



Stewardship: Building a Spirit of Participation



Exodus 35:21 (adapted)- Everyone whose heart was roused, whose spirit was freely responsive, brought offerings to St. Paul UCC to furnish it for worship and ministry.

“Stewardship”, perhaps you’re tired of the increased use of this term by St. Paul Church Council and the preacher. Well, let’s all make it a part of our everyday vocabulary. Stewardship is a way of life. Jesus taught frequently on the topic. In our giving back to God, I often refer to our “time, talents, and treasures”. In 1993 the National Conference of Catholic Bishops produced a document, “Stewardship: A Disciples Response”. In that resource they referred to those three terms this way: “prayer, service, and sharing”.

Stewardship of Prayer

Prayer is about our relationship with God. Christian stewards nurture their relationship with God by modeling Jesus in a life of prayer. Our listening and responding to God are at the core of our faith, to stay connected to God to do the divine will.

Stewardship of Service

All of us are in ministry together to name, nurture, and inspire one another’s gifts God has given us. The ministries of the body of Christ find expression in many areas of worship, education, community, social justice, leadership, and evangelization. A theology of ministry and service emphasizes that it is not so much that we do things for others but rather **Jesus is doing something for others through us**. Being aware of the difference between “for” and “through” changes our whole manner of service. That is why prayer is so important: it keeps reminding us all that **stewardship is ultimately the work of the Lord taking place through the actions of faithful disciples**.

Jesus came not to be served but to serve. Through baptism and confirmation, we are called to a life of commitment to the wounded of the world. The Eucharist strengthens us in that mission and the Christian community hopefully supports us in our responsibilities.

Stewardship of Sharing

Good stewardship begins with the recognition that God is the owner of all things. As stewards, we are entrusted with goods to care for as part of kingdom discipleship until the return of the Christ. God is mainly concerned with our faithfulness of what God entrusts to our care. In our sharing, we can view money as one tool that can accomplish eternal work in reaching out to people, as Jesus works through us.

Saint Paul United Church of Christ, stewardship builds community! The seeds we plant today will be evident to us and to future generations of the greater community. Imagine the exciting opportunities awaiting all of us disciples as we build programs of mission and ministry through our stewardship together. Imagine, in our prayer, service, and sharing together the lives changed by Christ and the transformation of this world, one soul at a time.

“Freely you have received, freely give.” (Matthew 10:8 NKVJ)

Pastor Dennis

St. Paul United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023

Present: Kris Bair, John Feucht, Matthew Feucht (Church Treasurer), Sandy Hanson, Evelyn Jones, Mike Kuhn, Pastor Dennis Landaw, Vickie Rittmaier, Jim Savage, Charlie Snyder (President), Barb Specht, Susan Whitmore
Absent: Bill Bair, Jordan Starcher

Pastor's Report: Opened with a reading and a prayer. Went over his reports in detail.

Secretary's Reading of the Minutes: Sandy moved to approve the minutes from the last council meeting; Jim seconded; all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Running about break even with expenses and income.

Elder's Report: Sandy sent cards for July and Kris will send cards for August.

Deacon's Report: Charlie is working on breaking down the expenses, salaries, etc. to see where the church stands with different expenses and salaries. He is also getting ready for a "Stewardship Campaign".

Trustees' Report: The disposal needs to be repaired in the parish hall and Mike will take care of this.

Old Business: For the roof work to begin, 25% is needed as a down payment. Jim will work on getting a date as to when the roof work will begin. He will also go over with them that we would like to insulate the roof.

Tim Alter has completed the repairs on the plexiglass on the stained glass windows and recaulked them on the South side of the church.

New Business: Bruce Burdge compiled a list of everything that needs to be done every Sunday morning and what needs to be done once a month for church worship.

Church will resume at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, September 10, 2023.

There will be a soup and salad luncheon Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

Mike moved to adjourn; Jim seconded; all approved.

The next Church Council meeting will be held on September 12, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Bair

Church Council Secretary



Bible Study:
The Chosen, Season 2

We will be offering a study of *The Chosen, Season 2*. Study sessions will begin Thursday, Oct 5th and go through Nov 16th. Eight episodes will be covered in 7 group meetings. Meetings will be 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the church social room. Sign up sheets are in the narthex and in the front of the sanctuary.

All are welcome!



Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023
 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
\$10.00 per person

**Dozens of items to choose;
 Soups, sandwiches, salad bar and desserts**

St. Paul United Church of Christ
 21 Wooster St NW, Navarre, OH
 Parish Hall Basement

For information call the church at 330-879-5836.

