



Statements of Faith/ Mission Statements

St. Paul's will start a Confirmation Class this September. The class will probably be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, which is May 24, 2026. If you are in 7th Grade or older and are interested in being a part of the class, please let me know asap so you can be included in the planning. Thank you.

(This is also a request for prayers for the Confirmation class. Please add the class to your prayer list and continue to pray for us throughout the year. Thank you.)

One of the last tasks required of our Confirmands is to write a short Statement of Faith. They state what they believe about the Christian faith and their Christian journey. They share it with the congregation during a worship service shortly before their Confirmation Service.

When the Confirmands write their Statement of Faith, I counsel that it will probably change as they continue to mature in their Christian journey. My current Mission Statement is: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, I use the gifts/talents my Creator has blessed me with- to bless others in the name of Christ Jesus.

Most commonly, Statements of Faith/ Mission Statements unite Christians together in ministry. The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith can be found on the first page of our Worship Book. (It's also pasted on a back page of our Hymnal.)

St. Paul's Mission Statement currently is:

We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the Word and the Will of God.

We make it our purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord.

We hold it to be the mission of our congregation to worship God and strive for truth, justice, and peace as we actively witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in our local communities and in the greater community of the world.

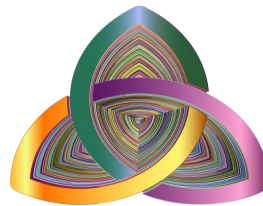
As did our forefathers, we depend upon the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us.

We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God as we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

At the beginning of each New Year, there's lots of talk about making resolutions. While meant to be permanent, they are often temporary. Instead of making resolutions this year, what if each of us wrote a personal Faith/ Mission Statement? This may take some time, which is why we're starting now.

Here are some questions to get you started. What do you believe about the first person of the Trinity? What do you believe about the second person of the Trinity? What do you believe about the third person of the Trinity? What do you believe about the church? What is the role of a congregation? What is the role of the individual? What is your purpose? What mission calls you?

Write down your answers and your ponderings. Write down your questions. Take them all to our Triune God and see what happens. Godspeed!



Confirmation Class

St. Paul's will start a new Confirmation Class this Fall. Anyone in 7th Grade or older is welcome to join. Confirmation is an opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith. Please contact Pastor Laurie (591-2705) if you wish to be in this class.



Pray for our Shut-ins



Bev West

Larry Taylor

Charles Williman

...and others who are physically unable to join us.

Why not call or visit, to let them know they are missed?



**Attica Food Link
Distribution:
Attica Food Pantry
72 East Avenue
September 3, 2025
10am-12pm**

Bring your own bags
1st come 1st served.



Sponsored by Attica Food Pantry

Mini Jesus made a trip to Krakow Poland this summer.

Accompanying him on the trip was Becki, Livy and Emily Peters along with other school students from Attica and Alexander.



SAVE-TH-DATE!



On October 5th, we will be celebrating the commitment of our members who Joined St. Paul's UCC in 1975.

We currently have Bill & Nancy Colvenbach, Debra Storch

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

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-Beginning 9/8 Mon.6:30pm
Marilyn Wilson-Beginning 9/10
Wed. morning, 10 am

Sunday Bible readings: The first reading is *italicized*; the message text is **bold**.

Sept 7

Psalm 1

Deuteronomy 30.15-20

Sept 14

Luke 15:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Sept 21

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9 or

Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113,

Luke 16:1-15, 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Sept 28

1 Timothy 6.6-19

Psalm 146

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



Pastoral Relations meeting—August 24, 2025

Attending: Pastor Laurie, Laurie Bellucci, Deb Best, Bev Myers, Lisa Knerr

Pastor Laurie opened with prayer

Confirmation class letters have been sent out to Elenore, Christopher and Levi.

A Meeting with families is scheduled for September 28th.

Pastor Laurie will be on vacation September 21st. Angie Staninszewski has been called to fill in. St. Paul's office will be closed on Labor Day

Pastor Laurie let us know that there may be times she will need to schedule Doctor's appointments on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons due to the lack of availability of her doctors on her day off which is Friday. Pastor Laurie, currently has an appointment scheduled for September 9th. Pastor Laurie thanked Deb Best for bringing up a concern that some members of the congregation voiced over the visiting minister from August 10th. The feeling was that Rev. Bob Flemming's sermon touched on particular political subjects or issues that were offensive or inappropriate.

Pastor Laurie shared with us that the feelings from the congregation were mixed.

From the couple of people she spoke with, some appreciated the sermon and others did not.

Next meeting will be held on November 9th

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Knerr

Rally Day/ Backpack Blessing

Rally Day is September 7. We'll begin in worship and install this year's Sunday School Teachers. One of our youth will receive a Third Grade Bible. **Students- Bring your Backpacks to worship, so we can bless them and you for this next school year!** Students and Teachers will depart for an abbreviated time of Sunday School.

BACK TO SCHOOL



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Mini Jesus
making his way around
the world on another trip

This time he's in upper
New York State atop of
Whiteface Mountain
with Lake Placid in the
background .

