

I grew up around baseball. My grandfather and father played, managed, coached, umpired, and lined the fields. My uncle coached. My brother played second base.

My grandfather also oversaw the local baseball fields. I worked the food stand. When I wasn't doing that, I retrieved foul balls so we could continue to play the game.

Dad always told his players, "Play by the rules or you sit the bench." He also taught the basics well. As they got older, they were usually ranked first. Whenever the team was winning soundly and we were still cheering loudly, Dad would come out of the dugout and shake his head once. This reminded us to respect the other team's efforts.

At a recent Little League game, I thought one coach was exaggerating when I overheard him tell his team something like "They're older than you. They'll run into you if they get the chance. Stay out of their way so you don't get hurt." That was before I saw how the other team was coached.

My first question was "Don't the runners have to tag up after each pitch?" The answer: "That coach only makes his players tag up once he's called on it." A little later, I asked, "When the runners lead off, don't they have to wait until the pitcher releases the ball before they run to steal a base?" The answer: "Yes, but there's only one umpire and he can't catch everything. Their coach lets them get away with what they can."

Late in the game, one of our players had a great hit. The other team's coach screamed "Check that bat!" three times before the ball was even over the fence. I could tell by the sound that the batter had used his practice bat rather than his game bat. Whether it was by accident or on purpose, he paid the price by only being credited with a triple.

If that coach had been abiding by the rules all along, that hit may actually have mattered and it would have been a better game for everyone. But they had acquired a distinct lead due to illegal base stealing.

I realize that life isn't fair. But it would be fairer if coaches weren't teaching our children that it matters more that you win rather than how you win. Life would also be safer if our young men weren't taught it's OK to ignore the rules. This enables authority figures to manipulate them- rather than help them develop inner self-control. It also teaches that might makes right.

Competition should teach positive values. Our youth should learn to play well with others. They should learn how to show respect for both teammates and opponents. They should be encouraged to keep striving to do their best in difficult situations. One team learned those lessons.

The other team learned that double standards allow you to have power over others. And that their coach apparently believes they need to cheat to be considered winners.

Please call or e-mail the church office when ...

- ... either your home phone, address, or e-mail address changes, so that church records can be corrected.
- ... you are planning to move or return to college, university, trade school, etc.
- ... a new baby arrives, a death occurs, or a special event occurs.
- ... a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- ... you feel the congregation can assist you in some way.
- ... you would like to visit with the pastor.

We Live Stream to You Tube on 10 am on Sunday morning. www.youtube.com

in the box up on the top put in St. Paul's Attica or here is the direct link
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2hK62nkmeNAMJwMpchvJw>.

It will be posted to Facebook after the broadcast.

If you feel able to help we still need volunteers to learn and do the sound on a Sunday am.

You can sit right at your seat. There is a sample bulletin for you to follow.

This the easiest way to help without much training.



Pray for our Shut-ins



Bev West

Larry Taylor

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



The Sundays in June

June 4th—Communion Sunday

June 16th— Father's Day

June 23rd— Newsletter Deadline

June 30th— Graduation Sunday

Attica Food Link Distribution:

Attica Presbyterian Church
June 5
10am-12pm

Bring your own bags
1st come 1st served.



Sponsored by Attica Food Pantry

2024 Western Area Youth Mission Trip- July 8-14

We'll be staying at a church in Livonia, MI, near Detroit. We'll volunteer at a local food bank, assist with landscaping projects in Detroit communities, and engage in various community service activities. Our free day will be spent at Cedar Point Amusement Park.



Bible Studies

Dig Deeper with Friends



Bible Study groups will meet in our respective areas.
If you have additional questions or concerns,
contact the Convener:

Lisa Knerr- Mon. evening, 7 pm
Charles- Wed. morning, 10 am

Sunday Bible readings:

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

June 2

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm 81.1-4,10,16

June 30

**Lamentations 3.22-28,
32b-33**

Psalm 136.1-9,23-26

June 9

2 Corinthians 4.13-18

Mark 2.23-3.6

June 16

2 Corinthians 5.6-10

Psalm 92.1-4,12-15

June 23

1 Samuel 17.1a,

2-5,8-9,32-40,48-49

Psalm 9.9-12,18-20

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



Study

Congratulations to the following Attica Central students
On their academic achievement

9th Grade—*Merit Roll*
Madelyn Perry

9th Grade—*Honor Roll*
Joshua Kipfer

12 Grade—*Honor Roll*
Margaret Baker
Anna Hopfinger

5th Grade—*Honor Roll*
Eleanor Eddy
Levi Perry

11th Grade—*Honor Roll*
Emily Peters
Stephanie Silvernail



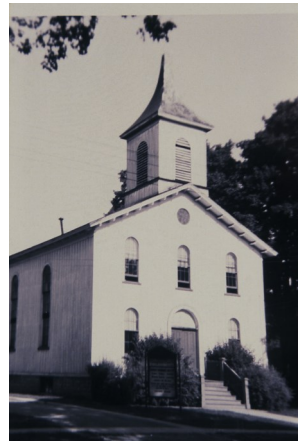
Henry Lausterer in 1861 would become the first pastor of The German United Protestant Church of Lockport that would go on to become St. Peter's United Church of Christ by 1957. In 2000 the St. Peter's Congregation voted to merge with the Plymouth UCC church and chose the name Lockport United Church of Christ in 2001.

