meeting the youth you're supporting, and the use of the new elevator lift! The cost is \$40 for twelve hours from 9am-9pm or \$25 for a half day. Thank you in advance for supporting our Youth!





Parish Nurse January Notes

January- the beginning of a new year and opportunity to make plans for your health status. Take this time to evaluate your health. Review your health history, add new diagnoses and/ or surgeries over the past year. Make sure to update your family regarding health conditions. Check your medicine cabinet- dispose of any old or not used medications- do not flush in toilet to prevent water system exposure. You can usually dispose of old medications in the pharmacy or at your health care provider's office. Also make note of any dental changes. Use this month to schedule annual physical and dental checkup. Don't forget your screening tests- mammogram, colonoscopy, prostate exam and eye exams,

Make a list of your health goals; whether to lose weight, exercise more, quit smoking, or just maintain your good health. Plan how to accomplish these goals. Always check with your health care provider before undertaking new exercise plans. Make a goal to eat healthy- get your fruits and veggies in daily, decrease your fat and sweets intake, increase your water intake (unless on fluid restriction by your provider), and walk or stretch daily. Track your progress on a calendar.

Take a moment every day for your mental and emotional health- the past couple years have been very taxing on our health. Write down your thoughts or concerns daily, keep track of the good things in your life. Keep your mind busy and active by doing mind exercises- crossword puzzles, word search, jigsaw puzzles, read the paper and new books. Keeping your mind busy and active helps to slow memory problems.

Get 7-8 hours good sleep at night; short naps during day are okay- help us to re- energize. Eat balanced meals and limit caffeine and alcohol intake.

Wash your hands frequently! Stay safe- you are a valuable and important person ♡☐

Due to rising Covid cases in the area we request that all unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated people wear a mask while in the church building.

Any questions please contact Marie Lowe.



Candlelight Service Plate Offering for 2021

\$35.00

Thank you to all who gave.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Minutes
November 16, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President, Marie Lowe

Present: Marie Lowe, Pastor Laurie, Marilyn Wilson, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Lorraine Wolf, Tom Baker, Chris Eddy
Absent: Chris Kipfer, Jeff Peters David Williman, Deb Best
Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Lisa Neary, seconded by Lorraine Wolf, passed.

Motion to accept the October, 2021 minutes was made by Eric Lovell, seconded by Tom Baker, passed.

Reports:

Deacons – L. Neary is still working on the music license summary. Discussed the candlelight service. Christmas Service- will have two Deacons take the glow of Christmas outside.

Trustees – Did not meet.

Treasurer's report – was reviewed. Lisa Neary asked if the council had any specific recommendations for the Budget Committee.

Christian Ed – Christmas play will be December 19. They have discussed having a Dunkirk basket raffle in March at the Fat Tuesday supper.

Pastor's Report – The Pastor and the Pastoral Relations Committee designated \$14,000 of the 2022 base salary as a housing allowance for Internal Revenue Service purposes.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Laurie Bellucci, seconded by Eric Lovell, passed.

Business:

Media Ministry – Thank you to Marilyn Wilson for volunteering to help with the running the camera. Eric Lovell mentioned a new desk will eventually be needed for the balcony.

COVID – There have now been an uptick in numbers.

Nomination committee - We need 1 Deacon and 1 Trustee, 2 for Christian Ed and 1 for Pastoral Relations. Something will be put in the newsletter.

Goals for 2022 – In the event we are unable to fill committee positions, changing the By-Laws was discussed. The requirements were reviewed with regards to making a change, and the timing required. We may plan to do this at a summer meeting
Questions/Concerns – Everyone should get out their emergency lists and be prepared in the event we need to make calls due to bad weather.

Next meeting is December 21st – bring treats to celebrate Christmas. There will be no January meeting as council meets quickly after the annual meeting. We'll need to meet to discuss and plan the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper in March. Council people who are going off the board need to bring their binder

to the annual meeting so that it may be passed to those who are coming onto council)

Lorraine Wolfe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marilyn Wilson, 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

Deacon Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021

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

Members Absent: Debbie Best.

Meeting called to order at 6:26 p.m.

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Agenda reviewed, motion to accept by Marie Lowe, seconded by Marilyn Wilson, passed.

October 19, 2021 minutes reviewed, motion to accept by Marie Lowe, seconded by Lorraine Wolf, passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continue One License/copyright for printing and streaming -

Lisa Neary working on consolidation of findings.

Candlelight Service - Laurie has made arrangements for Cross set up and lighting. Discussed greeters and ushers needed. There will be no bulletins. Names will be streaming. Nursery care will be provided that night if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lay Readers and Ushers: Monthly duties discussed.

Christmas Eve Service: Will be going outside to end service to sing Silent Night and Away in a Manger. Candles will be provided at back door and lighted as you go out. Pastor Laurie advised anyone not wishing to go outside, may remain in Sanctuary with quiet for the glow of Christmas. Regular Communion will be provided.

Sisters in Faith will be providing and lighting luminaries.

Pastor Laurie advised all readings for the Advent Calendar Wreath and Hanging of the Greens are set.

Marie Lowe made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Lisa Neary, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with Pastor Laurie leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting December 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,
Lorraine Wolf

St. Paul's UCC Christian Education Committee

Meeting Minutes December 5, 2021



Susan opened the meeting with prayer. Lynne, Jennifer, Susan, Ruth, and Pastor Laurie were in attendance.

Christmas Play, December 19th, during worship. Susan is director and will get costumes ready.

Children will practice during Sunday School and in the sanctuary after worship.

The committee will provide cupcakes, milk, and coffee following the play on the 19th in the dining room. All are invited.

Upcoming Events:

Souper Bowl of Caring – Pastor Laurie will get out the collection cans

Dunkirk Basket Raffle Fundraiser - possibly in March

Thank you to Lynne for her dedication and service to our committee the past 3 years.

Next meeting is February 6th following worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Hopfinger



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Merit Roll

5th Grade

Christopher Eddy

7th Grade

Madelyn Perry

11th Grade

Emily Lovell

Honor Roll

7th Grade

Joshua Kipfer

9th Grade

Emily Peters

Stephanie Silvernail

10th Grade

Margaret Baker

Anna Hopfinger

11th Grade

Sara Baker

Alyssa Jacoby

Benjamin Kipfer

Lauren West

12th Grade

Madison Eddy

Elizabeth Peters





JANUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Happy New Year
2 Worship & Communion 10 am <i>Debbie Best Mackenzie Miller</i>	3 Bible Study 7pm	4 Lorraine Wolf	5 Bible Study 10 am	6 Epiphany Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir	7	8
9 Worship 10 am <i>Lauran Heidenreich</i>	10 Bible Study 7pm <i>Hannah Hopkins Hayley Hopkins</i>	11 <i>Stephanie Brasz</i>	12 Bible Study 10am	13 Sisters In Faith 6pm Chancel Choir	14 <i>Jude Williman</i>	15
16 Worship 10 am Annual Meeting Council Meeting	17 Bible Study 7 pm	18	19 Bible Study 10am <i>Sara Baker Carter Breedlove</i>	20 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15pm	21	22
23 Worship 10 am Newsletter Dead-line	24 Bible Study 7pm <i>Michael Valtin</i>	25 <i>Ruth Hopfinger Anna Hopfinger</i>	26 Bible Study 10 am	27 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15pm	28 <i>Charles Williman</i>	29 <i>Laura Colvenbach</i>
30 Worship 10 am Martha Mengs	31 Bible Study 7pm					

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



Sp The Spirit

Jan 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

February Newsletter Deadline
Jan. 23rd

**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**