

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting
April 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President John Voress with 14 members present including: John Voress, Jeff Paul, Cindy Newman, Cheryl Barlage, Terri Goodwin, Kathy Topp, Larry Kuhn, Mark Barhorst, Dennis Dicke, Ann Nelson, James Gilberg, Tom Braun, Katherine Jackson, and Rev. Youngkin. Meditation was given by Mark Barhorst.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the March meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Mark Barhorst to accept the report and seconded by Cheryl Barlage. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Braun presented the report. There was a surplus of \$2,614.19 for the month of March. We have a year-to-date deficit of \$2,694.26. After discussion, a motion was made by Dennis Dicke and seconded by Ann Nelson to accept the report. A vote was taken and motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee: Tom Braun reported that the committee stuffed envelopes for the Confirmation Reunion. Sandy Thieman and Kathy Topp are working on signage for the Educational Building and around the outside of the church.

Pulpit Committee: The Pulpit Committee is looking at two new potential candidates. The committee continues to work diligently.

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Education: There was a Power Point presentation on Easter Sunday of the Spirit Safari Students reenacting Easter. Terri Goodwin reported that her Adult Sunday School was going over very well. She reported that May 10 will be Senior Sunday. May 31 will be Promotion Sunday and Teacher Appreciation Sunday.

Deacons: Mark Barhorst reported that the deacons were very busy during Holy Week. The video-taping is going well, having one person doing the taping.

Trustees: Kathy Topp reported that the new garage doors and openers for the parsonage have been installed. Larry Kuhn reported on the resealing of the bricks on the church. He has received two quotes. The Board of Controls has met and they have appropriated money for the new copier for the office and the resealing of the bricks. Kathy Topp received a quote from Kogge Plumbing & Heating in

St. Marys to repipe and install a shut-off valve for each heat register and replace all zone valves for the heating system in the Educational Building. This cost would be \$12,300.00.

After a discussion, Dennis Dicke made a motion to up-grade the heating system in the Educational Building and Terri Goodwin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Rev. Youngkin's Report: Pastor Bill Youngkin shared with the Council that former Pastor Rick Weir is now under hospice care. At the request of Rev. Weir, a prayer service of remembrance will be held after his passing. Pastor Youngkin will convene a small group of people to plan the service. Rev. Youngkin also reviewed the events of Palm Sunday, including Confirmation, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. The logistics of communion by intinction will be reviewed by the pastor and elders to make it more efficient, inclusive, and friendly. This will include making juice available as well as wine and providing for those for whom coming forward is difficult. Pastor and Director of Youth Ministries will review our Safe Church Policy with the Elders to see that it is being fully implemented and also to make recommendations for changes to the policy if necessary.

Rev. Youngkin also made us aware that he is beginning a second round of home communions among shut-ins and also working with the Membership Team to develop a New Member orientation program.

Katie Jackson's Report:

JYFS: This month, JYFS had a service project. They went to visit residents of Otterbein in St. Marys and at Heritage Manor in Minster. The students were separated into groups and assigned members of St. Paul to visit. The students spent time with the residents and delivered an Easter-themed craft to each of them. The trip was fun and successful. The JYFS students also had a pool party at the YMCA a few weeks ago. Over 20 students attended to swim and play basketball after school. The event was fun and we are hoping to plan another trip to the Y next fall.

Also, after being here for a few months, I think it would be a good idea to move the sixth-graders up to Jr. High youth group next year and keep JYFS going for grades 3-5. So far, the reaction has been fairly positive. We are going to implement this change next fall.

Jr. High: We talked about drugs and alcohol, contentment and wisdom. We are planning to discuss how we can make a difference in the world based on topics such as racism, social justice and focusing on others instead of ourselves. Senior High will also be covering these topics.

There will be a video game tournament for the middle-school scheduled for April 17th from 7-10 p.m. here at church. The students can come and play games like Rock Band and Guitar Hero. We will have food and hopefully lots of fun.

Senior High is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th, from 1-4 p.m. at the church. They will be doing the same thing as the Jr. High students.

Child Safety: Rev. Youngkin and I attended a Safe Child class in Defiance on April 5th. We learned about internet safety, dealing with someone reporting abuse, and also safety involving volunteers with regard to ratios, background checks and driving. This class was helpful and will also help make our students safer.

Summer calendars are available and will be sent out the week of April 20, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

Wish List: A member is willing to pay for the materials and supplies to build a keyboard cart. Norm Holcomb will construct the cart.

The new copier for the office will be set up on April 15, 2009.

The Auglaize County Historical Association is hosting a church tour on Sunday, April 19, 2009, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. St. Paul is among seven churches included in this tour.

NEW BUSINESS

Terry Wissman will be preaching on April 26, 2009. After a discussion, Dennis Dicke made a motion for the loose offering for that morning to be designated for the Youth Endowment Fund. Mark Barhorst seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 25, 2009: Association Meeting

May 3, 2009: Confirmation Reunion

May 12, 2009: Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
(Meditation by Dennis Dicke)

A motion was made by Larry Kuhn to adjourn and seconded by Cheryl Barlage.

The meeting closed with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Cindy Newman, Secretary

John Voress, President

WISH LIST

What is the Wish List? It's a list (in no particular order) that the church council has developed that will help direct attention to items which families or groups may want to consider purchasing for the church. This list is for reference only. Other ideas are welcome. See below for current list:

- Cart for moving keyboard
- ~~New refrigerator for kitchen~~
- New windows for educational building
- New flooring in auditorium
- Refinishing pews and woodwork in sanctuary
- Air conditioners for Assembly Room and Chapel
- Risers for Spirit Safari Club for children's programs
- Youth Endowment fund contributions
- Van for transportation
- Replace outdoor lamp posts
- Replace all wrought iron exterior handrails
- ~~New overhead garage doors for parsonage garage~~
- Remote-controlled winch for sanctuary center dome chandelier