Lockport UCC will celebrate its 22nd anniversary since approval in Aug. 16th, 2002.

By 1863 Rev. Lausterer would be the first pastor of the "Attica German Lutheran Church" that would become [Saint Paul's United Church of Christ](#). Quoted from the St. Paul's historical archives, "It was the fourth day of October 1863 when under the leadership of Rev. Henry Lausterer, some sixty families met for the purpose of organizing a United Evangelical Protestant congregation." Rev. Lausterer would be the pastor from 1863 to 1867.

This gives the Lockport United Church of Christ and
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
some shared parts of their early history.

~From the desk of our Church Historian



June 9th

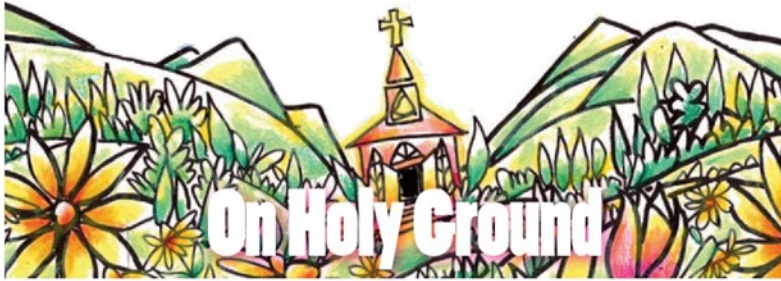
St. Paul's Church Picnic

following worship

BBQ Pork Sandwiches,
Hotdogs, Hamburgers, rolls, and drinks
will be supplied
Bring a dish to share and
your own place settings.



Through the **Strengthen the Church Offering**, we help support the work of conferences and the national setting as we become a multi-racial/ multi-cultural church.



Strengthen the Church Offering

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports congregations and initiatives that help us live into the United Church of Christ's vision. Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and renewal initiatives in existing congregations. Donate using the envelope in the newsletter.

Graduation time is almost here.

St. Paul's UCC Scholarship Fund only has \$131.00 in the account.

If you feel compelled to help out a graduate, you can make a donation to this fund.

You can donate for a birthday gift, in honor of, in memory of someone or just because you feel it in your heart to help.

We would like this tradition to continue. With your help it can.

This year we have two graduating seniors that are continuing their education in college.

We will accept cash or check.

Place your donation in an envelope marked

St. Paul's UCC scholarship fund/Memorial Committee.

Thank you for helping this tradition to continue.



GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday is June 30th.

If you have someone in your family graduation from High School or college, please email the following information (along with a picture if possible) no later than June 16th.

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:





COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Mary West. Members in attendance Mary, Laurie, Lorraine, David, Jeff, Justin, Marie, Deb, Pastor Laurie.
Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

The agenda was reviewed- motion made by Laurie to accept, seconded by Jeff. All in favor, motion carried.

March minutes were reviewed- motion made by Justin to accept, seconded by Deb. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Deacons- see committee report.
Trustees- see committee report.
Treasurer- reviewed and discussed. No questions
Christian Education- 7 children attending Dunkirk camp. Parents will be responsible for registration fee- remains cost will be paid by Christian Education funds.
Pastor- 3 youths to go on mission trip; each will be responsible for \$50-remainder covered by funds raised by mission group. Vacation schedule was discussed- coverage has been established. Harrison Putnam will be minister on call for emergencies during vacations. There will be no Confirmation class this year, will resume in fall of 2025.

Motion to accept all reports made by Laurie, seconded by Jeff. All in favor. Reports accepted.

BUSINESS:

Surveys were discussed. A committee formed of Justin, Mary and John to tabulate surveys. Results will be presented at the semi-annual meeting in June.
Summer picnic is scheduled for June 9th. The council will provide hot dogs, BBQ pork, burgers, rolls and drinks. Signup sheet will be posted.
Suggestion to make Blessing Box for summer for members to donate veggies. Jeff will check with FFA for building the box. Will place in front of church.

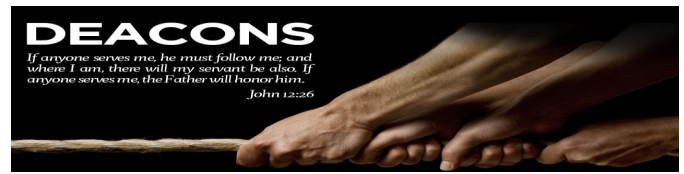
Upcoming events were discussed.

- May 19th- Pentecost Sunday- wear St. Paul's t-shirts.
- June 9th- summer picnic
- June 30th- Graduation Sunday

Next meeting May 21st at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted.
Marie Lowe



DEACONS MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. Pastor Laurie led us in prayer. Members Present: Laurie Bellucci, Jeff Peters, Justin Kipfer, Mary West, Lorraine Wolf and Pastor Laurie. Absent: John Brandon

Agenda reviewed and motion made to accept by Lorraine Wolf and seconded by Jeff Peters. Motion carried.

