

a song on sunday

Like Jesus

In March, the Episcopal Church released the results of their *Jesus in America* study. Researchers surveyed a variety of Americans with diverse views, including non-Christians, in order to study common perceptions of both Christianity and Christians in the United States. Here's what they found.

Most Americans (84%) believe Jesus to be an important spiritual figure. A full 76% believe in the historical existence of Jesus of Nazareth. More than a third of the respondents said that Jesus' most important teaching is 'love your neighbor'. That was even the choice for a quarter of those who reported no religion. Another 20% chose 'not judging others, without first judging yourself'. Both those claiming no religion and those claiming Christianity gave that answer at the same rate.

However, when asked what characteristics they associate with Christians, the responses were quite different. Christian respondents chose words like giving, compassionate, loving, and respectful. Non-Christians chose words like hypocritical, judgmental, self-righteous, and arrogant.

Episcopal Church leaders say that this disconnect is the reason for the study. 'They hope that by better understanding public perceptions of Christianity, the church might be able to spread more effectively the message of Jesus' love and compassion. They want to affirm what it means to be Jesus' followers in today's world. They also hope to encourage all Americans to do a better job of loving their neighbor.

Here in the United Church of Christ, we claim Jesus Christ as our Savior and the Savior of the world. We also acknowledge him as the sole Head of the Church and Son of God. We less often consider him to be a good role model or great mentor. And despite the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", too often we keep him at a distance rather than using his life as an example of what we're to do.

And yet, we are the Body of Christ in the world today. We're not to answer Christ's call and then continue to serve our own selfish interests. Like Jesus, we're to worship God alone. Like Jesus, we're to show concern for our neighbor and the foreigner in our midst. Like Jesus, we're to be inclusive.

Like Jesus, we're to support social justice and work towards the common good. Like Jesus, we're to extend hospitality. Like Jesus, we're to welcome the stranger and heal the sick. Like Jesus, we're to feed the hungry and provide water to the thirsty. Like Jesus, we're to clothe the naked, care for others, and offer extravagant fellowship. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me." (Matthew 25.40)

Jesus is our Savior. He's also our role model and our example of how we're to act. "The church is not a building. The church is not a steeple. The church is not a resting place. The church is the people." We're Christ's Body in the world today. May we more closely follow Jesus' example.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PICNIC

June 5th
Following Worship

Hotdogs, Hamburgs, rolls
will be supplied

Please bring your own chair, dish to share and table service

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?

SAVE THE DATE:
Back by Popular Demand

Sauerkraut Supper
November 8, 2022



Attica Food Link Distribution:



Attica Presbyterian Church
June 1
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**.

June 5

Pentecost stories

June 12

Psalm 98

John 16.12-14

June 19

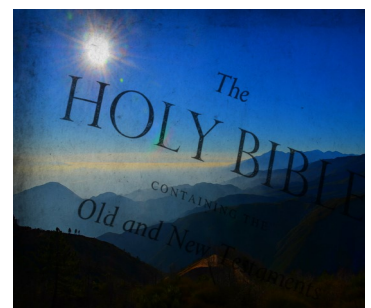
1 Kings 19:1-16

Psalm 43.3-4a,5

June 26

1 Kings 19.19-21

Luke 9.57-62



GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday is June 26th.
If you have someone in your family
graduating from high school or
college please email the following
information (along with a picture
if possible) no later than June 19th.
The information will be in the July/August newsletter.

Name of graduate:

School attended/degree received:

Honors/Awards/Scholarships received:

Name of college they will be attending
And major/future plans:



**Gifts to the Strengthen the Church Offering
Renew the United Church of Christ.**

All Together!



Strengthen the Church Offering

The Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Give generously using the envelope found in this Newsletter.

Sisters in Faith
MINISTRIES

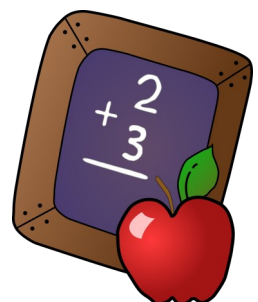
Sisters-In-Faith Picnic June 9

Arrive at Pastor Laurie's house (98 Prospect Street) any time after 5:30pm.
Bring a chair, table setting, and dish to share.
Pastor Laurie will provide drinks.
Go down the hill on the left side of the house to the backyard.



Christian Education is looking for an aide for the 4 year old pre school program.

If you are interested,
contact Susan McPherson at
suewifs65@gmail.com or 409-3034





June Notes

End of school and beginning of summer. Relaxation, vacations and outdoor activities.

Remember safety issues while swimming- have a buddy, never dive into pond or lake, be aware of currents if swimming in river or ocean or in unfamiliar waters. Wear sunscreen when outside- apply frequently.

June 1-7 is CPR and AED awareness week. Learn basic CPR and AED use- it can save someone's life. Classes are available through Red Cross and American Heart Association.