The end of the year is fast approaching and in the church's organization one thing that happens is the need for new committee members to replace those individuals whose term has ended. The nomination committee tries to approach individuals who may be willing to serve. We may have in the past overlooked someone who would be willing to fill an opening and hadn't been asked. If you would be willing to serve all committees will need new members. Please contact the church office or a Nomination Committee member (Don Stein, Monica Bair, Diane Alter, Diana



October

Serving Our Church

Dozen & One	Dozen & One
Chair: Jack & Cindy Longworth	Bill & Tammy Benson
Marjean Watson	Brittany & Ben Bennett
Nicole Netzly	Bob & Patsy Benson
Jane Potschner	Bobby & Dawn Benson
Jordan & Heather Starcher	Vernon & Marlene Ruesser
Brian & Kathy Eichelberger	Carl & Marlene Byrd

Ushers	Communion Prep
Chair: Randy Yoder	October 1
Diana Youngman	Margaret Weber
Tammy Yoder	
Cindy Longworth	

Date	Greeters	Liturgists	Nursery Workers
Oct 1	Bob & Patsy Benson	Steven Wright	Louise Schott
Oct 8	Jordan & Heather Starcher Family	Randy Yoder	Marjean Watson
Oct 15	Carl & Marlene Byrd	Confirmand/Youth	Susan Whitmore
Oct 22	Bill & Tammy Benson; Benjamin & Brittany Bennett Family	Jocelyn Wright	Diane Alter
Oct 29	Brian & Kathy Eichelberger	Kathy Eichelberger	Margaret Weber



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5	Scott & Linda Pierce		
13	Jim & Brenda Savage		
16	Jerry & Margaret Weber		
4	Georgia Morris	16	Gretchen Stevens
7	Ann Shifflet	22	Emma Weirich
11	Scott Pierce	22	Brandy Rehrman
14	Suzanne Turner	22	Ashley Davies
14	Heidi Wagner	23	Heather Turner
14	Aria Thompson	27	Katie Spilios
		29	Renee Stevens



Please remember the following people with your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement.

Call the office with any changes.

If we do not hear from you within 30 days, we may remove the name.

Our Country

Our Armed Forces

Paige Ransom

Kathy Eichelberger

Carmie Maier

Brenda Adams

Anita Savage

Millie Kowell

Jon Furr

Rheannon Conrad

Nathan Forte

Brad Bissell

Laurie Salopek

Doug Pierce

Barbara Hodous

Ryan Ruess

Vickie Whitmore Baker

Lenny Warner

Clay Buchanan

Vivian Buchanan

Alliya Guidone

Gregory Schartiger

Benjamin Baker

Donny Raynard

Chance Hines

Kaiden Spencer

Alivia Horst

Debra Sauer

Elaine Reynolds

Victor Rambla

Steve Woodruff

Rose Whitmore

Evelyn Jones

Paul Westland

Elliana Gerber

Timmy Cordray

Vivian Evans

The Family of Carol Keith

The Family of Julie Stantz

Remember our home-bound members with prayers, visits, cards, or calls:

Helene Dominik

Clarence Drage

Canton Christian Home, 2550 Cleveland Ave NW, Canton, OH 44709

10451 Elton St SW, Navarre, OH 44662

330-430-5212

330-879-2068





MITTEN DONATIONS

Beginning Sunday, **October 8th** through **October 31st** we will collect hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. There will be a collection box in the church and the parish hall. Please bring your donations on Sunday mornings or bring them to the church office during the week, Monday through Thursday.

All items will be distributed at the Fairless School District and the Fairless Food Cupboard.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Dear Fairless Friends,

“Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...” no, it’s not Christmas yet, but it is time for us to kick off our annual Toy Drive for the Fairless Food Cupboard! Contributions are being accepted now through the beginning of November to provide toys for children of local families who are in need. It is our hope that every child in our community will have toys to open at Christmas time.

The Toy Distribution will happen in conjunction with the Fairless Food Cupboard on November 16th, from 9 am to 12 pm at the Brewster Friends Church. Monetary donations are being accepted, however, if you wish to purchase items on your own, you can contact someone on our team to see what is needed. Monetary donations must be received by November 10th, or before, in order to allow time for purchases. Checks can be made to **Fairless Food Cupboard** with the word “**TOYS**” in the memo area. Please mail them to Pat Winkhart at PO Box 44, Navarre, OH, 44662.

We will also be in need of volunteers to sort toys the week of the distribution and help out on distribution day. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, or have any questions, you can contact Darlene Reed at 330-767-4334, Claudia Berresford at 330-904-0413, or Mary Hilliard at 330-933-7573. Thank you so much for all you do for our Fairless Community!

Yours Truly,

The Fairless Toy Team



*Free Community Meal at Our Parish Hall
Tuesday, Oct 3, 5:00—6:00 pm
hosted by St. Paul United Church of Christ and
sponsored by Salvation Army Fairless Unit*

Cream Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert & Beverages



Arrowhead Orchard

A church outing to Arrowhead Orchard Fall Festival is planned for Saturday, October 14, 2023 We will gather for lunch together at Noon.

Confirmation Class

Confirmands with their parents or guardians will meet Sunday, October 29 at 11:45 in the Social Room.