March 19th minutes reviewed and motion made to accept by Justin Kipfer and seconded by Mary West. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Pastor Laurie's pulpit supply dates are April 28th, September 22nd, July 14th and December 29th. April 28th and September 22nd will be filled by Marcia Tolman. Laurie Bellucci will be looking for someone to fill in on July 14th and tentatively, Deacons will do the 29th service.

Maundy Service was discussed. Turn out for service was good.

Good Friday Service discussed. Normal attendance for service including non members.

NEW BUSINESS

Justin Kipfer responsible for May's Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers.

Communion distribution discussed.

SUGGESTIONS

Easter is late in 2025 and suggestion made to have a Sunrise Service in the Park. Discussion held.

Suggestion made to have a stand made, like a Blessing Box, for extra vegetables members have from their gardens. Suggestion will be brought up at Council Meeting for discussion and approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting May 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Wolf, Deacons Secretary

TRUSTEE MEETING-April 17, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Present Members; David, Debbie and Marie · Vents for suffetes in process. Wahl's will honor last year's estimate for driveway and parking lot. This should take place in July or August. Mowing schedule discussed.

Spring clean up discussed. Date set for May 8th at 9 am. Painting of the posts brought up.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Next meeting: May 21, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Best

June Parish Nurse Notes



June is named after Roman goddess Juno, who represents youth and protection. In the Northern Hemisphere, June marks the beginning of summer and has the longest daytime hours of the year. Remember to protect your skin and eyes from the sun; wear sunglasses when outside- preferably with UAB protection. Make sure your daily sun-screen is at least SPF 30 and apply frequently. Remember the top of your earlobes and nape of neck. Limit sun exposure between 10-2pm when sun is more intense. Wear a hat, stay hydrated and alternate with sun and shade every couple hours. Now is a good time to schedule appointment with dermatologist to check your skin for early signs of skin cancer.

National Olive Day is June 1st.- a celebration of the world's oldest fruit. As a symbol of peace, hope, love and friendship, this is a perfect reason to celebrate and acknowledge the joy this little fruit provides. Olives are high in Vitamin E and antioxidants which can help reduce the risk of cancer, diabetes, stroke and heart disease. Antioxidants neutralize free radicals, which some research suggests can contribute to serious illnesses. Olives are made up of monounsaturated fat, which is known for health benefits. There is no difference in which kind of olives you eat. Add about a handful a day-(about 1/4 cup) to salad, pizza, or chicken dinners.

June is also Alzheimer's and brain awareness month. Alzheimer's is caused by combination of age-related changes in the brain, along with genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors. Alzheimer's is one of many types of dementia. Symptoms are mental decline, difficulty thinking and understanding, confusion in the evening hours, delusion, disorientation, forgetfulness, difficulty concentrating or inability to recognize people or places. There are many available treatments and therapies available. Talk to your PCP if you or a loved one has signs of cognitive (mental) decline.

June 10-16 is Men's Health Week. Take this time to care for your health and the health of the men in your life. Schedule a physical with bloodwork and needed screenings. See the dentist and the eye doctor- keep your vision and teeth in good working condition. Review diet and activities. Eat healthy, make small changes in diet and gradually increase your activity.

Enjoy the start of the summer- stay healthy and well-remain hydrated and enjoy!

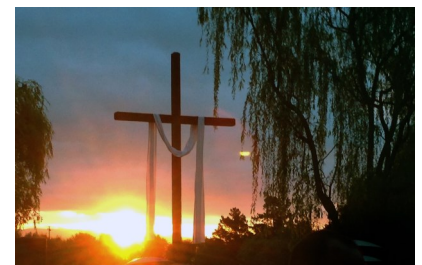


Easter Dawn Sunrise Service

April 20th 2025 – 6 am



More details to follow



JUNE 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>Jennifer Eddy</i> NY Conference Annual Meeting
2 Worship and Communion 10 am	3 Bible Study 7pm	4	5 Bible Study 10 am Food Link <i>Emilia Perry</i>	6 Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	7 <i>Alyssa Jacoby</i>	8 <i>Steve & Joanne Ripstein</i>
9 Worship 10 am	10 Bible Study 7pm	11 <i>Larry Taylor</i>	12 Bible Study 10am	13 Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	14 Flag Day	15
16 Worship 10 am Happy Father's day	17 Bible Study 7pm <i>Danielle Paganello</i>	18 Deacon/Trustees Council mtg 6:30/7pm <i>Jen & Chris Eddy</i>	19 Bible Study 10am	20 First day of Summer Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	21	22
23 Worship 10 am	24 Bible Study 7pm	25	26 Bible Study 10am <i>Lisa Knerr & Roy Tiven</i>	27 Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	28 <i>Bev West</i>	29
30 Graduation Sunday <i>John & Chris Prusak Megan & Shann Simonsen</i>						

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11 Washington Street
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SP The Spirit

June 2024

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

July/Aug Newsletter Deadline
June 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