



Generosity- A Spiritual Gift

“As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”- 1 Timothy 6:17-19

If you have a place to live, enough food for the next meal, more than just the clothes on your back, an education, and the freedom to worship- you are rich according to worldly standards. If you own land, have enough food for the next week, possess several sets of clothes, or are a high school graduate- you are considered extremely wealthy. If you take advantage of your freedom to worship, you realize that God richly provides us with everything we have.

Yes, everything we have actually belongs to God. When we see our name on our checkbooks, credit cards, and bank accounts, we think it's our money. However, 'our' money always was and always will be God's money. Our time, treasure, and talents will always be gifts from God.

Our responsibility is to be good stewards of what God has given us. Having created us, God knows that we need to give. Indeed, we must give in order to be healthy and whole.

The hallmark of early Christians was that they took in widows and orphans and shared their food with those who had none. A Roman official concluded in his report “This is a new kind of people. There's something divine about them.” Giving isn't supposed to be an oppressive or stressful thing. It's supposed to make us more joyful since it helps us to see how abundantly God provides. We only give of what God has already given to us. As our trust in God increases, we become even more generous. We find we no longer have to worry over what we want or can afford to buy next. Instead, we joyfully plan where we'll give next.

As followers of Christ, we have many opportunities to give as a church. St. Paul's UCC is a Five for Five congregation- and has been so for many years. We also support Blanket Sunday every year. We collect food items for the Attica Food Pantry. We help send our youth to camp each summer. We support a Pastor's Discretionary Fund. A few years ago, we started collecting bottles to fund bigger Heifer International donations.

These offerings help us to be more generous as a people of God. Thank you for your continued support so that we might reach out to others and continue to be blessed to be a blessing.

Stay Cyber Savvy!

Occasionally you may receive spammy, phishing-style emails (like everybody else). Never open any links from unverified accounts, Use block features. Neither St. Paul's UCC nor Pastor Laurie will ever ask for gift cards or any other type of financial requests in a random email. If you still are not sure, please contact us directly via a fresh email or give us a call!

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.

We are now Live Streaming 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 also posted to Facebook after the broadcast.

Looking for volunteers to learn and do the sound on a Sunday am. This can be done 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



Carol Shreder
Bev West

Larry Taylor
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



November 4th at 10 a.m.
in the kitchen at the church.
Join Sisters in Faith and help make
the apple crisp for the
Sauerkraut supper.



Attica Food Link Distribution:

Food Pantry parking lot
October 4th
10am-12pm

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

Happy 160th Anniversary St. Paul's U.C.C.

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. evenings
Charles- Wed. mornings

Sunday Bible readings:

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

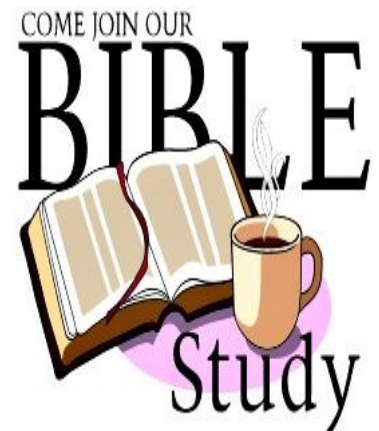
October 1
Matthew 21:23-32
Philippians 2.1-13

October 29
Deuteronomy 34:1a,4-12
Psalm 90.1-6,13-17

October 8
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80.1,8-19

October 15
Psalm 106.1-3
Isaiah 25.1,4-9

October 22
Isaiah 45.1-7
1 Thessalonians 1:2-10



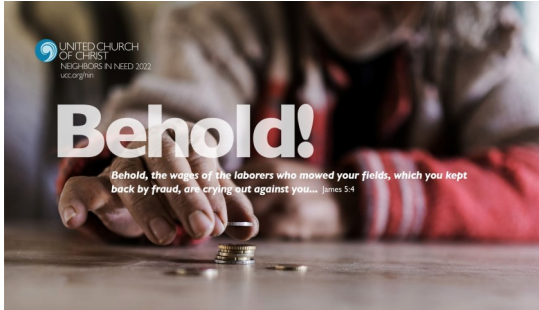
50-Year Member Celebration- October 1

On October 1, we will be celebrating the commitment of our members who joined St. Paul's UCC in 1973. We currently have Karen Beideck, Laurie Bellucci, and Jean Wirth on the list.

If you believe you are a 50-year member or if you know of someone who should be included, please let us know.



UCC Neighbors in Need Offering- Behold!



Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of compassion throughout the United States. Grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations who are doing justice work in their communities. This year's focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and non-compostable wastes are being tossed into our waterways, launched into space, and buried in landfills. As people of faith, we must be better stewards of the only planet we have. Your donation envelope is included in this newsletter.

HOLIDAY DESSERT/COOKIE EXCHANGE

When: November 19th, following Candlelight Service
Where: Fellowship hall at the church

Bring a dozen or more cookies to share.
Enjoy some hot cider and Fellowship and then take a few dozen cookies home.