June 11- Family Health & Fitness Day- plan outside healthy family activities and continue throughout the year.

June 14- World Blood Donation Day- blood is desperately needed every day for treatments of accidents, surgeries and illness. Become a blood donor. 1 unit of blood can help multiple people in need. Contact the Red Cross for more information.

PTSD awareness month- PTSD can be a debilitating condition and requires treatment and therapy to help people return to functioning life. Learn the signs and symptoms of PTSD and seek help. Contact your health care provider or any of the many mental health providers to get help.

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month- learn the signs of Alzheimer's: difficulty remembering recent events, disorientation, mood swings, loss of motivation, self neglect and/or behavioral issues. Alzheimer's is a progressive disease but treatments are available to slow progress. Contact your health care provider or a neurologist for further evaluation.

Remember to stay safe, wash your hands, and stay at home if you feel sick. Enjoy the start of summer by staying safe and healthy. You are an important and valuable member of St. Paul's and this community.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Operating Account Jan-Dec 2022

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>March</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 15,084.69	16,754.20	15616.34
Income	10,674.20	11,713.76	11226.75
Total Income	10,674.20	11,713.76	11226.75
Expenses	9,004.69	12,851.62	12689.71
income/loss	1,669.51	(1,137.86)	-1426.96
Ending Balance	16,754.20	15,616.34	14153.37

CHURCH COUNCIL

March 20, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:50 am by President Marie Lowe. The following were present: Marie Lowe, Pastor Laurie, David Williman, Jeff Peters, Laurie Bellucci, Lorraine Wolf, Tom Baker, Christopher Eddy, and Mary West. Absent: Lisa Neary, Marilyn Wilson, Debbie Best, and Christine Kipfer. Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

The following were at the meeting to speak to Council:

John Brandon updated us on the church organ. Battery pack needs to be replaced due to power outages. He will let us know once this new one can be found and a price. It was mentioned to see about a possible purchasing of an external battery.

John also discussed membership and finances – divine intervention. He asked us to think about something that is needed in our community that St. Paul's can help with. A Ukraine family or people in the community.

Sharon & Ed Bey came to discuss Sauerkraut supper. Do we want what we had in previous years? It was mentioned to add possible delivery to people. Ed will volunteer to do this. Two shifts like before. We need someone to take charge. We would like to sit down with Joanne and Sharon. It was brought up to use Buffalo restaurant supply as prices are 1/2 to Batavia restaurant supply. More to come.

Roy Ticen and Lisa Kneer came to discuss Ukraine. Consider donating to UCC cause with money from pancake breakfast. Have monthly coffee hours asking for donations for Ukraine as a continuing effort. Wider Mission and conference through Global Hope Mission. They are connected to Hungarian churches. Roy also mentioned about Sight and Sound in Pennsylvania. He would like to have a meeting after church on April 3rd.

Daniel Neary came to discuss the new laptops. The church has multiple computers and no inventory. He would like to set up an inventory and specs for all computers we have in the church. We should be keeping track of this. Would have to work with Eric on computers upstairs in balcony. Would like permission to do this. Council agreed. Marie is going to talk to Eric about this.

We then continued meeting. Motion to accept the agenda was made by Jeff Peters, seconded by David Williman, passed.

Motion to accept the February 2022 minutes was made by Mary West and seconded by Lorraine Wolf, passed.

Reports:

Deacons – we are working on membership list update. Possible Maundy Thursday service downstairs – potluck seder meal. Good Friday service with the Methodist church – Pastor is looking into this.

Reprinting of Avery & Marsh song books.

Trustees – Staining of wood in church. Carpet on front steps needs to be replaced. Parking lots bids for sealing. Trustees are going to do the lines and it was requested that the 1st 4 spaces be handicapped for members of the church that need to

park outside of door. Lights outside need to be installed.

Treasurer's report – Was reviewed.

Christian Education – Have not met since February. Basket Raffle raised \$506.00 and Soup coffee hour raised \$105.00.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Laurie reported the new computers are working well. She wanted to shout out a Thank you to Dan Neary for doing the installation. Pancake Breakfast was a success. Youth are going on their trip July 11 – 17 to Boston. Pulpit supply will be needed on Sunday the 17th.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Lorraine Wolf and seconded by Mary West, passed.

Business:

Pancake Breakfast was a success raising \$755 which has been put in the general fund. The new computers are all set and working great.

Media: The people from Spectrum have been at church twice. The streaming has been dropping. They checked and there were loose wires and loose connections on the pole. Eric has been having trouble streaming due to this. We need to teach more people to learn the streaming. Have Dan Neary work with Eric on a possible program that would be easier. Marie will talk with Eric about this.

AED: Adult pads have expired. It was brought up that Memorial hasn't received a bill for the adult pads that were memorialized. Marie is looking into this.