Ohio Star Theater

On Wednesday, November 15 a church outing is planned for Dinner, followed by the musical production “The Christmas Tree Ship” at the Ohio Star Theater, Sugarcreek, 7:00 pm. Tickets \$42, with meal \$60. If we get twenty people, we will get a group discount.

Monthly Attendance & Offering Report

Weekly Offerings Needed to Meet Yearly Budget—\$2,960.00

Date	Attendance	Facebook Reach	Offering \$	Online Giving \$
1/1/23	64	39	2,797.00	
1/8/23	69	48	2,022.00	
1/15/23	73	37	3,077.00	
1/22/23	64	39	1,584.00	
1/29/23	66	41	1,672.00	
Jan 2023				120.00
2/5/23	65	43	3,653.00	
2/12/23	67	39	1,647.00	
2/19/23	70	48	2,682.00	
2/22 Ash Wed	38	NA	264.00	
2/26/23	60	46	2,352.00	
Feb 2023				139.12
3/5/23	46	44	2,557.00	
3/12/23 am	63	47	3,042.00	
3/12/23 pm	69	50	na	
3/19/23	53	53	2,227.00	
3/26/23	72	45	2,357.00	
Mar 2023				340.00
4/2/23	67	63	3,725.00	
4/6/23 Mdy Thu	20	20	240.00	
4/9/23 Easter	100	36	2,491.00	
4/16/23	61	37	1,249.00	
4/23/23	67	84	2,422.00	
4/30/23	76	87	3,305.00	
Apr 2023				369.20
5/7/23	75	71	3,307.00	
5/7/23 Ordination	122	191		
5/14/23	63	63	1,405.00	
5/21/2023	71	64	2,144.00	
5/28/23	53	75	2,055.00	
May 2023				463.83

Date	Attendance	Facebook Reach	Offering \$	Online Giving \$
6/4/23	56	84	2,530.00	
6/11/23	58	76	3,015.00	
6/18/23	51	67	1,934.00	
6/25/23	64	71	1,891.00	
June				370.00
7/2/23	42	85	2,010.00	
7/9/23	46	75	2,267.00	
7/16/23	44	97	5,652.00	
7/23/23	67	65		
7/30/23	63	87	1,802.00	
July				270.00
8/6/23	58	67	2,915.00	
8/13/23	48	68	1,664.00	
8/20/23	56	87	2,920.00	
8/27/23	41	Picnic	721.00	
Aug				300.00
9/3/23	48	73	2,885.00	
9/10/23	57	85	1,937.00	
9/17/23	52	71	3,509.00	
9/24/23	63	87	1,637.00	
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Coffee Hour

Our monthly Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, **October 8** immediately following the morning worship service.

Meet us downstairs in the church basement in our Social Room for fellowship, refreshments, and coffee!

All are welcome!



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Service World Communion Sunday	8:00 PM AA Meeting	5:00 – 6:00 PM Salvation Army Community Meal 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting	4:00 PM Bells Practice 7:00 PM Faith Formation Mtg	6:00 PM Natural Child-birth Discussion Group 6:30 PM The Chosen 2 Study	Office closed	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:30 AM JAM & JAM 2 Coffee Hour	8:00 PM AA Meeting Columbus Day	7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	4:00 PM Bells Practice	6:30 PM The Chosen 2 Study	Office closed	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:30 AM JAM & JAM 2	8:00 PM AA Meeting	7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Soup & Salad Luncheon 4:00 PM Bells Practice	Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM The Chosen 2 Study	Office closed	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:30 AM JAM & JAM 2	8:00 PM AA Meeting	7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting	4:00 PM Bells Practice	10:00 AM-12:00 PM Fairless Food Cupboard 6:30 PM The Chosen 2 Study	Office closed	
29	30	31				
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:30 AM JAM & JAM 2 11:45 AM Confirmation Meeting after church	8:00 PM AA Meeting	7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting Reformation Day	All Sunday morning services are live-streamed on Facebook and available on church website			



Fairless Food Cupboard

The food cupboard focus items for **October** are **Macaroni & Cheese** and **Canned Tuna/Chicken**. Of course, any and all non-perishable items will still be accepted at any time.

If you choose to make monetary donations, please make the check out to the Fairless Food Cupboard. Cash can be submitted in an envelope clearly marked "Fairless Food Cupboard". Checks or cash may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or brought to the church office. **The Fairless Clergy Association thanks you for your support and generosity!**



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THE CHURCH BELL

Help us keep our church roster updated. Contact the church office with any family member or address/phone number changes.



2023

Worship Service

Adult Sunday School—9:30 am
Worship—10:30 am
Children's Sunday School is during
worship service

Navarre Preschool Daycare

Monday—Friday
7:30 AM—5:00 pm
(330) 879-0033

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For today's world.*

Pass the word, Share the love!

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Church Staff

Pastor	<i>Dennis Landaw</i>
Secretary	<i>Margaret Weber</i>
Custodian	<i>Chris Baker</i>
Music Director	<i>Lynne Indorf</i>
Pianist	<i>Natasha Musaelyan</i>

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