Sponsored by Sisters In Faith

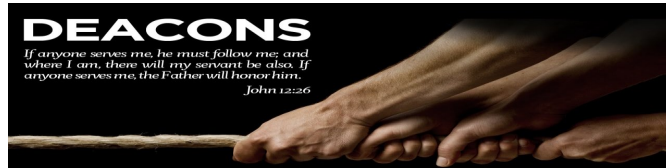
Basket Raffle



Christian Education will host a basket raffle in conjunction with the church's annual Pork and Sauerkraut Supper to help fund scholarships for our Dunkirk campers next summer. Although wrapped, themed baskets are preferred, donations of any NEW items would be greatly appreciated. Please leave donated baskets in the back of the narthex by Sunday November 5th.

Installation of UCC 10th General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson

At the 34th General Synod in July, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson was elected General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Thompson is the first woman to serve as GMP. She took office on August 1, 2023. You are cordially invited to celebrate her historic installation on **Friday, October 20, 2023, 5:00pm ET**, at the Lakewood Congregational Church, Lakewood, Ohio. You can attend online by registering at <https://www.ucc.org/event/installation-of-the-10th-general-minister-and-president/>



June 20, 2023

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

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

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Agenda reviewed and motion made to accept by Mary West and seconded by Lisa Neary. Motion carried.

May minutes reviewed and motion made to accept by Marilyn Wilson and seconded by Lisa Neary. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Graduation Sunday on June 25th was discussed and all set.

Discussed Communion ran smoother using six trays to include balcony.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lay readers, Ushers and Greeters schedule reviewed. Suggestion made to ask choir members during Summer as having difficulty getting people to sign up.

Need to plan for 50 Year Membership. Discussion held. Date set for October 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting September 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Wolf, Deacon's Secretary

August 27, 2023

Members present: Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Mary West, Marilyn Wilson, Pastor Laurie.

Absent John Brandon and Lorraine Wolf

The meeting was called to order at 11:35am

Pastor Laurie lead us in prayer

Agenda reviewed and motion made to accept by Marilyn Wilson, seconded by Mary West

August minutes review and motion made by Mary West and seconded by Lisa Neary

Old Business:

50 year member celebration is on October 1st, following worship. We are not sending out invites to the 50 year members. We will talk about ordering a cake or something else at the next meeting.

Deacons are sponsoring this coffee hour.

September 24th, Jen Mazur will be the supply minister.

December 31st, the deacons will be doing the service.

We will each be picking a song and talking about it.

New Business:

Lay readers, Ushers and Greeters: Laurie Bellucci has September and John Brandon has October.

Jen Mazur will be coming in back in March 2024 to be the Pulpit Supply Minister.

We adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting is September 19th at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary West, fill-in secretary



August 27, 2023

June 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:53 p.m. by Mary West. Present: David Williman, Marilyn Wilson, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Lorraine Wolf, John Brandon, Pastor Laurie and Mary West Absent: Tom Baker, Marie Lowe, Deb Best and Chris Eddy Pastor Laurie led us in prayer. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Marilyn Wilson, seconded by John Brandon, passed. May 16, May 21 council minutes and June 11 semi-annual meeting minutes were reviewed. Laurie Bellucci made a motion to accept all of the minutes, seconded by David Williman, passed.

Reports: Deacons – Discussed graduation Sunday. Communion is working well with 6 trays. Discussed lay readers, greeters and ushers. Discussed 50-year member celebration. Lisa Neary has July for finding ushers, greeters and lay readers. Trustees – Trying not to spend any money. Treasurer’s report -reviewed and discussed. Will keep a close eye on finances over the summer. Will change the presentation on the screens of the amount given each Sunday, month to date vs. how much is needed each month (budget divided by 12). Christian Ed – Sign up is up for summer help. Pastor’s Report –Pastor talked about how there is now 5 stages of grief and how we need to start new rituals to help people process grief. The 2024 NY conference meeting and institute is going to be in Binghamton May 30 – June 1, 2024. Pastor Laurie will go but 2 delegates can go with her. A motion to accept all reports was made by Laurie Bellucci, seconded by David Williman, passed.

Business: Yard signs – nothing more on this currently. Picnic – discussed how it went. We will have another picnic on Rally Day, September 10th. Sauerkraut supper – David is feeling stuff out, as far as planning. Pictorial – no additional pictures have been requested or scheduled. Counting schedules were passed around. Fundraising ideas were discussed. Ideas that were tossed around include a peach social, having a bazaar, selling pies and plants and calling it Pies, Plants and Pretties, and an ice cream social. Next meeting will be August 27 after church and the next normally scheduled meeting will be September 19th. Laurie Bellucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Williman, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. with Pastor Laurie leading us in the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Neary
Council Secretary

Meeting called to order at 10:48 a.m. by Mary West. Present: Marilyn Wilson, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, John Brandon, Marie Lowe, Tom Baker, Pastor Laurie and Mary West. Absent: Lorraine Wolf, David Williman and Chris Eddy

Mary West led us in prayer. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Marie Lowe, seconded by John Brandon, passed. June 20, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed. Mary West made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Deb Best, passed.