Safety Track: We need to work on setting up a fire disaster protocol for the future. It was asked that we wait until the security system is in working order then we can come up with a program for this. Do a fire drill on June 5th along with a picnic.

UCC Annual Conference Meeting: Will be held June 10-12th at Silver Bay, NY. Two delegates can go.

Semi-Annual meeting: Want to have an informal meeting June 5th. Church as normal – then meeting, fire drill and picnic.

By-Laws: Look over for next month's meeting.

Pictorial: We need a new one. It was mentioned to see if John Brandon would be able to do pictures for fall of this year.

Ukraine Relief: Was mentioned to put a box in the back of church for donations of clothing, etc. After discussion it was mentioned that we would rather sponsor someone or a family once they get to Western NY and have Western area church working with them. Pastor Laurie will contact the person who we can talk to for this. The money from Pancake Breakfast is marked for Sauerkraut Supper. Possible giving some of this to a family.

Sauerkraut Supper: We are going to be doing the supper this year. Back by Popular demand. We talked about sit down verses take out only. Pies making them at church and cutting down on flavor choices.

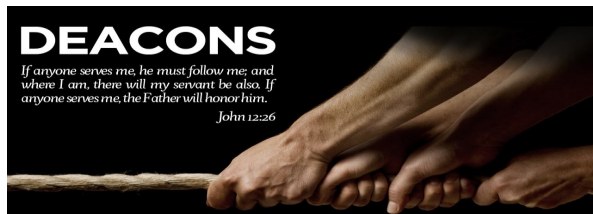
Next meeting is April 24, 2022. We will meet then separate into Deacons and Trustee meetings then get back together for full Council following church.

Jeff Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by David Williman.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm with Pastor Laurie leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Bellucci for Lisa Neary Council Secretary



March 20, 2022

Members Present: Laurie Bellucci, Mary West, Marie Lowe, Lorraine Wolf and Pastor Laurie.

Absent: Lisa Neary and Marilyn Wilson

Meeting called to order at 12:08 p.m.

Agenda reviewed, motion made to accept by Marie Lowe, seconded by Mary West. Motion carried.

February minutes reviewed, motion made to accept by Lorraine Wolf, seconded by Mary West. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vacation dates for Pastor Laurie have all been filled except for additional date of July 17th. Laurie Bellucci will be contacting someone to fill.

Rev. Jan Hubbard scheduled for May 22nd, Rev. Faith Schaut for July 3rd, and Marcia Tolman for September 25th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marie Lowe responsible for Lay Readers, Ushers and Greeters for April. Membership list reviewed and updates made. We will be having a seder meal for Maundy Thursday down stairs. Pastor Laurie will contact Pastor Pam at the Methodist Church in regards to a Good Friday service. Looking into reprinting our Avery & Marsh song books.

A request was made by Mary West to have the scriptures noted on screen prior to service.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next meeting: April 24th following Church. Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Wolf, Deacon's Secretary

DEACON'S MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 10:50 a.m.

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

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

March minutes reviewed, motion made to accept by Marie Lowe with corrections, seconded by Mary West. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Rev. Jan Hubbard will be supply minister for July 17th.

New Membership list handed out.

Maundy Thursday services reviewed.

Good Friday Services: Pastor Laurie advised simple service with Scripture and music. Went well and she received several compliments regarding service.

The Worship, Avery & Marsh and Genesis Music Books will be combined and reprinted into one binder. A total of 125 will be printed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary West responsible for Lay Readers, Ushers and Greeters for May.

Graduation Sunday will be June 26th. Two High School Graduates and two College Graduates.


Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting May 15th after service.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Wolf, Deacon's Secretary



JUNE 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Bible Study 10 am Food Link 10am <i>Jennifer Eddy</i>	2 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15pm <i>Arend Koers Kyle Best</i>	3	4
5 Pentecost -Wear Red & Communion 10 am Church Picnic <i>Emilia Perry</i>	6 Bible Study 7pm	7 <i>Alyssa Jacoby</i>	8 Bible Study 10 am <i>Joanne & Steve Ripstein</i>	9 Sisters In Faith Picnic 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15pm	10	11
12 Trinity Sunday/ Music Sunday 10am	13 Bible Study 7pm	14	15 Bible Study 10 am	16 Chancel Choir 7:15pm	17 <i>Danielle Paganello</i>	18 <i>Jen & Chris Eddy</i>
19 Worship 10 am Deadline for July/ Aug newsletter 	20 Bible Study 7pm	21	22 Bible Study 10am	23 Chancel Choir 7:15pm	24	25
26 Worship/Graduation Sunday 10 am <i>Lisa Knerr & Roy Tiven</i>	27 Bible Study 7pm	28 <i>Ben West</i>	29 Bible Study 10 am	30 Chancel Choir 7:15pm <i>John & Chris Prusak Megan & Shawn Simonsen</i>		

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



June 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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Website: atticaucc.org

July / Aug Newsletter Deadline
June 19th

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