Thank you Jean for
sending us this picture.



Looking to be part of our annual Sauerkraut Supper?

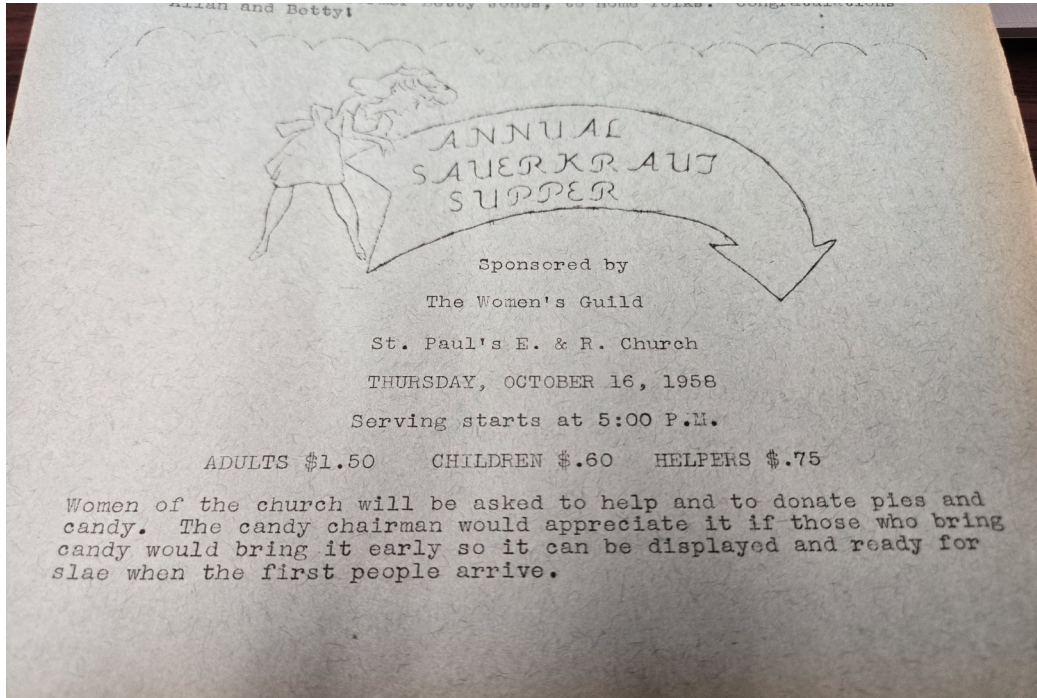
We are looking for volunteers for a Sauerkraut Supper
Leadership Committee.

Sign up on the Bulletin Board in the hallway.

Any questions, please see Jeff Peters

Sauerkraut Supper—November 4th
Christian Education Basket Raffle
Get your baskets together now.

More details to come



A tad bit of history from 1958.

Did you know our Sauerkraut Supper used to be in October?



James Neary
Church Historian

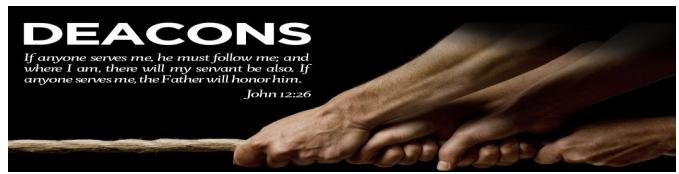


Once again St. Paul's is sharing our wealth of vegetables with the community.

Our stand is in place on the front step of church. You are welcome to take what you need -

If you have an overabundance of vegetables in your garden and would like to share them, please bring them to church and place them outside on the stand.





Council Minutes
June 17, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Peters at 6:50 pm. Members present- Jeff Peters, Laurie Bellucci, David Williman, Roy Ticen, Lisa Knerr, Marie Lowe, John Brandon, Pastor Laurie. Pastor Laurie led us in prayer. Agenda was reviewed and accepted- MMSC Laurie and John. May minutes reviewed and accepted- MMSC John and David

Reports

Trustees- see report
Deacons- see report
Treasurer- no questions

Christian Education- no report

Pastor Laurie- will be off 8/10/25- Bob Fleming will lead service. Report given on conference meeting- suggested to do "prayer shawls". Sisters in Faith will head project to make shawls for shut ins and anyone in need. Reports approved- MMSC Laurie, David

Old Business

- 1) Mailers- discussed timing of doing mailers, agreed to wait Informational meeting regarding church growth. Scheduled meeting for July 17th. Will bring questions to discuss.
- 2) Garage sale- \$180 profit from table rentals and sale of old dishes. Do we continue? Jeff recommend council not undertake but ask if anyone interested in chairing project. Will have notice in newsletter
- 3) Back to school picnic- Jeff will chair. Is asking for cooperation from Lions club, will look for grants to assist with donations. Lisa suggested also doing clothing donation for school kids- will look into options. Plan to do mid August.
- 4) John's letter regarding church growth. Discussed mission statement of St. Paul's - very open and accepting- do not need to change

New Business

- 1) Pastor Laurie has people interested in joining St. Paul's. Council approved membership. She will contact family for available dates.
- 2) Sauerkraut Supper - David and Jeff will co-chair. Roy offered to make stickers for takeout containers. Laurie will post sign-up sheet for congregational help. Also will be in newsletter

Next meeting July 17th @ 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned @ 8:05pm with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted Marie Lowe council Secretary

Deacon's Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025

Laurie Bellucci called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Pastor Laurie led us in prayer. Agenda was reviewed and accepted MMSC Justin Kipfer, John Brandon. May minutes were reviewed MMSC John Brandon, Justin Kipfer.