Reports: Deacons – no report – will be meeting after the council meeting. Trustees – The village smoked out the sewer lines. Unaware of any results. Treasurer’s report -reviewed and discussed. The July report does not include the peach social. John Brandon and Deb Best feel the screen reporting weekly giving is confusing. And requested that three different options be presented at the next council meeting. Mary calculated we are averaging a \$200 loss each month. Christian Ed – Hasn’t met over the summer. They are asking again for council to leave Rally Day to Christian Ed. This is the day they’ve always done the Dunkirk Thank you brunch. Pastor’s Report –Youth mission trip was a success with 50+ people attending from 10 different UCC churches. They’ve started fundraising for next year with the Pampered Chef fundraiser. A motion to accept all reports was made by Laurie Bellucci, seconded by John Brandon, passed.

Business: Counting – deposit slips have not been going in the right place. There is now a checklist of what is supposed to be done and where everything is supposed to go in the box. The September counting schedule has been posted on the wall in the outer office. Peach Social - \$692 was raised with the help of many donations. Thank you notes were sent to all of the people and businesses that donated to this and helped to make it a success. Fundraising – any other ideas? St. Paul’s UCC t-shirts. A form of advertising and can be worn for the sauerkraut supper and any other event we are putting on or participating. Promotes the church and our unity. Marilyn spoke of how Sharon would like to do a chicken bbq in the spring. Laurie brought up a pre-lent fish fry. Yard Signs – David will check on them. We will need them around the middle of September. Rally Day - is September 10th. Will need drinks and a dish to pass. All other food will be provided – hots, hamburgers, sausage, peppers, onions, condiments, pulled pork and rolls and ice cream. Lisa will provide entertainment for the children. Sauerkraut supper – David is in the planning phase. He will need lots of help. Dave Ramsey – no interest yet. We will push the start of the class to October to see if anyone wants to sign up. Pictorial – will be out on Rally Day.

Next meeting will be September 19, Tuesday evening, after Deacons’ and trustees’ separate meetings at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m. with Pastor Laurie leading us in the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Neary
Council Secretary



October Parish Nurse Notes

October is a beautiful time in Western New York. Summer has ended and we begin preparations for fall and winter. Take this time to schedule vaccinations and update immunizations since flu and Covid seasons will be in full swing. Wash your hands frequently, get adequate sleep, eat a healthy balanced diet and attempt to walk or exercise daily.

Since the weather will be changing and daylight hours lessening, be aware of your mental status. October is Antidepressant awareness month. Keep in tune with your (or your family's) moods. If you notice a change in eating or sleeping habits, or decrease in interests, please talk to someone and get help. Seasonal affect disorder is common in the fall due to the change of seasons. There is plenty of resources and help available.

Breast cancer awareness is also in October. Make sure you and your female friends/relatives get mammograms and exams. Breast cancer can be treated when discovered early.

With school starting, please keep an eye on your children. Bullying prevention month addresses the concerns for our children. Talk to your kids about school and address any issues with them to attain a safe school environment.

Halloween is a fun time for all. Be aware of safety concerns with costumes- don't get costumes that can block vision or interfere with walking. Wear bright reflective clothing or decorate costumes with reflective tape. Carry a flashlight. Examine the candy to make sure it has not been tampered with. My dad did this for years as we were growing up- found out later he wanted to get the good treats!

Along with all the candy, we also observe dental hygiene month. Remember to have twice yearly dental check-ups. Floss twice a day along with good brushing.

October is also National Book month. Visit the library and stock up on some good reads for this time of year. Choose a different genre and explore other views and thoughts.
Stay healthy and safe!



Congratulations to Emily Peters for being picked to design The wall at the Nutty's Play Den in Darien.

Great job Emily

OCTOBER 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship—50 yr Member celebration/ World Communion Sunday	2 Bible Study 7 pm	3 <i>Christopher Eddy Jr</i>	4 Bible Study 10 am Food Link	5 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15p	6	7 <i>Lauren West</i>
8 Worship 10 am	9 Columbus Day	10	11 <i>Lisa Knerr</i> <i>Liz & Jason Mest</i>	12 Sisters In Faith 6pm <i>Nancy Cohenbach</i>	13	14 <i>Becki & Jeff Peters</i>
15 Worship 10 am	16	17 Deacons/ Trustees 6:30p/Council 7p <i>Cheri Phillips</i>	18 <i>Eric Peters</i>	19	20 <i>Tracy & Paul</i> <i>O'Neil</i> Installation UCC General Minister Rev. Dr. Karen	21 Sweetest Day
22 Worship 10 am Newsletter deadline	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Randy Berry</i>	28
29 Worship 10 am Pembroke Installation of Pastor 3pm	30	31 		Our apologizes to Stephanie Silvermail on missing her Birthday last month		

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

SP The Spirit

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

October 2023

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

November Newsletter Deadline
October 22nd

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