Graduation Sunday is set for June 29th. Cake has been ordered, gifts are here. Trustees will set up tables, Justin will make the punch and the rest of us will be responsible for cleaning up.

Lay Reader, Usher and Greeters charts were reviewed. Pastor Laurie asked for August 10th off. We have Bob Fleming filling in that day.

The 50 year member celebration on October 5th was discussed. 50 year members include Bill and Nancy Colvenbach and Debra Kirsch. An article is being put in the newsletter asking if there are others. John Brandon is available to take pictures that day. Coffee hour for the occasion will be discussed at a later date.

Prayer family cards – due to the rise in cost of postage, it was agreed to put postcards in recipients church mailboxes when they are present during worship service. The postcard will be mailed to their home if they are absent.

Adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Our next meeting (July) will be a date and time convenient for Roy's son, Eric Ticen so we can talk with him and receive input on how we might grow St. Paul's Church.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Knerr

TRUSTEES MEETING
June 17, 2025

Yard & mulch done

Smoke detector batteries changed

Pastor lights changed in office

Streamers changed

Sincerely,
David Williman

September Parish Nurse Notes



September- end of summer, beginning of fall and back to school.

Make sure vaccinations are up to date with flu season around the corner. You may need a pneumonia vaccine- there are a few options. Check with your health care provider or ask your pharmacist which one is right for you.

Suicide Prevention Week is 9/7-9/13 with World Suicide Prevention Day 9/10. This is a time to raise awareness, help to promote hope and normalize help-seeking. Some signs to be aware of- increased drug/alcohol use, aggressive behavior, withdrawal, and/or impulsive or reckless behavior. Crisis signs may include suddenly giving away possessions, purchase of a gun, saving pills or saying goodbyes. If you feel someone is in crisis, call 911. Urgent care is needed in a crisis. Continue to be supportive, don't be judgmental, keep a calm demeanor and be patient.

Falls Prevention Week is 9/22-9/28. Falls can be caused by a variety of factors. Environmental issues such as throw rugs, poor lighting and clutter can lead to falls. Medication side effects such as dizziness when arising and drowsiness or confusion can be other causes. Medical conditions such as weakness, poor balance and mobility, decreased vision, and generalized weakness add to factors. Remove throw rugs, declutter, change lighting to improve vision and mobility. Stay active with strengthening and balance exercises- check with your health care provider before starting. Dizziness can be minimized with gradual arising from lying or seated position. Use of a walker (preferably) or cane for walking also may reduce chances of falls.

Food Safety and Cholesterol Education awareness occur in September. Have your cholesterol levels checked yearly- more often if on medication or increased cardiac risk. Decrease "bad" cholesterol- found in red meats and full dairy products. Increase activity, especially walking or swimming to help increase "good" cholesterol. Foods such as beans, oats, avocados, fatty fish, nuts and apples can help.

Remember cold and flu season is coming. Get your flu shot, eat healthy, increase water intake, get adequate sleep and exercise. And don't forget to wash your hands!

Congratulations to the following students making their achievement for the 4th marking period:

HONOR ROLL:

6th Grade—
Eleanor Eddy
Levi Perry

8th Grade-
Christopher Eddy

10th Grade-
Joshua Kipfer

11th Grade-
Sawyer West

12th Grade-
Emily Peters
Stephanie Silvernail



Back to school



SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Also on Sept 7th Rally day and Backpack Blessing	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2	3 Food Link	4	5	6
7 Worship and Communion 10 am <i>Marrie Lone Nicole & Marty Breadlove, Rick Storch</i>	8 Bible Study 6:30pm	9	10 Bible Study 10 am <i>Diane Storch</i>	11 Sisters In Faith 5:30pm <i>Keone Brandon</i>	12	13
14 Worship 10 am	15 Bible Study 6:30pm <i>Christine Kipfer</i>	16 Deacons/Trustees/ Council meeting 6:30/7pm	17 Bible Study 10 am <i>Kathryn McPherson</i>	18 Chancel Choir 6:45 pm	19	20 <i>Stephanie Sibernal</i>
21 Worship 10 am Newsletter Deadline	22 Bible Study 6:30pm	23 <i>Michael Brazis</i>	24 Bible Study 10 am	25	26	27
28 Worship 10 am <i>Mano Ripstein</i>	29 Bible Study 6:30pm	30				

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 of Attica

September
2025

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

October Newsletter Deadline
September 21st

Please make sure all newsletter submissions are in by this date. Place in the pink folder on the office window or e-mail to:
stpaulunited@verizon.net